Obituaries



In Memory of Marvin Aquilla Garner

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In Memory of Marvin Aquilla Garner

Marvin Aquilla Garner of Dexter, Missouri was born in Dexter on March 8, 1934, and passed from this life on Monday August 15, 2022 at 9:34 PM, at the age of 88 years. Marvin was a faithful member of the Dexter church of Christ. He spent many years both in Greenville, IL, and Dexter teaching Bible classes, preaching, serving as an elder (Greenville), involved in mission work in Africa, Mexico, and India, and generously supporting missions, orphans, Christian education, and individuals.

Marvin was preceded in death by his parents: Robert A Garner and Cora Lee (DeArman) Garner; brothers: Lewis, Lester, Ivan, Hubert, Chester, Robert, Larry, and Loyd Garner; sisters: Myrl Cook, Emma Stallion, Norma Grubbs, and Maxine Gillis.

Marvin is survived by his wife Evelyn of the home, along with daughter Sandra Lynn (Garner) Richey (husband Paul) of Dexter, son James David Garner of Greenville, IL; grandchildren: Neil Richey (wife Emily), Clint Richey (wife Abbie), granddaughter Elaine Dodd (husband Will); great-grandchildren: Peyton, Rebekah, Harper, Hayden, Mac, Gwyn, Reagan, and Weston; along with many nephews, nieces, cousins, other family and friends.

Marvin graduated from Dexter High School in 1952, after which, he spent two years working at and managing a dairy processing plant in Poplar Bluff; during which time he made the decision to attend Harding College and study chemistry and mathematics. After a year at Harding, Marvin married Evelyn Jane Thomen of Dexter on June 4, 1955. During their time at Harding, Marvin helped establish and served as Plant Manager for

College Farm Dairy (owned and operated by Harding). They completed their time at Harding with Marvin graduating in May 1959, with his BS in Chemistry and minor in mathematics. After graduation he took some additional courses in education from Arkansas State and Harding. He then began teaching chemistry and mathematics at Charles G. Ross High School near Hayti. After teaching for a couple of years, Marvin decided to focus on a career in in the food processing industry. He and Evelyn moved to Greenville, IL; where he began work in food research for Pet, Inc. While working for Pet, Marvin and Evelyn adopted their two children (Sandra and James). In their spare time, they farmed and developed a sub-division (Lakeview Estates) on the lake where they lived. After his work at Pet, Marvin worked as Director of Research for Universal Flavors and Vitex America. Then the big move in 1983; he started his own food company (Garner Creative Products) and became a primary supplier to prisons and other institutions in Illinois, Missouri, and Wisconsin. Then in 2000, Marvin sold the company and he and Evelyn returned to Dexter; where they built a house on the exact location of the house where he grew up.

Throughout the years in Greenville, he loved and raised his two precious children; engaging in various activities of encouragement and support for them as they grew and matured into adults. Marvin's love for Sandra and James was only surpassed by his love for Evelyn and his God.

We will miss you Marvin..... loving husband and Dad!

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In Memory of Faye Spencer

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In Memory of Faye Spencer

Faye Spencer, daughter of the late Almer Hudgins and Ava Lorene Jones, was born on April 2, 1948, in St. Louis, Missouri, and departed this life on August 16, 2022, at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 74 years.

Ms. Spencer was a former pharmacy technician who enjoyed old movies and tv and was a voracious reader. She grew up in St. Louis city but chose to relocate to Dexter in her retirement to be closer to family there.

She is survived by her daughter, Ava Spencer of St. Louis, Missouri.

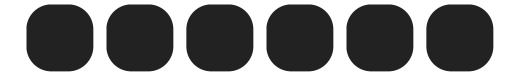
Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, August 20, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

A memorial service will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel at 6:00 p.m.

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In Memory of Richard Terry William Sugg

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In Memory of Richard Terry William Sugg

Richard Terry William Sugg of Dexter Missouri, son of the late Finis and Margie Alice (Cosey) Sugg was born April 30, 1945 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and went to be with the Lord on August 13, 2022, passing peacefully at his home in Dexter, Missouri due to cancer at the age of 77.

Richard loved anything outdoors, gold and gem digging, metal detecting, hunting, fishing, camping no matter the weather. He enjoyed listening and playing music. Richard played many instruments and sang beautifully along with his siblings at every family gathering.

Richard was united in marriage to Lillian Janice Reese on December 26, 1964. Mrs. Sugg survives the home. Together they had three children, Kayeela Sugg of Dexter, Missouri, Margie Moore (Karl) of Goodman, Missouri, Cynthia Sugg of Dexter, Missouri; five grandchildren, Paige Sugg; Matt (Bridgett) Moore; Eric (Katey) Moore; Chantelle (Shannon) Middleton; Dustin Sugg; three great grandchildren Klayton Moore; Eli Middleton; Joni K. Duncan; three sisters Katricia Russell of Potosi, Missouri; Suzann (David) Marmillion of Monroe, Lousiana; Sheri Hancock of Dexter, Missouri. A host of family and friends also survive.

The family would like to Thank the many family and friends that gave so much love and support during this difficult time.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents; one brother John Sugg.

Memorials may be made to Shriner's Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri, in Honor of Richard Sugg.

Memorial service will be held Friday, August 19, 2022 at 6 P.M. at the First Christian Church in Dexter, Missouri with Watkins And Sons Funeral Service of Dexter assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Rev. Dr. Thomas N Bass

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In Memory of Rev. Dr. Thomas N Bass

Rev. Dr. Thomas N Bass, 85, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at his residence.

He was well-known throughout the region as the "Bishop of Southeast Missouri" and served as a minister of the Presbyterian Church USA for 62 years.

Rev. Bass attended the Austin Theological Presbyterian Seminary, was ordained in 1962, and served churches in Clarkton, Parma, Cape Girardeau, Sikeston, Perryville, Marble Hill and Dexter, Missouri before serving in Monroe, Iowa for five years. He started the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Cape Girardeau and was pastor there for two years before taking a leave from the ministry to work for Carl Penzel Construction in building Interstate 55. He was pastor of Hunter Memorial Presbyterian Church in Sikeston, serving as Scoutmaster of the Sea Scouts and took the unit to competitions in Pensacola, FL, and the Naval Station in the Great Lakes, often bringing home first place.

In 1995, he married Mary Lou Walters, and served the First Presbyterian Church in Perryville and Brazeau, MO. He retired from the ministry in 2000 and began working for the Presbyterian Children's' Home in Farmington, MO. Realizing that his love for the ministry far outweighed his love for fund-raising, he served as Pulpit Supply in area churches, and finally in Dexter and Marble Hill. He Served there for 17 years and conducted services until three weeks before his death.

Tom was an excellent cross-stitcher and enjoyed working crossword and Sudoku puzzles and was always ready to help Mary Lou with her crafts. He loved Civil War history and loved to travel.

He was born September 7, 1936 to Linus and Helen Bass in Shreveport, LA. He was previously married to the late Mary Jo Ware. He and Mary Lou Bass were married on July 29, 1995, in Slidell, LA.

Survivors include sons; Ben (Alicia) Bass of St Louis, MO, Darren (Kristen) Walters of Overland Park, KS; Daughter, Kelley (Mike) Connors of Chaffee, MO; Eleven grandchildren; Erin (Jeremy) Kilpatrick of Birmingham, AL, Matt (Bri) Bass of Atlanta, GA, Kelsey (Saje) Bird, and Sean Miller of Ogden, UT, Shannon (Tim) Ryan of Las Vegas, NV, Jared and Josh Pipkin of Nashville, TN, Teague Walters of Indianapolis, IN, Kaitlyn, Caden, and Megan Walters of Overland Park, KS; and six great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife Mary Jo Ware; Daughter, Amy (Dennis) Miller; Brother, Robert Bass; and his parents.

Visitation will be 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Saturday, August 13, 2022 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau Funeral Service will be at 4:00 pm Sunday, August 14, 2022 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Steve Moody officiating Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park in Cape Girardeau August 22, 2022 at 11:00 am.

Memorial contributions may be given to Presbyterian Home in Farmington, MO or the charity of your choice.

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In Memory of Paul Edward (Pops) Slagley

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In Memory of Paul Edward(Pops) Slagley

Paul Edward (Pops) Slagley of Bloomfield Missouri, son of the late Truman and Oneida (Fasnacht) Slagley was born October 15, 1943 in Arcola, Illinois and passed from this life on August 13, 2022 in Sikeston, Missouri at the age of 78.

Paul lived around the Bloomfield area most of his life. He had also lived in East Saint Louis, Missouri and Centralia, Illinois. He was a retired truck driver, a former Mason and was of the Baptist Faith.

Paul is survived by two sons Richard Lee (Kathleen) Slagley of Dexter, Missouri, Jeffrey Wayne (Cindy) Slagley of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; two sisters Wanda Roberson of Marshall, Illinois; Vivian Kelly of Centralia, Illinois; six grandchildren; Megan Collier of Jackson, Missouri; Jenny Latham of Advance, Missouri; Alicia (Nick) Koehn of Fort

Scott, Kansas; Tonya Kennedy of Dyersburg, Tennessee and Caleigh (Sam) Sulcer of Milan, Tennessee; six great grandchildren with one more on the way; A host of family and friends also survive.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers Norman, Billy, Virgil and Vernon Slagely; two sisters Eldina Connely and Mary Blankenship; one grand-daughter Trisha Slagley.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, August 20, 2022 from 11 A.M. till 1 P.M. until the time of service at the Watkins And Sons Funeral Home in Bloomfield, Missouri.

Funeral service will be held Saturday, August 20, 2022 at 1 P.M. at the Watkins And Sons Funeral Home in Bloomfield, Missouri with Pastor Mike Lee of Bloomfield officiating.

Interment will follow at Gravel Hill Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with Watkins And Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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