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In Memory of Wilma Arcena McGowen

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Wilma Arcena McGowen, 97, of Puxico, Missouri went to be with the Lord May 26, 2022, at Auburn Creek Assisted Living in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Wilma was born October 06, 1924 in Puxico, Missouri to the late Audrey Azel Allen and Dena Ann Hickman Allen.

She was united in marriage to Hubert “Dude” McGowen on December 05, 1940 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

Wilma was a member of Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church for 84 years, serving as clerk, Sunday School Teacher and many other areas. She played the piano entirely by ear, which she considered her heavenly gift. Wilma enjoyed gardening and brightening lives with her beautiful flowers. She loved quilting with her mother, and her children and grandchildren were gifted with special wedding quilts.

She is survived by two sons Jummy (Marsha) McGowen of Cape Girardeau, Missouri and Terry (Trish) McGowen of Puxico, Missouri; six grandchildren Brian (Peggy) McGowen of Puxico, Missouri, Drs. Sarah (Roy) Phillips of Lexington, South Carolina, Nan (Brad) Beaird of Columbia, Missouri, Brandon (Krystal) McGowen of Puxico, Missouri, Eric (Kristi) McGowen of Cape Girardeau, Missouri and Julie (Aaron) Kuehle of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; twelve great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents Audrey and Dena Allen; husband Hubert “Dude” McGowen; one son Dr. Sammy H. McGowen and three brothers Ralph, Everett and Elmer Allen. A host of family and friends also survive.

Visitation will be on Thursday June 02, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Puxico, Missouri.

Funeral Services will be held on Thursday June 02, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at Watkins and Sons Funeral Chapel in Puxico, Missouri with Rev. Gary Burns officiating and Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in charge of all arrangements.

Interment will follow directly after the service at Duck Creek Cemetery in Puxico, Missouri.

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In Memory of Mark Anthony Curran

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Mark Anthony Curran, son of Barbara and David Curran of Chesterfield, Missouri was born on February 19, 1969, in St. Louis, Missouri. He departed this life on May 26, 2022, at the age of 53.

Mark is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Ambre Curran of 29 years; children Zach and wife Amanda Curran, Madalyn and husband Alan Lockhart, and Jacob Curran; mother and father Barbara and David Curran; sibling David Curran and wife Michelle Curran; niece Maggie Curran and nephew Andrew and his wife Kailee Curran; sister-in-law Rhonda Curran; brother and sister-in-law Bruce and Lauren Starks and nephews Maurice, Colton, and Camden Starks; as well as his father and mother-in-law David and Cathy Mathis and several loving lifelong friends and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his sister Michele Curran, brother Steven Curran and nephew Xaiden Starks.

Mark Curran studied at Southeast Missouri University for his Bachelors degree and at East Central University to receive his masters. He worked as a Licensed Professional Counselor for 20 years and he loved helping others.

Mark loved to cheer on the Blues and Cardinals. He was very active in his Fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and enjoyed spending time with his brothers. He had a big heart for animals and loved to spend time outside with his dogs. His most favorite of all was spending time with his wife and kids. He will be forever remembered to many as the strongest person they knew and how he always lived his life to the fullest every single day.

Family Visitation will be held at the Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, June 4, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. The family is honoring Mark's wishes and is having a celebration of life at the River Ridge Winery in Scott City for family and friends on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

Memorials may be made through the Mark Curran's trust fund through Commerce Bank to help with medical expenses. Donations can be sent to 160 South Broadview, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 or sent through this donation link by **clicking HERE**. Any checks sent can be made out to 'Ambre Curran' or 'Ambre Curran Living Trust.'

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Rev. Donald Vernon Wells

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Rev. Donald Vernon Wells, son of the late Charles Donald Wells and Jeri Thornton Wells was born on April 11, 1940, in Mattoon, Illinois, and went to his heavenly home on Sunday, May 29, 2022, at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 82 years.

On August 22, 1964, in Mattoon, Illinois, he was united in marriage to Donna Decker and from there the journey began. After surrendering to the call of God upon his life he and Donna sold everything they had and made their way to Colorado Springs, Colorado, where Rev. Wells attended the Nazarene Bible College. After graduating seminary and for the next 46 years they committed to serving in pastoral ministry for various churches in Missouri and Illinois. He pastored the Nazarene Church in Bernie, Missouri, for almost 20 years and then after retiring he served as pastor of the Corner Gospel Church in Bernie, Missouri for another 7 years. After his second retirement he helped his son pastor at the First Pentecostal Church of Dexter, Missouri, where he was a member.

He loved being with his family and following a variety of sports. In his younger years Rev. Wells was also an avid runner. And the pride of his life were his six grandchildren.

He is survived by two sons, Gary Wells and wife Christy of Dexter, Missouri, and Jeff Wells and wife Tera of Dexter, Missouri; by his daughter, Jenny Wells of Bernie, Missouri; by his two brothers Steve Wells and wife Kathy of Aurora, Colorado, and Kenny Wells and wife Eileen of Phoenix, Arizona; by his four sisters, Judy Ingram of Palatine, Illinois, Carol Claxon and husband Roger of Champaign, Illinois, Marsha Dawson of Charleston, Illinois, and Jeri Kurkul of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; by his four granddaughters, Macie Wells, Taylor Montgomery and husband Brett, Kaeli Wells, Mikalyn Kirkwood; by his two grandsons, Riley Wells and Tyler Wells.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, David Wells and Jimmy Wells.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie on Thursday, June 2, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, June 3, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Kenneth Harper and Rev. Jeff Wells officiating.

Interment will follow in the Bernie Cemetery in Bernie.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Sherry Ann Curtis Jines

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In Memory of Sherry Ann Curtis Jines

Sherry Ann Curtis Jines passed away at her home in Dexter, Missouri, on Friday, May 27, 2022, at the age of 71 years.

She was born in Gideon, Missouri, on December 27, 1950. Sherry was married to Gary Jines in April of 1979 in Risco, Missouri. She was the Executive Director of the Stoddard County ARC in Dexter, working for them for 29 years until her passing. She was a member of the Dexter Elks Lodge #2439.

Sherry was preceded in death by her mother and father, Ruby and Leslie Curtis; by her brother, Albert Lee Curtis; by her sister, Carolyn Spring; by her husband, Gary Jines; and by her son, Michael Jines.

She is survived by her son, Bobby Morley (Barbara Hill) of Lake City, Arkansas; by four brothers, Larry Curtis (Sharon) of Decatur, Michigan, Garry Curtis, Jay Curtis, and Myles Curtis, all of Malden, Missouri; by her granddaughter, Kacie Hill; by two grandsons, Jeremy Hill, and Chase Taylor; by her best friend, Paula Tilmon; and by many nieces, nephews, friends, and co-workers.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Steve Fitzpatrick officiating.

Interment will follow in the Rosewood Cemetery in Malden.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Barbara Jean Owens

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In Memory of Barbara Jean Owens

Barbara Jean Owens, daughter of the late Earl Slaughter and Pauline Kester Slaughter, was born on July 15, 1947, in Dexter, Missouri, and departed this life on May 27, 2022, at her residence in Dexter at the age of 74 years.

Mrs. Owens was a member of the First Christian Church in Dexter, and she was a homemaker.

On June 27, 1964, in Dexter, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Wayne Owens. Mr. Owens survives of their home in Dexter.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, Ken Owens and wife Shannon of Dexter, Missouri; and Brian Owens of Dexter, Missouri; by her daughter, Kim Greer and husband Tracy of Sedalia, Missouri; by her sister, Shirley Medlin of Wappapello, Missouri; by seven grandchildren, Thad Owens, Spencer Owens, Jessica Greer, Jacqueline Greer, Olivia Johnson, Taylor Hutson, and Katelynn Owens; and by her great-grandchild, Parker Greer.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Earl Slaughter, and by her sister, Margaret Ward.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Mike Williams officiating.

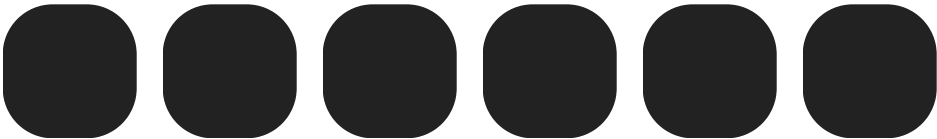
Interment will follow in the Hagy Cemetery in Dexter.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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