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In Memory of Alfred Gary Davis

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In Memory of Alfred Gary Davis

Alfred Gary Davis, son of the late Alfred James “A.J.” and Catherine Idell Metheny Davis, was born January 15, 1939 in Deventer, Missouri and departed this life on May 24, 2023 at St. Francis Medical Center.

He grew up on the family farm just a few miles outside of town and graduated from East Prairie High School in 1956. On November 29, 1958, at the First Church of God in East Prairie, he married Barbara Joan Fennema Davis, who survives of the home. They had 64 wonderful years of marriage.

Over the years, Gary was involved with youth sports, the Nutrition Center, the East Prairie Museum, City Park Board, Boy Scouts, and the First Church of God. Starting with youth sports when his own children were young, he coached various levels of baseball teams. Not only did he serve as the coach of the teams, he was often found preparing the ball fields by dragging and lining them. He organized game schedules, umpires and referees, and even the concession stand. In 1978, he coached the 13-year-old Mississippi County All-Stars to a District Championship and to second place in the state play-offs. Even after his own children were grown, he continued to support the community sports teams as a member of the City Park Board. Establishing the budget and ordering materials were just part of his job. He organized sign-ups for various sports, watched over and helped to maintain the fields and equipment, and, generally, kept the parks running. There were times when he managed the fish in the pond and kept an eye on the visiting ducks and their eggs. Sometimes, he treated his wife, Barbara, to an ice cream and drove with her by the parks to just “check on things”. He was always a great supporter of the school teams and cheered the local kids on at football, basketball, and baseball games. They may not have realized it, but he was as proud of them as he could be and often worried and bragged on them as if they were his own. When his sons and nephews were in the Cub and Boy Scouts, he served as a troop leader. During those years, the troops attended a week-long camp and travelled to Washington, D.C.

Since retiring from a long career as a truck driver and owner-operator of Davis Express, LLC, he served on the Nutrition Center Board and worked with the town museum. He opened the museum to visitors and made sure it was in good condition. This allowed him to share his knowledge of our area and gave

him the opportunity to learn even more about our local history from the visitors. He was also an active member of The First Church of God. His involvement included helping to build and remodel The Family Life Center, rolling Easter Eggs, serving church and funeral dinners and being an usher. He even acted in the church plays. Volunteering as one of Santa's helpers by portraying Santa for several years for families, schools, organizations, and his church was another activity that he enjoyed. His love for children and bringing them joy was evident in how his eyes sparkled when he was their Santa.

Gary and Barbara have five children, Cyndi (Kevin) Maynard of East Prairie, Gary (Faydreia) Davis of Steele, Missouri, Pamela (David) Gilliland of Thayer, Missouri, Gregg (Liz) Davis of Louisville, Kentucky, and Darrin (Lynn) Davis of East Prairie. He is also survived by a granddaughter, Nikki Lichtenegger, and a special niece and nephew, Debbie (Willy) Wood, Jan (Melinda) Schramm, and Jon Schramm, that he helped to raise. They are also the proud grandparents of 20, great-grandparents of 20, and great-great-grandparents of 1. His only sister, Susie Hutcheson of East Prairie, also survives him.

PawPaw was always one of his grandchildren's biggest cheerleaders. He spent countless hours supporting them in all of their activities including flying to Arizona to see his youngest grandson play ball (and he hated flying)! When his travels became more limited, PawPaw loved to watch the photos of his family, mainly those of the great-grandchildren, sent to his Nixplay. He would always let us know what he loved about the new ones that were sent. As many of you may know, he had a talent for joke telling that would make you a bit cautious awaiting the ending, but always made you laugh; he could sing and dance the most special song for toddlers and small children, and he cooked the best french fries (no one can match them). His Big Breakfast for Christmas morning was simple but holds the most special memories for all of his family. What truly made him extra special was that he had the most precious heart for all those around him and his sense of humor was only out-shined by his smile and wonderful laugh and his love for his family and community. His final act of kindness to others was to donate to the Mid-America Transplant System of St. Louis.

Visitation will be held Friday June 2, 2023, at the First Church of God in East Prairie from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday June 3, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Church of God with Pastor Dawn Walters officiating. Interment will follow at Dogwood Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the First Church of God of East Prairie.

Mathis Funeral Home assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Shirley Ann Smyth

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In Memory of Shirley Ann Smyth

Shirley Ann Smyth, daughter of the late Dee Robinson and Grace Carter Robinson, was born October 23, 1936 in Knobel, Arkansas, and passed peacefully from her home in O'Fallon, Missouri, into her heavenly home on April 12, 2023.

Ann moved with her family to Dexter when she was a young girl, was a member of First Baptist Church, Dexter, and graduated from Dexter High School in 1954. She married Jimmie Lee Smyth of Dexter on November 6, 1955. The couple moved throughout the state, returning to Cape Girardeau in 1973 and retiring to Dexter in 1989.

Mrs. Smyth had a strong love for Jesus, family and friends. She had the gift of hospitality and there was always room for more to gather around her table. She was an active leader in her church and the activities of her children. Ann served with the Southeast Hospital Ladies Auxiliary and was a member of PEO. She worked as a secretary at the University of Missouri, Rolla and at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Cape.

Ann is survived by two sons, Craig Smyth (Kristina) and Michael Smyth (Cecilia) both of St. Charles, Missouri; daughter Linda Smyth Simpkins (Jim) of Louisville, Kentucky; sister June Horton (John) of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; nine grandchildren, Tom Smyth, Kelli Smyth Barry (Shawn), Tim Lattimer (Jennifer), Courtney Simpkins, Shelby Simpkins Brainard (Max), Esteven Espinosa, Leann Smyth, Lisa Smyth and Jimmie Smyth; five great grandchildren, Abby Smyth, Lincoln and Emmerson Barry, and Miles

and Jeremiah Lattimer.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jimmie Lee Smyth; sister, Mary Ellen Blankenship; and three brothers Tommy, Carter and Jim Robinson.

Donations in memory of Ann can be made to the First Christian Church, 224 Stoddard Street, Dexter, MO 63841

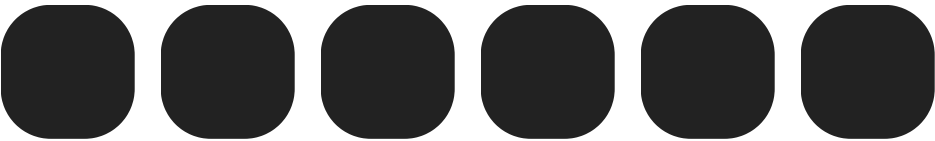
Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri, on Friday, May 26, 2023, at 10 a.m. prior to a memorial service at 11 a.m. with Rev Mike Williams officiating. Interment at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri, will follow.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Charles Raymond Saunders Jr.

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In Memory of Charles Raymond Saunders Jr.

Charles Raymond Saunders Jr., son of Jackie Craelius Switzer of Lake Havasu City, Arizona, and the late Charles Saunders Sr., was born on August 21, 1957, in Olney Maryland, and departed this life on May 23, 2023, at his residence in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 65 years.

Mr. Saunders was a Veteran of the United States Army, serving in Vietnam, and he was a construction superintendent. He enjoyed geology, playing slot machines, drawing, and traveling.

On February 11, 2006, in La Plata, Maryland, he was united in marriage to Tara McAdams. Mrs. Saunders survives of their home in Dexter.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by two sons, Christian Saario of Springville, California, and Jordan Saario of Dexter, Missouri; by two daughters, Sydney Saunders of Dexter, Missouri, and Riley “Buttercup” Bohac of Newburg, Maryland; and by his sister, Breann Bohac of Newburg, Maryland.

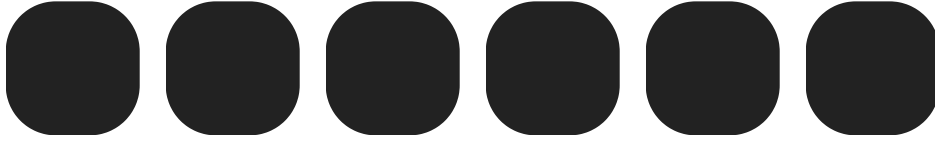
Other than by his father, he was preceded in death by his brother, Andrew Beaman.

No services are planned.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Will Henry Warren

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In Memory of Will Henry Warren

Will Henry Warren of Puxico, Missouri, the son of George Marshall and Sarah Marie (Payton) Warren went to be with the Lord on May 18, 2023.

Will is survived by his parents; one brother, Chester Payton; two sisters, Lilly and Willow Warren; paternal grandparents, Jim and Karen Warren of Dexter, Missouri and maternal grandparents, Larry and Lisa Payton of Puxico, Missouri. A host of family and friends also survive.

Will was preceded in death by one sister Clementine Grace Warren.

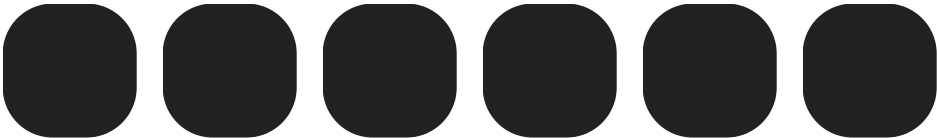
Graveside service will be held Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. at the Puxico Cemetery in Puxico, Missouri with Pastor Justin Miller of Puxico, Missouri, officiating.

Interment will follow in the Puxico Cemetery in Puxico, Missouri, with Watkins And Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of all Arrangements.

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In Memory of Geraldine Long

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Geraldine Long, daughter of the late Robert Wilson and Bessie Link Wilson, was born on September 2, 1925, in rural Bloomfield, Missouri, and departed this life on May 20, 2023, at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 97 years.

Mrs. Long was a homemaker and worked on the family farm with her husband. She had attended First General Baptist Church in Bloomfield, Missouri and First Baptist Church in

Dexter, Missouri, and was a resident of Dexter.

On August 20, 1944, in Piggott, Arkansas, she was united in marriage to Charles Hudson Long. Mr. Long preceded her in death on July 10, 2011.

She is survived by two sons, Charles Long and wife Sue and Randy Long, all of Dexter, Missouri; by three daughters, Helen Lang of Dexter, Missouri, Pamela Long of Sedgewickville, Missouri, and Rebecca Long of Punta Gorda, Florida; and by six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and six great-great grandchildren.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Earnest Wilson and Floyd Wilson; and by her sister, Marie Evans.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, May 25, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Ronnie Stevens officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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