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In Memory of James Britton

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In Memory of James Britton

James Britton, son of Ruth Peters Britton and the late Ollie “Ott” Britton, was born on January 10, 1959 in Essex, Missouri and departed this life on March 1, 2020 at his residence in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 61 years.

Mr. Britton was a former employee of Brown Shoe Factory and he was a handy man for a saw mill. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dexter and the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his mother, Ruth Britton of Dexter.

Friends may call at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dexter on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 from 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

A Funeral Mass will then be conducted at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. with Father William Hennecke officiating.

Interment will follow in the Essex Cemetery.

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

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In Memory of James R. Stogsdill

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James R. Stogsdill, son of the late James Perry Stogsdill and Elizabeth Francis Boulware Stogsdill, was born on March 20, 1928 in Marble Hill, Missouri and departed this life on February 29, 2020 at Southeast Health of Stoddard County at the age of 91 years.

Mr. Stogsdill was a veteran of the United States Army. For 43 years, he was a laborer for Granite City Steel in Granite City, Illinois and he was a preacher. He was a resident of Dexter, Missouri and he loved the St. Louis Cardinals.

In 1963, in Granite City, Illinois, he was united in marriage to Verda Ryan. Mrs. Stogsdill preceded him in death on September 18, 1996.

He is survived by four daughters, Leah Stogsdill of Bernie, Missouri, Jackie Kelley of Piggott, Arkansas, Betty Rainey of Granite City, Illinois, and Kathy McCarty of White Oak, Texas; by two sisters, Helen Patton of Rolla, Missouri and Bonnie Curtis of Bristol, Virginia; by eleven grandchildren; by twenty-three great-grandchildren; and by three great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; by his son, James Ronald Stogsdill; by his daughter, Sandy Gaudreault; by his brother, Raymond; and by four sisters, Leona, Lorene, Opal, and Ruby.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. with Rev. Steve Fitzpatrick officiating.

Graveside services will be conducted at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, Missouri on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

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

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In Memory of August Gene Jackson

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In Memory of August Gene Jackson

August Gene Jackson, son of the late August Franklin Jackson and Rose Parks Jackson, was born on June 29, 1927 in Aid, Missouri and departed this life on February 29, 2020 at Southeast Health of Stoddard County, in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 92 years and 8 months.

Mr. Jackson was a 1945 graduate of Bloomfield High School. Following graduation, he began working full-time on the family farm.

On July 21, 1945, he was united in marriage to Irma Lea Stephens, in Bloomfield, Missouri, and they had two daughters, Martha and Joyce. Mrs. Jackson preceded him in death on May 19, 2019. They were married for 73 years.

Mr. Jackson lived in the Aid community where he and Mrs. Jackson enjoyed farming together. He was a long-time member of Liberty Hill General Baptist Church in Aid, where he had served as a deacon and in various other positions throughout the years. He especially enjoyed teaching Sunday School. Currently, he was a member of First Baptist Church in Dexter.

During his earlier years of farming, Mr. Jackson served as treasurer on the Board of Supervisors of the Stoddard County Soil and Water Conservation District. He and his family enjoyed traveling to summer conferences across the state and meeting other farm families.

In retirement, he and Mrs. Jackson enjoyed traveling across the country, often taking grandchildren with them. Mr. Jackson joined Gideons International and he and Irma were active members for several years; visiting churches, attending camp meetings, and traveling to a few national conferences.

He is survived by two daughters, Martha Hughes and husband Joe of Jefferson City, Missouri and Joyce Kinder and husband Steve of Dexter, Missouri; by four grandchildren, Matthew Kinder and wife Sally of Dexter, Missouri, Leslie Pyle and husband Joe of Dexter, Missouri, Marianne Hughes of Jefferson City, Missouri, and Melissa Hughes of Wardsville, Missouri; and by nine great-grandchildren, Hannah Whitten and husband Pierson of Wardsville, Missouri, Peyton Luebbering of Wardsville, Missouri, James and Ava Faulconer of Jefferson City, Missouri, Emily, Katie and Lucy Pyle of Dexter, Missouri, and Rachel and Rebekah Kinder of Dexter, Missouri.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. with Rev. Rick Roberts officiating.

Interment will follow in the Hagy Cemetery in Dexter.

Memorials may be made to:

The Gideons International

PO Box 97251, Washington, DC 20090-7251

or

Stoddard County Children's Home

Memorial Tribute Fund

PO Box 164, Dexter MO 63841

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In Memory of Roy “Sparky” David Lewis

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In Memory of Roy “Sparky” David Lewis

Roy “Sparky” David Lewis, 88, of Bell City, MO, passed away February 29, 2020 at his home. He was born October 5, 1931 in Bell City, the son of Jeff and Gertie DeLay Lewis.

Sparky had worked as a parts manager at DeLay Brothers Implement in Bell City. He had also worked as a union laborer through the Local #1104. In his later years he often baled hay with Leamond Tropf. He was an avid gardener, growing huge vegetables. He loved working in his yard, especially mowing with his zero turn mower. He always enjoyed going to the coffee shop to talk with his friends.

He was a Veteran of the U.S. Air Force serving in the Korean War. In September of 2018 he went on the Veterans Honor Tour of Washington, DC.

Sparky and Dorothy Gromer were united in marriage on December 17, 1953 at Swinton, Mo and she survives of the home.

Other survivors include: his wife, Dorothy Lewis; two sons, David (Betty) Lewis of Bell City and Scotty (Ruth Ann) Lewis of Greenbrier; two daughters, Marsha (Mike) Brown of Nashville, TN and Daronda (Donald) Stovall of Bell City; four grandsons, Josh (Lindsey) Stovall of Bell City, Ryan (Christina) Lewis of Bell City, Jared (Victoria) Brown of Oklahoma City, OK and Josiah (Ashtyn) Stovall of Swinton; three granddaughters, Kara (Michael) Britton of Nashville, TN, Becky (Charlie) Probst of Greenbrier and Crystal Gunn of Meridian, MS; 14 great-grandchildren, Isabella, Emery, Waylon, Carson, Conner, Jackson, Derek, Zack, Braylon, DeLaney, Camden, Andrew, Carolina and Parker; a great-granddaughter to arrive in June; a brother, Odis (Ann) Lewis of Poplar Bluff; a sister, Janette (Hollis) Patterson of Jackson, MO and also many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his big brother, Herbert Lewis in November of 1977.

Visitation will be held on Monday March 2, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Morgan Funeral Home in Advance.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday March 3, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the chapel with Rev. Sue Welborn officiating.

Burial will follow at Morgan Memorial Park in Advance with full Military Rites.

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In Memory of David Eldon Stafford

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In Memory of David Eldon Stafford

David Eldon Stafford, son of the late Thomas Allen Stafford and Minnie Bell Allen Stafford, was born on October 12, 1912, in Stoddard County, Missouri and departed this

life on February 26, 2020 at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 107 years.

Mr. Stafford was the former postmaster in Essex, Missouri and a resident of Essex. He was a member of the Olive Branch General Baptist Church in Essex and a 60-year member of the Masonic Lodge in Bloomfield, Missouri.

On September 30, 1940, in Stoddard County, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Lillie Venetia Pullum. Mrs. Stafford preceded him in death on November 3, 1996.

He is survived by his daughter, Janet Karam and husband Michael of Memphis, Tennessee; and by his granddaughter, Kathryn Karam.

He was preceded in death by his parents; by twin infant sons; by four brothers, Thomas Stafford, Olan Stafford, Blaine Stafford, and Hurley Stafford; by two sisters, Lola Reynolds and Odessa Gibbs; and by his granddaughter, Carla Karam.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, March 1, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. James Malloy officiating.

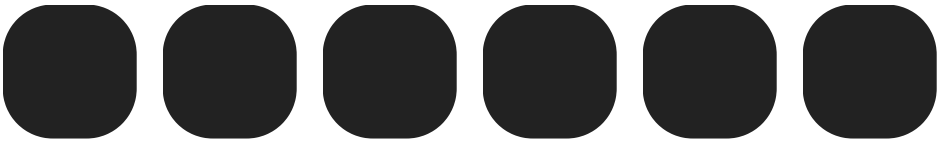
Interment will follow in the Essex Cemetery.

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