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In Memory of Terry Turlington

JULY 28TH 2024 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Terry Turlington

Terry Turlington, son of the late Charles Grundy Turlington and Dorris Eaton Turlington, was born on May 24, 1940, in Dexter, Missouri, and departed this life on July 25, 2024, at Delta South Skilled Nursing in Sikeston, Missouri, at the age of 84 years.

Terry grew up in Dexter and was a member of First Baptist Church in Dexter. He played basketball for Dexter High School from 1955-1958, coached by Percy Clippard. He was proud that the team he played on won the district championship in his junior and senior years and went on to the state tournament.

Terry was offered a full scholarship to Mizzou to play basketball under Coach Sparky Stalcup. His assistant was Norm Stewart. He graduated from Mizzou with a major in political science and a minor in physical education. He later gained his master's degree in administration.

On April 14, 1963, in Dexter, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Pamela Weber. Terry and Pam moved to Kennett in 1963, when Terry was hired as head basketball coach at Kennett, coaching at Kennett for 15 years, before moving into administration. During this time, he was a high school referee in the Bootheel, which included games at the Bloomfield gymnasium during the Christmas Tournament. He spent 40 years in the Kennett public school system as basketball coach and later as high school principal before he retired in 2003. The whole time his wife, Pam, served as one of Kennett's biggest fans.

Terry's officiating career began in 1962 when he graduated from the University of Missouri. He began his career as a field judge and spent 15 years in that role before becoming head official, or the "white cap" for 8 years before moving into the booth as a replay official. In 1978 he was tapped to officiate in the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association, a conference made up of the smaller Missouri colleges. He made trips to Warrensburg, St. Louis, Springfield and all over the state. In 1978 he was hired to referee in the Missouri Valley Conference and the Metro Conference. He officiated football games in those conferences from 1978 to 1995 in basketball and from 1978 to 2002 in football. During this time, he became a football official for the Big Eight. As time progressed, his career focused on the Big Eight (later Big 12) football games. He officiated in every major bowl game during his career, and he officially

entered retirement at the end of the 2012 college football season, finishing 50 years as an official when he retired.

Following his retirement from Kennett, Terry and Pam moved back to Dexter in 2003. Terry and Pam enjoyed almost 45 years of marriage before she passed on January 28, 2008.

Terry is survived by his sons, Tim Turlington and wife Kris of Mexico, Missouri and Todd Turlington and wife Shelly of Jackson, Missouri; by four grandchildren, Kali Turlington, Sidney Turlington, Ryan Turlington and Katie Christian; and by his special friend, Pat Sharp.

Visitation will be held at First Baptist Church in Dexter on Sunday, August 4, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted at First Baptist Church on Sunday, August 4, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. Interment will follow in Dexter Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to 18 Fore Life, c/o Scott Kruse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, Missouri.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Michael "Mike" Wayne Cox

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Michael "Mike" Wayne Cox of Middlebrook, Missouri passed away July 22, 2024 at his residence at the age of 74 years. He was born July 3, 1950 in Parma, Missouri the son of the late Willard Wilson and Opal Irene (Richards) Cox.

Michael is survived by his three children: Sandra Watz (Patrick) of Festus, Missouri, Melanie Keena (Paul) of Dexter, Missouri, and Amy Jones (Terry) of Fulton, Missouri, his brother; Roger Cox (the late Jan) of Hazelhurst, Wisconsin, two sisters; Barbara White (Printes) of Pierceville, Kansas, Sharon Greemore (Robert) of Portageville, Missouri and seven grandsons: Mason, Myles, Parker, Michael, Tucker, Hudson, and Oliver as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

In addition to his parents, Mike was preceded in death by three brothers: Luther "Junior" Cox, Johnny Cox, and Robert Cox, and four sisters: Alice Wheeler, Cathy Taylor, Freda Long and Ruth Karnes.

Mike was a member of Carpenter Local #5. He worked in both residential and commercial construction until he retired. He was a member of American Legion 283. He loved to fish and hunt and be outdoors watching the wildlife near his home. He also enjoyed working on old cars and restoring them.

It was Mike's request to be cremated and be interred at the Veteran's National Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri. There will be a private gathering for family and friends at a later date. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.brysonfuneralhome.com.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Michael Wayne Cox please visit our Sympathy Store.

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In Memory of Vivian Freeda Moore

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In Memory of Vivian Freeda Moore

On July 18, 2024, the world has lost a beloved soul, Vivian Freeda Moore, who passed away in Bloomfield, Missouri. Vivian was born on February 21, 1936, in Swinton, Missouri, to Carl Alfred and Frona Geneva (Tolbert) Pruitt. Vivian was a cherished member of her community and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Her life was marked by her unwavering faith, and she found great joy in actively serving at Cornerstone Tabernacle Church in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Known for her warm smile and kind heart, Vivian touched the lives of many with her generosity and compassion.

Beyond her commitment to her church family, Vivian had a passion for gardening, shopping, and most of all spending quality time with her loved ones.

On May 16, 1953, Vivian married the love of her life, Hershel L. Moore, in Aquilla, Missouri and they remained married until the time of his passing on July 30, 1996.

In mourning Vivian's departure are her surviving family members: two sons, Michael Moore and Brit and wife Marsha Moore of Poplar Bluff; one daughter, Sonja Moore of Poplar Bluff; thirteen grandchildren, and fifty-two great-grandchildren, and a large circle of extended church family and friends, as well as many nieces and nephews. She leaves behind cherished memories that will be forever treasured by those whose lives she touched. Vivian was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and two brothers Dwain and Carson Pruitt. Though she may have left this world behind, the legacy of love and kindness that she leaves behind will continue to inspire all who were fortunate enough to have known her.

Visitation for Vivian Freeda Moore will take place on July 25, 2024 at Cornerstone Tabernacle Church in Poplar Bluff from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. A Funeral Service will follow at 1:00 PM at the same location with Brother Victor O'Sorio of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and Pastor Jared Davis of Poplar Bluff, Missouri officiating. The Interment will be held at Walker Cemetery in Bloomfield to follow service. Let us gather together to remember Vivian's life and honor the impact she made during her time with us.

May Vivian's memory be a blessing to those who mourn her loss. Her spirit will live on through the love she shared so generously with others during her lifetime.

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In Memory of Jeanette Clarice Smith

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Jeanette Clarice Smith, daughter of the late Troy Teeter and Carrie Waldrop Teeter, was born on April 17, 1933, and departed this life on July 22, 2024, at her residence in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 91 years.

Mrs. Smith was a former secretary for Griffin Contracting and Brown Shoe Factory. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandsons. She enjoyed going on trips, and spending time with her family around the holidays. She would purchase gifts for less fortunate children around Christmas, so they would have something to open. She loved animals.

On May 22, 1954, in St. Louis, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Willie Lee Smith. Mr. Smith preceded her in death on September 17, 2009.

She is survived by two daughters, Lisa Corlew of Dexter, Missouri, and Angie Smith of Dexter, Missouri; by two grandsons, Zach Roach and Jacob Roach; and by five great-grandchildren, Nevaeh, Brayden, Addison, Jaxon, and Bentley.

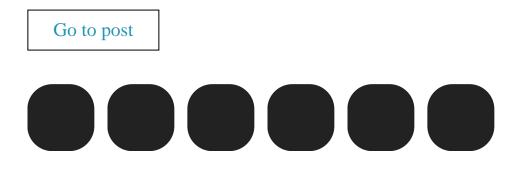
Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Charles Ray Corlew, and by her brother, James Teeter.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter Wednesday, July 24, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel at 1:00 p.m. with JT Thomason officiating. Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Neda Charlene (Lewis) Bowman

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In Memory of Neda Charlene (Lewis) Bowman

Neda Charlene (Lewis) Bowman, 74, of Campbell, was born to the late Charlie and Ruth Fowler Lewis in Poplar Bluff, Missouri Saturday, Oct. 8, 1949. She departed this life Sunday, July 7, 2024 at her residence in Campbell, Missouri.

Charlene was a surgical tech at Dexter Hospital working under Dr. Hill.

On Friday, Feb. 13, 1998 in Arkansas, she was united in marriage to Terry Bowman. He survives.

Other survivors include, son, Aaron Woolard and wife, Dianne, of Dexter; three grandchildren, Cyrus Woolard and wife, Madison, of Shelbyville, Illinois, Olivia Woolard of Savannah, Georgia and Lana Woolard of Dexter; three great-grandchildren, Gwen, Tess and Blair Woolard; sister, Ruth Ann Hoggard and husband, Dennis, of Clearwater; nephew, Doug Barnfield of Red Bud, Illinois and niece, Susan Barnfield Cells of Piedmont.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A graveside service was held at 10 a.m. Sunday, July 14, 2024 at Dexter Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri.

A luncheon was to follow at the Meadows in Dexter, Missouri.

Landess Funeral Home and Crematory of Malden are in charge of the arrangements.

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