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## In Memory of Rita Ann Burch

DECEMBER 18TH 2023 BY DEE LOFLIN

### In Memory of Rita Ann Burch

Rita Ann Burch, daughter of the late Arthur Thomas Read Jr. and Ann Farr Palmer, was born on May 16, 1951, in Michigan and departed this life at her residence in Batesville, Arkansas on December 12, 2023, at the age of 72 years.

Mrs. Burch was a homemaker. She attended Harrison Street Church of Christ in Batesville, Arkansas. She enjoyed supporting her family and attending sporting events.

On October 24, 1969, in Bernie, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Glen Burch. Mr. Burch survives of their home in Batesville, Arkansas.

Along with her husband, she is survived by her son, Brian Burch and wife Shelly of Heber Springs, Arkansas; by five brothers, Ray Read of Puxico, Missouri, Ronnie Palmer of Bernie, Missouri, Larry Palmer of Bloomfield, Missouri, Johnny Palmer of Bernie, Missouri, and Randall Palmer of Wesley Chapel, Florida; by five sisters, Sandra Cryts of Bernie, Missouri, by Linda Fay Merritt of Bernie, Missouri, Brenda Smith of Bloomfield, Missouri, Sally Cloninger of Bernie, Missouri and Rita Jo Kerr of Doniphan, Missouri; by four grandchildren, Logan Burch, Gabriel Tate, Brandon Tate, and Kathryn Tate; and by two great-grandchildren, Layton Burch and Wyatt Tate.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her step-father, John Palmer; by three brothers, Roger Read, Arthur Thomas Read III, and Jack Palmer; and by two sisters, Linda Jane Ford and Nancy Waldrup.

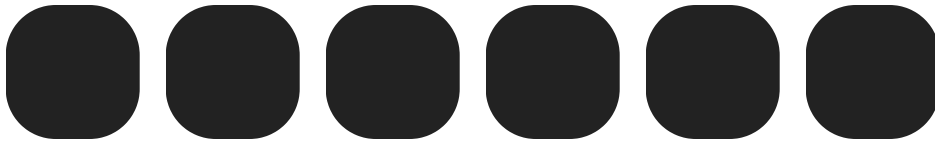
Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie on Friday, December 15, 2023, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, December 15, 2023, at 12:30 p.m. Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie is assisting with arrangements.

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## In Memory of Travis Dale Cooper

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### In Memory of Travis Dale Cooper

Travis Dale Cooper son of the late Lloyal Cooper and Dawsey McMillion Cooper was born on February 19, 1933 in Bernie, Missouri and departed this life on December 12, 2023 at the Winchester Place in Bernie, Missouri at the age of 90.

Mr. Cooper had worked for S and W Sales Company, selling and servicing amusement machines. He was a Veteran of the United States National Guard and was a member of the Bernie Church of Christ. He was a hard worker and enjoyed being in church, fishing and spending time with his family in his limited free time.

He was united in marriage to Clara Mae McFarlin on January 12, 1952 in Piggott, Arkansas. Mrs. Cooper preceded him in death on July 26, 2015.

He is survived by his son Randall and wife Patsy Cooper of Bernie, Missouri; by his daughter, Sherry and husband Darryl Barnes of Clarkton, Missouri; by his grandchildren, Christopher Barnes and Travis Cooper; by his brothers, Ardie Cooper of Junction City, Kansas, and Roger Cooper of Bernie, Missouri; by his sisters, Betty Thurston, and Darlene McGowan both of Bernie, Missouri, Cora Coker of Republic, Missouri, and Janet Wood of Malden, Missouri.

Other than by his wife and parents he was preceded in death by his son, Ronald Cooper; by two brothers, Billie Cooper, and Rev. Don Cooper; and by two sisters, Geraldine Pyle, and Gloriaetta Beaird.

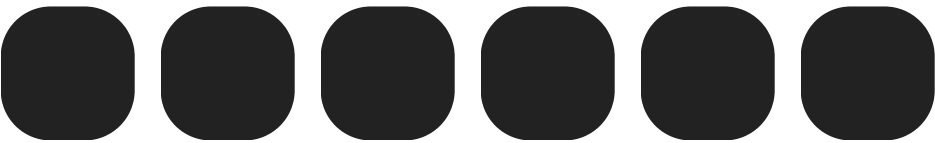
Visitation will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2023 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri. A funeral service will be conducted on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel in Bernie, Missouri with Stan Dauck officiating. Interment will follow in the Bernie Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

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# In Memory of Betty Cooper Hearnese

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## In Memory of Betty Cooper Hearnnes

Betty Cooper Hearnnes, former First Lady of Missouri and State representative died Thursday, December 14, 2023, at her home in Charleston, surrounded by her family. She was 96.

A complete obituary is pending.

A private family committal service will be held at the Hearnnes Family Mausoleum at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery near Charleston.

Entombment will follow under the direction of the McMikle Funeral Home of Charleston.

A public musical celebration honoring the life of Betty Cooper Hearnnes will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.mcmiklefuneralhome.com](http://www.mcmiklefuneralhome.com).

In lieu of flowers, plants and gift items, the family kindly requests memorials be made to:

Autism Speaks, P.O. Box 37148, Boone, IA 50037-0148 or online at the website: [autismspeaks.org](http://autismspeaks.org).

or to Friends of the Missouri Governors Mansion, 716 East High Street, Jefferson City, MO, 65101.

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## In Memory of Shirley Alvis

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### In Memory of Shirley Alvis

Shirley Alvis, daughter of the late George Richards and Eula Mae Hatchel Carson, was born on January 30, 1938, in Marston, Missouri, and departed this life on December 13, 2023, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 85 years.

On October 19, 1977, in Decatur, Alabama, she was united in marriage to Hershel Alvis. Mr. Alvis preceded her in death.

She is survived by her son, Quinton Meredith (Lucy Marie Hernandez) of Copperas Cove, Texas; by her daughter, Betty Kreher (Willard); by her brother, Ronnie Carson of Bernie, Missouri; by three sisters, Jeanett Schmieg of Granite City, Illinois, Nora Fuemmeler of Rushville, Missouri, and Pam Gandt of Brownwood, Missouri; by five grandchildren, Ashley Meredith, Zachary Meredith, Eric Kreher (Stacey), Julia Brock (Scott), and Cassandra Range (Bruce); and by two great-grandchildren, Edward Kreher and Clayton Range.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by six brothers, Doyle Richard, Chester Richard, Glendale Richard, Robert Carson, Darrel Carson, and Roger Carson; and by her sister, Brenda Owens.

No services are planned.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter assisted with arrangements.

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## In Memory of Larry Barnes McClure (Little John)

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### In Memory of Larry Barnes McClure (Little John)

Larry Barnes McClure (Little John) of Puxico, Missouri, son of the late John James Thomas and Ruby Mae (Barnes) McClure was born on September 5, 1946, near Puxico, Missouri, and passed from this life on December 9, 2023, at his home in Puxico, at the age of 76 years.

He was of the Christian Faith and a member and deacon at the Egypt Community Church of Puxico. He was a proud U.S. Air Force Veteran.

He enjoyed collecting antiques, loved going to auctions and yard sales, watching westerns, loved his community, and going to the coffee shop talking with people.

Larry is survived by one sister, Beverly McClure of Advance, Missouri; adopted friends and family of Terry Harmon; as well as a host of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, David, Johnny Franklin and Bill McClure; one sister, Joyce Coleman.

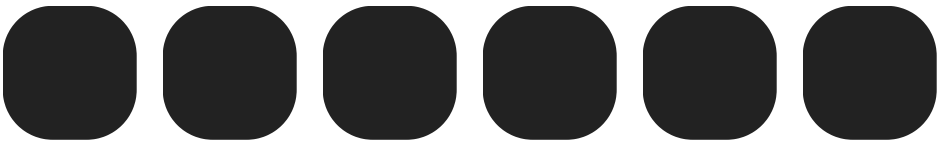
Visitation will be held on Friday, December 15, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m with a Memorial Service to follow at the Egypt Community Church near Puxico with Pastor Blaine Milan officiating.

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

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