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In Memory of Lydia Clark

JANUARY 12TH 2025 BY DEE LOFLIN

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Lydia Clark, daughter of the late William Samuel Whitaker and Helen Myers Whitaker, was born on November 2, 1947, in Powe, Missouri, and departed this life on January 9, 2025, at Mercy Hospital Southeast in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 77 years.

Mrs. Clark worked for numerous years at Tool N Dye Metal Removal in Malden, Missouri, for 8 years she worked for SCA Hygiene and retired after 10 years as a Veteran's Financial Advisor at Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. She was of the Baptist faith and a resident of Bernie, Missouri.

On October 17, 1966, in Bowling Green, Kentucky, she was united in marriage to Robert Ernie Clark. Mr. Clark preceded her in death on November 5, 2009.

She is survived by two sons, Robbie Clark of Spring Lake, North Carolina, and William "Billy" Clark of Jackson, Missouri; by two daughters, Kathy Strange of Spring Lake, North Carolina, and Melissa Sypherd of Phoenix, Arizona; by two brothers, Bill Whitaker of Somonauk, Illinois, Roger Whitaker of Dexter, Missouri; by seven sisters, Donna Skidmore of Wappapello, Missouri, Suzette "Sue" Hendrix of Batavia, Illinois, Carol Vincent of Dexter, Missouri, Clara Wiseman of Sikeston, Missouri, Robin Gregg of Dexter, Missouri, Helen Ward of Wappapello, Missouri, and Cheryl Cowart of Bloomfield, Missouri; and by eighteen grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Cassandra "Sandy" McGowan, and by her brother, John Whitaker.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow in Dexter Cemetery.

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In Memory of Dora Yvonne Carter

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Dora Yvonne Carter, daughter of the late Robert Lee Wilcox and Thelma Lou Grayum Wilcox was born in Bernie, Missouri on January 5, 1944 and departed this life at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Missouri on January 9, 2025 at the age of 81.

Mrs. Carter had worked at International Hat Factory in Dexter, also at Media Press in Sikeston, Missouri. She attended Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church of Sikeston, Missouri; and was a resident of rural Dexter, Missouri. Mrs. Carter enjoyed Scrapbooking, Genealogy, Crocheting and spoiling her Grands.

She was united in marriage to Freeman Luke Carter in Bernie, Missouri on June 26, 1959. He preceded his wife in death on October 1, 1998.

Survivors include four sons, J.R. Carter & wife Marla of Bernie, David Matthew Carter of Godfrey, Illinois, Robert W. Carter & wife Christina of Union, Missouri, Rodney L. Carter & wife Joanna of Bernie,

Missouri; by one daughter, Annette Davis & husband Jeff of Ellsinore, Missouri; by four sisters, Janice Elaine Wilcox of Highland, Illinois, Jeanette Rice of Kansas City, Missouri, Becky King & husband Danny of Dexter, Missouri and Debbie Patterson & Curt of Risco, Missouri; by numerous Grandchildren, Great-grandchildren and Great-Great-grandchildren; also by other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death other than by her parents and her husband, by two grandchildren, Travis Carter and Summer Learue; by three sisters, Deloris Probst, Donna Sylvester, and Sharon Cullum.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Monday morning, January 13, 2025, from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

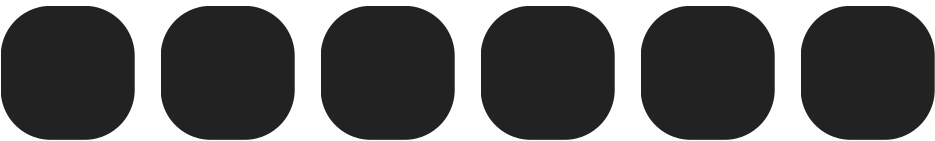
Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel Monday, January 13, 2025, starting at 1:00 PM with Rev. John Tarter officiating.

Interment will follow in the Bernie Cemetery. Mathis Funeral Home of Bernie is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Jeffrey Ray Brown

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Jeffrey Ray Brown, son of the late Ray Brown and Cathy Green Dennington, was born on September 26, 1969, in Dexter, Missouri, and departed this life on January 6, 2025, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 55 years.

Mr. Brown was a farmer and a resident of Dexter, Missouri. He loved fishing, collecting arrowheads, and building model cars, and he enjoyed playing with his granddog, Oaken.

He is survived by his daughter, Veronica Brown of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; and by his sister, Sonja Shafer of Texas.

No services are planned.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter assisted with arrangements.

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In Memory of Nettie Sue Ward

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Nettie Sue Ward, nee Steinmeier, the daughter of the late Joe and Pearl Steinmeier Hawks passed away peacefully at the Puxico Nursing Center on Friday, January 3, 2025 at the age of 94 with family by her side.

Nettie was born August 25th, 1930.

She graduated from Puxico High School in 1948, obtained her bachelor's degree from State Teacher's College Southeast Missouri State in 1960, and completed her Master's degree in 1972 (A note from Nettie: "12 years apart for each one, that's not my measurements!")

She was married to Floyd Ward, Jr. and they were married for 64 years before he passed away, March 27th, 2015.

She began her teaching career in 1950 at Tanner School, which was in the Grey Ridge School District. She taught the first four grade levels and notes that her first salary was \$1800 for 9 months. She then taught at Puxico for 2 years, and then the Hazelwood School District in the St. Louis area for 25 years. She retired in 1985, after 30 years in education.

It was then time for grandkids, traveling, and crafting. Her grandchildren recall many happy memories at Grandma and Papa's home in Florissant, MO, singing songs learning to read, playing Skip-Bo and always being assured of a readily available ice cream cone or popsicle.

Nettie and Shorty moved back to Puxico in 2002. Nettie looked forward to the city-wide yard sales, enjoying visiting with people and displaying her many creative crafts. She was especially adept at turning trash into treasures, as those lucky enough to own one of her light bulb snowman can attest. She was a member of the 1st Baptist Church of Puxico, The Thursday Culture Club, and served on the Barry Glenn historical museum board for several years.

She is survived by two sons: Terry (Linda Woolley) Ward and Keith (Anita Grigery) Ward, six grandchildren: Jon (Courtney Pare), Amy (Spencer) Chew, Allie Ward, Alyssa Ward, Laura (Dominic) Vitale and Elena Ward, and 4 great-grandchildren: Abbey Ward, Helen Chew, Enzo and Nico Vitale. She is also survived by one sister, Emma Walton of Auburn, Alabama and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and friends, whom she cherished.

Nettie was preceded in death by five sisters: Dorothy Tweedy, Lillian Green, Pauline Sifford, Vivian Glenn, and Geneva Lacewell, four brothers: Billy Joe Steinmeier, Herbert Hoover

Steinmeier, Bonnie Rudolph Steinmeier and Charles Leon Steinmeier.

Service Information:

The visitation will be on Sunday, January 12, 2025, beginning at 1 P.M. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Puxico, Missouri.

The funeral will be on Monday, January 13, 2025, beginning at 10 A.M. at the Puxico First Baptist Church in Puxico, Missouri.

Watkins and Sons is handling all arrangements.

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In Memory of Gerald Edward Rinehart

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Gerald Edward Rinehart, son of the late Claude and Jewell (Atkinson) Rinehart was born on April 17, 1938 in Houston, Arkansas and passed away on January 5, 2025 in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 86 years, 8 months and 19 days.

Gerald and Patricia Ann Toll were united in marriage in June of 1965 in Benton Harbor, Michigan and were happily married until her passing on September 13, 2010.

Gerald lived in Michigan for several years before moving back to the Dexter area in 1992. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bloomfield, Missouri and enjoyed gardening, fishing and watching the St. Louis Cardinals play.

Surviving family include his children, Jerry Rinehart of Stevensville, Michigan and Jill Miller of Arkansas, 4 grandchildren; Stephanie (Andrew) Tolles, of Flint, Michigan, Zachary Rinehart, of Stevensville, Michigan, Crystal Miller and Timothy Miller, both of Arkansas, a great grandson, James Tolles, a brother, J.E. (Sue) Rinehart of Bloomfield, Missouri, a sister, Lillie Denny of West Plains, Missouri, a sister in law, Irene Rinehart, of Bloomfield, Missouri, and many nieces and nephews, including the director of Memory Lane, Michelle Chism.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Patricia, 3 brothers, and 3 sisters.

The family would like to send a special thanks to the Memory Lane Nursing Center in Dexter, Missouri for taking such great care of their loved one.

No further arrangements have been made at this time.

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