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In Memory of Perry Lee Thornton

MAY 18TH 2022 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Perry Lee Thornton

Perry Lee Thornton of Essex, Missouri the son of the late Mckinley and Julie (Ayers) Thornton was born on January 25, 1945 in Essex, Missouri and passed away on May 10, 2022 in Caruthersville, Missouri at the age of 77 years.

Perry was of the Christian faith and a member of the Need More Church of God. He lived in the Dexter, Missouri area all of his life where he worked in the farming industry. He enjoyed work, being a shade tree mechanic and watching sports. Most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandkids.

Perry married Maggie Lee Cohen on November 02, 1984 in Malden, Missouri.

Perry is survived by his wife Maggie Lee Thornton of the home; three sons Perry Dean (Amber) Thornton of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; Dennis Edward (Chrissy)Thornton of Dexter, Missouri and Mark Anthony Thornton of Sikeston, Missouri; one daughter Julia Henry of Dexter, Missouri; two brothers Bobby Joe (Norma Jean)Thornton and Jessie (Eula) Thornton of Malden, Missouri; two sisters Mary Jo (Robert) Underwood of Malden, Missouri and Betty Jo Harris of Elkhart, Indiania; fourteen grandchildren and one great grandchild; a close friend Curtis Simpson of Kansas City, Missouri. A host of family and friends survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents Mckinley and Julie Thornton; 4 brothers Calvin Thornton, Bob Ayers, Clarence Ayers and Hugh Ayers; three sisters Pauline Thornton, Elizabeth Ayers and Emma Johnson and by one grandchild.

Visitation will be held on Saturday May 21, 2022 from 11:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m. at Watkins and Sons Funeral home of Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral Service will be held on May 21, 2022 at 12 p.m. at Watkins and Sons Funeral Chapel of Dexter, Missouri with Karen Lomax and Moses Grayson officiating.

Interment will follow at the Macedonia Cemetery in Malden, Missouri with Watkins and Sons Funeral Home of Dexter in charge of all arrangements.

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In Memory of Helen Louise Ross

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Helen Louise Ross, 95, passed away May 12, 2022, at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Helen was born on March 14, 1927, in Dexter, Missouri, the daughter of the late William Christman and Anna Stewart Christman Finley. On June 22, 1947, she was united in marriage to the late James C. Ross of Essex, Missouri.

A beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, she was a long-time resident of Essex, where she attended the Essex Methodist Church. Helen was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star; a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and served as a scout leader for the Girl Scouts of America.

Survivors include, her son, James Alan Ross of Chesterfield, Missouri; her daughter, Pamela Ann Waggoner of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; six grandchildren and seven greatgrandchildren.

Besides her husband and parents, her sister, Deanne Disbro; and two brothers, Jerry Christman and James Christman preceded her in death.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Paul Rains officiating.

Interment will follow in the Essex Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Melissa Dawn Jones

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Melissa Dawn Jones, daughter of Tracie (Fred) Cartwright and Charles (Susie) Kirby all of East Prairie, Missouri was born September 1, 1985, in Sikeston, Missouri and departed this life on May 14, 2022, at her residence in East Prairie, Missouri, at the age of 36.

Melissa worked as a dispatcher for Johnston Transportation LLC in East Prairie, Missouri until her illness forced her to retire. She fought a hard fight during her battle with cancer and was surrounded by her family and friends until the very end. She loved her children, family, and friends with everything she had and will be missed dearly by them all.

She is survived by two daughters, Laila Weakley and Harper Garnett of East Prairie; by one son, Grae Tatum of East Prairie; six sisters, Nicki (Nelson) Jones, Courtney Thresher, Chelsea (Kody) Kirby, Teri (Tommy) Cade, all of East Prairie, Amber (Thomas) Brown of Atlanta, Georgia and Kaylie Carlyle of Paxton, Nebraska; four brothers, Scotty Carlyle of New Madrid, Missouri, Kolton Carlyle of Paxton, Nebraska, Frankie Nave and Cody Nave of East Prairie, Missouri; fiancé, Johnny Tatum; Jaclyn Warren and Jeremy (Erin) Warren, of East Prairie, who were like her brother and sister; Brooklyn Irby and Aubreigh McMikle special nieces; five nieces, eight nephews; special cousin, Holly Childers.

She is preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Martha Brown and Paul Stiltz; paternal grandparents, Ellen Williams and Bo Kirby.

Pallbearers will be Nelson McMikle, Frank Nave, Cody Nave, Kody Riley, Robert Hinkle and Scotty Carlyle.

Honorary pallbearers will be Eric Johnston, Mason Johnston, Thomas Brown and Louis Kirby.

Visitation will be held Tuesday May 17, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Power House of God Church in East Prairie, Missouri.

Funeral services will then be conducted at the Power House of God Church on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. with Bro. Jimmy Allen officiating.

Burial will follow at the East Prairie Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family requests that no one wear black to the funeral.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Lloyd Allstun

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In Memory of Lloyd Allstun

Lloyd Allstun, son of the late Charley Lloyd Allstun and Tina George Allstun, was born on September 2, 1935, in Dexter, Missouri and departed this life on May 14, 2022, at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 86 years.

Mr. Allstun was a former mechanic for the Massey Ferguson dealership, and a former farmer. He was a member of the Dexter Church of Christ and a resident of Dexter, Missouri.

He is survived by two brothers, Franklin Allstun of Dexter, and Leon Allstun and wife Myrtle of Dexter; by his sister, Lorene Marie Ward and husband Jim of Dexter; and by several nieces and nephews.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Raymond Glen Allstun and Carl Edward Allstun; and by his sister-in-law, Verda May Allstun.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, May 16, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Interment will follow in the Armstead Dowdy Cemetery in rural Dexter, Missouri.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Marie "Nanie" Brown

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In Memory of Marie "Nanie" Brown

Marie "Nanie" Brown, daughter of the late Harry Rogers and Anna Farfalla Voss, was born on February 6, 1944, in Omaha, Nebraska, and departed this life on May 14, 2022, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 78 years.

Mrs. Brown was a homemaker and a resident of Dexter, Missouri. She enjoyed being on her family's car lots and working with the public.

She was previously married to the father of her children, Thomas Brown. She was later married to James Dale Myers who preceded her in death on May 21, 2021.

She is survived by two sons, Thomas Brown of Dexter, Missouri and Michael Brown and wife Jenny of Dexter, Missouri; by two daughters, Tammy Christian of Dexter, Missouri, and Lisa Brown of Dexter, Missouri, by her brother, Chuck Rogers of Laffe, Arkansas; by nine grandchildren, Katie Bryan, Kristina Craft, Kourtney Brown, Destiny Durham, Emily Brown, Kerigan Brady, Kristin Brown, Hayden Brown, and Gabrielle Brown; by six great-grandchildren, Alaina Christian, Haley Craft, Cole Craft, Jackson Durham, Kai Michael, and Kashton Gray and by two on the way, Kingston and Delaney.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, May 16, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. A graveside service will follow in the Hagy Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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