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In Memory of Chad Eric Williamson

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In Memory of Chad Eric Williamson

Chad Eric Williamson of Poplar Bluff, Missouri was born to Glenn Rawhide Williamson and the late Brenda Faye Fletcher on March 3, 1975 in Dexter, Missouri and passed away on July 18, 2021 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri at the age of 46 years.

Chad had been a resident of Poplar Bluff, Missouri for the last two years and Stoddard County for most of his life. He enjoyed fishing with his best friend Nate.

Surviving is his father Glenn "Rawhide" Allen (Edith) Williamson of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; two brothers Jimmy (Tina) Williamson of Essex, Missouri, Travis Williamson of Essex, Missouri; one sister Melissa (Todd) Cooper of Bay City, Missouri; four aunts Freda Williamson of Bloomfield, Glenda Johnson of Winter Haven, Florida, Karen (Rick) Eyrice of South Carolina and Margaret Fletcher of Poplar Bluff, Missouri and several nieces and nephews. A host of family and friends also survive. Chad was preceded in death by his mother Brenda Faye Williamson.

Graveside Services will be held at the Dexter Cemetery on Saturday July 24, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. with Brother James Malloy of Essex, Missouri officiating.

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

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In Memory of Marilyn Derosia

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In Memory of Marilyn Derosia

Marilyn Derosia, daughter of the late Buck Stinnett and Evelyn Dement Stinnett, was born on December 16, 1955, in Dexter, Missouri, and departed this life on July 20, 2021, at her residence in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 65 years.

Mrs. Derosia was a homemaker. She enjoyed cooking, telling stories, jewelry, music, and dancing. To her grandchildren, she was their "Mimi", their rock, their everything, and she loved them dearly.

She was united in marriage to John Derosia on January 23, 2002, in Paragould, Arkansas. Mr. Derosia preceded her in death on August 25, 2018.

She is survived by her son, Jeremy McCluskey (Chris) of St. Johns, Arizona; by her daughter Dawn Snider (Stanley) of Dexter, Missouri; by two brothers, Edward Stinnett (Brenda) of Morehouse, Missouri, and John Harvey (Linda) of Bloomfield, Missouri; by

six grandchildren, Jammi Scoggins (Levi) of Branson, Missouri, Emily Mace of Dexter, Missouri, Chelsea Mace (Adrian) of Puxico, Missouri, Cameron Fernandes, Richard Fernandes, and Robert Fernandes, all of St. Johns, Arizona; and by eight great-grandchildren, Jaylynn Mace, Serenity Schmidt, Rayne Schmidt, Khaleesi Robertson, LeeAnn Mace, Haylee Mace, Shyla Mace, and Valerie Scoggins.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, July 25, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Sunday, July 25, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Ronnie Livingston

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In Memory of Ronnie Livingston

Ronnie Livingston, age 83, formerly from Prairie Village, Kansas, was born in Bernie, Missouri on May 23, 1938, and passed away July 18, 2021.

Mr. Livingston was the son of the late Robert Livingston and Lena Teeters Livingston. He was a graduate of Bernie High School in 1956, and following graduation served in the Air Force for four years. Ronnie retired from the Social Security Administration and was a resident of Bernie, Missouri.

Mr. Livingston was preceded in death by his sisters, Shelby Raspberry and Eujuina Johnson. He is survived by his twin sister, Connie Reynolds of Clarkton Missouri; by nephews and nieces, LaDawn Owens, Bill Johnson, Bob Johnson, all of Bernie, Missouri, Livingston Reynolds of Shanghai, China, Rebecca Raspberry of Holcomb, Missouri, Kama Mayfield of Lebanon, Tennessee, along with numerous adoring extended family and friends.

Military honors will be performed on Friday, July 23, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

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

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In Memory of Billy Lee Oliver

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In Memory of Billy Lee Oliver

Billy Lee Oliver, son of the late William Oliver and Stella Hunsaker Oliver, was born on June 3, 1924, in Dexter, Missouri and departed this life on July 17, 2021, at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Missouri at the age of 97.

Billy was a child of sharecroppers who worked the cotton fields of Southeast Missouri during the depression years. He could recall a time when there was nothing but virgin forests between Dexter and Poplar Bluff. In 1930, he was an eye witness to the falling of the Paragould meteorite, the second largest meteorite ever recovered in North America. Billy worked from the time he was ten years old. During World War II he began working at Elder Manufacturing Company in Dexter. He remained at that job for 45 years. As a member of the local union, he once served as sergeant at arms for Ted Kennedy. In his later years, he often delivered cars for the Autry Morlan car dealership. He always had a story to share, and he never lost his sense of humor.

Billy was united in marriage on September 15, 1950, to Thelma Idabel Oliver in Piggott, Arkansas. Billy and Thelma enjoyed 65 happy years together before she preceded him in death on October 6, 2015, at the age of 91 years.

Billy was a Christian and a baptized believer in Jesus Christ. He was a long-time member of the Dexter Church of Christ.

Billy is survived by his only child, Vicki Hopgood and her husband Terry of Rolla, Missouri; by two grandchildren, Aaron Hopgood of Rolla, Missouri and Allison Rogerson and her husband, Christian, of Rolla Missouri; by six great-grandchildren, Grace Rogerson, Noah Rogerson, Jackson Rogerson, Cooper Rogerson, William Rogerson, and Samuel Rogerson.

Besides his parents and wife, Billy was preceded in death by three brothers, Sylvester Oliver, Raymond Oliver, and William Oliver Junior; and by two sisters, Nina Boone and Rita Humes.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel immediately following the visitation. Clyde Jacques, from the Dexter Church of Christ, will be officiating. Interment will follow in the Essex Cemetery in Essex, Missouri.

Memorials may be made to the Paragould Children's Home, 5515 Walcott Road, Paragould, Arkansas 72450 or Little Prairie Bible Camp, PO Box 251, Rolla, Missouri 65402.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Cletus Leake

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In Memory of Cletus Leake

Cletus Leake, was born on April 8, 1957, in Center, Missouri, and departed this on July 19, 2021 at his residence in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 64 years.

Mr. Leake was a handyman, working in heating and air, and electrical. He was a member of the Independence RC motorcycle club and the Freedom of Roadriders Motorcycle club.

On July 11, 2011, he was united in marriage to Sally Hill. Mrs. Leake survives of their home in Dexter.

In addition to his wife Sally, he is survived by his son, Jeremy Leake, by his daughter, Dondi Leake, by his step-son, Jody Hill of Malden, Missouri, by two step-daughters, Tabatha Weaver of Tennessee and April Bridges of Risco, Missouri; by his brother, David Leake of Center, Missouri; by his sister Katrina Leake, and by twelve grandchildren.

Mathis Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

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