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In Memory of Ima “Mae” Pope

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Ima “Mae” Pope, 90, of Essex, Mo., died peacefully with her loved ones at her side on Nov. 16, 2019, after an extended illness.

The daughter of the late Homer Treadway and Violet Long Treadway, Mae was born in Pontiac, Mich., on Jan. 21, 1929. The family moved to Bernie, Mo., when Mae was a toddler, and she spent her entire life in the communities of Bernie and Essex. A strong work ethic that would be a driving force throughout her life was learned as a child picking cotton in the fields of southern Stoddard County.

Although having only achieved a formal education of eight years, Mae possessed a sense of compassion, caring, understanding and generosity that she effortlessly instilled upon several generations over her lifetime.

At the age of 13, as friends prepared for high school, Mae moved into the household of Buddy and Leota Hunt, where she would serve as cook and housekeeper in order to assist with the family’s income. She would remain in that role until she married the love of her life at the age of 17.

On Oct. 24, 1946, she and Lloyd E. Pope were wed in Piggott, Ark. He preceded her death in October 2012. The two shared a multitude of memories over their 65 years together, among them many days fishing on Lake Wappapello and spending time in their cabin there. Also cherished as a couple was time spent in their backyard garden, where every vegetable known to southeast Missouri was harvested and canned for their immediate and extended families and friends.

Mae was a longtime member of Olive Branch Church in rural Essex, where fellow members benefited from her skills in the kitchen. She was perhaps best known for her excellent homestyle country cooking, and her dishes were highly anticipated at church, family and community gatherings. Making and serving the favorite dishes of family, especially her grandchildren, was one of her greatest joys.

She also found joy in quilting and took great pride in every stitch, especially those made for each of her grandchildren.

For many years, she also was employed at International Hat Factory in Dexter.

Mae is survived by her two children, Mike (Deb) Pope and Debbie (Dennis) Wilson, all of Dexter; by three grandchildren: Shaydra Vishe, Stephen (Jessica) Wilson and Eric (Loreli) Wilson; and by seven great-grandchildren: Brooke Patterson, Lauren Wilson, Ryan Wilson, Andrew Wilson, Jace Wilson, Lincoln Wilson and Arden Wilson.

Also surviving are: three sisters: Josephine Stinson, Faye Fortune and Norma Nash; and one brother, Wayne Treadway.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Bill Treadway and Gene Treadway.

Visitation for Mae Pope will take place at Rainey Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2019, from 1 until 2 p.m. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. with Rev. Michael Williams officiating.

Burial will take place at Armstead Dowdy Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Disabled Veterans, PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude's Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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Jackie L. Cooper, son of the late M. L. Cooper and Lula Moore Cooper, was born on September 12, 1944 in Bernie, Missouri and departed this life Thursday, November 14, 2019 at his home in Chesterfield, Missouri at the age of 75 years.

Mr. Cooper retired from the United States Air Force after 20 years of service. He was a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1028, in St. Louis, Missouri and a member of the Fellowship of Wildwood Baptist Church, in Wildwood, Missouri.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Peggy Cox Cooper of Chesterfield, Missouri;

by two sons, Jackie Cooper II and wife Cheryl of Cape Girardeau, Missouri and Jeremy Cooper and wife Rayett of Colorado; by his step-daughter, Angelia Hearon of Alabama; by two brothers, Gene Cooper of Seattle, Washington and Kenneth Cooper of Dexter, Missouri; by his sister, Joann Bowman and husband Carlyn of Bernie, Missouri; by his granddaughter, Briget Cooper of Springfield, Missouri; by three great-nieces, Ashley, Lauren and Rylee; and by many nephews, nieces and friends.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Marcus Cooper and Jim Cooper; and by his nephew, Steve Cooper.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, November 18, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Kenneth Biggs officiating.

Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery at Bloomfield with full military honors.

Memorials may be made to the Vietnam Veterans, 6026 Arthur Ave, St. Louis MO 63139 or The Fellowship of Wildwood Baptist Church, 17770 Mueller Rd, Wildwood, MO 63038.

Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of all arrangements.

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Pauline Brown, formerly of Puxico, Missouri, daughter of the late Finis High and Ethel (Dennis) Lawson, was born October 22, 1934, in Imboden, Arkansas and passed away on November 13, 2019, at the Fountain View Manor in Granite City, Illinois at the age of 85 years and 22 days.

Pauline had lived in St John, MO before moving to Puxico, MO where she spent 41 years. She was a member of the New Life Baptist Church in Wappapello and had been a member of the Friends of the Community. She enjoyed flowers, trees and being out

in nature and her family & church.

On February 14, 1954, she was married to Bobby L. Brown in St. Louis, Missouri. He preceded her in death on June 20, 2014.

Surviving are two sons, Kenny (Tina) Brown of Mount Juliet, Tennessee, Clifford Brown of Forney, Texas; four daughters, Denise Hamlin of Nashville, Tennessee, Karen(Mark) Culp, Theresa (Brad) Sullivan both of Granite City, Illinois, Janice (Scott) Burke of Royce City, Texas; eight grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; one sister, Christine Franks of Ravenden, Arkansas. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Bobby High; two sisters, Arlene Sellers and Joane High.

Visitation will be held at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home, in Puxico on Friday November 22, 2019 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday November 23, 2019, at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Puxico with the Rev. Harold Sitze and Rev. Bruce Pittman officiating.

Interment will follow in the Puxico Cemetery with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Puxico in charge of arrangements.

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

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Mary Evelyn Hardin of Bloomfield, daughter of the late Charles Frank and Idalee Walker Rampley, was born near Bell City, Missouri on September 5, 1937, and passed away at the Missouri Delta Medical Center in Sikeston, Missouri on November 15, 2019, at the age of 82 years, 2 months and 10 days.

She had lived in Bloomfield most of her life. She had been a bus driver, baby sat and had managed Coleman's Restaurant.

She first married Dalton Hardin in Bell City and he preceded her in death in 1983. She

later married Monroe Gilles in Bell City and he preceded her in death on September 12, 1997.

Surviving are her companion of over 20 years, Randy Madden of Bloomfield; one daughter, Linda Jennings of Bernie; two sons, Ricky Hardin of Piedmont, Rocky Hardin of San Antonio, Texas; 2 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren; and one brother, Kenneth Larry Rampley of Bloomfield. Other relatives and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by one son in infancy, two brothers Wayne and Dale Rampley, two sisters, Norma Deal and Mildred Bartolo.

Friends may visit on Monday, November 18, 2019, from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. at the Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home in Bloomfield, Missouri, services to follow at 1:00 p.m. with the Rev. Gary Cooper of Advance, Missouri officiating.

Interment will follow at the Gravel Hill Cemetery near Bloomfield with Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home of Bloomfield, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

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Ethel Reatha Cravens of Parma, daughter of the late Daniel J. and Dora E. Howard Painter, was born in Hartville, Missouri on February 2, 1919, and passed away at the New Madrid Living Center in New Madrid on November 12, 2019, at the age of 100 years, 9 months and 10 days.

She had lived in Parma since 1937. She was a member of the First Pentecostal Church in Parma.

On September 14, 1937, she married Floyd H. Cravens in Hartville, Missouri. He preceded her in death on December 14, 2000.

Surviving are three sons, Danny Cravens of Parma, Billy Cravens of New Madrid, Junior Cravens of Auburn, Georgia; five daughters, Lola Steiger of Poplar Bluff, Thelma Knight of French Village, Missouri, Ruby Porter of New Madrid, Linda Lewis of Sikeston, Retta Murphy of Wappapello; 22 grandchildren; over 60 great grandchildren; 12 great great grandchildren. Other relatives and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by two sons, Robert and James "Cotton" Cravens, four brothers and two sisters.

Visitation was held on Friday, November 15, 2019, after 12:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Parma until time of services at 1:30 p.m. with the Rev. G. L. Keene of New Madrid officiating.

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

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