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In Memory of Danny L. Freeman

FEBRUARY 12TH 2025 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Danny L. Freeman

Danny L. Freeman, age 78, went to be with the good Lord on February 6th in the year 2025. Mr. Freeman was born in Osceola Arkansas on April 10, 1946, to Charles and Pearl Freeman who preceded him in death.

He is survived of the home by his loving wife, Sharon Courter Freeman who he married on November 12, 1993. Mr. Freeman was preceded in death by his daughter, Lori Anne Freeman Ditto. He is survived by three daughters, Michele Dickey (Jerry) of St. Louis, Missouri, Leslie Freeman of Sikeston, Missouri, and Carrie Freeman Young of Jefferson City, Missouri; by seven grandchildren, Dalton Ditto, John Young, Lydia Young, Lily Golightly, Sam Golightly, Ricky Bascom, and Britney Bascom; by two sisters, Linda Norton (Daniel S.) and Charline Chambers (Tim) both of Sikeston, Missouri; by three nephews, Zachary Chambers, Tyson Chambers, and David Norton, and by four nieces, Alexandria Stowe (Steve), Jeannie Jones (Rich), Amanda Moore (Scott), and Jennifer Williams.

Danny graduated from Sikeston High School in 1964 and attended Southeast Missouri State University. Mr. Freeman worked for the State of Missouri Division of Employment Security as a State Supervisor for twenty-seven years. He retired from the state in 1999.

Danny was a 100% service-connected disabled Vietnam Veteran. He served in the infantry in Vietnam in 1966 and 1967 with the First Calvary Airmobile Division. He was awarded the Combat Air Medal for 125+ combat missions, the Combat Infantry Badge (CIB) and six Army Achievement Medals with four Bronze Stars. He was awarded the Order of the Silver Rose by Congress Woman Joann Emerson for life long physical and mental injuries sustained while in Vietnam. He was Honorably Discharged from the Army on February 8, 1968. He joined the Missouri National Guard in 1983 and retired from military duty as a Sergeant First Class (SFC E-7) in April 2006 with twenty-eight years of military service. Danny loved his country and prided himself on being A Great Soldier!

Danny was an accomplished Artist who had murals in several government offices throughout Missouri. He also painted murals in nursing homes, shopping malls, stores, restaurants and private residences. He loved doing paintings and giving them to friends as gifts. He was also a lifelong fan of the St. Louis

Cardinals Baseball team and the University of Missouri and University of Arkansas football and basketball teams.

Danny will be missed by his friends and family.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38101

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, February 13, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. with Rick Stanfield and John Nedler officiating. Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield with full military honors.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Dr. Franklin Delano Nickell

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In Memory of Dr. Franklin Delano Nickell

Dr. Franklin Delano Nickell, a former professor of history at Southeast Missouri State University died on February 9, 2025 surrounded by his family. He taught at Southeast from 1969 to 2013. After his retirement he worked for the Missouri State Historical Society then transitioned to his most recent position at the Kellerman Foundation. He established the Center for Regional History and has received multiple prestigious awards locally, regionally, and nationally.

Born on December 7, 1935 Dr. Nickell was raised on a farm near Atwood, Illinois. He received B.S. and M.S. degrees from Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Illinois, and a Ph.D in American History from the University of New Mexico. Dr. Nickell and Gynel Snyder were married September 9, 1956; they were great humanitarians to the community. She preceded his passing in December 2011. Together they established the humane society in Cape Girardeau, MO, now referred to as Southeast Missouri Pets.

Dr. Nickell was the youngest of eight children, born to Leonard Nickell and Orpha Mechling Nickell, all who preceded him in death.

Dr. Nickell will be missed as he was deeply loved by his family, including his foster sons Roger (Thuy) Luethner and Lance Luethner who preceded him in death, his special niece Janet (Kevin) Stewart, as well as many other nieces, nephews and friends.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to the following are suggested to honor his memory: Franklin Nickell Scholarship, Southeast Missouri State University Southeast Missouri Pets of Cape Girardeau, MO

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In Memory of Imogene Hanor

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In Memory of Imogene Hanor

Imogene Hanor, daughter of the late Charley Hager and Lucille Irby Hager, was born January 23, 1932, in East Prairie, Missouri and departed this life February 6, 2025, at her home in East Prairie, Missouri at the age of 93 years.

Mrs. Hanor was a lifelong resident of East Prairie, where she worked as an aide for the East Prairie School District. She also owned and operated Western Auto in East Prairie with her husband for many years. She was a member of the Church of God.

On December 22, 1951, at the First Church of God in East Prairie, she united in marriage to Frank Hanor. Mr. Hanor preceded her in death on March 30, 2024.

She is survived by one son, Bob Hanor of East Prairie; one daughter, Janet Sutton of East Prairie; one sister, Mary Sue Scroggins of St. Charles, Missouri; three grandchildren, Scott Sutton of Sikeston, Nathan Sutton of Charleston and Laurie Hutcheson of East Prairie; one great-grandson, Shelby Sutton of Sikeston.

Other than her parents and husband, she is preceded in death by one brother, Bill C. Hager and two sisters, Linda Faye Howren and Peggy Ann Mattox.

Visitation will be held Sunday February 9, 2025, at the First Church of God in East Prairie from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted Sunday February 9, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. with Pastor Dawn Walters officiating. Interment will follow at Dogwood Cemetery near East Prairie.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Calvin Ray Dellinger

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In Memory of Calvin Ray Dellinger

Calvin Ray Dellinger was born on March 30, 1965, in Gibson City, Illinois, to the late John and Irma (Mallory) Dellinger, and passed away on February 5, 2025, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 59 years old.

On November 20, 2019, Calvin and Sherry Parks were united in marriage in Bloomfield, Missouri, and she survives of the home.

Calvin lived the earlier part of his life in Illinois, and the later part of his life in Southeast Missouri. He was of the Baptist faith.

Surviving family include his wife, Sherry, his children: Chastity Austin of Hunstville, Illinois, John Thomas Dellinger, of Palastine, Illinois, and Sabrina Houser, of Centrailia, Illinois, 2 grandchildren, Ollie Mae and Gideon Houser, and 6 brothers.

Calvin was preceded in death by his parents, and 3 brothers.

No further arrangements have been made at this time.

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In Memory of Joe Wayne Jackman

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In Memory of Joe Wayne Jackman

Joe Wayne Jackman was born on April 12, 1937 in Ardeola, Missouri, to the late Ollie and Lillian (Warren) Jackman, and passed away on February 4, 2025 in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 87.

On April 12, 1955, Joe Jackman and Mary Hawk were united in marriage in Hernando, Mississippi and she survives of the home.

Joe was a member of the Mechanics Union local 701 for over 50 years, and was of the Baptist Faith. He enjoyed going to Blue Grass music festivals, was an avid lover and owner of Muscle cars, especially MOPARS, and liked to play his banjo

Surviving family include Mary, his loving wife of 70 years, his children: Rebecca (Paul) Kramer, and Sandra (David) Worthy, grandchildren: Nathan (Marcy) Bishop, Maegan (Bernard) Bishop, and Melissa (Wayne) Ziemer, great grandchildren: Alexis (Giovanni) Gonzalez, Ashley (Mo) Saleem, Jacob (Kelly) Bishop, Abigail Bishop, Emma Bishop, Isaac Proehl, Luke Bishop and Tiffany Ziemer, as well as his great- great grandchildren, Jordan Gonzalez and Aaliyah Saleem.

The visitation will be on Saturday, February 8, 2025, beginning at 11 A.M., at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

The funeral will be on Saturday, February 8, 2025, beginning at 1 P.M., at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Interment will immediately follow at the Walker Cemetery near Bloomfield, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations in Joe Jackman's name to The Cancer Society or a food bank of your choice.

Watkins and Sons Funeral Home is handling all arrangements.

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