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In Memory of James Alan Jarrell

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In Memory of James Alan Jarrell

James Alan Jarrell of Bloomfield, Missouri the son of the late LD and Nellie W. (Layton) Jarrell was born in Bloomfield, Missouri, on January 15, 1956, and passed away on September 21, 2022, at the age of 66 years.

James lived in the Bloomfield area all of his life and was of the Baptist Faith. He loved fishing and hunting, loved being outdoors and trading vehicles. James also loved spending time with his grandkids.

He was united in marriage to Susan Diane (Nelson) in 1988 in Bloomfield, Missouri. James is survived by his wife; two sons, Robert Don Christian of Dexter, Missouri, Don (Freda Mae) Christian of Jackson, Missouri; three daughters, Christal (Matt) Thomas of O'Fallon, Missouri, Christi (Martin) Bass of Dexter, Missouri, and Lori (Billy) Anderson of Dexter, Missouri; eleven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers, Larry (Tina) Jarrell of Puxico, Missouri, Clifton (Kathy) Jarrell of Sikeston, Missouri; three sisters, Ellen Clifton of Bernie, Missouri, Linda Jarrell of Sikeston, Missouri, and Debbie (Roy) Pullum of Dexter, Missouri. A host of family and friends also survive.

James was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held on Monday, September 26, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

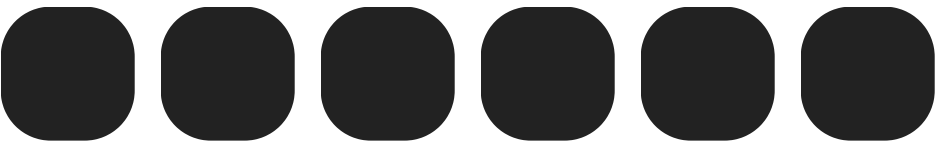
Funeral Service will be held on Monday, September 26, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at Watkins and Sons Funeral Chapel in Dexter, Missouri with Pastor John McCain of Bloomfield,

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

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In Memory of Irene “Sidder” Smith Jordan

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In Memory of Irene “Sidder” Smith Jordan

Irene “Sidder” Smith Jordan, daughter of the late Arthur Lee Smith and Elma Rogers Smith, was born on April 8, 1932, in Essex, Missouri, and departed this life on September 21, 2022, at Winchester Nursing Center, in Bernie, Missouri, at the age of 90 years.

Mrs. Jordan was a former employee of the State of Missouri, working at the Regional Center in Sikeston. She was a member of Risen Church in Dexter, a former resident of Gray Ridge and Dexter, and for several years, she enjoyed living at Central Gardens in Dexter. She enjoyed writing poetry for her family and friends.

On September 26, 1948, near Essex, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Rev. Henry Jordan. Rev. Jordan preceded her in death on November 22, 1999. For 50 years, Rev. and Mrs. Jordan pastored various General Baptist Churches including Parma, White Oak, Gray Ridge, New Bethel, Morehouse, Boyd, and Liberty Hill.

She is survived by her son, Roger Jordan and wife Janet of Dexter, Missouri; by her daughter, Janet Benson and husband Steve of Lawrenceville, Illinois; by eight grandchildren, Ben Worley and wife Belinda, Curt Benson and wife Jessica, Brooke Lockhart and husband Luke, Terry Anderson and wife Nannette, Deborah Gill and husband Paul, Jamie Curtis and husband Kenny, Jason Alsup and wife Jill, and Megan Hueckel and husband Jeffrey; and by twenty great-grandchildren.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Ricky Michael Jordan; by four brothers, Robert Smith, Carl Smith, Louis Smith, and Arthur Lee Smith; and by her sister, Ilene Worth.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, September 25, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Sunday, September 25, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Old Essex Cemetery.

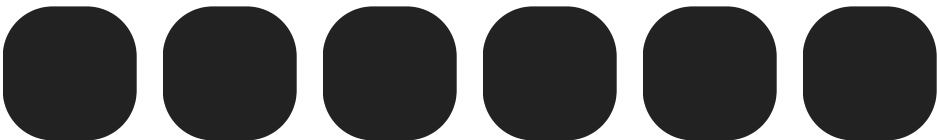
Memorials may be made to The Lunch Box, 23 W Stoddard Street, Dexter, MO 63841 or The Stoddard County Gospel Mission, PO Box 305, Dexter, MO 63841.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Ollie Clinton Ozbun, Jr

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In Memory of Ollie Clinton Ozbun, Jr

Ollie Clinton Ozbun, Jr. went home to Jesus on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at age 85 at the Flo & Phil Jones Hospice House in Jonesboro, Arkansas. He was surrounded by family as he peacefully passed away after a short hospital stay. We are heartbroken to lose him but know he is in Heaven.

“Junior” was born to Ollie Clinton, Sr. and Dora Mae (Woods) Ozbun on April 27, 1937 in Bono, Arkansas.

Junior met his wife, Virginia Shrum, in 1950 at Allen Island school in Senath, Missouri. They married September 5, 1958 (recently celebrating their 64th wedding anniversary) and went on to have four children: Sandra Ozbun; Clint (Lisa) Ozbun of Doniphan, Missouri; Dana (John) Stillwagon of Bolivar; and Leanne (Garry) Brady of Dexter. In 1969, the family moved from Senath to Doniphan.

In addition to being a dedicated and loving father, Junior also loved time with family and watching his children and grandchildren play sports. He enjoyed fishing, especially the years on Lake Okeechobee, gardening, as well as singing and playing the guitar. He could ‘fix’ or build nearly anything you could think of and would ‘calculate’ in his head quicker than most with a calculator. Throughout Junior’s adult life, he held an unwavering faith in God, which he shared with those who surrounded him.

Junior worked at several jobs throughout his life which included: cutting timber and floating cypress logs in chest high water in Senath, working for a refrigeration company in St. Louis, harvesting wheat for a few years from Texas to Montana, and for over 45 years until he retired, he owned/operated Ozbun’s Garage & Auto Parts in Doniphan.

Junior joins his daughter Sandra in Heaven. He was also preceded in death by his parents and his siblings: Dan (Wanda) Ozbun; Barbara (James) Moore; Donald (Shirley) Ozbun; Cleo (Teddi) Ozbun.

He is survived by his brothers: Eugene (Margaret) Ozbun and Richard (Beverly) Ozbun, both of Senath. Junior is also survived by his grandchildren: Rachel (Josh) Tesreau of Owensboro, Kentucky; Amy (Zack) Spink of Pocahontas, Arkansas; Bradley (Angela) Stillwagon of Kansas City; Conner (Madalyn) Stillwagon of Springfield; Jennifer Stillwagon of Bolivar; Destiny (Jake) Durham of Haughton, Louisiana; and Kerigan Brady of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

He is survived by his great-grandchildren: Jackson Durham of Haughton, Louisiana; Delaney Spink of Pocahontas, Arkansas; Isaac Stillwagon of Springfield; Delaney Durham (due in October 2022); Baby Stillwagon (due in March 2023). He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Services will be held, Saturday, September 24, at First Baptist Church, Doniphan, Missouri by Edwards Funeral Home. Visitation begins at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Celebration of Life service at 1:00 p.m. officiated by Monty Flanigan. Burial will follow at Doniphan Cemetery.

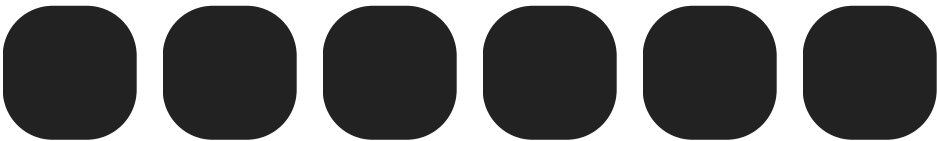
In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to:

Arkansas State University, Baptist Collegiate Ministry, P.O. Box 730, State University, AR 72467 Attn: Sandy Ozbun Christian Speaker Fund

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In Memory of Norma Lee Murdock

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In Memory of Norma Lee Murdock

Norma Lee Murdock, 83, of Doniphan, Missouri passed away, September 20, 2022 in the Current River Nursing Center. She was born June 25, 1939 at Naylor, Missouri to the late Benjamin and Zada "Carnell" Fowler.

On January 4, 1974 She was married to Jim Murdock at Poplar Bluff, Missouri. He survives.

Also surviving; Her children, Diane Sluhan and husband Gary of Fenton, Missouri, Angel Belanger of Doniphan, Missouri, Tony Murdock and wife Dana of Naylor, Missouri, Steve Murdock and wife Sheila of Dexter, Missouri, as well as eleven grandchildren and several great grandchildren and great great great grandchildren also survive.

She is preceded in death by her parents as well as two sons, Michael Woods and Kim Murdock. and one sister, Joyce Armour.

She was the Owner and operator of Norma's Hairstyles and enjoyed going to flea markets, yards sales, arts and crafts and spending time with her family and doing hair.

There will a graveside service for Norma, September 25, 2022 starting at 2:00 p.m. in the Naylor Memorial Cemetery, at Naylor, Missouri.

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In Memory of Vera Mae Swallows

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In Memory of Vera Mae Swallows

Vera Mae Swallows, daughter of the late Charles Winchester and Dora Mesey Winchester, was born on July 29, 1954, in St. Louis, Missouri, and departed this life on September 16, 2022, in Wappapello, Missouri at the age of 68 years.

Mrs. Swallows was a former employee of Unilever in Sikeston and a resident of Dexter, Missouri.

On December 29, 1995, in Matthews, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Allen Swallows. Mr. Swallows survives of their home in Dexter.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, Travis Swallows of Dayton, Ohio, and Jeff Swallows of Dudley, Missouri; by her brother, Charlie Winchester of Marble Hill, Missouri; by three sisters, Vicky Cook of Whitewater, Missouri, Sharon Winchester of Jackson, Missouri, and Brenda Hinkebein of Benton, Kentucky; and by three grandchildren, Bradley Swallows, Alana Swallows, and Cole Swallows.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her grandson, Jeffery Allen Swallows; by two brothers, Gill Hopson, and Joe Winchester; and by four sisters, Bonnie

Henry, Pat Drehere, Anita Bradley, and Carol McGraw.

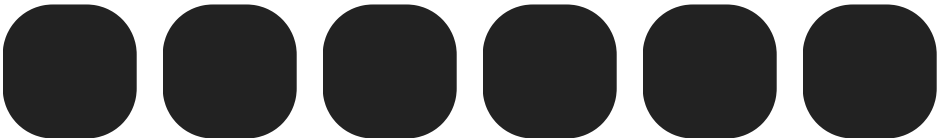
Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, September 24, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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