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In Memory of Elsie Fry

MAY 27TH 2025 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Elsie Fry

Elsie Fry, daughter of the late Raleigh Palmer and Mildred Walker Palmer, was born on June 20, 1949, in Aquilla, Missouri and departed this life on May 25, 2025, at the age of 75.

Mrs. Fry had retired from Nestle Purina. She enjoyed being retired and liked to work in her flower gardens and mow her yard.

On September 3, 1994, she was united in marriage to Jimmy Fry Sr. in Bloomfield, Missouri. Mr. Fry preceded her in death on December 29, 2020.

She is survived by her son, Bill Keating and wife Crystal of Dexter, Missouri; by her stepson, Allen Fry of Matthews, Missouri; by her stepdaughter, Renee Lawrence of Essex, Missouri; by her sister, Kathy Hyslop of Bloomfield, Missouri; and by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, extended family and friends.

Other than by her husband and parents she was preceded in death by two stepsons, Jimmy Fry Jr., and Ricky Fry; by her brother, Jim Palmer; and by her sister, Barbara Gaines.

A graveside service will be conducted on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at the Bloomfield City Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with Pastor Jamie Jones officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family requests all donations be made to St. Jude Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri is assisting the family with arrangements.

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In Memory of Cyrus Rhett Noe

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In Memory of Cyrus Rhett Noe

Cyrus Rhett Noe was born on December 24, 2024, and departed this life on May 22, 2025, at just four months old. Affectionately known as “Spanky,” Cyrus brought more joy in his short time than many do in a lifetime. He adored his little blue kick-and-play mat and loved watching his big brother, Colben, play tractors on the floor beside him. His bright smile could soften even the hardest of hearts, and his giggle—sweet and contagious—was a sound of pure delight.

Though his time on Earth was brief, Cyrus was a dear and beloved child whose presence left a lasting impact. His memory will be cherished forever by all who were fortunate enough to be touched by his life.

Though we ask God why, we know that His plan is much grander than ours. He was much too precious for this cruel world. We are convinced God gave us one of His angels to give us a short glimpse of what joy a lifetime in heaven will look like.

He is survived by his loving parents, Chase and Caitlyn Noe of Essex, MO, and his big brother, Colben Chase Noe.

He is also survived by his grandparents: Jonas Noe of Dexter, MO, and Keith and Sabra Mayberry of Essex, MO.

Aunts and uncles who adored him include: Cayla Mayberry of Essex, MO; Cole Mayberry of Dexter, MO; Blaren Noe of Dexter, MO; Mason and Taylor Noe of Jackson, MO; and Lane and Hannah Below of Panama City, Florida.

His cousins: Makai, Madden and Miller Noe of Jackson, MO, and Collins and Knox Below of Florida.

Great-grandparents include: Dale Mayberry of Essex, MO; Sarah Walpole of Dexter, MO; and Roy and Linda Owens of Valley, Alabama.

Cyrus was preceded in death by his Grandma “JoJo,” Jo Carolyn Noe, and his great-grandmother Joan Mayberry, Jeannine Flowers, and great-grandfather Bill Flowers.

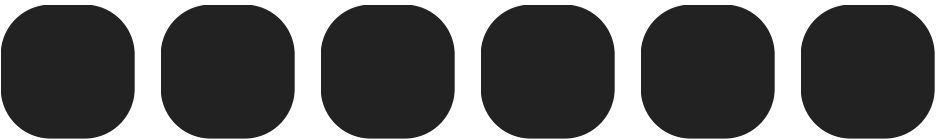
Cyrus is also deeply loved and mourned by a large extended family and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Cyrus’s memory to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, an organization dedicated to helping children and families facing the toughest battles. Contributions can be made online at <http://www.stjude.org> or mailed to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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In Memory of Virgil Allen Chambers

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Virgil Allen Chambers, son of the late Carl Loveday and Sandra Jeffers Loveday, was born on December 28, 1974, in Scott County, Tennessee, and departed this life on May 21, 2025, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 50 years.

Mr. Chambers was a logger and a resident of Dexter, Missouri. He enjoyed going to work every day and playing X-Box online.

On December 29, 1998, in Scott County, Tennessee, he was united in marriage to Vicky Bell. Mrs. Chambers survives of their home in Dexter.

Along with his wife, he is survived by five sons, Christopher Chamber (McKenzie) of Jellico, Tennessee, Anthony Chambers of Caryville, Tennessee, Damian Jeffers (Lillian) of Iron River, Michigan, Marcus Chambers (Rachel) of Winfield, Tennessee, and Shawn Chambers (Hailey) of Qulin, Missouri; by his daughter, Katie Rojas (Jhair) of Caryville, Tennessee; by his brother, Michael Chambers of Jellico, Tennessee; by two sisters, Sonya Loveday of Lake City, Tennessee, and Carletta Loveday of Florida; and by eleven grandchildren, Emalynn Rojas, Nicholas Rojas, Lincoln Rojas, Mateo Rojas, Marcelo Rojas, Rio Rojas, Willow Jeffers, Aiden Lowe, Hazel Chambers, Nevaeh Chambers, Christopher Chambers Jr. and grandbabies #12 and #13 he was excited to meet.

Services will be held in Tennessee at a later date.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Raymond Linley

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Raymond Linley, son of the late Vick Linley and Clyde Mae Portwood, was born May 5, 1933, in Dorena, Missouri and departed this life on May 20, 2025, at his residence in East Prairie, Missouri, at the age of 92 years.

Mr. Linley was a former employee of Noranda Aluminum before retiring. He also worked as a tankerman on the boat and cut timber. He was known for making and gifting people his famous pecan and custard pies. He also loved giving people recorded music.

On January 23, 1961, he united in marriage to Eunice “Nokie” Clark. Mrs. Linley preceded him death on February 10, 1987.

He is survived by three sons, Thomas Linley of Corpus Christi, Texas, Steve Linley (Sonya) of East Prairie, Missouri and Michael Linley (Marcie) of St. John, Indiana; two daughters, Kay Portwood (Raymond) and Sheila Sisk both of East Prairie, Missouri; twelve grandchildren, thirty-one great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Dick Linley and Calvin Hancock one grandson, Little Jerry Portwood.

Visitation will be held at Victory Baptist Church in East Prairie on Friday May 23, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted at Victory Baptist Church on May 23, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. with Bro. Steve Johnson officiating. Interment will follow in Dogwood Cemetery near East Prairie.

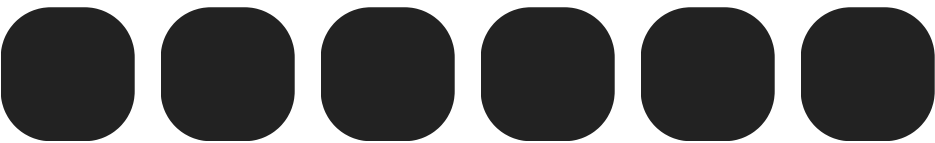
Pallbearers will be Michael Linley, Dennis Bennett, Steve Linley, Nathan Sisk, Richard Sisk, Simon Moore and Adam Hartlein.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Truman “Martin” Ward

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In Memory of Truman “Martin” Ward

Truman “Martin” Ward came screaming into this world on June 12, 1955, to his parents Margret Ann Martin and Truman Ward.

From the first cry until the last breath on May 17, 2025, everyone who knew Martin knew he was a special soul. He was always ready with his one liners to make everyone around him laugh.

Martin left behind a slough of loved ones, including his first best friend, his brother Roy. Through thick and even thicker, they were “those Ward boys” in every sense of the words.

He also leaves behind his two favorite daughters. He frequently told each one separately they were his favorite never knowing the other knew the truth. Jamie, his first born and Christina “Jake”, his baby girl. Both titles his girls wear so proudly.

The girls always thought they were the favorites until his grandchildren entered the stage. Madison “JoShell”, Jon, Tay, Jaiden “Pumpkin”, Phoenix, Tov, Rocky and the newest GREAT grandchild Lilly were really what made this 6’5 giant man into a big ol’ cream puff.

Martin worked hard and played even harder all 69 years on this earth. He spent a majority of his life working for SEMO Electric and was a member of the IBEW.

He was a proud blue-collar man, attended the Methodist church a few times a year to remind the good Lord he meant well but spent triple that time at “Gisi’s” on the hill hoping he wasn’t watching.

Martin leaves behind so many friends we couldn’t even begin to count, but that was him. He was everyone’s friend. He was someone you could count on and that will always be his biggest legacy. “You do for your friends and family what you’d want them to do for you”.

Though we weren’t ready to let him go, his parents, grandparents, special friend Sandy, grandson Tay, baby girl Shawna and his white poodle Amanda were ready to have him in his eternal home.

A celebration of life has been planned for Thursday, May 22, 2025, at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter. Visitation from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. with funeral starting at 11:00 a.m. Internment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

The family asks that you proudly wear your favorite Harley t-shirt and jeans in honor of Martin’s last hoorah.

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