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In Memory of Randy W. Witt

SEPTEMBER 08TH 2024 BY DEE LOFLIN

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Randy W. Witt, son of Carolyn Ann Cathey Witt of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and the late Orvel W. Witt, was born on February 7, 1968, in Cairo, Illinois, and departed this life on September 6, 2024, at his residence in Morley, Missouri, at the age of 56 years.

Randy was a proud Veteran of the United States Navy Reserve, serving in Bahrain and retiring with 22 years of service. He had worked for Unilever Good Humor Breyer, The Flower Basket and JC Penney in Sikeston, Missouri and he attended Murray Lane Baptist Church in Sikeston.

Along with his mother Carolyn, he is survived by two sisters, Julie Ann Witt of Sikeston, Missouri, and Donna Kay McClard and husband Gary "Butch" of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; by his "other" sister, Donna Jo "DJ" Mofield of Dexter, Missouri; by his niece and nephews, Ann Marie McClard, Austin Witt and wife Micheala, and Garrett McClard; and by many close friends.

Other than by his father Orvel, he was preceded in death by his "other" brother-in-law, Chris Mofield.

Memorials may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301, www.dav.org or Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka, AR 66675-8516

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. A memorial service will then be held in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, September 14, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. with Rev. Joe McCollough 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 Billy Kingery Jr.

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Billy Kingery Jr., son of the late Billy Kingery Sr. and Laura Ryman Kingery, was born on December 3, 1980, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and departed this life on September 5, 2024, at Mercy Hospital Stoddard in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 43 years.

Mr. Kingery was a machine operator for Holden Pallett in Dexter, Missouri, and a resident of Dexter. He enjoyed raising chickens and building things.

On May 2, 2015, in Dexter, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Geraldine Moore. Mrs. Kingery survives of their home in Dexter.

Along with his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Mickey Sue Kingery of Dexter, Missouri; by two brothers, Dustin Kingery and Aaron Ryman both of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; by three sisters, Amy Ethridge and Elaina Kingery both of Poplar Bluff Missouri, and Connie Kingery of Mount Ulla, North Carolina; by his mother-in-law, Debra Moore of Dexter, Missouri; by two sisters-in-law, Amber Hunsaker and Christina Johnson both of Dexter, Missouri; and by four brothers-in-law, Larry Moore Jr. of St. Louis, Missouri, Anthony Moore of Essex, Missouri, Colin Moore and Jacob Moore both of Dexter, Missouri.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Shawn Burkett, and by his father-in-law, Larry Moore Sr.

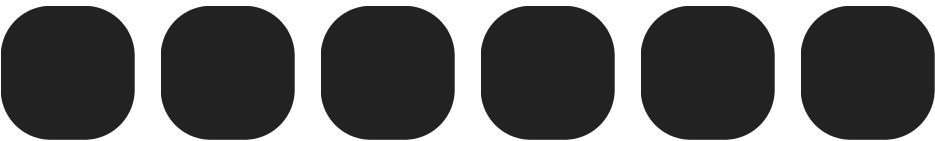
No services are planned.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Felicia Wyatt

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In Memory of Felicia Wyatt

Felicia Wyatt, daughter of the late Aubrey Adamson and Marguerita Tinsley Adamson, was born on September 6, 1965, in Dexter, Missouri, and departed this life on September 3, 2024, at her residence in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 58 years.

Mrs. Wyatt was the owner of the Honey Hole Bait & Tackle in Dexter, Missouri, a former graphic designer for the Daily American Republic Newspaper in Poplar Bluff, Missouri and a former over the road truck driver. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She enjoyed fishing, crochet, gardening and cooking.

On January 18, 2014, in Dexter, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Robert Wyatt. Mr. Wyatt survives of their home in Dexter.

Along with her husband, she is survived by her son, Bryce Butler of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; by her step-daughter, Monica Wyatt of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; by her brother, Sam Adamson of Mount Dora, Florida; by her sister, Carole White of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; and by two grandchildren, Olivia Wyatt and Thea Wyatt.

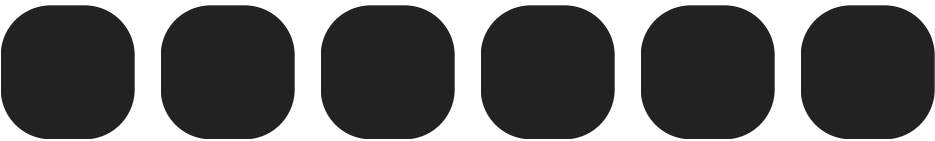
Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, September 6, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, September 6, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow in Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Poplar Bluff.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Tina Mae Evans Bradshaw

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Tina Mae Evans Bradshaw, 97, passed into heaven on August 28, 2024, in Dexter, MO. She was the daughter of Henry Clay Evans and Sarah Carros Jackson Evans. She grew up in Puxico and attended school there.

After high school she attended business college in St. Louis. She married Elmon "Brad" Bradshaw in 1946 and they were married for 47 years.

For most of her married life, Tina and Brad lived in the St. Louis area where Tina worked for American National Insurance. When Brad retired, they moved to the "country" of rural Advance. During their retirement years, Tina was happiest when she could spend time with her mother and sister Norma on their outings together. She also enjoyed attending church, writing meaningful letters, cooking nutritious meals, listening to gospel music, and spending time with family.

Throughout her life, Tina was known to have a sweet demeanor. She was a caring listener and a patient, unassuming lady. She had a strong faith in God and a belief in the goodness of people. She never said an unkind word about others and she always looked for their positive qualities. Tina's integrity was a part of her manner.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her sister, Norma Sifford.

Remaining to mourn her loss are her niece, Sandra Sifford Denbow, a great-nephew, Devlin Denbow, brother-in-law, George Sifford and beloved relatives, Maebell and Alvin Schearf and Dale Wiseman.

Graveside services will be held at Fairview Cemetery Puxico, Missouri with Rev. Dale Wiseman officiating on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. with Watkins and Sons Funeral Service in charge of all arrangements.

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In Memory of George Wesley Sifford

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George Wesley Sifford, 97, passed away in Cape Girardeau on September 1, 2024. He was the son of Tilman and Jane Jones Sifford. He joined siblings Everett, John (Square), Fay and Joe in the Brown Community north of Puxico.

After attending Puxico Schools , he joined the US Navy and was one of the youngest sailors in WWII. He served in the Pacific on the ship USS Point Cruz CVE 119 which ferried planes across the ocean. Returning to Puxico after the war, he became a founding member of the Puxico VFW. He helped construct the VFW building, served as Commander for several years. and promoted the Puxico Homecoming. Many times, he had to round up the goats for the famous goat burgers!

On March 10; 1947 he married his sweetheart, Norma Evans, in Piggott, Arkansas. Two years later, their daughter Sandra Kay was born. To support his family, George decided to become a school teacher. He first attended college on the GI Bill at SEMO and Arkansas State earning a

Bachelor's Degree in Education. He also attended Murray State with a Science Foundation Award and received his Master's in Educational Administration at the University of Mississippi.

George's first teaching position was in a one room school at Fry in Wayne County. Besides the regular lessons, he gathered fresh spring water for the students and built a fire in the wood stove. Next came Sturdivant— a two room school. Then he taught elementary and science at Fisk-Rombauer for nine years. Then he was selected at Puxico as High School Principal , then Superintendent for seventeen years. Promoting educational advancement was very important to him.

After retiring from public school service, George became the Regional Coordinator for Developmental Disabilities covering eight counties in south Missouri. Once again, he was encouraging a fulfilling life for each individual.

After retirement, George spent some time with his farm and cattle. He enjoyed traveling, listening to bluegrass music, researching genealogy, and being with family and friends. He was a trustee of Fagan Cemetery over 65 years.

Preceding him in death was his wife Norma; his grandson Darrin Denbow, his parents and his siblings.

He is survived by his daughter, Sandra Sifford Denbow; and his grandson Devlin Wesley Denbow.

Services will be held with Watkins Funeral Home in Puxico. Visitation on Friday, September 6 from 6:00 to 8:00 with services on Saturday, September 7 at 10:00. Burial will be in the Puxico Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Fagan Cemetery or the George Sifford Scholarship Fund.

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