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In Memory of Mary Lee Craft

MARCH 29TH 2022 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Mary Lee Craft

Mary Lee Craft, daughter of the late Frank Akins was born in Southeast Missouri on March 9, 1925 and departed this life at Aspire Health and Rehab in Malden, Missouri on March 27, 2022 at the age of 97.

Mrs. Craft was a homemaker, she had attended River of Life in Rural Dexter, Nazarene in Bernie and also the Corner Gospel Church in Bernie.

She was united in marriage to Guy Festus Craft in Malden, Missouri on July 29, 1942. Mr. Craft preceded his wife in death on May 4, 2001.

Survivors include her son-in-law, Sam Parish of Bernie, Missouri; by two granddaughters, Dana Michelle Gough and LaDonna Lee Duncan; by four great-grandchildren, Bradley Seth Norman, Zachary Drew Norman, Brandon Michael Gough and Lindsey Nicole Fuwell; also by other relatives and friends.

Other than by her father and her husband, She was preceded in death by two daughters, Jeanette Sandra Parish and Judy Carrol Craft.

Graveside services will be conducted on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 in the Bernie Cemetery at 11:00 A.M. Interment following.

Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Tony Wade Zimmerman

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In Memory of Tony Wade Zimmerman

Tony Wade Zimmerman, son of Howard Wayne Zimmerman and Shirley Thurston Zimmerman, was born on November 14, 1958, in Dexter, Missouri, and departed this life on March 26, 2022, at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, at the age of 63 years.

Mr. Zimmerman worked for Keasler Farms and was a resident of Bernie, Missouri. He enjoyed riding motorcycles.

He is survived by his parents, Howard and Shirley Zimmerman of Bernie; by his son, Tony Zimmerman and wife Natalie of Bernie; by his daughter, Brittney Carlson and husband Adam of Poplar Bluff; by two sisters, Tracy Zimmerman and Tonya Pierce both of Bernie; and by two grandchildren, Drake Dalton Zimmerman and Cooper Wayne Zimmerman; and by his close friend, Tomza Vanhorn.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at 2:30 p.m. with Rev. Ray Rowland officiating.

Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Maxine G. Harper

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In Memory of Maxine G. Harper

Maxine G. Harper, daughter of the late Ethel Smithson Guilliams and Marvin Guilliams, was born on January 3, 1933, in Gatewood, Missouri, and departed this life on March 25, 2022, at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, at the age of 89

years.

Mrs. Harper was a former employee of the Missouri Department of Family Services and the Stoddard County Sheriff's Office. She was a member of the Bloomfield Church of Christ and the AMVETS Auxiliary, and she was a resident of Bloomfield, Missouri. Mackie enjoyed playing golf and bridge. Mackie and Don spent several years going to Current River to the cabin they built and loved.

On September 30, 1950, in Piggott, Arkansas, she was united in marriage to Don Harper. Mr. Harper preceded her in death on November 6, 2015.

She is survived by her son, "Rip" Harper and wife Karen of Dexter, Missouri; by her daughter, Melissa Bowie of Dudley, Missouri; by four grandchildren, Ben Harper Bowie and wife Jennifer, Amy Marie Briggs and husband Adam, Theron A. Harper, and Beth Fowler and husband Billy; and by three great-grandchildren, RJ Bowie, Theo Briggs, and Gracyn Fowler.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Richard Bowie; by six brothers, Edward Guilliams, Barney Guilliams, Jerry Guilliams, Walter Guilliams, Lonnie Guilliams, and Donnie Guilliams; and by her sister, Marvine Joplin.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, March 27, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Sunday, March 27, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield on Monday, March 28, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.

Memorials may be made to the Stoddard County Children's Home, PO Box 164, Dexter, Missouri 63841 or the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery, 17357 Stars and Stripes Way, Bloomfield, Missouri 63825.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Peggy Laverne Kirkbride

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In Memory of Peggy Laverne Kirkbride

Peggy Laverne Kirkbride, daughter of the late Raymond Gordon Walker and Frankie Janette Barker Almond, was born on May 25, 1943, in Bloomfield, Missouri, and departed this life on March 21, 2022, at Magnolia Manor in Piggott, Arkansas, at the age of 78 years.

Mrs. Kirkbride was a former certified nurse assistant. She was a member of the Assembly of God in Dexter, Missouri, and a resident of Dexter. Peggy loved to cross stitch, and work crossword puzzles. She loved to make people laugh and visit and fellowship with everyone. She enjoyed sitting on her front porch and watching her hummingbirds. And she loved her grandkids.

On December 3, 1993, in Branson, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Dale Kirkbride. Mr. Kirkbride preceded her in death on February 15, 2022,

She is survived by two sons, Larry Manuel (Kami) of Dexter, Missouri, and Mark Kirkbride (Trish) of Olathe, Kansas; by two daughters, Paula Richardson (Charles) of Piggott, Arkansas, and Laura Kirkbride (Mary) of Cottleville, Missouri; by her sister, Renda Burton of Dexter, Missouri; by seven grandchildren, Enoch Richardson, Jacob Richardson, Ben Manuel, Ashley Manuel, Matthew Manuel, Seth Williams, and Ethan Kirkbride; and by six great-grandchildren, Addison Richardson, Jubilee Richardson, Abilene Richardson, Hudson Matthew Underwood, Espen Travis Wayne Manuel, and one

due in August.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Richard Walker, Jim Walker, and Gary Kastner; and by two sisters in infancy.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, March 26, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Charles Richardson officiating.

Interment will follow in the Walker Cemetery in rural Bloomfield, Missouri.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Juanita Verble Lamunion (Watson) (Younger), (Harvey)

In Memory of Juanita Verble Lamunion (Watson) (Younger), (Harvey)

Juanita Verble Lamunion (Watson) (Younger), (Harvey) was born on October 29, 1921, to the late Pearlie "Fannie" and Triss Van Watson. She peacefully passed away on March 21, 2022, in Welch, West Virginia at the age of 100 years.

Juanita was married to Fletcher Younger, Cecil Harvey, and Red Lamunion, all who preceded her in death.

Fletcher and Juanita had two sons: the late Robert Leroy Younger of Granite City, Illinois and Wayne Younger (wife Linda) of Collinsville, Illinois.

Juanita and Cecil Harvey had three sons: John Harvey (companion Jessie) of Yacolt, Washington, Glenn Harvey of Bernie, Missouri, and Dennis Harvey (wife Danielle) of Welch, West Virginia. They also had three daughters: Sharon Sykes (husband James, deceased) of Collinsville, Illinois, Patricia Copus (husband David, deceased) of Brownsville, Kentucky, Teresa Neeley (husband Hubert) of Dexter, Missouri.

Her survivors include brothers: Bob Watson, Jack Watson, Gary Watson, and a sister: Beautone Watson.

She was preceded in death by brothers: Chester, Everett, Pete, Jerry, and Bill Watson and one sister: Colleen Watson. Juanita also had one grandson: Mike Sykes and one great granddaughter: Bionca Younger who had preceded her in death.

Juanita had twenty-one grandchildren, twenty-seven great grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Juanita never met a stranger, so she has left behind many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie on Friday, March 25, 2022, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, March 25, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

Interment will follow in the Bernie Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie is assisting with arrangements.

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