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In Memory of Barbara Jean Grasham

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In Memory of Barbara Jean Grasham

Barbara Jean Grasham, born on February 22, 1955, in Missouri, embarked on her final journey from this world on May 8, 2024, in Lake St. Louis, Missouri. She was a beloved wife, daughter, and sister who touched the lives of many with her kindness and gentle spirit.

Barbara's memory will be cherished by her surviving family and friends, including her dear sister, Patsy and husband Richard Smith of McGee, Missouri; two nephews, Danny Carver and Stacy Smith; as well as two nieces, Denise Carver and Mendy Ray.

She was proceeded in death by her parents, William Eugene and Nadine Arizonia (Hefner) Carver; her loving husband, Butch Grasham; and her devoted brother, Gary Ray Carver.

A visitation to honor Barbara's life will take place at Watkins Funeral Homes in Puxico on Monday, May 13, 2024, starting at 10:00 AM followed by a Funeral Service at 12:00 PM. The interment will be held at McGee New Hope Church & Cemetery in McGee, Missouri at 1:00 PM.

Barbara Jean Grasham may have left this earth physically, but her love and legacy will continue to live on in the hearts of those who knew her. May she rest in eternal peace.

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In Memory of Darrell Gene Browning

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In Memory of Darrell Gene Browning

Darrell Gene Browning, a dedicated owner operator dump truck driver of Browning Trucking, has sadly passed away at the age 65 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Born on April 6, 1959, in Advance, Missouri, Darrell leaves behind a legacy of hard work and passion for his profession.

Throughout his career, Darrell worked tirelessly as a dump truck driver, showcasing his strong work ethic and commitment to providing for his family. He was known for his reliability and dedication to his craft, earning the respect and admiration of those around him.

Outside of work, Darrell found solace in various hobbies and interests. He had a profound love for horses and spent many happy years owning and riding them. Additionally, he enjoyed spending time fishing, hunting deer, tending to his yard, and savoring breakfast at the Coffee Shop every morning.

Darrell is survived by his beloved family members: his son Miles Browning and wife Chasity of Wappapello, Missouri; daughter Amanda Sides and husband Steven of Dexter, Missouri; granddaughters, Kerigan Jones of Dexter and Izabella Browning of Wappapello; as well as his sister Judy Allen and husband Darrel of Bloomfield, Missouri, two nephews, Darren Matthew Allen and Jason Todd Allen. He was preceded in death by his parents Hubert Parker and Laura

Mae (Daniels) Browning.

The visitation in memory of Darrell Gene Browning will be held at Watkins Funeral Homes in Puxico on May 13th from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. A Funeral Service will take place on May 14th at 11:00 AM with interment immediately following in the Fagan Cemetery.

Darrell will be remembered for not only his professional dedication but also for the love he shared with his family and the joy he found in simple pleasures. His presence will be deeply missed but fondly remembered by all who knew him.

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In Loving Memory of Barbara Rice

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In Loving Memory of Barbara Rice

Barbara Rice daughter of the late Homer Montgomery and Imogene Malone Montgomery was born on July 13, 1943 in Bloomfield, Missouri and departed this life on May 12, 2024 at the Prairie View Skilled Nursing Home in Bloomfield at the age of 80.

Mrs. Rice worked as the secretary to the principal for Bloomfield Elementary Public School and was a member of Trinity Methodist Church in Bloomfield. She enjoyed playing cards with "The Golfers". She loved all things Bloomfield and could be found supporting the Wildcats every time they had an event. She was a member of the Bloomfield Alumni Association. She was the definition of a social butterfly and absolutely loved people.

On May 27, 1961 she was united in marriage to Kenneth Dale Rice in Aquilla, Missouri. Mr. Rice preceded her in death on July 3, 1998.

She is survived by her son Loyd Rice and wife Heather of Bloomfield, Missouri; by her daughters, Rhonda Stogsdill and husband Rusty of Bloomfield, Missouri, Tammy Sells of Dexter, Missouri and Jennifer Hampton of Dexter, Missouri; by seven grandchildren, Jake Rice and fiancé Morgan, Joe Rice and wife Maycie, James Rice, Drew Shipman and wife Lynn, Joey Guiling and wife Kara, Chris Guiling and wife Pam, and Madilyn Hampton; and by eight great-grandchildren, Miles Shipman, Kennedy Shipman, Tanner Guiling, Chase Guiling, Levi Guiling, Reagan Guiling, Will Guiling and Addie Guiling.

Other than by her husband and parents she was preceded in death by her brother, Joe Montgomery, and by twin grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Monday, May 13, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Trinity Methodist Church in Bloomfield. Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Trinity Methodist Church in Bloomfield with Dale Rogers and Steve Koerner officiating. Interment will follow in the Walker Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri.

The family requests all memorials be made to the 18 Fore Life, c/o Scott Kruse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, Missouri 63841 OR to the Stoddard County Children's Home, P.O. Box 164, Dexter, Missouri 63841.

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In Memory of Joe Wayne Guthrie

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In Memory of Joe Wayne Guthrie

Joe Wayne Guthrie, 66, of Cave City, AR formerly of Dexter, MO passed away Saturday, May 4, 2024.

He was born October 2, 1957 in Walnut Ridge to the late Alvin and Louise Guthrie. Joe worked for the Maynard School District as a Vo-AG teacher and later retired as Warehouse Manager for Irrigation Central in Sikeston, MO.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin and Louise Guthrie; and a sister, Levina Huskey.

Joe is survived by his wife Tonya R. Lewis Guthrie of Cave City; daughters, Leah Guthrie of Cave City, Mandy (Brian) Crowe of Batesville, and Mica (Caleb) Kirkpatrick of Trenton, TN; granddaughters, Hannah Spence, Makayla Spence, Emma Crowe, Addie Mae Crowe, and Ella Crowe; sister, Ellujean Thacker; and brother, James (Rita) Guthrie; and many other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be Thursday, May 9, 2024 from 2-4 PM at Imboden First Baptist Church with a funeral service beginning at 4 PM with Ben Foley, James Guthrie, and Rev. Mitch Grainger officiating. Burial will follow in Hope Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Kevin Upton, Jeremy Upton, Willie Joe Huskey, Derrick Huskey, Donnie Thacker, and Darian Thacker.

Memorials may be made to:

Stoddard County ARC PO Box 444 Dexter, MO, 63841

McNabb Funeral Home in Pocahontas, Arkansas is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Dreigha Lynn Smith

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In Memory of Dreigha Lynn Smith

Dreigha Lynn Smith, daughter of Rickie Smith of Batesville, Arkansas, and the late Linda Hutchcraft-Montgomery, was born on August 27, 1971, in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, and departed this life on May 3, 2024, at her residence in Wappapello, Missouri, at the age of 52 years.

Ms. Smith was a former employee of the Missouri Department of Health in Butler County and she was a member of the Rogers Theater Stage Company in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. She enjoyed art, and she loved horses, fishing, and gardening.

Along with her father, she is survived by her son, Cole Marshall Bearden (Sol) of China; by her grandmother, Doris Hutchcraft-Owens of Dexter, Missouri; by her step-brother, Bryan Kimmer (Crystal) of Batesville, Arkansas; and by her special friends, Bob and Debbie Libla.

Other than by her mother, she was preceded in death by her step-mother, Kathy Smith.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on

Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. Internment will follow in Sadler Chapel Cemetery in Dexter.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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