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# Kenneth R. Tucker

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Kenneth R. Tucker

**Kenneth R. Tucker**, son of the late Loren Tucker and Leona Wilburn Hunt, was born in LaValle, Missouri on June 12, 1939, and passed away at the Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri on June 21, 2013, at the age of 74 years and 9 days.

He was raised in Southeast Missouri, lived in Joliet, Illinois for many years and moved back to Dexter in 1970. He had worked as a truck driver for many years and had served in the U. S. Army.

Surviving are two sons, Chris Tucker of Bristol, Rhode Island, Stephen Tucker of St. Louis, Missouri; two grandchildren; and one brother, Curtis Curt Hunt of Dexter, Missouri. Other and friends also survive. He was preceded in death by three sons, Ricky, Terry and Michael Tucker, and two brothers, Wayne and Doyle Hunt.

Visitation will be Wednesday, June 26, 2013, after 9:00 a.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Graveside Funeral services will be held Wednesday, June 26, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at the Dexter Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri with the Rev. Kenneth Biggs of Dexter, Missouri officiating.

Interment will be in the Dexter Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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## Billie Jean Harty

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Billie Jean Harty

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**Billie Jean Harty**, daughter of the late Leslie Lemons and Pearl Woodruff Lemons, was born on December 28, 1927, and passed away on Friday, June 21, 2013, at the Southeast Health Center of Stoddard County in Dexter, Missouri.

Billie married Norman B. Harty on January 22, 1966, at Williams Baptist college in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas. He survives of the home.

Billie graduated from Dexter High School in 1946. After working in several entities, Billie was determined to earn a degree in the realm of education and enrolled at Southeast Missouri State University, where she completed her B.A.

in three years, and completed her master's degree in education a year later while teaching.

She taught first grade in the Bernie Public Schools and later served as school counselor there. In 1969, as the Norman B. Harty companies were expanding, Billie took a year off to explore the business world. After returning to the classroom in Bloomfield Schools for one year, she retired from teaching to devote the rest of her life to the Harty Companies., where she would serve as secretary and treasurer of N.B. Harty Company, President of Seminole Ag Line Quarry, which she and her husband ran until the early 1990's, as secretary to both the chairman of the board of First commercial Banks and of the Harty owned nursing facilities of Gideon Healthcare in Gideon and Winchester Place in Bernie.

Billie was a longtime member of First Baptist Church in Dexter, and attended the church where her mother attended before her, First Christian Church of Dexter.

Billie was actively involved in the couple's business, the N. B. Harty Company of Dexter until the time of her death, reporting to work regularly and conducting the transactions of the business on a daily basis.

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, employer, and influenced the lives of countless children, and numerous other business women during her lifetime in the classroom and in the business world.

She is survived by her husband, Norman B. Harty of Dexter; one daughter, Sue Lee (Robert E. Lee) of Dexter; one grandson, Christopher Blane Wilkerson of Dexter; one brother, Leslie Paul Lemons of Brunswick, Ohio. A host of nieces and nephews also survive.

Along with her parents she was preceded in death by one son in infancy and a brother, Leonard Lemons.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Dexter.

Funeral services will follow at 11:00 a.m. with the Rev. Howard Fuller, Don Kennedy, Rev. Mike Williams and Larry Thompson officiating.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter, Missouri in charge of arrangements. A meal will follow at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall in Dexter.

Memorial donations may be made to the Stoddard County Children's Home, P O Box 164, Dexter, MO 63841; 19 Fore Life Charity Foundation, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, MO 63841; or the Stoddard County Relay for Life, 703 Ellare Lane, Dexter, MO 63841.

Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

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## William Bryant Nelson

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## William Bryant Nelson

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**William Bryant “Willie” Nelson** of Dexter, Missouri departed this life Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at the age of 92.

He was born in Dunklin County, Missouri on May 7, 1921, son of Sally (Lowery) Nelson and C. Douglass Nelson.

A former farmer, Mr. Nelson retired from the Swift Poultry Plant in Dexter after 30 years of service. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening and was a member of the First General Baptist Church in Dexter.

He is survived by his wife, Doris (Killian) Nelson; a brother, Jackie Nelson of Dexter; a son, Danny (Donna) Nelson of Bloomfield; daughters, JoAnn Lloyd of Heber Springs, Arkansas and Susan (James) Jarrell of Bloomfield; and three step-daughters, Darla (Erik) Young of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, Marietta (David) Obergöenner of Cape Girardeau and Velva Foyle of Dexter. Also surviving are grandchildren, Shawn Lloyd of Dexter, Christal Thomas of O'Fallon, Missouri, Robert Christian of Bell City, Michael Lloyd of Heber Springs, Arkansas, Don Christian of Jackson, Missouri, Ladawn Northcutt of Dexter, Jennifer McGarrah of Heavener, Oklahoma, Justin Christman of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, Whitney Broughton of Oxford, Mississippi, Jeremy Obergöenner and Jill Watkins, both of Jackson, Missouri; as well as several great-grandchildren and many relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a wife, Beatrice (Hunt) Nelson; stepmother, Nettie (Brewer) Nelson; two infant children; a sister, Mabel Nelson; a brother, Clarence Nelson; three nephews and a special brother-in-law, C. Curtis Hunt.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, June 21, 2013 from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Friday, June 21, 2013 at 3:00 P.M. with the Reverend Kenneth Biggs officiating. Interment will follow in the Haggy Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the First General Baptist Church of Dexter.

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## George W. Woodruff

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George W. Woodruff

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**George W. Woodruff**, the son of the late Grigg and Nora Norwood Woodruff, was born in Parma, Missouri on March 27, 1912, and passed away at the Cypress Point Healthcare in Dexter, Missouri on June 16, 2013, at the age of 101 years, 2 months and 20 days.

He had lived in the Essex before moving to Dexter in 1937. He had worked for many years at the Coffey & Camp Lumber Company and later was self-employed. He was a member of the Second General Baptist Church in Dexter, Missouri.

On October 20, 1934, he was married to Mary Alma Woodruff in Essex, Missouri. She preceded him in death on October 6, 2008.

Surviving are one son, Gene Woodruff of Dexter; one niece, Marilyn Grubbs of Dexter; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; one sister, Ruby Lee of Phoenix, Arizona. Other relatives and many friends also survive. He was preceded in death by one son, Jerry L. Woodruff; two brothers, Gratton & Hershall Woodruff; and three sisters, Beatrice, Alma & Alta Woodruff.

Friends may call from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday June 19, 2013, at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter Missouri.

Graveside funeral services will be held on Wednesday, June 19, 2013, at 11:30 a.m. at the Essex Cemetery in Essex, Missouri with the Rev. John Armbruster of Sikeston officiating.

Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

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## Cletis Borders

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## Cletis Borders

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**Cletis Borders**, son of the late Roscoe and Naomi Borders, was born in Clarkton, Missouri on July 3, 1933, and passed away at the Golden Living Center in Bloomfield, Missouri on June 13, 2013, at the age of 79 years, 11 months and 10 days.

Mr. Borders was a former resident of Parma, Missouri but had been a resident of Dexter, Missouri the past several years. He had worked at Stites Concrete for many years and later at Tyson Foods. He was a member of the Lighthouse Christian Center in Dexter.

On September 1, 1956 he was married to Bonnie Borders in Hernando, Mississippi.

Surviving are two daughters & spouses: Kim & Mike Long and Karla & Darryl Bridges all of Dexter, MO, six grandchildren & spouses, Matt & Brandi Long, Krista & Warren Gross, Sarah Michelle Stinson, Bruce Jones, Hayley Bridges and Kayleigh Bridges all of Dexter; ten great grandchildren, Kyan, Kaysen, Karsen, Addysen, and Abbygale Long, Allyssa & Peyton Gross, Lindsey Haynes, Cole & Levi Stinson; four brothers, Edward, Lonnie, Donald and Harold Borders; three sisters, Celesta Shelby, Marjorie Hamilton, and Virginia Tutor. Other relatives and friends survive. He was preceded in death by one sister, Jean White.

Friends may call from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. on Monday, June 17, 2013, at the Lighthouse Christian Center in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2013, at 10:00 A.M. at the Lighthouse Christian Center in Dexter, Missouri with Rev. Tim Russell of Dexter, Missouri officiating.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri. Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri in charge of all arrangements.

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