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In Memory of Harold Dean Pullum

FEBRUARY 26TH 2024 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Harold Dean Pullum

Harold Dean Pullum, son of the late John Harold Pullum and Ellen Purcel Pullum, was born on July 19, 1944, in Dexter, Missouri, and departed this life on February 24, 2024, at Mercy Hospital Southeast in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 79 years.

Mr. Pullum was a former employee of Bob Woods Trash Service, had worked for Jacee Bennett, and was a resident of Dexter, Missouri. He was of the Christian Faith.

On November 21, 1969, in Dexter, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Mary Lou Starnes. Mrs. Pullum survives of their home in Dexter.

Along with his wife, he is survived by his brother, David Pullum of Dexter, Missouri; by three sisters, Joyce Dowdy of Sikeston, Missouri, Judy Stanfield of St. Louis, Missouri, and Alice Moore of Dexter, Missouri, and by many nieces, nephews, and close friends.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Wayne Pullum, and Jerry Pullum.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Gary Gilbert and Rev. Bobby Reynolds officiating. Interment will follow in the Hagy Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Charles Wayne Cagle

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In Memory of Charles Wayne Cagle

Charles Wayne Cagle, son of the late Henry Albert Cagle and Evelyn Jewell Walker Cagle, was born on January 24, 1944, in Leora, Missouri and departed this life on February 21, 2024, at Prairie View Skilled Nursing in Bloomfield, Missouri at the age of 80 years.

Mr. Cagle was the co-owner of Technical Plastics of Poplar Bluff, Missouri. He was a member of Mt. Gilead Hill General Baptist Church in Bloomfield and a resident of Bloomfield.

On December 26, 1964, in Dexter, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Marilyn Edwards. Mrs. Cagle preceded him in death on January 27, 2011.

He is survived by his daughter, Cheryl Christian and husband Steve of Dexter, Missouri; by two brothers, Bill Cagle of Qulin, Missouri, and Harold Gene Cagle of Dexter, Missouri; by two sisters, Laverne Fargerson of Shreveport, Louisiana, and Shirley Douglas Thorn of Branson West / Kansas City, Missouri; by five grandchildren, Christopher Christian and wife Kimberly of Dexter, Missouri, Bethany Clary and husband Josh of Bloomfield, Missouri, Matthew Cagle and wife Makayla of Broseley, Missouri, Jacob Cagle of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and Madison Cagle of Wappapello, Missouri; and by five great-grandchildren, Addison Christian, Keller Christian, Braxton Cagle, Mason Clary, and Briar Cagle.

Other than by his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Steven Cagle; by three brothers, Norman Walker, Henry "Junior" Cagle, and Clinton Cagle; and by two sisters, Gonda Buckalew and Barbara Mayhall.

The family would like to express their appreciation to VNA Hospice and Elara Caring Hospice.

Memorials may be made to Mt Gilead Hill General Baptist Church,16845 County Road 490, Bloomfield MO 63825 or St Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, February 24, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home in Chapel on Saturday, February 24, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. with Dr. Steve Tippen officiating. Interment will follow in the West Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Donald Gale Rothlisberger

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In Memory of Donald Gale Rothlisberger

Donald Gale Rothlisberger, son of the late Albert Rothlisberger and Peachie Tilley Rothlisberger, was born on April 9, 1945, in Iron Mountain, Missouri, and departed this life on February 21, 2024, at his residence in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 78 years.

Mr. Rothlisberger retired from Noranda Aluminum, where he worked as a maintenance mechanic. He attended the First Assembly of God Church. He loved hunting, fishing, and family gatherings.

On November 25, 1988, in Dexter, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Gail Shipman. Mrs. Rothlisberger survives of their home in Dexter.

Along with his wife, he is survived by three sons, Ronnie Rothlisberger of Ironton, Missouri, Michael Jarrell of Bloomfield, Missouri, Jeff Jarrell of Dexter, Missouri; by two daughters, Rhonda Aubuchon of Ironton, Missouri, and Ashley Phelps of North Carolina; by his sister, Patricia Froeschner of Florissant, Missouri; and by eighteen grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Leorin Lesh, and Bobby Rothlisberger; and by his sister, Betty McClary.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, February 26, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. A memorial service will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Hagy Cemetery at a later date.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Bobbie Jean Sheldon Ward

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In Memory of Bobbie Jean Sheldon Ward

Bobbie Jean Sheldon Ward was born on January 10, 1930, in Advance, Missouri. She passed away on Monday, February 19, 2024, at Prairie View Skilled Nursing Center in Bloomfield, Missouri, at the age of 94. She was the youngest child of Richard and Addie Sheldon. She always spoke fondly of her growing up years and shared her happy memories with family and friends.

On December 16, 1946, at the young age of almost 17, she married Jack Ward. He was 10 years older than her and together they set about building a life together. They soon added two sons, Dennis and Larry, and life was good. Jack and Jean remained together until his passing on January 29, 1998.

Jean had worked at various factory jobs but her favorite things to do involved her home and family. They always had a big garden and she spent hours canning and freezing produce grown in that garden. She was a great cook and baker. Her family enjoyed the amazing meals that she prepared. She liked to sew and do needlepoint. She also enjoyed staying in touch with others on her computer. She tried to keep up with family through daily emails. She loved to play with the grandkids and later the great grandkids. She was always up for a game of Go Fish or whatever they wanted to do.

Besides her husband Jack and son Dennis, she was preceded in death by her two sisters, Elsie Rhodes, and Lucille Crain, and by two brothers, Velmer Sheldon, and Edwin Sheldon.

She is survived by her son, Larry Ward of Bloomfield, Missouri; by her daughter-in-law, Debbie Ward; by her grandchildren, Michele Bascom, Kara Walker (Seth) and Alex Ward; and by her great grandchildren, Ricky and Britney Bascom and Emma Walker. She will be missed by her family and friends.

A private graveside service will be held at Gravel Hill Cemetery near Bloomfield.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of George Alvin Cox

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In Memory of George Alvin Cox

George Alvin Cox, son of the late Hubert Cox and Fronie Washam Cox, was born on August 26, 1931, in Bethel Springs, Tennessee, and departed this life on February 15, 2024, at Signature Healthcare in Clarksville, Tennessee, at the age of 92 years.

Mr. Cox was a Veteran of the United States Air Force, serving from 1952 to 1956, during the Korean War. He was a former resident of Dexter, Missouri, and a member of the Dexter Church of Christ, where he served as deacon of the benevolence ministry for 25 years. He was a former Elementary and Jr. High School Teacher and Basketball, Baseball, Volleyball, and Track Coach for the Richland Rebels in Essex, Missouri. He retired after 31 years with the Richland R-1 Public Schools. Mr. Cox was a Meals on Wheels volunteer for the Dexter Senior Center for 25 years and delivered over 16,000 meals. Mr. Cox was the Region 12 winner of the Missouri Retired Teachers Association Distinguished Retiree Award, was a counselor with the Southeast Area Agency on Aging, a member of the Hospital Auxiliary, a member of the Stoddard County Mental Health Board, an American Cancer Society volunteer for Relay for Life, a member of the Elk's Lodge, a member of the American Legion, and a Sunday School Teacher. Mr. Cox was awarded the Missouri Lieutenant Governor's Senior Service Award. He loved St. Louis Cardinal baseball and Richland Rebel basketball. Mr. Cox had the heart of a servant and a passion for coaching and mentoring area youth.

He was united in marriage to Bernice Strickland on December 19, 1953, in Maryland Heights, Missouri. Mrs. Cox preceded him in death on February 24, 2013.

He is survived by two daughters, Sherry Alsup and husband Tim of Clarksville, Tennessee and Kimberly Lawrence and partner Michael Murphy of Ellisville, Missouri, and by seven grandchildren: Kara Alsup Harris, Matthew Alsup, Hannah Lawrence, Collin Lawrence, Rory Cox, Jeremy Cox, and Jared Cox. He also leaves behind his dear friend and sister in Christ, Eulah Grissom.

Other than by his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Jeffrey Cox; by three brothers, William "Dub" Cox, Marvin Cox, and Parvin Cox; and by three sisters, Helen Crow, Nina Reinbott, and Robbie Hurst. He was also preceded in death by his special friend, Sue Brillhart.

Mr. Cox's family would like to thank the wonderful friends, neighbors, and caregivers that took such good care of him during the final few years and days of his life: Paul and Marilyn Burleson, Peggy Potts, the Kurt Lovelady Family, Betty Alsup, Jeannie Putney, the staff of Jubilee House, Samantha Mackinnon, and Sharon Loveall.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, February 25, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the ALS Society in honor of Mr. Cox's granddaughter, Kara Harris, who was recently diagnosed with ALS.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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