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In Memory of Nancy Jean Skillings Buttry

MARCH 24TH 2025 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Nancy Jean Skillings Buttry

Nancy Jean Skillings Buttry, a loving and joyful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, passed away on March 17, 2025, at age 81 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

She was born on August 29, 1943, in Waynesville, Missouri, to parents Dr. Vernon Skillings and Zelma “Jackie” Abbott Skillings.

Nancy lived most of her life in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and Puxico, Missouri, where she graduated from Puxico High School in 1961. She married Larry Buttry in Dyersburg, Tennessee, on November 3, 1961, and they were married for 50 years until his death on October 9, 2012.

She loved music and the arts, and she studied both at Three Rivers Community College and Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO), where she graduated in 1977. She was a talented watercolor artist, and during her life she worked as an art teacher and volunteered at the Margaret Harwell Art Museum in Poplar Bluff.

Nancy was very involved in her church and local community. She was a long-time member of the Puxico First United Methodist Church, and she served faithfully as the pianist and organist for many years. She was an active member of the SEMO Sassy Lassies of the Red Hat Society, where her friends knew her as “Queen Mother Nancy.” As a sales representative for Avon, she passionately shared and delivered products to friends and neighbors for over 25 years. She also enjoyed playing cards and showing love to her cats.

Everyone who met Nancy noticed her friendliness and contagious joy. She never met a stranger, and she shared love, care, and laughs with everyone in her life.

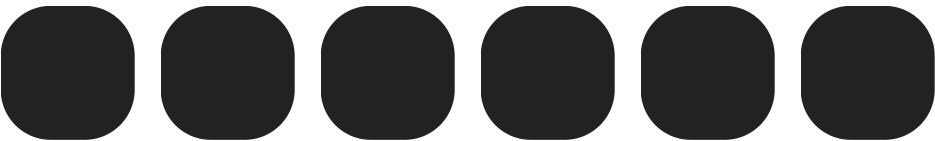
Nancy is survived by her two sons and their spouses, Alan & Cheryl Buttry of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and Stephen & Valerie Buttry of Plano, Texas; five grandchildren, Joey Clark, Michelle & Joseph Massey, Robert Clark, Jacob Buttry, and Matthew Buttry; and six great-grandchildren, Ashton Clark, Kenzie Clark, Kennedy Clark, Grace Massey, Sam Massey, and Lilly Massey. Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Vernon Skillings and Zelma “Jackie” Abbott Skillings, and by her husband, Larry Buttry.

A memorial service will be held at Watkins Funeral Home in Puxico, Missouri, on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at 12pm. Visitation will precede the service at 10am, and burial will follow the service at 1pm.

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In Memory of Elwanda Rae Pullum

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Elwanda Rae Pullum, daughter of the late Ray Edward Metcalf and Maida Ruth Lewis Metcalf, was born on March 31, 1944, in Bell City, Missouri, and departed this life on March 16, 2025, at Landmark Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 80 years.

Mrs. Pullum formerly worked for Hudson Foods in Dexter, Missouri. She attended Emanuel Baptist Church in Dexter and was a resident of Dexter. She enjoyed fishing and taking drives sightseeing.

On November 6, 1971, in Dexter, Missouri, she was united in marriage to David Pullum. Mr. Pullum survives of their home in Dexter.

Along with her husband, she is survived by her son, Jamie Ray McCoy of Dexter; by three brothers, Perry Metcalf and wife Betty of Advance, Missouri, Earl Metcalf and wife Marcia of Puxico, Missouri, and David Metcalf of Bloomfield, Missouri; and by three sisters, Loretta Green of Dexter, Missouri, Judy Sommers and husband Francis of Puxico, Missouri, and Becky Stephens of Dexter, Missouri.

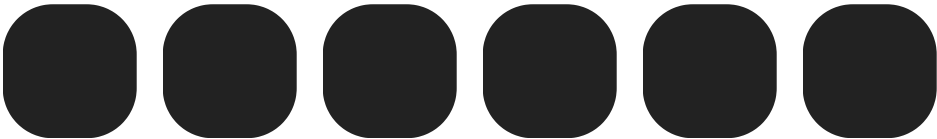
Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by one son in infancy; and by two brothers, Richard Dale Metcalf and Eddie C. Metcalf.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, March 21, 2025, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, March 21, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow in Hagy Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Mary Susan Blanton

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In Memory of Mary Susan Blanton

Mary Susan Blanton, daughter of the late John J. Ivy and Aurelia Fields Ivy, was born on November 29, 1952, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and departed this life on March 16, 2025, at Missouri Delta Medical Center in Sikeston, Missouri, at the age of 72 years.

Ms. Blanton retired from Arvin Automotive in Dexter with 20 years of service, and she attended Calvary Baptist Church in Dexter. She loved animals, her family, her grandchildren and she loved to season her food with pepper.

She is survived by her daughter, Amy Jo Colbert of Anadarko, Oklahoma; by three grandchildren, Alexander Pugh, Aurelia Colbert, and Bobby Colbert; by her sister-in-law, Marianna Burge of Dexter, Missouri; and by her niece, Jamie Burge Hissong of Hernando, Mississippi.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Jimmie Burge.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, March 20, 2025, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. Interment will follow in Chalk Bluff Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Larry Gene Moore

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Larry Gene Moore, son of the late Floyd "Frog" Moore and Dorlus Snyder Moore was born on March 31, 1946 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri and departed this life on March 16, 2025 at Mercy South Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri at the age of 78.

Larry had attended the Lighthouse Christian Church in Dexter, Missouri and was a resident of Bernie, Missouri. He had worked in the maintenance department at Noranda and enjoyed working on old washers and dryers when he was able to.

On August 25, 1967, he was united in marriage to Barbara Sue Morgan in Bernie, Missouri. Mrs. Moore preceded him in death on February 18, 2018.

He is survived by his son, John Moore and wife Kristen of Dexter, Missouri; and by two grandchildren, Alexis Moore and Brice Moore.

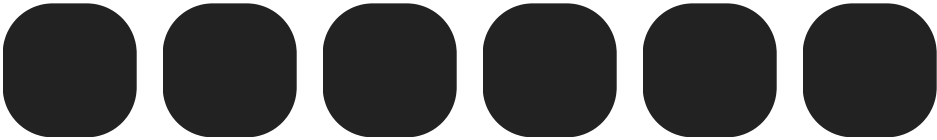
Other than by his wife and parents he was preceded in death by his siblings, Jack Moore, Wendel Moore Sr., and Mary Crites.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2025 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Lighthouse Christian Church in Dexter, Missouri. A memorial service will then be conducted on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in the Lighthouse Christian Church with Rev. Tim Russell officiating. Interment will follow at the Bernie City Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Rebecca Sue Aguilar

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Rebecca Sue Aguilar, daughter of Brenda Aguilar of Dexter, Missouri, and the late Elias “Alex” Aguilar, was born on September 4, 1986, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and departed this life on March 16, 2025, at Mercy Hospital Stoddard in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 38 years.

Ms. Aguilar worked for CPC Janitorial in Dexter, Missouri and was a resident of Dexter. She enjoyed attending Comic-Con festivals.

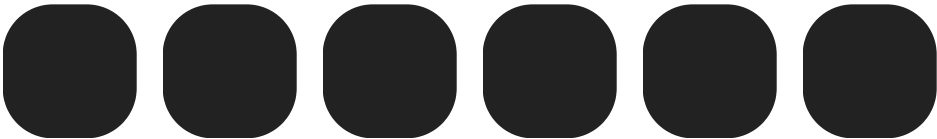
Along with her mother, she is survived by two brothers, Miguel Aguilar of Des Moines, Iowa and Jose Aguilar of Jonesboro, Arkansas; by her boyfriend, Buddy Hall of Dexter, Missouri; and she was a cherished aunt of Emmitt Williams and Isabella Aguilar of Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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