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## In Memory of Helen Marie Pendergrass

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### In Memory of Helen Marie Pendergrass

Helen Marie Pendergrass, daughter of the late Ezra Williams and Mildred Cook Pulliam, was born on November 18, 1934 in Bloomfield, Missouri, and departed this life on October 29, 2020 at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, at the age of 85 years.

Mrs. Pendergrass was a former employee of Magna Tech in Blytheville, Arkansas and a resident of Dexter.

In June 2014, in Kennett, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Raymond Pendergrass. Mr. Pendergrass survives of their home in Dexter.

In addition to her husband Raymond, she is survived by her daughter, Teresa Kinder of California, Missouri; by her brother, Frank Williams of O'Fallon, Missouri; by two sisters, Josephine Petit of Puxico, Missouri and Louise Sampson of Bonne Terre, Missouri; by two grandchildren, Marisa Mitchell and husband Tim, and Shawn Morris; by three great-grandchildren, Jamie Earnheart, Reece Mitchell, and Corbyn Mitchell; and by one great-great granddaughter, Alice Sturm.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Rose Fast.

No services are currently planned.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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## In Memory of Jackie Lavelle Hayes

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### In Memory of Jackie Lavelle Hayes

Jackie Lavelle Hayes son of the late James Hiram Hayes and Flora Jane Estes Hayes, was born in Las Angeles, California on May 25, 1941 and departed this life at Winchester Nursing Center in Bernie, Missouri on October 29, 2020 at the age of 79.

Mr. Hayes was a handyman, having worked in construction, plumbing and roofing. He was of Pentecostal Faith and was a resident of Bernie.

He was united in marriage to Christine Ivanelle Stafford in Bernie, Missouri on February 1, 1964. Mrs. Hayes survives in their home in Bernie.

Other survivors include one son, Samuel Hayes of Dexter, Missouri; by one daughter, Michelle Carter & husband Terry of Dexter, Missouri; by one half brother, James Drews of Sikeston, Missouri; by three grandchildren, Kristen Carter, Tyler Carter and Jessica

McCain; by five great-grandchildren, Kaden, Millie, Nicholas, Caseon and Maseon; also by other relatives and friends.

A graveside service will be conducted on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. in Bernie Cemetery.

Interment will follow. Mathis Funeral Home in charge of all arrangements

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# In Memory of James Walter Henderson

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In Memory of James Walter Henderson

James Walter Henderson, son of the late Walt Henderson and Susie Gaines Henderson, was born on May 11, 1948 in Bloomfield, Missouri, and departed this life on October 29,

2020 at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 72 years.

Mr. Henderson was a Veteran of the United States Air Force, serving in Vietnam on Johnson Island. He was a former employee of Federal-Mogul in Malden, Missouri, the former head of maintenance for WW Wood Products in Dudley, Missouri, and the former Sheriff of Essex, Missouri. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bernie, Missouri, and the Bernie Masonic Lodge #573. He was the City of Bernie Alderman for Ward II and an Auctioneer. Jim helped in the family grocery store in Essex. He was a friend to everyone and considered them to a part of his family. He was a man of many talents including wood working, election, computers and passing his knowledge of chess to his Great Grandson Christopher who says his Gramps lived a good life filled with love.

On October 14, 1967, in Malden, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Beverley Pflueger. Mrs. Henderson survives of their home in Bernie.

In addition to his wife Beverley, by his daughter, Toni Brigman and husband Guy of Elmer, Oklahoma, he is survived by two sons, John Henderson of Bernie, and Roy Boyce and wife Ashley of Bloomfield; by four brothers, Bruce Gaines of Crocker, Missouri; Norman Henderson of Texas, Paul Henderson and Robin Henson both of Dexter; by three sisters, Nina Parsons of Altus, Arkansas, Betty Maraj of Virginia, and Barbara Christopher of Milton, Florida; by eight grandchildren, Aerial Bates and husband David, Briana Brigman, Ashton Brigman, Piper Henderson, Dakota Henderson, Skyla Hoggard, Alyssa Boyce, and Clayton Henson; and by three great-grandchildren, Christopher Cryer, Marilee Musser, and Ellora McCarter.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, November 1, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Funeral Services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Steve Fitzpatrick officiating.

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

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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## In Memory of Betty Jean Owens

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### In Memory of Betty Jean Owens

Betty Jean Owens, daughter of the late Elbert Wheatley and Lela Duck Wheatley, was born on November 9, 1936 in Dorena, Missouri, and departed this life on October 26, 2020 at Hunter Acres Care Center in Sikeston, Missouri, at the age of 83 years.

Mrs. Owens retired from Falcon Communications in Malden, Missouri, where she worked as an assembler. She was a member of the Dexter Elks and a resident of Dexter.

She was united in marriage to Glen Owens. Mr. Owens preceded her in death.

She is survived by her son, Larry Tennison of St. Louis, Missouri; by her sister, Patricia Williams of Dexter, Missouri; by her brother, Wayne Marquis of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; and by five grandchildren.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Celia Delwiche; by three brothers, J. W. Wheatley, Paul Wheatley, and Elbert Junior Wheatley; and by her sister, Carolyn Lamar.

No services are currently planned.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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## In Memory of Thelma A. Niehaus

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### In Memory of Thelma A. Niehaus

Thelma A. Niehaus left this world to meet with her Lord and Savior Saturday October 24, 2020 at St Francis in Cape Girardeau with her son and his wife by her side. Thelma was born to Elmer C. and Maudie Schrader Ludwig in Risco MO on February 1, 1940. She was one of twelve beautiful children. She grew up and graduated from Risco High School and attended two years at SEMO University.

She married Thomas Shaughnessy and from that union Paul Stephen was born. They later divorced. She married Walter Niehaus on July 27, 1968. Walter adopted Paul as his own.

She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Dexter MO. Although she was unable to get to church these past five years due to her health, she loved listening to or watching the Lutheran Hour.

Anyone who knew Thelma knew she wasn't afraid of a little hard work (in fact she wasn't afraid of much of anything). She spent many years farming with her family and enjoyed every minute of it.

Sweet, sweet Thelma had a heart the size of the moon and always gave more than she ever received. God gave her a gift of feeding those around her whether it was with food, sharing Jesus or her love. She wanted everyone happy. Of course, she never knew a stranger. If she didn't know you, she probably knew someone who did. She touched people with her generosity and passion for life!

But there was nothing in this life she loved more than her son, her pride and joy, Paul Niehaus. And he loved her too! She was an amazing Mother, Grandma and Great Grandma. All of her grandchildren and great grandchildren cherished their Grandma Thelma. Their one-of-a-kind Grandma could put a smile on their faces with the silly stories she'd tell them over and over again.

Our Sweet Thelma is survived by her son Paul and his wife Glenda Niehaus. Four granddaughters April (Sam) Craig, Ashlee (TJ) Ringling, Kortnee (Sam) Goodman and Hayley Niehaus. Her grandson Hunter Niehaus. Five great grandsons, Colten, Kyle and Corey Craig and Peyton and Kelan Ringling. Five great granddaughters Emma Ringling, Kaylee and Gracee Pulsipher (Goodman), Ember and Elyssa Craig. Two sisters Norma (Ed) Macon, Georgianna Ludwig. Her brother Arlin Ludwig. One sister in law Marilyn (Jeanette) Ludwig. And numerous nieces and nephews.

Thelma was preceded in death by her husband Walter, her parents Elmer and Maudie Ludwig, her in laws Henry and Sophia Niehaus, siblings Elmer Jr. Ludwig, Maxine Goodwin, Schrader Ludwig, Anna Joyce, Robert (Bob) Ludwig, Norman (Sonny) Ludwig and one other brother and sister who both died at birth.

We'd like to thank the amazing people at Central Gardens in Dexter for the care they provided our Thelma for the past five years. We also thank the doctors and nurses at St Francis for taking great care of her the last week of her life. Thank you! You'll never know how much we appreciate all of you.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, November 1, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel on Sunday, November 1, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. with Pastor Justin Sponaugle officiating.

Family, Friends and others whose lives Thelma touched are invited to reminisce, grieve and support one another.

Burial will follow in the Hagy Cemetery.

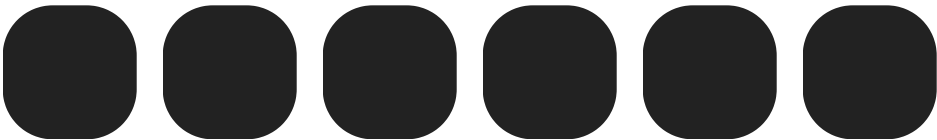
Memorials may be made to a local charity or church of your choice.

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