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In Memory of John Christopher "Chris" Jenkins

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In Memory of John Christopher

John Christopher "Chris" Jenkins of Blytheville, Arkansas, son of Johnny Lee Jenkins and the late Kim Darlene Dodd Morgan, was born in Poplar Bluff, Missouri on May 27, 1974, and passed away at Beaumont Hospital in Trenton, Michigan, September 20, 2019, at the age of 45 years, 3 months and 24 days.

Chris had lived in Dexter most of his life. He had worked as a welder at a steel mill.

Surviving are one son, Kyle Jenkins of Dexter, Missouri, his father & step-mother, Johnny and Margaret Jenkins of Amorel, Arkansas; three brothers, D.J. Morgan of Dexter, Tyler and Brandon Jenkins both of Blytheville, Arkansas; his grandfather, Bob Dodd of Dexter. Other relatives and many friends also survive.

Visitation will be held on Friday, September 27, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Watkins & Sons Funeral Chapel in Dexter with services to follow at 12:00 p.m.

Interment will follow at the Sycamore Cemetery near Dexter with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Garry Joe Temples

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Garry Joe Temples, son of the late Kenneth “Short” Temples and Elsie Etta White Temples was born in Pyletown, Missouri on March 6, 1943 and departed this life at his residence in Bernie, Missouri on September 23, 2019 at the age of 76.

Mr. Temples was a long time Farmer near Pyletown and a cattle farmer. Those who knew him knew him as a big man with a big personality. He was of Baptist Faith.

He was united in marriage to Peggy Ridenour in Dexter, Missouri on April 18, 1964. Mrs. Temples survives of the home in Bernie.

Other survivors include one son, Tim Temples of Dexter, Missouri; by one daughter, Lisa Turner of Bernie; by one brother, Kenneth Leon Temples of Hartselle, Alabama; by three grandchildren, Sam Turner of Ashland, Missouri, Makayla Turner of Columbia, Missouri and Tucker Temples of Dexter, Missouri; by one great-grandchild, Sterling James Turner; also by other relatives and many friends.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Thursday, September 26, 2019 from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

Funeral services will then be conducted at 1:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Steve Fitzpatrick officiating.

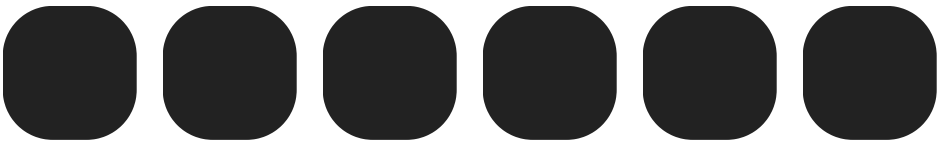
Interment will follow in Sycamore Cemetery in Rural Dexter, Missouri.

Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home of Bernie, Missouri in charge of all arrangements.

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In Memory of Lois Marjorie Launius Vaughn

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In Memory of Lois Marjorie Launius Vaughn

Lois Marjorie Launius Vaughn, 95, passed away peacefully on September 22, 2019, after a short illness, at Heisinger Bluffs, Jefferson City, MO.

She was born March 9, 1924, to Dwight Thomas Launius and Elma Ada Aslin in Bloomfield, MO. She was united in marriage to Clyde A. Vaughn September 13, 1945, at First Christian Church in Dexter, MO. He preceded her in death 2015. Together they had four children: LTG(r) Clyde Alan Vaughn (Carol), Winchester, VA; Susan Lynne Vaughn, Jefferson City, MO; Dwight Thomas Vaughn, New Orleans, LA., and Harold Dean Vaughn, who died in infancy. She is also survived by two grandchildren: Kristina Meltvedt (Robert), Front Royal, VA and LTC(P) Chad Vaughn (Jennifer), Kailua, HI; and four great grandchildren, Drew, Parker, Jeb, and Kaylee Lou.

Lois was a devoted mother and grandmother who never failed to attend football games, graduation ceremonies, concerts, and recitals near and far, as well as events in support of her husband, who was a member of the Missouri National Guard. She was an integral part of her grandchildren's and great grandchildren's lives who will forever have great memories of card games, fish fries, and her many stories. She was a member of the Dexter American Legion Auxiliary; VFW; and Dexter First Christian Church.

She could out fish anyone and was known for her sharp business sense, quick wit and fiery personality. She enjoyed history, genealogy, and embraced new technology and kept in touch via social media.

Lois is survived by her children and grandchildren, and one sister, Ruth Ann Fritsen, Hamilton, MT, and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by siblings: Lillian Skelton, Louise Halstead, Russell Launius, Kent Launius, Doy Launius, and Doyle Launius.

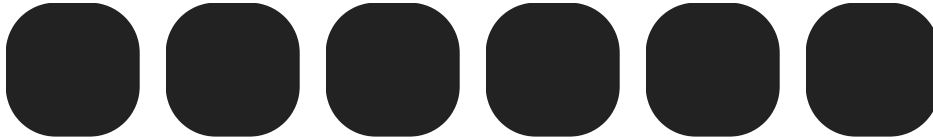
Visitation for family and friends will be from noon until 1:30 p.m. Friday, September 27, 2019 at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter.

A celebration of life service will follow at 2:00 p.m. in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to: The Ben Kruse 18 FORE Life Foundation, c/o Scott Kruse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter MO 63841; The National Stars and Stripes Museum and Library, PO Box 1861, 17377 Stars & Stripes Way, Bloomfield MO 63825 or the Stoddard County Children's Home Tribute Fund, PO Box 164, Dexter MO 63841.

Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of all arrangements.

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In Memory of Ira “Conway” Leathers

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Ira “Conway” Leathers, son of the late Lewis Bill Leathers and Susie Absher Leathers, was born on October 11, 1947 in Dexter, Missouri and departed this life on Monday, September 23, 2019 at Missouri Delta Medical Center in Sikeston, Missouri at the age of 71 years.

Mr. Leathers was a veteran of the United States Army and a member of the First Pentecostal Church in Dexter. From 1974 to 1995, he operated the can presser for Purolator in Dexter and from 1996 to 2003, he was a cabinet maker for W. W. Wood Products in Dudley. He loved Jesus, his family and the St. Louis Cardinals.

On November 6, 1968, in Dexter, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Jennolia Ann Shipley. Mrs. Leathers survives of their home in Sikeston.

In addition to his wife, Jennolia, he is survived by his son, Cory Leathers and wife Kim of Chantilly, Virginia; by his daughter, Gloria Young of Bernie, Missouri; by two brothers, James Leathers of Elsberry, Missouri and Danny Leathers of Dexter, Missouri; by his sister, Patty Leathers of Dexter, Missouri; and by two grandchildren, Austin Leathers and Dylan Young.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Todd Young, by two brothers, Bill Leathers and Larry Leathers; and by two sisters, Christine Tibbs and Geraldine Warren.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Jeff Wells officiating.

Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, with full military honors.

Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of all arrangements.

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In Memory of Jimmy Ray Smith

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In Memory of Jimmy Ray Smith

Jimmy Ray Smith departed peacefully from his life and entered the gates of Heaven on September 20, 2019, at the Southeast Heath Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Jimmy was born on March 28, 1949 to the late Ray Smith and Arvella Brown Smith. He was united in marriage to Charlotte Westrich on July 26, 1969 in Chaffee, Missouri. Mrs. Smith survives of the home in Chaffee and had recently celebrated a beautiful milestone of 50 years together as husband and wife.

Jimmy was a 1967 graduate of Chaffee High School. While attending, He excelled as a left-handed pitcher for the high school baseball team. Jimmy was an avid St. Louis Cardinal Baseball and Kentucky Wildcats Basketball fan. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Chaffee, having served as a past deacon, and was a United States Veteran of the Vietnam War. He retired with Craftsman Independent Union as a pipefitter, a very proud grandpa to his two grandchildren, and a resident of Chaffee.

Besides his loving wife Charlotte, survivors include one daughter, Kimberly Pennington (Ryan) of Chaffee; grandson Trenton Pennington (Jessica) of Chaffee; granddaughter, Kylea Pennington of Chaffee; one sister, Cathy Imhoff (Harry) of Chaffee; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Elmer and Janet Schaefer of Oran, and father-in-law and mother-in-law Charles and Marcella Westrich of Chaffee, along with several nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother-in-law, Elmer Trost.

Friends may call at the Amick-Burnett Funeral Home from 9:00 until 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, September 25, 2019. Funeral services will then be conducted on Wednesday at 11:00 A.M. in the Amick-Burnett Funeral Chapel with Rev. Phil Berry officiating. Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery with full military honors.

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