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In Memory of Mina Ellen Voss

NOVEMBER 27TH 2023 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Mina Ellen Voss

Mina Ellen Voss, daughter of the late Clyde Unger and Eula Bland Unger, was born on February 10, 1938, in Swinton, Missouri, and departed this life on November 24, 2023, surrounded by loved ones, at the age of 85 years.

Mrs. Voss was a member of First General Baptist Church in Dexter, Missouri, and a resident of Dexter. In the summer of 1965, Mina started the Head Start program in Dexter, she was a teacher with Head Start until she retired in May of 2009. Mina was also a foster parent, had worked at the Children's Home in Bloomfield, and for Town and Country in Dexter.

Mina had a heart for giving to others and had several ministries in the community; she managed the cupcake ministry, delivering over 500 cupcakes monthly, she prepared baskets for families in need, and each school year she provided backpacks to children in need. If someone was in need, she found a way to meet their needs.

She is survived by her son, Jamie Schaefer of Wappapello, Missouri; by three daughters, Kimberly Clark and husband Kerry of Dexter, Missouri, Donna Tilley of Bloomfield, Missouri, and Jan Davis of Dexter, Missouri; by her brother, Bill Unger of Miner, Missouri; by three sisters, Jo Kearnes of Wooster, Ohio, Kay Anderson of Bloomfield, Missouri, and Marilyn Anderson of Dexter, Missouri; and by four grandchildren, Adam Clark, Jeff Voss (Connie), Hobie Voss, and Heather Jarrell, and six great-grandchildren, Essabella Voss, Coleridge Voss, Symphony Jarrell, Melody Jarrell, Madisyn Voss, and Mason Dolan.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Butch Voss, by her brother, Gary Unger, and by her sister, Sue Hoskins.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, November 30, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, December 1, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. C. Neal Fain officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

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In Memory of Betty Sue Garner Mayer

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Betty Sue Garner Mayer, daughter of the late Morton LeBeau and Carrie Gray LeBeau was born on August 24, 1942, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri and departed this life on November 26, 2023, at her residence in Dexter at the age of 81.

Betty was a member of the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Dexter. She had worked for what was formerly known as the Dexter Memorial Hospital as the administrative secretary. She taught piano and was the full-time pianist for the First Christian Church in Dexter and later played the organ for the First Christian Church's in Poplar Bluff and Sikeston. Her life centered around her family, kids, and grandchildren. She was always doing and caring for others.

She was first united in marriage to Bill Garner on May 20, 1962, in Dexter, Missouri. Mr. Garner preceded her in death on April 2, 2009. On February 18, 2012, she was then married to Bob Mayer. Mr. Mayer preceded her in death on May 19, 2020.

She is survived by three daughters, Kaye Holder and husband Tim of Dexter, Missouri, Penny DuPerier of Perryville, Missouri and Ginger Cobb and husband Lonnie of Dexter, Missouri; by her brother, Phil LeBeau and wife Rita of Dexter, Missouri; by her grandchildren, Kristin Holder, Kelsey Holder, Zachary DuPerier and wife Madeline, William DuPerier, Megan DuPerier and husband Kristian Troen, Abigail Cobb Hicks and husband Ryan, Erika Cobb, Rachel Cobb, and Andrew Garner; by her great-grandchild, Freya Maeve DuPerier Troen; and by her special friend and caregiver, Eileen Robins of Advance, Missouri.

Other than by her husbands and parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Gregory Garner; and her sister Rose Ellen Harper.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter. A grave-side service will be conducted on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at 2:30 p.m. at the Armstead Dowdy cemetery in rural Dexter, Missouri with Bobby Garner officiating.

Memorials may be made to 18 Fore Life, c/o Scott Kruse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, MO 63841 or First Christian Church, P.O. Box 295, Dexter, MO 63841.

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

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In Memory of Joyce Ann Palmer

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Joyce Ann Palmer, daughter of Frank Carson and Patricia Washburn Carson of Bloomfield, Missouri, was born on June 28, 1962, in Sikeston, Missouri, and departed this life on November 23, 2023, at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri at the age of 61 years.

Mrs. Palmer was a minister at Bountiful Harvest Church in Bloomfield, Missouri and she was a resident of Bloomfield.

On June 15, 1994, in Piggott, Arkansas, she was united in marriage to Larry Palmer. Mr. Palmer survives of their home in Bloomfield.

Along with her husband and parents, she is survived by her son Marvin Briscoe and wife Nichole of Newburgh, Indiana; by two daughters, Cyndi Wilson and husband Scott of Malden, Missouri, and Christina Smith and husband Brian of Dexter, Missouri; by her brother, Jason Carson; by her nephew, Severin Carson; and by nine grandchildren, Jaycob Briscoe, Jordan Briscoe, Aiden Briscoe, Tristan Poston, Tyson Poston, Harley Smith, Jocelyn Miller, Isaac Wilson, and Hannah Wilson; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Shana Briscoe, and Melissa Briscoe.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. with Diana Barnes officiating. Interment will follow in the Bloomfield Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Maria Ellen "Mary" Cobb

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In Memory of Maria Ellen "Mary" Cobb

Maria Ellen "Mary" Cobb, daughter of the late Miguel Trevino and Louise Aldaco, was born on August 4, 1949, in Crystal City, Texas, and departed this life on November 22, 2023, at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 74 years.

Mrs. Cobb was a former employee of Vintage Villa Nursing Home in Dexter, Missouri and she was a resident of Malden, Missouri. She was an avid gardener.

On June 15, 1966, in Bloomfield, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Jerry Cobb. Mr. Cobb survives of their home in Malden.

Along with her husband, she is survived by two sons, Lee Cobb of Malden, Missouri, and John Cobb of Doniphan, Missouri; by her daughter, Teresa Cobb of Malden, Missouri; by her brother, Miguel Trevino of St. Louis, Missouri; and by eighteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Rosie Terrill.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at New Beginnings Christian Outreach in Malden, Missouri on Saturday, December 9, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. with Rev. Ricky Williams officiating.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of James Chism

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In Memory of James Chism

James Chism, son of the late Thelmo Chism and Imogene Springs Chism, was born on October 1, 1953, in Chicago, Illinois, and departed this life on November 21, 2023, at his residence in Wappapello, Missouri, at the age of 70 years.

Mr. Chism was a Veteran of the Missouri National Guard and he worked for Dumey Construction until 2005. He was a member of the Wappapello CrappieClub and Bass Club.

On May 27, 2005, in Greenville, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Sharon Ward. James and Sharon remarried in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 4, 2021. Mrs. Chism survives of their home in Wappapello.

Along with his wife, Sharon, he is survived by two sons, Heath Chism of North Carolina, and Andy Chism and wife Amanda of Bloomfield, Missouri; by two step-sons, Michael Hicks of Bloomfield, Missouri and Shawn Stevens of Sikeston, Missouri; by two step-daughters, Shawna Suggs of Wappapello, Missouri and Jennifer Mattison and husband Shawn of Jacksonville, Florida; by his brother Chuck Chism and wife Opal of Wappapello, Missouri; by his sister, Debbie Snider and husband Jeff of Dexter, Missouri; ande by eleven grandchildren, Conner, Sylas, Kyler, Zeke, Maggie, Elijah, Ben, Chelsey, Andy, Bella, and Taylor.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Bob Chism, and by his sister, Sandra Hill.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, November 24, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, November 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Memorials may be made to 18 Fore Life, c/o Scott Krus, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, Missouri 63841, or Fishing for a Cure, 3286 Wayne 519, Wappapello, Missouri 63966.

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