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Gertrude Elvena Martin, 82, of Dexter, Missouri, peacefully gained her wings on February 21, 2025, at her home. She was born in Fisk, Missouri, on October 9, 1942.

Elvena was a woman who touched the hearts of everyone she met, always offering kind and encouraging words to those she loved. Growing up in the rural Puxico area, Elvena's charm and grace were evident early on. She was honored to be the first runner-up in the 1959 Miss Puxico Pageant and a graduate of Puxico High School in 1960.

Elvena's love story with her husband, Ronnie Sr., who survives, began on December 2, 1961. From their early years together in St. Louis to their final days in Dexter, their marriage was filled with countless adventures. Elvena worked for many years at Puxico State Bank before becoming an insurance agent in Dexter. Throughout her life, she was also an active member of the Puxico chapter of The Order of Eastern Star. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Dexter.

A devoted mother to Ronnie Martin Jr. (Nicky) of Puxico, who survives her, and to her late son, Corey "Petey" Martin, Elvena's love for her family knew no bounds. She is also survived by her three grandsons: Ben Martin of Piggott, AR, Brandon (Bethany) Coleman of Gordonville, and Nathan Martin (Julia Williams) of Cape Girardeau, and a great-grandson, Baylor Coleman.

In addition to her son Corey "Petey", Elvena was preceded in death by her parents, Elam and Lucille Newsom, and her brother, E.R. "Sonny" Newsom. She is survived by her three sisters: Marian John of Salt Lake City, Utah, Carolyn Williams of Fenton, and Judy (Joe) Farthing of Bridgeton. Elvena is also survived by many cherished brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Elvena's legacy of love, kindness, and strength will live on in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing and loving her.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri, on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home

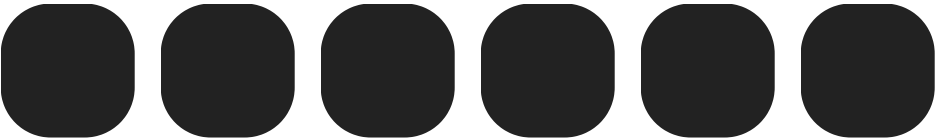
Chapel on Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow in Rock Point Cemetery in Swinton, Missouri.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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