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In Memory of Larry Gene Brown

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On Tuesday, September 19, 2023, our hearts grew heavy as we said goodbye to a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, Larry Gene Brown. Larry passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by the warmth and love of his family and loved ones. He leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and cherished moments that will forever live in our hearts.

Larry's journey began on February 23, 1951, in Flint, Michigan, as the child of Bob and Barbara (Shipman) Brown. He was one of six siblings, all born within the remarkable span of five years. Because Larry was a twin, he later embarked on a family trip back to his birthplace, personally covering the expenses of the multiple birth. This act spoke volumes about his character and the importance he placed on family.

The Brown family was raised on their farm in Frisco, MO, under the loving guidance of Bob and Barbara. Here, Larry and his siblings learned the enduring values of hard work and unwavering loyalty. His Brethren faith sustained him throughout his life. Those who knew him affectionately called him "Smoothie" because of his quick wit and infectious humor, qualities that endeared him to everyone he met.

On May 15, 2008, Larry married Erin Jackson Hampton at the Liberty Hill General Baptist Church in Aid, MO. Together, they built a loving home, sharing the joys and challenges of life. They share five remarkable children: Larrie Ann Brown (Brad) of Lawrence, KS, Tracie Seabaugh (Stan) of Cape Girardeau, MO, Alexandra Diebold (Levi), Conner Tres Hampton, and Gracen Hampton of Dexter, MO. His love and guidance will forever shape their lives.

Larry's love extended to his four brothers: Garry Brown (Carol) of Dexter, MO, Robert Brown (Cindy) of Murray, KY, Ronald Brown (Maureen) of Indialantic, FL, Dennis Brown of Dexter, MO, and his sister, Debra Brown Kelley (Ronnie) of Essex, MO. He treasured family bonds and leaves behind 7 grandchildren, Audrie, Ty, Josiah & Jozy Seabaugh, Ridge Diebold and Betsy & Sarah Smoot and a host of nieces and nephews.

In the tapestry of Larry's life, some of the brightest threads were woven through moments spent with family and friends. He had an infectious passion for making memories, whether through side-by-side rides on his Honda, fun golf games with friends, or spontaneous sing-alongs that echoed with laughter and joy. One could always count on Larry to work hard, yet he was equally prepared to revel in the good times with those he held dear. The highlight of Larry's routine was when he and his friends gathered at the Elk's Lodge for Wild Man Wednesday, for a weekly celebration of camaraderie and merriment with "Smoothie & The Smoothettes", a testament to his vibrant spirit and zest for life.

In closing, we wish to express our deepest and most sincere appreciation to our family and friends for being a part of Larry's journey and for standing with us in this time of sorrow and remembrance. Your unwavering support, love, and kindness have been a source of strength for us all. We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to a part of our family, The Martins, who were ready to go at a moment's notice during the many trips made during Larry's illness. Your steadfastness and commitment meant the world to Larry and our family. In honoring Larry's memory, we are reminded of the importance of community, love, and resilience.

Today, as we gather to bid farewell to Larry Brown, we do so with heavy hearts but also with gratitude for the profound impact he had on our lives. Larry's legacy is one of love, laughter, and a boundless generosity that touched us all. He will be deeply missed, but his memory will continue to brighten our days and warm our hearts. Larry's legacy lives on in each of us, and together, we will continue to carry his light forward. Rest in peace, dear Larry, knowing that you will forever be loved and remembered.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Harper Cemetery.

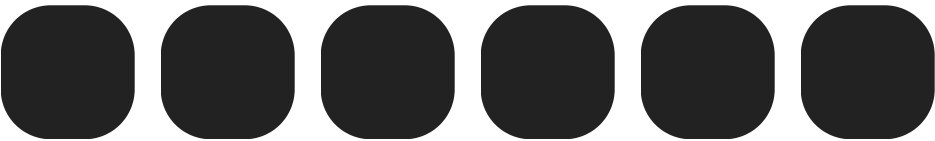
Memorials may be made to the Dexter Elks Lodge No. 2439, PO Box 353, Dexter MO 63841-0353

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Luella Layton

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Luella Layton, daughter of the late Arvil Cannon and Velma Snider Cannon, was born on August 4, 1924, in Essex, Missouri, and departed this life on September 18, 2023, at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 99 years.

Mrs. Layton was a former bookkeeper for Brown Construction. She was a member of New Bethel Church in Dexter and a resident of Dexter.

On May 18, 1944, in Piggott, Arkansas, she was united in marriage to Harold "Bud" Layton. Mr. Layton preceded her in death on February 21, 2002.

She is survived by her son, Larry Layton and wife Donna of Dexter, Missouri; by her brother, Loy Cannon of Dexter, Missouri; by four sisters, Marcella Corlies and Norma Gibbons both of Dexter, Missouri; Helen Lane of Columbia, Missouri, and Jo Ann Smith of Texas; by her grandson, Jonathan Layton of Dexter, Missouri; and by four great-grandchildren, Jocelyn, Raylee, Zoie, and Evie.

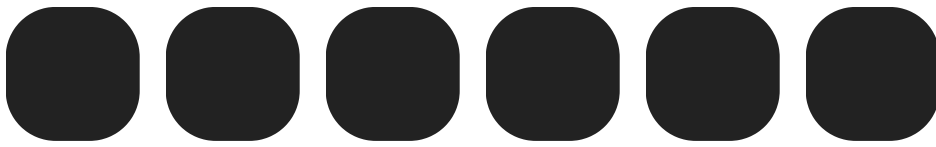
Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow in the Chalk Bluff Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Noah Benjamin Rushing

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Noah Benjamin Rushing, son of Benjamin Rushing and Cissy Fowler Rushing of Dudley, Missouri, was born on July 4, 2001 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and departed this life on September 17, 2023 in Dudley, Missouri at the age of 22 years.

Noah was a farmer and truck driver. He was a member of Faith Community Church in Dudley and a resident of Dudley. He was a graduate of Dexter High School and played football for the Dexter Bearcats. Noah enjoyed taking flying lessons, playing the drums, playing video games and Bow fishing.

Along with his parents, he is survived by two brothers, Zackary Rushing of Chaffee, Missouri, and Jeffrey Rushing of Parma, Missouri; by his paternal grandmother, Jerry Davis of Dexter, Missouri; and by several aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Jack and Shirley Fowler.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. A memorial service will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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In Memory of Veda Imogene (Brown) (Sparks) McCollough

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Veda Imogene (Brown) (Sparks) McCollough daughter of the late William Brown and Agnes May Fancher Brown was born on December 30, 1926, in Morehouse, Missouri and departed this life on September 16, 2023, at the Sikeston Convalescent Center in Sikeston, Missouri at the age of 96.

Veda was a member of the New Bethel Church and was a resident of Dexter, Missouri. She had worked at Elders Manufacturing. She was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan, she enjoyed crocheting and knitting, and enjoyed playing cards.

She was first united in marriage to George Roland Sparks, to this union, their daughter Karen was born. She was then united in marriage to Dale McCollough. Mr. McCollough preceded her in death on May 15, 1997.

She is survived by her daughter, Karen (Sparks) Hann and her husband Julian of Russellville, Arkansas; by her brother, Bob Brown of Seattle, Washington; by two sisters, Shirley Barnes of Sikeston, Missouri and Mary Sue Davis of Morehouse, Missouri; by four grandchildren, Tracy Hann of Sikeston, Missouri, Angie Whiting and husband Shane of Dover, Arkansas, Cory Hann and wife Erica of Cabot, Arkansas,

and Jason Hann and wife Sarah of Russellville, Arkansas; by eight great-grandchildren, Thad Owens, Spencer Owens, Logan Akins, Abigail Hann, Ava Hann, Jacob Hann, Esther Hann, and Micah Hann; and by two great-great-grandchildren, Cameron Akins and Carter Akins.
Other than by her husband and parents she was preceded in death by two brothers, Johnnie Brown and Billie Brown; by her sister, Wilma Huffman; and by two siblings in infancy, Eugene and Betty.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri. Funeral services will then be conducted on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel with Pastor D. Roberts.

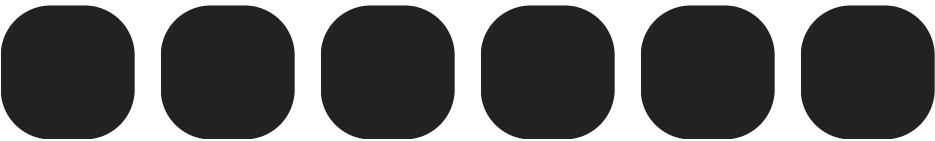
Interment will follow at the Dexter Cemetery.

The family requests all memorials be made to Legacy Hospice, 607 Billington St., Kennett, Missouri 63857, or to the St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Envelopes will be provided at the funeral home.

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In Memory of Carl Earl Tudor

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Carl Earl Tudor of Bloomfield, Missouri, the son of the late Virgil Cecil Tudor and Charlotte Lillian Winson was born on May 3, 1954, in Sycamore, Illinois, and passed peacefully into the loving arms of Jesus on September 14, 2023, at his home in Bloomfield, Missouri, at the age of 69 years, 4 months and 11 days.

Carl lived in Colorado, Illinois, until moving to Bloomfield, Missouri, four years ago. Carl proudly served in the U.S. Army. He was of a member of St. Joe General Baptist Church in Idalia, Missouri. Carl enjoyed doing woodwork, raising livestock, and talking to people. His true enjoyment was spending time with family and especially spoiling his grandchildren.

Carl married the love of his life Linda Jeschke on December 17, 1980 in Sycamore, Illinois.

Carl is survived by his wife of the home; three sons, Virgil Tudor of Greenville, Tennessee; Carl Tudor, Jr. of Shelbyville, Illinois; Tony (Sarah) Tudor of Decatur, Illinois; one daughter, April Tudor of Amboy, Illinois; twelve grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren; one brother, Curtis Tudor of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; five sisters, Diane Groce, Laura Williamson, Teresa Groce, Ava (Jessie) Walker, all of Indianapolis, Indiana; Virginia Simmons of Bloomfield, Missouri; a close personal friend, Matthew Nugent; as well as a host of family and friends.

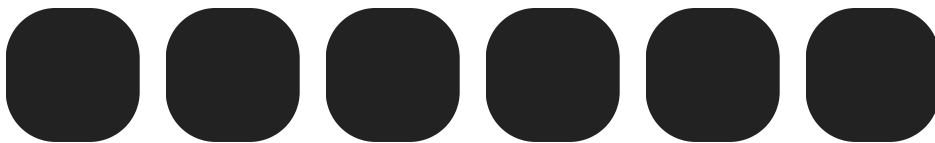
Carl was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Charles Bower.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at the St. Joe General Baptist Church in Idalia, Missouri, with Pastor Jonathan Rice officiating, with Watkins And Sons of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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