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## In Memory of Alvin Smyth Jr.

JANUARY 26TH 2022 BY DEE LOFLIN

### In Memory of Alvin Smyth Jr.

Alvin Smyth Jr., lifelong resident of Dexter, departed this life on January 21, 2022, at Capetown Assisted Living in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 97 years.

Alvin, the son of the late Alvin Smyth Sr. and Sarah Manion Smyth, was born on December 29, 1924, in Pyletown, Missouri. He graduated from Dexter High School. In June 1944, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served as an Engineer Electrician onboard the U.S.S. Prevail minesweeper in the South Pacific for 2 years during WWII.

After returning from the Navy, he attended the University of Missouri in Columbia, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. Following graduation, he returned to Dexter and farmed as well as taught Ag classes in the Bloomfield School District. He left Bloomfield to work for Doane Agricultural Services for 15 years and in 1964 he was transferred to the southern region in Memphis, Tennessee.

Missing his Missouri home, he returned with his wife and three daughters to Dexter. He attained his Real Estate Broker and General Real Estate Appraiser Licenses and he opened Alvin Smyth Realty, Inc. During this time, he also acquired several rental properties which he still owned.

Alvin served on the Dexter Memorial Hospital Board for several years. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Dexter.

Alvin enjoyed hunting and fishing with his many friends, spending time at lake homes at Wappapello and Kentucky Lakes and his condo in Perdido Key, Florida. But most

importantly he loved spending time with family and friends.

On September 10, 1949, in Dexter, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Hilda Baker. Mrs. Smyth preceded him in death on January 6, 2006.

He is survived by three daughters, Vicki Waldrup (Butch) of Kansas City, Missouri, Beverly Good of Hayden, Colorado, and Susan Richmond (Ron) of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; by his brother, Michael Smyth (Beverly) of Meridian, Idaho, by eight grandchildren, by three great-grandchildren, and many special friends.

Other than by his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, John Smyth and Jim Smyth (Ann); and by two sisters, Mary Ellen Sisler (Jim) and Malinda Allen (Kenneth).

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, February 10, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. with Mark Snider officiating.

Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

Memorials may be made to 18 Fore Life, c/o Scott Kruse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, Missouri 63841 or the Stoddard County Children's Home, PO Box 164, Dexter, Missouri 63841.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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## In Memory of Curtis Durrell Cooper

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### In Memory of Curtis Durrell Cooper

Curtis Durrell Cooper of Gray Ridge Missouri, son of the late Charles Edward and Mae (Bradshaw) Cooper born on February 18th, 1936 near Sturdivant, Missouri passed away on January 21, 2022 in Sikeston, Missouri at the age of 86 years.

He lived in the Stoddard County area most of his life. Curtis enjoyed working outside in the woods, working as a saw mill operator for many years. Curtis was of the Christian faith.

Curtis is survived by his girlfriend and long time partner, Edna Elles of Dexter, Missouri; one son and two daughters; several grandchildren and many great grandchildren, as well as a host of family and friends.

Curtis was preceded in death by his parents, 4 brothers, and 6 sisters.

Graveside Funeral service and burial will be held at 2:00 P.M on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at Rock Point Cemetery near Swinton Missouri, with Brother James Malloy officiating and Watkins and Sons Funeral Home of Dexter in charge of all arrangements.

Watkins and Sons Funeral Service [info@watkinsfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@watkinsfuneralhome.com) or phone 573-624-3548

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## In Memory of John J. (Jack) Wells, Jr.

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### In Memory of John J. (Jack) Wells, Jr.

John J. (Jack) Wells, Jr. 79 of Dexter, Missouri passed away on Tuesday, January 18, 2022. He was born on November 20, 1942, the son of the late John J. Wells, Sr. and Kathryn (Bock) Wells.

He moved to Dexter after living in Antioch, Illinois for most of his life. A 1956 graduate of St. Peter Catholic Grammar School and 1960 graduate of Antioch Township High School. He proudly served in the United States Army from 1964-1966 serving in Korea. Jack worked for many years in the construction business.

He is survived by his brother Timothy (Denise) Wells of Antioch, Illinois; by nephews and nieces, Jeffrey (Diane) Henning, Keely Wells, Jason (Heather) Folbrick, Lori (Jack) Romine, Timothy (Gina) Henning, Betsy (Darrell) Wells; by great-nephews and nieces, Katy, Michaela, Kyle, Max, MacKenzie, Olivia, Jackson, Timothy, and Mary Grace; and by special friends, Luanne Free and Shelby Thornton. Also, a special thank you to Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter and Preferred Hospice.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Terrence Wells, by sisters, Patricia Folbrick and Virginia Henning; and by his beloved companion Sandra

Richmond.

Private Inurnment was conducted at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield with full military honors.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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# In Memory of Tracie Marie Mason

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In Memory of Tracie Marie Mason

Tracie Marie Mason was born May 4, 1972 in Sikeston, Missouri to the late Donald Troy Mason Sr. and Donna Lee Yaeger. She departed this life on January 6, 2022 at OU

Medical Center in Oklahoma City, OK.

Tracie was a loving mother, sister, and friend. She loved to cook meals for anyone that she could. She was taken from us to early and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

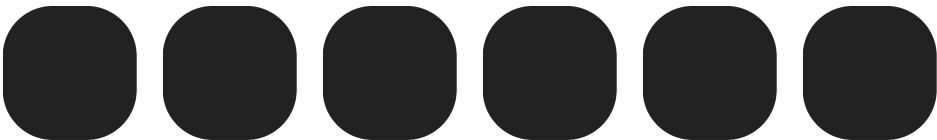
Tracie is survived by her son Chance Mason of Chickasha, OK, two brothers Donald Troy Mason Jr., (Bethany) of Oklahoma and Floyd Mason of Bell City, Missouri. Also by two sisters Ambie Brewer of Clinton, Arkansas and Ramona Mason of Greenville, Missouri, several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

A private memorial service will be planned at a later date in Missouri.

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# In Memory of Shirley Jean Jones

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## In Memory of Shirley Jean Jones

Shirley Jean Jones of Malden, Missouri, the daughter of Robert Sr. and Earnestine Jones was born in Dexter Missouri on March 05, 1968 and passed away in her home on January 14, 2022 at the age of 53 years 10 months and 9 days.

Shirley attended Malden High School and then went onto live a carefree life of taking care of her two sons.

She then went on to spend her time seeing about her parents and family. Many days she would spend time visiting the sick and the elderly. Shirley enjoyed visiting and fellow shipping at Mt. Zion M.B. Church in Grayridge, Missouri.

Her interest included telling jokes, laughing and dancing.

Surviving are her parents Robert and Earnestine Sr; her children Anthony Jones of Malden, Missouri and Raphael (Cristin) Jones of Columbia, Missouri; her siblings Cathy (Tracy) Hampton of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Robert (Sydney) Jones of Sikeston, Missouri, Barbara Danils of Howardsville, Missouri, Angela (Lee) Robinson of Lilbourn, Missouri, Uylesses (Patrisha) Jones of Essex. Missouri and Yolanda Jones of Springfield, Missouri; her grandchildren Zadrean, Mahogani, Symauria, Kace and Tristin; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her brother Orlando Jones, paternal grandmother Ollie Getter, maternal grandparents James (Buddy) and Ruby Hampton, nephew Cavasia Jones, aunts Gladys Salton, Mae Ida Whittaker and Gerldine Hampton; uncles Timmie Louis “T” and James Freeman Hampton and Jessie Getter.

Visitation will be held on Saturday January 22, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday January 22, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri with Pastor Ronnie Mack of Cario, Missouri officiating and Watkins and Sons Funeral Home of Dexter in charge of all arrangements.

Watkins and Sons Funeral Service

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