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In Memory of Johnny Duke

OCTOBER 28TH 2024 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Johnny Duke

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Johnny Duke, a beloved resident of Bloomfield, Missouri. He was born on February 13, 1950, in Puxico, Missouri, to the late Ertle and Roana (White) Duke. Johnny departed this life on October 19, 2024, at the age of 74 years, 8 months, and 6 days.

Johnny lived in Southeast Missouri his whole life, where he worked in shipping at Tyson's until his well-deserved retirement.

He is survived by his daughter, Monica Duke, of Bloomfield, Missouri, and his two grandchildren, Veronica Simpson of Fairdealing, Missouri, and Jonathan Simpson of Bloomfield, Missouri. Johnny's loving spirit and kind heart will be missed by all who knew him.

Johnny was preceded in death by his parents.

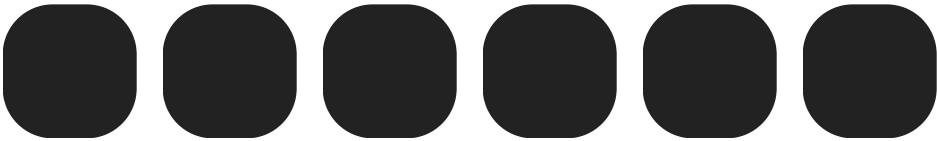
Visitation will be held on Thursday, October 24, 2024, beginning at 11 A.M. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

The funeral service will follow at 1 P.M. on the same day at the funeral home, with burial to take place at the Bernie Cemetery in Bernie, Missouri.

Arrangements are being handled by Watkins and Sons Funeral Service.

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In Memory of Bonnie Lucille Musgrave

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In Memory of Bonnie Lucille Musgrave

Bonnie Lucille Musgrave, daughter of the late Melvin Brown and Marie Palmer Brown, was born on January 17, 1931, in Bernie, Missouri, and departed this life on October 21, 2024, at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, at the age of 93 years.

Mrs. Musgrave was a former employee of Elder Manufacturing in Dexter, Missouri and was a resident of Dexter. She enjoyed helping her husband with his gravel business, babysitting, painting, flowers, quilting and antiquing.

On May 29, 1948, in Piggott, Arkansas, she was united in marriage to John Wyatt Musgrave, Jr. Mr. Musgrave preceded her in death on January 6, 2008.

She is survived by two daughters, Barbara Karmas and husband Mike of Dexter, Missouri and Dana Hux of Essex, Missouri; by three sons-in-law, Dale Rogers of Dexter, Missouri, Allen Jackson of Village Ridge, Illinois, and Stephen Cantrell of Bloomfield, Missouri; by her brother, Larry Brown of Bernie, Missouri; by her sister, Betty Dalton of Michigan; and by fourteen grandchildren, twenty-seven great

grandchildren, and six great-great grandchildren.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by four daughters, DeAnna Rogers, Rose Jackson, Debbie Cantrell, and Paulette Musgrave; by her brother, Bill Brown; and by three great-great grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield on Friday, October 25, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Robert Kirkland

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Robert Kirkland, son of the late Elmer Kirkland and Alice Flowers Kirkland, was born on September 3, 1930, in Center Ridge, Arkansas, and departed this life on October 19, 2024, at his residence in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 94 years.

Mr. Kirkland was a former truck driver and enjoyed building and remodeling houses.

On August 10, 1949, in Piggott, Arkansas, he was united in marriage to Shirley Brown. Mrs. Kirkland preceded him in death on October 11, 2006.

He is survived by his son, Mike Kirkland and wife Nancy of Lancaster, South Carolina; by two daughters, Deborah Schott and husband Buck of New Hamburg, Missouri and Cheryl Parker and husband Ricky of Sikeston, Missouri; by his brother, Dwight Kirkland of Center Ridge, Arkansas; and by ten grandchildren, twenty-three great grandchildren, and five great-great grandchildren.

Along with his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Harley Kirkland, by two sisters, Martha Maulding and Emmie Freeman; and by two grandchildren and one great grandchild.

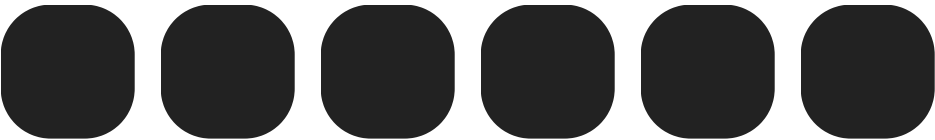
Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, October 24, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, October 24, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. with Bro. Steve Francis officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Brenda Strickland

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In Memory of Brenda Strickland

Brenda Strickland, daughter of John Goodale of Wappapello, Missouri, and the late Marietta Casey was born on December 13, 1963, and departed this life on October 17, 2024, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 60.

Mrs. Strickland was a resident of Dexter and had worked as a dental assistant for several area dentists: Dr. Mathis, Dr. Simmons, and Dr. Demaree and Dr. Mitchell. She enjoyed shopping, social media and playing cards against humanity. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Along with her father, she is survived by her son, Brandon Mitchell Seabaugh (Austin) of Dexter, Missouri; by her daughter, Tiffany Pflasterer (Charles) of Dexter, Missouri; by two brothers, Roger Goodale Jr. of Wappapello, Missouri, and Eugene Goodale of Puxico, Missouri; by her sister, Linda Beard of Mountain Home, Arkansas; and by two grandchildren, Trenton Mitchell and Vyvianne Pflasterer.

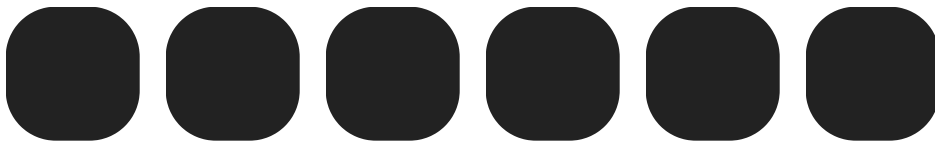
A celebration of life service will be held at a later date.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Sandra Kay Love-Barks

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In Memory of Sandra Kay Love-Barks

Sandra Kay Love-Barks, a cherished member of the Dexter, Missouri community, was born on October 30, 1947, to the late Milford and Ludia (McGath) Love. She departed this life on October 15, 2024, surrounded by her family in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Sandra had a fulfilling career, retiring as a Pharmacy Technician from K-Mart Pharmacy in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. After her retirement, she dedicated her time and compassion to serving others as an in-home caregiver with Southern Care and Comfort in Dexter.

On September 11, 2004, Sandra married Jerry Barks in Dexter, Missouri. She leaves behind her beloved husband, Jerry Barks; her daughter, Brenda (Rodney) Brown of Poplar Bluff; her sons, Berlin (Amy) Robertson of Poplar Bluff and David Sechrest of Dexter; and step-daughter, Jerra (Jeff) Surrat of Austin, Texas. She was a proud grandmother to nine grandchildren: Tyler Davidson, Parker (Megan) Davidson, Bailey (Mallory) Davidson, Zach Brown (Alyson Sieben), Blake (Brittany) Robertson, Brady Robertson, Jenna (Matt) Durette, Bailey Sanders, and Kaity Sanders. She also is survived by her great-granddaughter, Grayson Durette, and two sisters, Shirley (Leo) Brewer of St. Louis and Darlene (Carl) Price of Colorado Springs.

A devoted member of the Bernie Christian Church, Sandra actively participated in numerous church fundraisers. She had a passion for watching her grandchildren play sports and enjoyed painting, cooking, gardening, scrapbooking, and crafting. Most importantly, she treasured spending time with her family, her best friend Nora Hardin, and her special neighbors Jody & Pam Laramore.

Sandra is preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Beverly West and Naomi Ruth Love.

In honor of Sandra's memory, contributions may be made to the Bernie Christian Church in Bernie, Missouri.

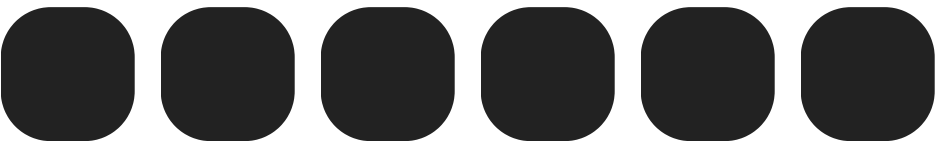
Visitation will be held on Monday, October 21, 2024, at 11 A.M. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter. The funeral service will follow at 12 P.M., with burial at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery near Bloomfield, Missouri.

Watkins And Sons Funeral Service is entrusted with the arrangements.

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