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In Memory of Edward Eugene Lemons

JUNE 23RD 2023 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Edward Eugene Lemons

Edward Eugene Lemons of Bloomfield, Missouri, the son of the late Ameal M. and Wanda Louise (Cradduck) Lemons was born near Circle City, Missouri, on November 21, 1948, and passed from this life peacefully at his home in Bloomfield on June 21, 2023, at the age of 74 years.

Edward lived in the Southeast Missouri area a majority of his life, but also lived in St. Louis and many years in the Greenville, Missouri area. Edward was a proud U.S. Army Veteran, and a member of the Lighthouse Christian Center in Dexter, Missouri. Edward was an American Legion Member and a Member of the Automotive UAW. He spent many years working on an assembly line for Chrysler Automotive Line.

He married Judith "Judy" Rodgers on December 24, 1981 in Puxico, Missouri.

He is survived by his wife of the home; two sons, Ronald Lemons of Dexter, Missouri; Bradley Lemons of Oak Grove, Louisiana; two daughters, Jeannie (Mike) Triplett of Dexter, Missouri and Tammy Richardson of Oak Grove, Louisiana; two brothers, Ameal (Tracy) Lemons Jr. of Dexter; Ronnie (Wendy) Lemons of Oak Grove, Louisiana; six sisters, Linda Hyslip; Yvonne (Curtis) Crawford; Jane (Roger) McCullough; Dee Dee Hill; Jeanie (Rick) Baumann and Kim Chick; seven grandchildren; thirteen greatgrandchildren; two great-grandchildren; as well as a host of family and friends.

Edward was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Jimmy Glen Lemons.

Visitation will be held on Friday, June 23, 2023, from 5 p.m. till 8 p.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Chapel In Puxico, Missouri, with funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 24, 2023, with Pastor Tim Russell and Pastor Mike Triplett officiating.

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

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In Memory of Bill Judson Cox

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In Memory of Bill Judson Cox

Bill Judson Cox of Bloomfield, Missouri, son of the late Bob Morris and Pearl (Brandon) Cox was born on May 15, 1931, in New Madrid, Missouri, and passed from this life on June 16, 2023, at his home at the age of 92.

Bill was of the Baptist Faith and a member as well as a Sunday School Teacher at the First Baptist Church of Bloomfield, Missouri. Bill was a 32nd degree Mason of the Bloomfield Lodge number 153 A.F. & A.M. and also a member of the Bloomfield 385 Eastern Star Chapter. A former Bloomfield Park Member, an avid fisherman and also enjoyed woodworking. His greatest passion in life was spending time with his family. He worked for years in the insurance field.

Bill married the love of his life Mary Magdalene (Morgan) on November 21, 1949 in Piggott, Arkansas and remained married until her passing December 2, 2015.

Bill is survived by two sons Bruce Cox of Surprise, Arizona; Ron Cox of Bloomfield, Missouri; one daughter Deborah Cox of Jackson, Missouri; six grandchildren; ten great grandchildren and two great grandchildren as well as a host of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; four brothers and six sisters.

A graveside memorial service will be held on Thursday June 22, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. at the Dexter Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri with Pastor John McCain officiating with Watkins And Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Charlotte Lillian Winson

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In Memory of Charlotte Lillian Winson

Charlotte Lillian Winson of Bloomfield, Missouri, daughter of the late Claude P. and Alliene (Harris) Blount was born April 13, 1935, in DeKalb, Illinois, and passed from this life on June 14, 2023, in Puxico, Missouri, at the age of 88.

She has lived in this area since 2011. She had lived prior in the Shelbyville and DeKalb, Illinois, area. She was a member of the Master's Touch Pentecostal Church of Bloomfield.

Charlotte had many interests in her life like reading anything, word search puzzles, crossword, embroidering, keepin her house, but mainly loved spending time with her family. Charlotte never met a stranger and was a member of the VFW.

She is survived by two sons, Carl (Linda) Tudor of Bloomfield; Curtis Tudor of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; five daughters, Diana Gross, Laura Williamson, Teresa Groce and Ava (Jesse) Walker all of Indianapolis, Indiana; Virginia Simmons of Bloomfield, Missouri; several grand and great grandchildren; one brother, Eugene Eberly of Sycamore, Illinois; one sister, Eloise Westlake of St. Charles, Missouri; as well as a host of family and friends.

Charlotte was preceded in death by two brothers, her son Charles Bauer and a brother Joseph Eberly; four sisters, Betty Tewksbury, Evelyn Burger, Geraldine Butler and Marilyn.

Visitation service will be from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, with service to follow at the Watkins And Sons Funeral Chapel in Puxico, Missouri, with Pastor Tyler Wilkinson of Bloomfield officiating.

Interment will follow at the Puxico Cemetery in Puxico, Missouri, with Watkins and Sons Funeral of Dexter in charge of all arrangements.

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In Memory of Frances Sheehy Phillips

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In Memory of Frances Sheehy Phillips

Frances Sheehy Phillips, the eldest child of Charles Allen and Pearl Borden Sheehy, was born November 16, 1932. Her very full and successful life was completed on January 25, 2023.

Frances was married to the William A. "Bill" Phillips of Dexter, Missouri (preceded in death) and the mother of Connie Phillips Engelbrecht, Charlotte, North Carolina, Gary Dale Phillips (preceded in death) and James A. "Jim" Phillips, Orlando, Florida.

Mrs. Phillips, "The Teachers Teacher", for 27 years was a 5th grade teacher at Central School in Dexter, Missouri. She continued her dedication to the education field while she worked for the Missouri State Teachers Association as an advocate for the classroom teacher. She also enjoyed her Adjunct Professorship at her alma mater Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, Missouri, as well as Manatee Community College Bradenton, Florida and Keiser University, Sarasota, Florida.

Frances was a decades long member of the First Baptist Church of Dexter, Missouri where she loved teaching her Senior Ladies Sunday School Class and singing in the choir.

Grandmother and GG were 2 of her favorite titles. She loved sharing travel and adventures with her grandsons and great grandchildren: Michael Engelbrecht and Christine Bretz and their children Peter and Clara, Indian Trail, North Carolina, Mark and Kate Engelbrecht and their children Allen and June, Charlotte, North Carolina, as well as Bill Phillips and his son Liam of Sanford, North Carolina.

The Celebration of Life for Frances will be held on Wednesday June 21st at the Hickory Log in Dexter, Missouri at 10:30AM.

The family extends an invitation to all her friends from Dexter High School, First Baptist Church and the community.

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In Memory of Edward Lee Craigo

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In Memory of Edward Lee Craigo

Edward Lee Craigo, son of the late Arthur Earl Craigo Jr. and Margaret Lou Ellen Frazier Barnard, was born on May 24, 1969, in Elkhart, Indiana, and departed this life on June 16, 2023, at his residence in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 54 years.

Mr. Craigo was a former employee of Tyson Food in Dexter.

He is survived by his brother, Loyd Craigo in White Pigeon, Michigan; by five sisters, Angela Craigo of Elkhart, Indiana, Penny Ellis and husband Richard of Elkhart, Indiana, Beverly Chandler of Kokomo, Indiana, Tammy Marchant of Dexter, Missouri, and Rhonda Vanpelt of North Carolina; and by nine nieces and ten nephews.

No services are planned.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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