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## In Memory of Marlene Sue Parker

MARCH 24TH 2025 BY DEE LOFLIN

#### In Memory of Marlene Sue Parker

Marlene Sue Parker, daughter of the late Alvin Marcus Sheubrook and Arbutus Johnson Sheubrook, was born on December 2, 1952, in Charleston, West Virginia, and departed this life on March 22, 2025, at Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 72 years.

Mrs. Parker was a former clerk with the United States Postal Service and a resident of Dexter, Missouri. She enjoyed working in her garden.

On October 30, 1978, in Dexter, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Roy Mitchell Parker. Mr. Parker preceded her in death on August 24, 2017.

She is survived by two sons, Verl Jason Cato and wife Jyl of Dexter, Missouri and Darren Parker of North Carolina; by two daughters, Beverly Cookson and husband Robert of Dexter, Missouri, and Amy Tipton and husband Jarrod of Campbell, Missouri; by nine grandchildren, Maranda Cato, Arielle Coyner, Aaron Cookson, Jared Cookson, Jaxson Tipton, Elecia Parker, Jonathan Parker, Sean Parker, and Desiree Parker; and by her great-grandchild, Gianni Parker Yanez.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Randy Johnson officiating. Interment will follow in Hagy Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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## In Memory of Louise Abbott

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#### In Memory of Louise Abbott

Louise Abbott, daughter of the late Herbert Jarrell and Evelyn Hutchcraft Jarrell, was born on April 26, 1937, in Dudley, Missouri, and departed this life on March 18, 2025, at her daughter's residence in Carrollton, Georgia, at the age of 87 years.

Mrs. Abbott was a former cook for Dexter High School in Dexter, Missouri, and a member of Dudley Community Church in Dudley, Missouri.

On July 28, 1956, in Maplewood, Missouri, she was united in marriage to William Abbot. Mr. Abbott preceded her in death on January 5, 2016.

She is survived by her daughter, Vicki Holmes and husband Wayne of Carrollton, Georgia; by two brothers, TL Jarrell and Dean Jarrell both of Dudley, Missouri; by three sisters, Dorothy Kinworthy and Janice Patterson both of Dexter, Missouri, and Melba Dorock of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; by two grandchildren, Kristina Lashbrook and husband Devon and Amy Abbott, and by her great grandchild, Rylan Lashbrook.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Rick Abbott, and by her brother, JC Jarrell.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, March 24, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Monday, March 24, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Lynn Ash officiating. Interment will follow in Dudley Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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# In Memory of Nancy Jean Skillings Buttry

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### 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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### In Memory of Elwanda Rae Pullum

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 Emanual 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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