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In Memory of Joyce Lee Creed Francis

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Joyce Lee Creed Francis, daughter of the late Doy Lee Creed and Velva Ann Hardy Creed, was born on May 29, 1938, in Bloomfield, Missouri and departed this life on April 19, 2021 at NHC Healthcare in Maryland Heights, Missouri, at the age of 82 years.

Mrs. Francis was a former hair stylist for Salvatoris in Ballwin, Missouri.

She was first united in marriage to William Francis Sr. in 1958, together they had five children and a lifetime companionship. She was then united in marriage to Cornelius VanDeutekom in 1981.

She is survived by her daughter, Joy Shaw and husband Kenneth of Edwardsville, Illinois; by four sons, William “Bill” Francis Jr. of St. Louis, Missouri, Richard Francis and wife Sherrie of St. Charles, Missouri, Steven Francis of St. Charles, Missouri, and Kenny Francis of Kirkwood, Missouri; by two brothers, Kenny Creed of Crain Hill, Alabama and Doy Creed of Dexter, Missouri; by two sisters, Carolyn McLaughlin of Kearney, Missouri and Janice Crowley of Dexter, Missouri; and by fifteen grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her ex-husbands.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Tim Russell officiating.

Interment will follow in the Essex Cemetery. Following the graveside service, the Francis family will host a buffet dinner at the Hickory Log.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Anita Louise Kitchen Peters

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Anita Louise Kitchen Peters, age 80 of Dexter, Missouri passed away March 9, 2021 at Gregory Ridge Healthcare Center in Kansas City, MO.

Ms. Peters was born September 24, 1940, in Dexter, MO to the late Nelson Otis Kitchen and Mabel Ilene Buchanan Kitchen.

She was a 1958 graduate of the Dexter High School. Anita worked as a secretary for many years in California and Missouri before her career at the Dexter Wal-Mart for 23 ½ years.

Survivors include two daughters Renea (Michael) Maus of Kansas City and Sabrina Peters of Dexter; one granddaughter, CDT Nicole Louise Maus of the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY; one grandson LTJG Andrew Peters Maus of the United States Navy; one step-grandson Randy (Whitney) Maus of Gower, MO and four great grandchildren, Kimmi, Mary-Lou, Wesley and Benjamin; many nieces, nephews, friends and family also survive. She was preceded in death by one brother LeRoy Kitchen.

Anita was active for many years with the Stoddard County Historical Society. She was passionate about genealogy, gardening and music.

Visitation will be held at Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Puxico, MO on Saturday April 24, 2021 from 1 to 3 pm followed by graveside services at the Puxico Cemetery.

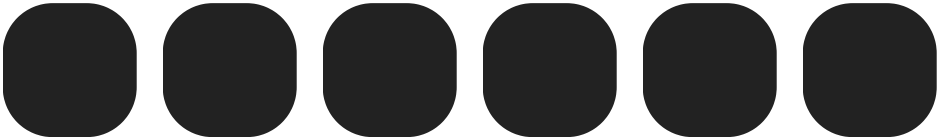
Memorial donations are asked to be sent to the Dementia Society of America or the charity of your choice

With Watkins and Sons Funeral Service of Puxico in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of John Barge Sr.

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Fortified with the sacraments of the Holy Mother Church, John R. Barge, Sr. was born October 7, 1951 in St. Louis, Missouri to the late Jesse and Mary (nee Audrain) Barge and passed away at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, MO on April 16, 2021 as the result of complications from ischemic infarctions.

John was united in matrimony to Patricia (nee Irvine) on February 12, 1972. Patti and their cherished pet therapy dog, Gertrude, survive of the home. Of their union were born two children, Margaret (Maggi) Rimel (nee Barge) of St. Louis, MO and John (Jake) Barge, Jr. (Lisa) of Sherwood, OR.

In addition to his wife and children, John had three grandchildren: Gabriel Rimel, Olivia Barge and Stella Barge. His siblings include Jesse (Cindy) Barge of Murphysboro, IL; Leila (Glenn) Caulkins (nee: Barge) of Gunnison, CO; William (Amy) Barge of St. Louis, MO; and Michael Barge of Gunnison, CO. He has several neices and nephews.

John was preceded in death by his parents.

John graduated from St. Louis-based Parkway Central High School in 1970 where he played on the golf and soccer teams. He earned his Eagle Scout rank at the age of 14 and served as a member of the Order of the Arrow.

John became the youngest PGA head golf professional in the history of the State of Illinois in 1975. He and his family moved to Dexter, MO in 1985 when he accepted the head golf pro and general manager position at Hidden Trails Country Club. John managed Hidden Trails until 2003 and returned in 2009 until he retired in 2016. He was most proud of building junior golf programs and instilling in younger players a love for the game and

its rules. John maintained, "if you will cheat in golf, you will cheat in life."

Outside of professional sports, John was an avid follower of the stock market and politics. He won more trivia games than he lost and was a gifted writer and orator.

A Resurrection Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dexter, MO. The Right of Christian Burial will follow at Chalk Bluff Cemetery. A bereavement luncheon at Sacred Heart's Parish Center will conclude the day's events.

Please follow all COVID-19 guidelines. Those unable to attend can view the mass via livestream. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to 18 Fore Life, c/o Scott Kruse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, Missouri 63841.

Mathis Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

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In Memory of Nola Jean Warren Ward

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Nola Jean Warren Ward, daughter of the late Albert Warren and Gladys Dozier Warren, was born on August 26, 1934 in Dexter, Missouri, and departed this life on April 14, 2021 at Lexington Health Care Center in Lake Zurich, Illinois, at the age of 86 years.

Mrs. Ward was a former resident of Dexter, Missouri and attended First Baptist Church in Dexter. She was a former employee of Harris Ready Mix in Dexter and Ross Dress for Less in California.

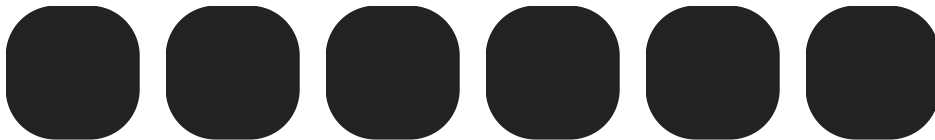
She is survived by her son, Jim Gruman and wife Tina of Riverside, Illinois; by two daughters, Cathy Taylor and husband Mark of Florissant, Colorado, and Susan Spudis and husband Robert of Newfield, New York; by five grandchildren, Mickala Lynch, Zachary Gruman, Alex Gruman, Michelle and Ezekiel Martin, and Michael and Jessi Spudis; and by four great-grandchildren, Benjamin, Aiden, Veronica, and Rylan.

Service information will be announced later by Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

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In Memory of Jean Audrey DeJournett

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Jean Audrey DeJournett, 92, died April 13, 2021, in the Delta South Nursing Care & Rehabilitation Services at Sikeston, Missouri.

Born May 26, 1928, at Essex, Missouri, daughter of the late W.J. and Anna Fortner Williamson, she was a member of the South Pleasant Valley General Baptist Church near Essex.

On July 11, 1946, at Essex, Missouri, she married Lee Daniel DeJournett.

Survivors include three sons, Terry DeJournett of Starkville, Mississippi, David DeJournett of Essex, Missouri, and Larry DeJournett of Oakland, Tennessee; one grandchild, and one great-grandchild.

Three sisters, Rachel Smith, Ruth Fulkerson, and Lorene Barker and five brothers, Bill Williamson, Bob Williamson, Marion Williamson, Parvin Williamson, and Marvin Williamson, all preceded her in death.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, April 16, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. James Malloy officiating. Burial will follow in the Triplett Cemetery near Essex.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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