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In Memory of Gary Lynn Simmons

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In Memory of Gary Lynn Simmons

Gary Lynn Simmons, son of the late William Simmons and Maxine Goode Simmons, was born on November 1, 1946, in Ada, Oklahoma and departed this life on October 4, 2024, at his residence in Malden, Missouri, at the age of 77 years.

Mr. Simmons was a former farmer and racehorse trainer. He also loved to go fishing and rabbit hunting.

He was united in marriage to Judy Simmons. Mrs. Simmons preceded him in death.

He is survived by his son Scott Simmons of Jonesboro, Arkansas; by his daughter, Gerri Ann Simmons of Kennett, Missouri; by his sister, Shirley Harris of Dexter, Missouri; by two grandchildren, Tristan Simmons of Oklahoma and Sydney Patrick of Kennett; and by two great-grandchildren, Achilles Simmons and Milo Simmons.

Mr. Simmons is preceded in death by two brothers, Larry Simmons and his infant brother; one sister, Mary Lou Simmons.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie on Sunday, October 6, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. A memorial service will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Sunday, October 6, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Cheryl "Sherrie" Faye Patterson

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Cheryl "Sherrie" Faye Patterson, daughter of the late Homer Murphy and Cecil Elledge Murphy, was born on May 30, 1947, in Advance, Missouri and departed this life on October 4, 2024, at Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 77.

Mrs. Patterson was formerly employed by Paramount Cap and Elders Manufacturing as a supervisor in quality control. She was a member of the First Assembly of God in Dexter, Missouri. She loved watching the St. Louis Cardinals and talking with her friends.

She was united in marriage to Ronnie Patterson, Sr. and from that marriage came three children.

She is survived by one son Ronnie Patterson (Judy) of Bentonville, Arkansas; two daughters, Gretchen Allen (Will) of Bloomfield, Missouri and Stacy Rauls (Rick) of Dexter, Missouri; one sister, Sharon Murphy of Jackson, Missouri; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Bertha Murphy of Carlisle, Illinois; one brother-in-law, Lester Abner of Bloomfield, Missouri.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Milford "Bud" Murphy, Jackie Murphy and Randy Murphy; two sisters, Margaret Waggoner and Marjorie Abner.

Visitation will be held Tuesday October 8, 2024, at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Memorials may be made to:

18 Forelife 705 Laurie Circle Dexter, Missouri 63841

Mathis Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Julia Bell (Lewis) Taylor

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In Memory of Julia Bell (Lewis) Taylor

Julia Bell (Lewis) Taylor of Puxico, Missouri, passed away peacefully on October 1 2024, leaving behind a legacy of love, resilience, and cherished memories. Born on November 23, 1942, in Dexter, Missouri, to the late John and Jessie (Pulumn) Lewis, Julia's life was characterized by the warmth of family, devotion to her beliefs, and tireless passion for the

simple joys in life.

In 1961, Julia wed the love of her life, Clarence Taylor, in Dexter, Missouri. Their union was one of profound connection, marked by shared dreams and unwavering support for one another. Together, they nurtured a family and built a home filled with laughter, kindness, and love, until Clarence's passing on August 20, 2021.

A devoted member of the Church of Christ, Julia found strength and comfort in her faith, which served as a guiding light throughout her life. Her comforting presence extended to friends and family alike, who were often welcomed into her loving home.

Julia was a woman of many interests. She found great joy in spending time with her family, tending to her garden, crafting beautiful handmade items, and immersing herself in the pages of novelty and Amish books. These activities not only enriched her own life but also the lives of those around her, as she often shared her creations and stories with a generous heart.

She has now joined the ranks of those who have gone before her; Julia is preceded in death by her beloved husband Clarence Taylor, her parents, her brother Arlie Lewis, and her sisters Carol Richmond and Phebia Lacy.

Her spirit, however, will continue to flourish through her surviving family, which includes her cherished siblings, Eddie "Cookie" (and the late Mary) Taylor of Puxico, Missouri, James Allen (Lisa) Taylor of Bruno, Arkansas, and her brother Bill Lewis of Sikeston, Missouri. Julia's legacy is further honored by her three daughters: Carolyn Sue (Gary) Barber of Tecumseh, Missouri, Melissa (Bob) Gray of Mountain Home, Arkansas, and Christina (Joe) Scott of Puxico, Missouri.

In addition, Julia leaves behind an incredible lineup of 20 grandchildren, each of whom held a special place in her heart. Among them are Jeramey (Beth) of Bloomfield, Missouri, Shasta (Jimbo) of Puxico, Missouri, and Cynthia (Jacob) of Puxico, Missouri, just to name a few. Her affection extended even further to her 26 great-grandchildren, who were the apples of her eye, including Jakoby, Landrie, Johannah, Camilla, and many more. Several step-grandchildren also survive her, adding to the quilt of family that she cherished.

A host of family and friends will undoubtedly miss her, commemorating the beautiful bonds she nurtured throughout her life. The loving community she built will echo her laughter and memories as they come together to celebrate the remarkable life she led.

Visitation for Julia will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2024, beginning at 11 A.M. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Chapel in Puxico, Missouri. The funeral service will follow at 12 P.M., officiated by Rev. Kenneth Lambert. Burial will take place at the Rock Hill Cemetery in Puxico, Missouri, where she will rest alongside her beloved husband.

As we gather to remember Julia Bell Taylor, let us hold close the lessons she taught us about love, family, and dedication, ensuring her spirit lives on in our hearts.

Watkins And Sons Funeral Service is honored to handle all arrangements.

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In Memory of Rosie Lee (McBride) Johnson

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Rosie Lee (McBride) Johnson of Parma, Missouri, was born on July 24, 1929, in Newton, Mississippi, to J.B. McBride and Ecelner (Moncrief) McBride. She departed this world on September 30, 2024, at the age of 95. Rosie was a cherished mother, grandmother, and friend. After a life well-lived, she leaves behind a rich legacy of love and family.

Married to Charlie Johnson (48 years) until his passing in 1995, Rosie dedicated herself to her family, she nurtured 12 children. Two preceded her in death: Charles Edward and Cathy. Ten survived her: Randy, Gregory, Vickie Renee, Evelyn, Billy James, Christopher, Reginald, Jeffery, Michelle, and Tim. She also leaves behind 28 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. All of whom carry forward her spirit.

A woman of faith, Rosie found joy in reading the bible and cherished moments spent with her family, often delighting in games like Family Feud and Phase 10. Her warmth and kindness will be deeply missed but forever remembered by all who knew her.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, October 5, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, October 5, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. Interment will follow in Macedonia Cemetery in Malden.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Stanley Hueckel

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In Memory of Stanley Hueckel

Stanley Hueckel, son of the late Billy Hueckel and Vivian Allen Hueckel, was born on October 27, 1955, in Dexter, Missouri, and departed this life on September 30, 2024, at Mercy Hospital Southeast in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 68 years.

Mr. Hueckel was a former farmer and retired as a spray applicator, formerly working for Brehmer Fertilizer and the Mule Barn. He was a member of the Dexter Eagles and a resident of Bloomfield, Missouri. He enjoyed watching St. Louis Cardinals Baseball and St. Louis Blues Hockey.

On September 2, 2000, he was united in marriage to Brenda Durham Spray. Mrs. Hueckel survives of their home in Bloomfield.

Along with his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Amanda Brink and husband Nathaniel of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; by two sons, John Bolton and wife Joy of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Ben Bolton and wife Beth of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; by two brothers, David Hueckel and wife Teresa and Glenn Hueckel and wife Carrie all of Essex, Missouri; and by five grandchildren, Jonah Brink, Rachel Brink, Elijah Brink, Morgan Bolton, and Kaimana Guerrero.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel in Dexter on Thursday, October 3, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow in the New Essex Cemetery in Essex, Missouri.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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