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# In Memory of Jerry Elmer Young

APRIL 05TH 2021 BY DEE LOFLIN

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Jerry Elmer Young son of the late John Daniel Young and Gladys Hazel Allen Young, born in Bernie, Missouri on October 4, 1936 and departed this life at his residence in Dexter, Missouri on April 3, 2021 at the age of 84.

Mr. Young had retired from The United States Navy after 21 years. He was a Airplane Mechanic, Farmer and a Truck Driver. He was a member of the American Legion of Sikeston, Missouri, attended Northside Baptist Church in Bernie.

He was married to Bonda Ridings. She preceded him in death on October 10, 2010. He married Peggy Joyce Hurley in Dexter, Missouri on February 24, 1979. Mrs. Young survives in their home in Dexter.

Other survivors include two sons, Rick Young of Dexter, Missouri and Paul Breece of Lonoke, Arkansas; by four daughters, Randi Young & wife Theresa of Millington, Tennessee, Lynn McGraw of Millington, Tennessee, Nina Waddle of Cabot, Arkansas and Leona Gray of Dexter, Missouri; by three brothers, Rex Young of Coushatta, Louisiana, Danny Young and Dale Young both of Bernie, Missouri; by one sister, Donna Yeager of Dexter, Missouri; by six grandchildren, Holly, Katie, Greg, April & husband Michael, Paul Earl and Zach; by five great-grandchildren, Faith, Zoe, Alyssa, Halli and Caleb. Also by other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death other than by his parents, by two brothers, John Young in infancy and Jim Young; by one sister, Deanna Young.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in BERNIE, Missouri on Thursday, April 8, 2021 from 12:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M.

Funeral Services will then be conducted at 2:00 P.M. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel in Bernie. Rev. Matthew Tanner officiating.

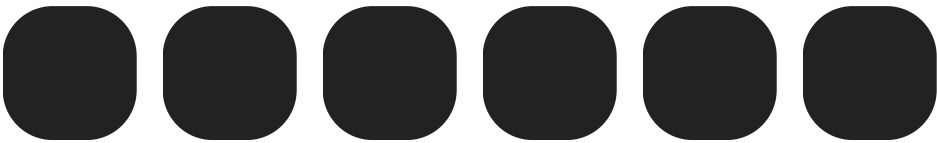
Interment will follow in the Bernie Cemetery in Bernie with Full Military Honors.

Mathis Funeral Home of Bernie in charge of all arrangements.

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# In Memory of Delbert L. Pruett

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Delbert L. Pruett of Dexter, Missouri was born to the late Elvis and Ather (Kelso) Pruett on September 26, 1945 in Bloomfield, Missouri and passed away on April 02, 2021 in his home in Dexter, Missouri.

Delbert had been a resident of Dexter, Missouri area all his life. He was in the United States Army. He attended Beechwell General Baptist Church in Beechwell, Missouri. He worked for Federal Mogul for 29 years. Delbert enjoyed watching TV and spending time with family and friends.

Surviving Delbert is his wife Judy (O'Neal) Pruett of the home; dear friend Peggy Spence of Dexter Missouri; three grandchildren Camrin Thurston, Khole Thurston and Maddie Thurston all of Dexter, Missouri. Delbert is preceded in death by his parents Elvis and Ather Pruett and one brother James Pruett.

Visitation will be held on Monday April 05, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Bloomfield.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday April 05, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Minister Gary Long of Beechwell, Missouri officiating.

Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with Watkins and Sons Funeral Service of Bloomfield in charge of arrangements.

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# In Memory of Donald H. Bates

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## In Memory of Donald H. Bates

Donald H. Bates of Wappapello, Missouri was born to the late Robert and Marie (Pullum) Bates on October 06, 1934 in Leora, Missouri and passed away peacefully in his home on April 01, 2021 in Wappapello, Missouri at the age of 86 years.

Donald had been a resident of Wappapello, Missouri for over 40 years. He was a member of the First General Baptist Church in Puxico, Missouri. He was a member of the Masons. Donald loved music, horseback riding, fishing, rabbit hunting and spending time with his family and friends.

Donald was married to Ada Louis (Cookson) Bates on June 23, 1951 until her death on September 23, 2015.

Surviving are his four Edward D Bates of Puxico, Missouri, Sharon Joslin of Wappapello, Missouri, Bruce (Lynn) Bates of Oklahoma and Robert Bates of Wappapello, Missouri; 14 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren. He is proceeded in death by his parents Robert and Marie Bates; his wife Ada Bates; one grandson Jacob Donald Bates; two brothers Tom Bates and Jim Bates. A host of family and friends also survive.

Visitation will be held on Sunday April 04, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Puxico.

Services to be held on Monday April 05, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Puxico with Brother Kenneth Lambert of Puxico, Missouri officiating.

Interment will follow in the Puxico Cemetery with Watkins and Sons Funeral Service of Puxico in charge of arrangements.

Watkins and Sons Funeral Service

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## In Memory of Linda Sue Litchfield

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### In Memory of Linda Sue Litchfield

Linda Sue Litchfield daughter of the late Humor Roy Eaker and Bertha Ellen Sifford Eaker was born on March 7, 1945 in Bloomfield, Missouri and departed this life on April 3, 2021 at the Cypress Point Skilled Nursing Center in Dexter at the age of 76.

Mrs. Litchfield was a very active member of Risen Church in Dexter and was a bookkeeper for Dairl's Automotive Repair Shop in Dexter.

On August 18, 1962 she was united in marriage to Daril Litchfield in Puxico, Missouri. Mr. Litchfield preceded her in death on November 21, 2020.

She is survived by one son and daughter in law, David Wayne Litchfield and wife Cindy of Dexter; by two sisters, Lois Osterbur of Fort Myers, Florida and Laverne Kelley of Dexter, Missouri by three grandchildren, Stephen Litchfield and wife Kristen, Crystal

Litchfield and boyfriend Andrew Bland, and Jessica Litchfield and boyfriend Tyler Kolwyck; by five great-grandchildren, Hunter, Lillie, Kayden, Brylee and Jaxson; and by one niece she was very close to, Karen Kyle.

A grave-side service will be conducted on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Puxico City Cemetery with Rev. Alex Stack officiating.

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

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## In Memory of Fannie Ethel Brigman Averett

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Fannie Ethel Brigman Averett, daughter of the late Sullivan and Fannie Brigman, was born on October 15, 1931, in East Prairie, Missouri and departed this life on Monday, March 29, 2021, in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 89. Fannie was the youngest of six siblings: Mary Dawson, Harold Brigman, Dorothy Sailors, Ruth Sailors, and Kathryn Anderson. Fannie was united in marriage to Kenneth William Averett, Jr. on December 9, 1951, in Piggott, Arkansas. Fannie was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Averett, parents, siblings, son-in-law Alan Robinson, grandson Brent Robinson, and granddaughter Chelsea Averett.

Survivors include her four children: Jane Smith and husband Leon, Jeanie Robinson, Marty Averett and wife Lynne, and Kim Monteer and husband, Jay. She is survived by seven grandchildren: Summer McGowan and husband Todd, Dawn Smathers and husband Daniel, Gabriel Smith and wife Brooke, Jordan Averett and wife Candace, Colton Averett, Hunter Collins, and Morgan Monteer. Fannie was survived by eight great-grandchildren: Alexis Smith, Jarred Swindell, Karsyn Smith, Jeanna Smathers, Brant Smathers, Francesca Averett, Ellessandra Averett, and Griffin Averett.

Fannie was blessed with a lifetime of love and happiness, and her Christian faith was very important to her. Fannie, along with her husband, Kenneth, owned and operated the Allis-Chalmers Implement Dealership in Dexter, Missouri for 28 years. Fannie was a long time member of the Dexter Church of Christ. She also volunteered with the hospital auxiliary for many years. Fannie was an avid card player; she and her husband spent many nights playing cards with family and friends and passed along the tradition to their children and grandchildren. She was a very devoted St. Louis Cardinals fan and never missed a game. She loved to go dancing and would often be found dancing the Jitterbug in the living room with her husband Kenny. Fannie was full of personality and the loudest whisperer you ever met. You rarely had to wonder where you stood with Fannie because she would tell you. She loved to spend time with her family and could frequently be heard bragging on their accomplishments, sharing their photos, and telling others how proud she was of them.

Friends and family may call Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, April 3, 2021. Visitation will be held from 12:30pm to 2:30pm. Funeral services will be conducted at 2:30pm with the Stan Dauck officiating. Interment will follow in the Chalk Bluff Cemetery.

The Averett family requests everyone wear a mask for the funeral services.

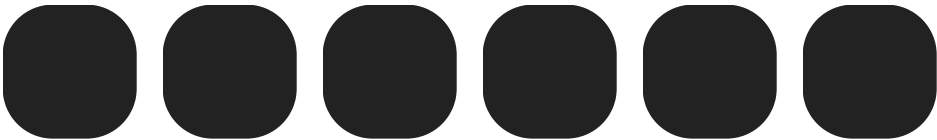
In lieu of flowers, memorials or donations can be made to Bootheel Youth Camp, P.O. Box 457, Dexter, Missouri 63841; Stoddard County Children's Home, 208 S. Prairie,

Bloomfield, MO 63825; or Meals on Wheels, 23 W. Stoddard Street, Dexter, MO 63841.  
Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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