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In Memory of Melvin “Buddy” Blake

AUGUST 27TH 2020 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Melvin “Buddy” Blake

Melvin “Buddy” Blake, son of the late Melvin Blake and Myrtle Jones Blake was born in Malden, Missouri on May 17, 1941 and departed this life at his residence in Dexter, Missouri on August 26, 2020 at the age of 79.

Mr. Blake had been a line worker at IXL, Ames True Temper in Bernie, Missouri before his retirement.

He was united in marriage to Francis Lacey in New Madrid, Missouri on April 28, 1975. Mrs. Blake preceded her husband in death on April 6, 2003. He later married Faith Duemmel in 2011. Mrs. Blake survives in Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

Other survivors include one son, Kenneth Turner & wife Carol of Campbell, Missouri; by one daughter, Beth Blake of Bernie, Missouri; by one brother, Lannie Blake of Malden, Missouri; by three sisters, Shelby Fitzgerald & Eulene Edwards both of St. Louis, Missouri, also by Judy Vandergriff of the state of Texas; by six grandchildren; also by other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death other than by his parents and by his first wife, by one daughter, Lavonda Brown.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Monday, August 31, 2020 from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

Funeral Services will then be conducted at 1:00 P.M. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Bryan Johnson officiating.

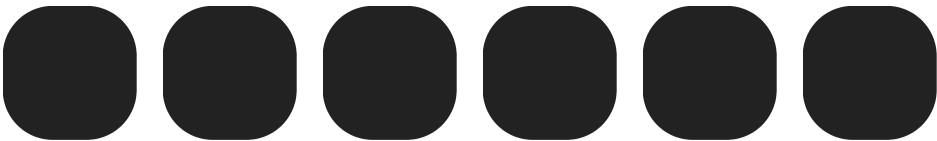
Interment will follow in Bernie Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home of Bernie in charge of all arrangements.

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In Memory of Anna Lee Denson

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Anna Lee Denson, daughter of the late Harvey Knotts and Mary Hopkins Knotts, was born on July 14, 1918 in Campbell, Missouri, and departed this life on August 25, 2020 at Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 102 years.

Mrs. Denson and her husband owned and operated Denson Lumber Company in Parma, Missouri, for over 30 years. She was a member of the Dexter Church of Christ and a resident of Dexter.

She was united in marriage to Oscar D. Denson on December 31, 1936 in Kennett, Missouri. Mr. Denson preceded her in death on February 28, 2002.

She is survived by five generations, including her son Jimmy Denson and wife Barbara of Wappapello, Missouri; her daughter, Dawna Carter and husband Landall of Dexter, Missouri; her sister, Dixie Lowe of Kansas City, Missouri; five grandchildren, Kyle Carter, Summer Dunkin, Dale Denson, Shelley Hollis, and Jimmy Joe Denson; and by fourteen great-grandchildren, many great-great grandchildren, many great-great-great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers Ivan Knotts, Everett Knotts, Herbert Knotts, and Andrew Knotts; by her sister, Oletta Lowe; and by her grandson, Brian Denson.

Private funeral services will be conducted at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter with Kyle Carter officiating. Interment will follow in the Malden Memorial Park Cemetery.

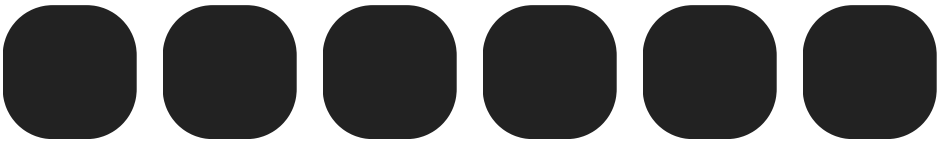
Memorials may be made to Children’s Homes Inc., 5515 Walcott Road, Paragould, Arkansas 72450-3319.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting the family with arrangements.

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In Memory of Teresa Zanette Dudley

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Teresa Zanette Dudley, 63, of Dexter, Missouri, passed away Monday, August 17, 2020 at Evelyn's House in St. Louis, Missouri. She was born on January 23, 1957, in St. Louis, Missouri, to the late GH Parsons and Bonnie (Craft) Parsons.

Survivors include three daughters: Melissa (Justin) Pace of Camas, Washington, Lauren (Clinton) Curtis of Jonesboro, Arkansas, and Jamie Dudley of Dexter, Missouri; six grandchildren: Jacob Ferguson, Jillian Johnson, Ethan Pace, Gabriel Johnson, Troy Pace, and Anneliese Johnson all of Camas, Washington; and one grandchild on the way.

Teresa is preceded in death by her parents, her maternal grandparents, Reben and Zana Craft, and her paternal grandparents, James and Minnie Parsons.

Cremation has been accorded and a private graveside service will be held at Sadler Chapel Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri, at a later date.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Linda Sue Calvert

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Linda Sue Calvert, 71, of East Cape, formerly of Cairo, passed away at 3:20 AM on Friday, August 21, 2020 at her home.

Linda was born in Cairo on August 31, 1948 to John Whitehead and Patsy Dodd Whitehead. She married Edwin Calvert on December 23, 1966.

She worked as a cook at Witz's Restaurant in East Cape. She loved to play bingo, work in the yard with her flowers, and fish with Ed.

She is survived by her husband, Edwin Calvert; son, Timothy Calvert; daughters, Kimberly Rains and Jennifer Schmitt; four grandchildren, Cora, Shelby, Kaci, and Charlie; four great grandchildren, Corbin, Luke, Eli, and Parker; two great great grandchildren, Gracelyn Mae and Willa Grace; two sisters, Sharon Williams and Pam Boyd, and one brother, Tom Williams.

Linda was preceded in death by a son, Terry Calvert; her mother, Patsy Williams; father, John Whitehead; and a brother, Curtis Whitehead.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Saturday, August 22, 2020 at Crain Funeral Home in Cairo.

Funeral services will begin at 3:00 pm on Saturday at the funeral home with Rev. Larry Potts officiating. Interment will follow at Green Lawn Memorial Gardens.

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In Memory of Sammy Sturgess

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In Memory of Sammy Sturgess

Sammy Sturgess son of the late Murray Lee Sturges and Jessie Mullins Sturges was born on August 22, 1932 in Dover, Arkansas and departed this life on August 17, 2020 at his residence in Dexter at the age of 87.

Mr. Sturgess was a Veteran of the United States Air Force and a member of the Dexter Church of Christ. While he held different jobs throughout his life, he was a country boy at heart and was always farming in some way. He worked at Standard Oil and Bootheel

Petroleum, he passed the realtor’s test and became a licensed real estate agent. Sammy retired from Arvin at the age of 75. Sammy cherished the relationships he developed in the Air Force and while at Arvin, developing bonds that would last a life-time. In 1987 he and Sue started Trinkets & Treasures in Dexter.

On October 11, 1957 he was united in marriage to Sue White in Dexter, Missouri. Mrs. Sturgess preceded him in death on April 23, 2015.

He is survived by one son, Doug Sturgess and wife Kathy of Sikeston, Missouri; by three daughters, Deborah Sturgess of Dexter, Missouri, Dana Frazier and husband Mark of Stuarts Draft, Virginia, and Dr. Susan Lucktong and husband Dr. Ek of Mooresville, North Carolina; six grandchildren, Hannah Oxenford and husband Leland, Haley Knicely and husband Taylor, Sammy Lucktong, Savannah Lucktong, Jennifer Scism and Michael Scism; and by four great-grandchildren, Connor, Ivy, Harrison and Lily.

Besides his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Danny Sturgess; by one brother, Rollan Sturges and by two sisters, Christine Demaree and Helen Jackson.

A private funeral service will be conducted and will include full military honors.

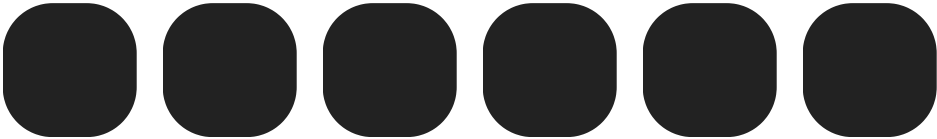
Memorials may be made to the Preferred Hospice, 423 Business Highway 60 West Box 99, Dexter, Missouri 63841 or to The American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting the family with all arrangements.

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