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In Memory of Louis Womack

AUGUST 19TH 2024 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Louis Womack

Louis Womack, son of the late Raymond Womack and Ora Williams Womack, was born on December 15, 1924, in Darnell, Arkansas, and departed this life on August 18, 2024, at Puxico Nursing and Rehab in Puxico, Missouri, at the age of 99 years.

Mr. Womack was a former farmer for 20 years, also, he had worked for Stone Container Corp in Chicago, Illinois and for the Dexter Daily Statesman in Dexter, Missouri. He attended Pleasant Grove Church and was a resident of Dexter. He enjoyed discussing politics and watching St. Louis Cardinals baseball games. He loved to read and used to read a book a week.

On March 27, 1943, in Blytheville, Arkansas, he was united in marriage to Frances Shaw. Mrs. Womack preceded him in death on October 12, 2014.

He is survived by his son, Raymond Womack (Suzan) of Cole City, Illinois; by his daughter, Janet Dodge of Dexter, Missouri; by his sister-in-law, Billie Womack of Dexter, Missouri; by six grandchildren, Alan (Staci), Sherry, Larry (Tammy), Andrea, Danielle (Bob), and Bobbi Ann (Scott); by several great grandchildren and several great-great grandchildren.

Other than by his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Bobby Womack; by two brothers, Robert Womack and Dewey Womack; and by four sisters, Geraldine Broyles, Mary Hawks, Ruth Williams, and Velda Womack.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, August 22, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. with Rev. Paul Pierce officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Dannie Ray Hodge

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In Memory of Dannie Ray Hodge

Dannie Ray Hodge, son of the late Cecil E. Hodge and Ada "Teny" Tucker Hodge, was born on February 9, 1952, in Bloomfield, Missouri, and departed this life on August 16, 2024, at Mercy Hospital Stoddard in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 72 years.

Mr. Hodge was a Veteran of the United States Navy, serving in Vietnam. He was a former employee of Arvin Meritor in Dexter, Missouri, retiring after 31 years of service and a resident of Bernie, Missouri. He was of the Baptist faith, and he enjoyed fishing, camping, and shooting matches.

On September 8, 1979, in Kinder, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Patsy Craft. Mrs. Hodge survives of their home in Bernie.

Along with his wife, he is survived by his son, Logan Hodge and wife Halee of Bernie, Missouri; by three grandchildren, Colton Hyslop and wife Kimberly, Karlee Hodge, and Kynlee Hodge; by his great-granddaughter, Aliya, by one great-grandchild on the way; and by two nephews and one niece.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Linda Howard.

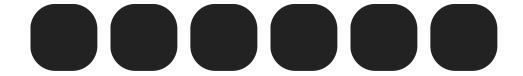
Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of James Meredith Reece

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In Memory of James Meredith Reece

James Meredith Reece, son of the late Victor James Reece and Janet Bertha White Reece was born on August 21, 1938, in Dunklin County, Missouri and departed this life on August 15, 2024, at the Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Missouri at the age of 85.

Mr. Reece had worked for the Ozark Lead Mine Company in Bunker, Missouri and was also a Veteran of the United States National Guard. He was a member of the Fairview Baptist Church in Doniphan,

Missouri. James enjoyed working in his garden and raising farm animals. He enjoyed playing gospel music and would try to find as many "singings" as he could to attend. He enjoyed spending time with his family and having fellowship with them.

On February 27, 1965, he was united in marriage to Helen Orick in Madison, Illinois. Mrs. Reece survives of their home in Doniphan, Missouri.

Along with his wife he is survived by two sons, James "Kevin" Reece and wife Donna of Bernie, Missouri and Jeff Reece of Doniphan, Missouri; by three brothers, Paul Reece of Ladysmith, Illinois, Junior Reece, Bobby Reece, and Ronnie Reece all of Bernie, Missouri; by his sister, Linda Blevins of Williamsville, Missouri; by his grandchildren, Courtney Schrieber, Austin Reece, Katherine Christian, Sierra Young, and Jacob Glueck; by his great-grandchildren, Aiden Reece, Judah Schrieber, Angel Schrieber, Chasity Schrieber, Crimson Schrieber, Jeremiah Christian, Lindsey Christian, Brittney Haynes, Peyton Knight, Blaine Knight, Mia Knight, and Maverick Lett; and by several great-grandchildren.

Other than by his parents he was preceded in death by his son, Shawn Reece; by his brother Roger Reece; and by three sisters, Betty Meadows, Joyce Garrett, and Carolyn Reece.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie on Monday, August 19, 2024, from 9:30 am until 11:00 am. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Jason Schrieber officiating. Interment will follow in the Stevens Chapel Cemetery in Malden.

Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Emma "Jean" Babcock

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In Memory of Emma "Jean" Babcock

Emma "Jean" Babcock was born on December 10, 1940, in Bell City, Tennessee and departed this life on August 14, 2024, at her residence in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 83.

Emma Jean enjoyed crocheting and baking. She gave generously of her time to her southern Baptist churches and loved being a part of their congregation. She helped take care of her five siblings and enjoyed being around her family.

She was united in marriage to William Harvey Babcock in 1960. Mr. Babcock preceded her in death on June 1, 2009.

She is survived by her daughters, Michele Pyle and husband Jim of Dexter, Missouri, and Kelly Mortensen and husband Mickey of Jacksonville, Florida; by six grandchildren, Jimmy Pyle and wife Becca, Nicholas Pyle and wife Stacey, Alli Mortensen, Katie Williams and husband Shane, Zac Mortensen, and Martie Mortensen; by five great-grandchildren, Isaac Pyle, Isabelle Pyle, Emma Mortensen, Axel Williams, and Abby Williams; and by her nephew, Rick Cagle and wife Linda of Attwood, Tennessee.

Other than by her husband she was preceded in death by her father, and her mother Lillian Clifford Jaynes; by her brothers Clifford and David Jaynes; and by her sisters, Rebecca Smith, Faye Turner, and Lois Kelly.

There are currently no services planned.

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

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In Memory of Delbert Henry Sanders

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In Memory of Delbert Henry Sanders

Delbert Henry Sanders, a dedicated and hardworking individual, passed away on August 12, 2024 at Puxico Nursing and Rehab in Puxico, Missouri. He was born on September 7, 1959, in Riverside, California. Delbert was a cherished member of his community, known for his long-standing career at Tyson Foods as an LB Tech.

He leaves behind a legacy that will be remembered by all had the privilege of knowing him. Delbert's proud role as a father, grandfather, and uncle brought him immeasurable joy. He is survived by his loving spouse, Pamela (Horn) Sanders, his children Eric Sanders, Octavio Sanders, and Heather Sanders, as well as his six grandchildren. His memories will be carried on by his brothers Adam Sanders and Steve Sanders, along with his sister Kathy Ramero and Dortha Hess. Delbert held a special place in his heart for his niece Rena Saddler and nephew Eddie Blackwell.

Delbert found solace in simple pleasures, such as hunting, fishing, and tending to his garden. His dedication to instilling good values in his children was one of his proudest accomplishments. He touched the lives of many, including his late brother Bill Sanders and sister Cindy Blackwell.

Family and friends are invited to pay their respects at Watkins Funeral Homes in Dexter, Missouri.

Visitation on August 16, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Funeral Services will be held on August 16, 2024, at 1:00 PM. Burial will follow in the Chalk Bluff Cemetery near Dexter, Missouri.

Delbert Henry Sanders will be deeply missed but fondly remembered for his kindness, work ethic, and devotion to family. May he rest in peace.

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