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Michael Allen Harris

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Michael Allen Harris, son of Dorothy Elizabeth McLard Burns of Dexter and the late Herbert Harris was born on December 25, 1954 at Dexter and departed this life in his residence at Dexter on May 17, 2011 in his residence at Dexter at the age of 56.

Michael worked as a truck driver, a farm laborer and was a resident of Dexter.

He is survived by one son, Cody Harris of Dexter: by two daughters, Carla Sue Harris of Doniphan and Edna May Harris of Bloomfield: by his mother and step-father, Dorothy Elizabeth and Lee R. "RED" Burns of Dexter: by two brothers, Roy D. Burns and Troy L. Burns both of Dexter: by one sister, Deborah Wilson of Dexter: by three grandchildren, Donna Marie Underhile, Bethany Underhile and Faith Underhile.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from 5:00 until 8:00 P.M., Thursday, May 19, 2011. Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 P.M., Friday, May 20, 2011 in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Mike Kohlbaker officiating. Interment will follow in the Walker Cemetery.

*Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home of Dexter
in charge of arrangements.*

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Delours A. Long

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Delours Aldeen Sherwood Long, a resident of Dexter, was born on February 22, 1914 in Gray Ridge, Missouri to the late John Sherwood and Mary Louella Renfro Sherwood and departed this life on May 13, 2011, in Dexter, MO., at the age of 97 years, two months, and 13 days.

On December 24, 1932, she was united in marriage to the late Russell E. Long in Buffington, MO. Mr. Long preceded her in death on November 21, 1963. Mrs. Long was a life long member of the Gray Ridge General Baptist Church and the oldest member of her church at the time of her passing. She loved her family, church family and many friends. Mrs. Long was a beautiful Christian lady, a good wife, wonderful Mother, loving Grandmother and enjoyed many activities over her long and blessed life. Some included helping with church plays, choir and Vacation Bible School, making ceramics, quilts, cooking her famous chicken and dressing, hot rolls, coconut pies, angel food cakes and working in her yard. She also loved doing laundry and ironing clothes.

She is survived by three children: Evelyn Locke and husband Charles of Poplar Bluff; James Long and wife Joyce of Dexter; and Linda Collier and husband Michael Gaylord, of Dexter. Other survivors include nine grandchildren: Brad Locke and wife

Rebecca, of Tomball, TX; Blake Locke of Houston, TX; Beth Foust and husband Paul of St. Charles, MO; James Long, Jr., and wife Liz of Oak Ridge, MO; Kristi Williams and husband Michael of Dexter, MO; Dara Snider Kotzbauer and husband Garry of Norman, OK and Carol Long, Mother of Jim, Jr., Kristi and Dara; Jerry Collier and wife Pamela of Dexter, MO; Russ Collier and wife Suzanne of Dexter, MO; Shannon Collier and wife Candy of Dexter, MO. and by fourteen great-grandchildren: Amy and Allie Locke of Houston, TX; Caroline and Rebecca Foust, St. Charles, MO; Sarah Long Sparks and husband Jamie of San Diego, CA; Rachel Long of Minot, ND; Jacob Williams of Dexter, MO; Luke Snider and wife Keeli of Englewood, OH; Chelsey Snider Seiter, Rebecca Collier, Alex Collier, Morgan Collier, Garrison Collier and Ryan Collier, all of Dexter, MO; and by four great-great grandchildren: Layla and Collin Snider of Englewood, OH; Aubrey Jade Seiter and Brenner Gaylan Collier of Dexter. Also survived by her niece Joyce Barney and husband John of St. Louis; her nephew Russell Davis and wife Johnnie of Gray Ridge; other nephews Eldon and David Thorne and Alan and Gary Long; and sister-in-law Electa Kay Long of Sikeston, MO, other family members and many friends.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three sisters: Geogia Sherwood, Cora Sherwood, and Ruby Sherwood Moore; one brother Charles Edward Sherwood, and one son-in-law Gaylan Collier.

A very special thanks is extended to faithful caregivers: Sue McMunn, Becky Almond, Mary Rodgers, Patty Britt, Amber Davis, Andrea Robinett, Brooke Britt, Henny Baisden, Mary Bailey, Cinthia Owens, Sandy Dillinger and Legacy Hospice staff for their kind, compassionate and loving care.

Visitation will be held at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, May 15th beginning at 12:30 pm. A Celebration of Life Service will follow at 2 p.m. at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home with Rev. Tim Russell, Rev. Mike Coleman, and Dr. Steve Easterwood officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Gray Ridge General Baptist Church, Stoddard County Children's Home and 18 Fore Life.

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Norman Scott

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Norman Eugene Scott, son of the late Everett L. and Elizabeth M. Peck Scott, was born in Puxico, Missouri on December 17, 1934, and passed away at his home in Dexter, Missouri on May 12, 2011, at the age of 76 years, 4 months and 27 days.

He was raised in Puxico and graduated from Puxico High School. He moved to Central Illinois where he lived for 43 years. He returned to Dexter in 2001. He was a member of the Corinth General Baptist Church near Puxico, Missouri.

On August 16, 1958, during Puxico Homecoming, he was married to Joy Sifford in Puxico, Missouri.

Surviving are his wife, Joy Scott of Dexter, Missouri; two sons & spouses, Randel and Dianna Scott of Locust Grove, Georgia, Bradley and Krista Scott of Sullivan, Illinois; six grandchildren, Stephanie, Ryan, Alex, Rachel, Sarah and Brittany; two great grandchildren, Evan and Beau; two sisters, Jean Bollinger of New Haven, Michigan, Artie Hatchel of Bloomfield, Missouri. Other relatives and friends also survive. He was preceded in death by one brother, Everett Scott, Jr. and one sister, Marybelle Fowler.

Visitation will be Sunday, May 14, 2011, from 5 to 8 p.m., at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Puxico, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held Monday, May 16, 2011, at 10 a.m., at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Puxico with the Rev. Bob Bradford of Advance, Missouri and the Rev. Jimmy Clark of Puxico, Missouri officiating.

Interment will be in the Rock Hill Cemetery near Puxico, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Puxico in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Preferred Hospice, 423 W. Business Hwy 60, Dexter, Missouri, 63841.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at **www.watkinsfuneralhome.com**

Watkins and Sons Funeral Service in charge of arrangements.

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Norman E. Scott

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Norman E. Scott, age 76, of Dexter, Missouri passed away at his home in Dexter, Missouri on May 13, 2011.

Arrangements are incomplete at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Service in Puxico, Missouri.

A complete obituary will be published later.

Watkins and Sons Funeral Service in Puxico in charge of arrangements.

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Delphia Mae Duckworth

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Delphia Duckworth, daughter of the late James W. Trotter and Nora Ethel Tennison was born on August 30, 1912 in Hamilton County, Illinois and departed this life on May 9, 2011 at the Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter at the age of 98 years.

Mrs. Duckworth was a housewife, a member of the New Hope General Baptist Church in Essex, Missouri, and a resident of rural Essex.

On December 18, 1929 she was united in marriage to Royal Duckworth in Bloomfield,

Missouri. Mr. Duckworth preceded her in death on February 3, 1990.

Survivors include one son, Darrell G. Duckworth and Clinton Duckworth of Essex, Missouri; by two daughters, Lou Shipman of Fairdealing, Missouri; also by nineteen grandchildren, thirty-three great-grandchildren, and ten great-great-grandchildren.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, Dale Duckworth and Donald Duckworth; one daughter, Ethel Bell; one brother, Dick Trotter; two sisters, Eva Wheeler and Dorothy Rogers; also by two grandchildren, Ruth Ann Jowers and Denise Bell; and by one great-grandson, Jared Gibson.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from 12:30 until 2 p.m., Friday May 13, 2011. Funeral services will then be conducted at 2 p.m., on Friday May 13, 2011 in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with Rev. James Hook officiating. Interment will follow in the Essex Cemetery in Essex, Missouri.

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