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In Memory of Clarence Haley Culver

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Clarence Haley Culver of Dexter, Missouri passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his family on August 22, 2021 at the age of 78.

Haley was born in Maynard, Arkansas on October 24, 1942 to William David Culver and Treva Melvina Poore Culver. He served in the United States Army and moved to Dexter after returning from Vietnam, where he remained a lifelong resident. He was employed at Monarch Feed for 40+ years until he retired.

Haley's greatest joy in life came from spending time with family and friends. He was a kind hearted man who was always willing to lend a hand without hesitation. He loved gardening, watching western movies, fishing and listening to country music. He attended Morehouse General Baptist Church.

Surviving Haley is his life partner Patsey Hays; four daughters Tracey (Jamie) Robertson of Bernie, Missouri, Toni Brown of Dexter, Missouri, Laura Lee (Roy) Stickles of Bloomfield, Missouri and Anita (Dan) Courington of Crestview, Florida; seven grandchildren (that lovingly called him "PaPa Gourd Head") Ashley, Jessie, Layla, Chris (Morgan), Laura "Boo" (Jordan), Grant and Taylor; four great grandchildren Clayton, Aidan, Liam and River; three brothers Harley Culver of Pocahontas, Arkansas, Kenneth Culver of Chipley, Florida and Ardell (Marge) Culver of Bridgewater, Virginia.

Haley was preceded in death by his parents, William and Treva Culver, brother Bill Culver, sisters Glenda Culver and Susie Boyer.

Visitation will be Wednesday August 25, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Watkins and Son Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

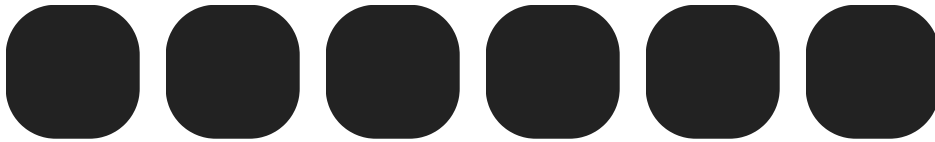
Service will be held on Wednesday August 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. with Brother Ronnie Stevens of Bloomfield, Missouri officiating.

Interment will be held on Thursday August 26, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with Watkins and Sons Funeral Service of Dexter, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Danny Ray Kirkman

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Danny Ray Kirkman, son of Jo Kirkman Burleson and the late Jerry Owens, was born on July 7, 1966, in Dexter, Missouri, and departed this life on August 19, 2021, in Dexter at the age of 55 years.

Mr. Kirkman was formerly a machine operator for Faurecia in Dexter, as well as an officer at SECC. He was a fan of classic cars, sports cars, and Corvettes. He enjoyed trout fishing at Bennett Springs, photography, cooking, the outdoors, and riding Harley motorcycles.

On July 1, 1989, in Bloomfield, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Regina Marie Latimore. They moved to Springfield and Regina finished school at Missouri State University. After several years they returned to the Southeast Missouri area to assist their aging family. They had common interests and enjoyed each other's company.

He is survived by his wife, Regina Marie Latimore Kirkman of Sikeston; by his mother, Jo Burleson of Dexter; by his brother, Martin Risse Jr. of St Louis; by his sister, Anna Risse of Fairfield, Maryland; by his aunt, Sharon Kirkman of Dexter; by three nieces, Abby Risse, Lilly Risse and Conner Moore; by two nephews, Bradley Risse and Colten Moore; and by his great-nephew, Carson Moore and great-niece, Jayda Shafer.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jerry Owens and by his step-father, Earl Burleson; by his grandmother, Ruth Sprinkle; and by his brother-in-law, David Glin Moore.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, August 27, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

A celebration of Danny's life will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel in Dexter on Friday, August 27, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Paul Choate officiating.

If you have pictures, memories, or poems that you would like to share please bring them.

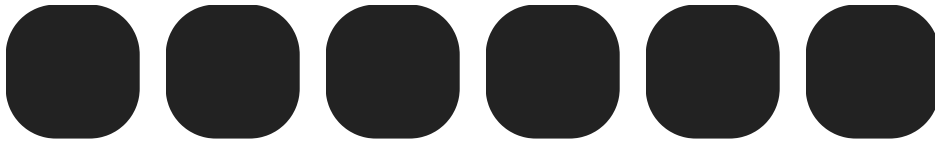
A continuation will be held at one of Danny's favorite restaurants, The Hickory Log, bar area has been reserved for guests.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Rev. Dwight William Bland

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In Memory of Rev. Dwight William Bland

Rev. Dwight William Bland was born on May 1, 1939 in Santa Ana, CA. At age 82, he left this world peacefully on August 19, 2021, surrounded by his family, in his home in Boonville, IN after a long illness. He was a beloved husband for 60 yrs to Brenda (Avery) Bland, proud father to his two children, Roxanna Trivitt (Gary) and Todd Bland (Candi), and loved his five (5) grandchildren - Chelsey, Hannah, Nathan, Connor, and Jarred and six (6) great grandchildren - Olivia, Savannah, Rylee, Luke, Andi and Landon. He is survived by these and other loving family members and a host of cherished friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Thurman and Mrs. Winniford (Wilkerson) Bland and two sisters, Doris Williams and Emma Lou Adams.

He grew up in Dexter, MO where he developed a love, skill, and passion for basketball. He was captain of his high school team leading them to the state tournament in 1957. In May, 1962, Dwight was drafted into the army as part of the peacetime draft during the Vietnam War and served active duty for 2 years.

At age 12, he became ill and experienced a miracle of physical healing. This experience later awakened him to his life's call to full-time Christian ministry and a career with the

General Baptist Denomination. Above all else, he loved God, God's Word, God's church and community. A man with a quest for knowledge, of leadership, creativity, community involvement, compassion, prayer, spiritual discernment, laughter, encouragement and a love for writing all lead to his incredible work ethic. For 20 years, he gave his life's work to pastoring Main Street Baptist Church and to serving in various denominational leadership roles. In his retirement years, he continued his ministry of preaching, and shepherding churches as an interim leader. He had a soft heart for the underprivileged and forgotten and wanted more than anything to see everyone come to know his Jesus, whom he called the lover of his soul.

Over his lifetime he was a leader by example, a mentor, a loving, supportive husband and father, and inspiring grandfather. He was all smiles while sitting around the table eating and telling jokes. He loved sports, music, food, and enjoyed singing and cooking his specialties for family. He treasured his time spent with the Boonville community serving as chaplain, crusade leader, confidant and a member of the "round table club" that met to solve the world's problems early morning and noon at local restaurants.

He leaves behind a spiritual legacy, was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Visitation will be held at Koehler Funeral Home in Boonville, Indiana on Monday, August 23, 2021 from 4-6 pm. Funeral services at Main Street Baptist, Tuesday, August 24th, 2021 at 10 am with visitation beginning at 9 am prior to service. Burial will follow at Maple Grove Cemetery in Boonville.

The family requests that expressions of sympathy donations be made to Main Street Baptist Church, Oakland City University or Kindred Hospice of Evansville would be appreciated.

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In Memory of Clarence Edward Taylor

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In Memory of Clarence Edward Taylor

Clarence Edward Taylor of Advance, Missouri was born to the late Milborn and Alma (Lentz) Taylor on February 20, 1944 in Kennett, Missouri and passed away on August 20, 2021 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri at the age of 77 years.

Clarence was married to Julia Lewis on August 05, 1961 in Dexter, Missouri. He was a member of The Church of Christ. He enjoyed gardening, canning his own vegetables, and raising animals especially horses. He was an honest hard working family man.

Clarence was preceded in death by his parents and one brother (Dale).

Surviving Clarence is two sons Eddie "Cookie" (Mary) Taylor of Puxico, Missouri and James (Lisa) Taylor of Yellville, Arkansas; three daughters Carolyn Sue (Gary) Barber of Tecumseh, Missouri, Melissa (Bob) Parker of Mountain Home, Arkansas and Christina (Joe) Scott of Dexter, Missouri; nineteen grandchildren Jeramey (Beth) Taylor of Bloomfield, Missouri, Shasta (Jamie) Taylor of Puxico, Missouri, Richard (Ashley) Mallory of Wappapello, Missouri, Lisa Nicole Melton of Ozark, Missouri, Ashley Taylor of Yellville, Arkansas, April (Roman) Hayes of Summit, Arkansas, Cody Parker of Mountain Home, Arkansas, Mason (Emily) Parker of Logan, Utah, Jessica Parker of Mountain Home, Arkansas, Cynthia (Jacob) Turner of Puxico, Missouri, Cassandra Kirkendall (Josh) of Puxico, Missouri, Candice (Mike) Yoder of Puxico, Missouri, Victoria Volner of Dexter, Missouri, Dillion (Amy) Scott of Puxico, Missouri, Nancy

Scott of Bloomfield, Missouri, Jessica Scott of Mill Springs, Missouri and Thrisha Parsons of Vassalboro, Maine; twenty-four great grandchildren Tori, Allison, Lexus, Kaden, Amelia, Jima, Addy, Emily, Noah, Kyle, Brylee, Brentley, Weston, River, Jakoby, Landrie, Johannah, Camillia, Bentley, Graysen, Augustus, Nevaeh, Kadryona, Hazel and several step-grandchildren; two great great grandchildren.

He is survived by three brothers, Jim Taylor(Margaret) of Elkhart Indiana, Bob Taylor (Kathy) of Poplar Bluff Missouri, Dennis "Coony" of Bloomfield, Missouri and a cousin Archie (Judy) Taylor of Winona, Missouri. A host of family and friends also survive.

Visitation will be Thursday August 26, 2021 from 11 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Watkins and Sons Funeral Chapel in Puxico, Missouri.

Service will be Thursday August 26, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. at Watkins and Sons Funeral Chapel in Puxico, Missouri with Brother Kenneth Lambert officiating.

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

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In Memory of Billy Ray Stroup

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Billy Ray Stroup, son of the late Woodrow Elmer and Opal Belle (Fears) Stroup, was born in Ellington, Missouri on November 3, 1937, and passed away at the Southeast Heath Center of Stoddard County in Dexter, Missouri on August 18, 2021, at the age of 83.

Billy was born in Ellington, Missouri and moved to Kirkwood, Missouri living there eighteen years there and then moved to Dexter, Missouri and lived thirty years here. Billy loved playing music (bass guitar), singing, and enjoyed woodworking. He was a member of the local UAW. Billy worked on the assembly line for General Motors Company. On October 28, 1972 married Deborah Nunn in St. Louis, Missouri.

Surviving are his wife Deborah Stroup of Dexter, three daughters Melissa Whitaker of Dexter, Missouri, April Inman of Chinook, Montana and Debbie Wagoner of Park Hills, Missouri; seven grandchildren, and one sister Doris Henderson of Steelville, Missouri. Other relatives and friends also survive. Billy was preceded in death by one son; Danny Stroup, one son Kevin Stroup in infancy; two brothers John Stroup and Kenneth Stroup; two grandsons Jason Settles and Adam Settles.

Visitation will be held Tuesday August 24, 2021 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral service will be held Tuesday August 24, 2021 at 11:00 am at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Interment will follow in the Ellington Memorial Cemetery in Ellington, Missouri.

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