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In Memory of Emma Cook

JUNE 29TH 2023 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Emma Cook

Emma Cook, daughter of the late Ross Croy and late Allie McKinney Croy was born on October 25, 1931 in Advance, Missouri and departed this life on June 27, 2023, in O'Fallon, Illinois at the age of 91.

Emma had worked as a medical transcriptionist and was a resident of Fairview Heights, Illinois. She enjoyed reading, but her greatest joy was taking care of her many beloved pets, all of whom were waiting eagerly to welcome her into her new home when her life here was over.

She is survived by her daughter, Ginger Williams of Fairview Heights, Illinois; by her brother, Bertis Croy of St. Charles, Missouri; her sister, Bonnie Johns of Advance, Missouri; and by several beloved nieces and nephews.

Along with her parents and beloved pets, she was preceded in death by four brothers and three sisters.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, July 1, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter, Missouri. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

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In Memory of Nola Mae Swain

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In Memory of Nola Mae Swain

Nola Mae Swain, daughter of the late Cecil Willeford and Myrtle Hayes Willeford, was born on May 4, 1951, in Fisk, Missouri, and departed this life on June 23, 2023, at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri, at the age of 72 years.

Mrs. Swain was a homemaker and babysitter. She attended the Church of Christ in Fisk, Missouri, and was a resident of Broseley, Missouri. She enjoyed sewing, flowers, and watching lawn mowing shows on YouTube, and she loved taking care of kids and spending time with her family.

On January 16, 1971, in Fisk, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Dale Swain. Mr. Swain survives of their home in Broseley.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her son, Bryan Swain and fiancé Donna of Broseley, Missouri; by three daughters, Cassandria Swain of Dexter, Missouri, Erica Summerfield and husband Kevin of Doniphan, Missouri, and Kelly Whitlock and husband Tommy of Broseley, Missouri; by two brothers, Vernon Willeford and wife Charlene of Gray Summitt, Missouri, and Walter Willeford and wife Debbie of Broseley, Missouri, by two sisters, Linda Nelson and husband Ralph of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and Anita Kester of Bernie, Missouri; by thirteen grandchildren, Zackery Hicks and wife Ashleigh, Savannah Martin and husband Ronnie, Jeridan Swain-Goodman, Ryleigh Goodman, Jaxson Goodman, McKenna Summerfield, Austin Summerfield, Kole Whitlock and wife

Josie, Harli Robertson and husband Trent, Kaleb Whitlock, Brayden Whitlock, Rashayla Davis, and Diontay Davis; by nine great-grandchildren, Kylie Luck, Kendall Luck, Kennadie Hicks, Kamdon Hicks, Karter Hicks, Klyde Hicks, Kleo Hicks, Kash Whitlock, and Marcella Whitlock; and by several nieces and nephews

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Leonard Willeford and one in infancy.

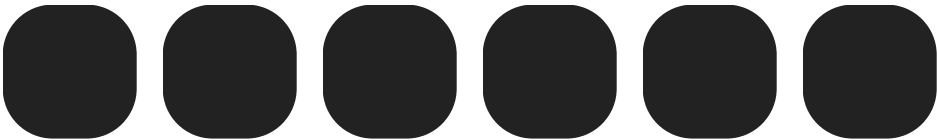
Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, June 30, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. A memorial service will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, June 30, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements..

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In Memory of Stetson Lee Hill

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In Memory of Stetson Lee Hill

Stetson Lee Hill, the son of Thomas Hill and Lexis Weber both of Dexter, Missouri was born on December 23, 2022 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and departed this life on June 23, 2023 at the age of six months.

The past six months with you in our lives, you brought so much joy and happiness to us. We will remember you forever

Other than by his parents, Stetson is survived by his brother, Grayson Weber of Dexter, Missouri; by his sister, Avah Hill of Dexter, Missouri; by his paternal grandparents, “Papa” James and “Gigi” Randi-Ann Hill of Dexter, Missouri; and by his maternal grandparents, “Papa” Derek and “Nana” April Sullivan of Dexter, Missouri; by his paternal great-grandmother, Dee Cash of Dexter, Missouri; and by his maternal grandfather, Steven Fugitt of Owensville, Missouri

Stetson was preceded in death by his paternal great grandparents, Lee and Linda Hill; and by his maternal great-grandmother, Donna Kay Williams.

A private funeral service is being planned for Stetson’s family and close friends.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting the family with arrangements.

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In Memory of Tony Allen Shaffer

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In Memory of Tony Allen Shaffer

Tony Allen Shaffer (8/1/1989) was the best Uncle (Amberlyn Mae Whitaker & Antonio Cruz McClendon) any kid could wish or hope for. He was also a pain in the butt! Oops we mean he was our son (Melleny and David Peacock & Joey and Jamie Whitaker), our brother (Danielle Whitaker), our nephew (Mark and Robyn Shaffer, Glyn Denkins and Julie Ritter, David and Robin Whitaker), our great nephew (Jerry Peacock) our cousin (Beth Shaffer, Marcy and Josh Kimbrel, Chrissy Whitaker and Nikki Garner), our grandchild (Jim and Lois Peacock including 2 sets who passed before) and our friend... thru thick and thin.

It's no secret Tony had schizophrenia and those of us who knew him through it all got Tony and Tony 2.0 and both parts of his life had its ups and downs. He always had a smile, helped anyone in need and complained about chores until the end. He was endlessly funny and hopelessly serious. When the dreamer died, the thoughtful more black and white thinker was born.

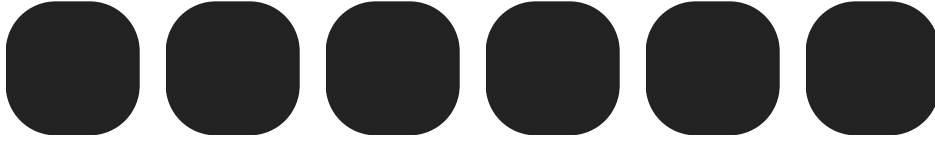
See, this isn't the first time I lost my son, it's just the first time I won't have him here to get to know again. I am gonna miss EVERYTHING about him. His laughter, our laughter, jokes, thoughts with endless conversation back and forth, Amberlyn and him bullying each other and being Antonio's buddy. One thing that was constant thru both Tony's was his insane ability to say no he didn't want to do something yet jumping right up to do it. I want to scream how unfair it was to lose a son twice (6/23/2023) but I also know how lucky we all were to have him.

No services are planned.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter are assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Linda Kay Lingle

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In Memory of Linda Kay Lingle

Linda Kay Lingle, daughter of the late Bob and Betty Baker Massie, was born on September 3, 1949 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri and departed this life on June 24, 2023 at her residence in Bloomfield, Missouri at the age of 73.

Linda was a teacher of thirty-three years at Bloomfield Public Schools, primarily spending those years in 2nd grade and then in 5th grade. Educating children and working within the school district was her life. She was proud to be a Wildcat. Linda was a long-time member of First Baptist Church in Dexter and later an attender of Liberty Hill General Baptist Church in Aid.

She is survived by her son, Clifton Lingle and wife Vanessa of Locust Grove, Virginia; by her daughter, Penny Stevens and husband Greg of Bloomfield, Missouri; by her sister Anita Massie of Ellington, Missouri; by her grandchildren, Brenden Lingle, Dustin Lingle, Caitlyn Lingle, Benjamin Stevens and Sarah Stevens.

The family would like to acknowledge her caretakers, who watched over her in her final days. Knowing their mother had individuals who treated her like family and took care of her every need was a great

comfort to them. Those special individuals are Ashley McCants, Bobbie McAlister, and Brandye Watson. Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Kenny Massie.

Visitation will be held on Monday, June 26, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, June 26, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel with Pastor Joe Payne officiating.

Interment will follow in the Ellington City Cemetery.

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