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James L Darby, 95, formerly of Dexter, passed away on Thursday, December 22, 2022 at the Missouri Veterans Home in Cape Girardeau. James was born near Essex on January 14, 1927 to Grace M. Grim Darby and John “Albert” Darby.

James graduated from Essex High School then served in the Army from 1945-46. He married Margrite Moore on January 31, 1947 and she preceded him in death on October 14, 2001. He later married Pansy Link on January 18, 2003. Pansy died on April 17, 2020.

He had worked at many jobs over the years, but he officially retired after 25 years at International Hat Factory. After retirement he enjoyed doing various odd jobs for people.

He loved to go fishing and camping, especially at Clearwater. Before the nursing home he loved playing Dominos with family and friends. At the Veterans Home he enjoyed Bingo and very seldom missed a game. He seemed to always be lucky and would brag about how much he won.

James attended New Bethel General Baptist Church in Dexter

Survivors include son, Jerry Darby of Malden, daughter, Paula (Richard) Holekamp, of Jackson, MO, one sister, Virginia Weiher of St. Charles and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wives, his daughter in law, Susan Darby and his sister, Dorothy Farrar.

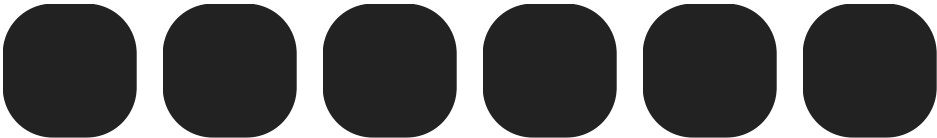
Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, December 27, 2022, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with the funeral following at 11:30 with Rev. Jerry Darby officiating. Burial will be at Essex Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Missouri Veterans Home Foundation, 2400 Veterans Memorial Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 to their activities/bingo fund.

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