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In Memory of Ester Grace Asbell

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Ester Grace Asbell, 97, died April 7, 2024, at the Prairie View Skilled Nursing Home in Bloomfield, Missouri.

She was born on April 11, 1926, in Ezra, Illinois, and was the daughter of the late John Adams and Grace Strobel McCain Adams.

Ester worked as a seamstress in the Elder Factory in Bloomfield for many years. She was known for her beautiful flowers and yardwork, and she loved cooking for her family. Her famous chocolate chip cookies were a hit for all. Ester was also a member of the Liberty Hill General Baptist Church in Aid, Missouri.

On October 9, 1943, she married Walter Asbell. He preceded her in death in 2007.

Ester loved her family dearly, she had three children, two of which preceded her in death: infant son, Ronnie Walter Asbell and daughter, Jewell Maddox.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, and siblings, Jewell Teets, Amos McCain, Aaron McCain, W.A. McCain, and John Quincy Adams.

Ester is survived by her daughter, Janice (Bill) Aslin of Bloomfield, Missouri; Buddy Maddox, son-in-law; four grandchildren, Buddy Jr. (Laura) Maddox, Travis (Cathy) Maddox, Sonja (Michael) Hobbs, and Sarah (Bret) Barton; nine great-grandchildren, Trevor (Amanda) Maddox, Troy (Emily) Maddox, Aleigha (Simon) McWhorter, Ariana Maddox, Erica (Evan) Qu, Megan Maddox, Brant Hobbs, Brooke Barton, and Kinley Barton; and three great-great grandchildren, Vera Maddox, Hannah and Olivia Maddox.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Funeral Services will follow at 12:00 p.m. This will be a family-led service. Burial will follow in the Walker Cemetery near Bloomfield.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 11433 Olde Cabin Road, Ste 100, St. Louis MO 63141

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Dallas Lee McRoy

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Dallas Lee McRoy, son of the late Edward Dallas McRoy and Gloria Becraft McRoy, was born in Poplar Bluff, Missouri on August 20, 1958, and departed this life on April 7, 2024, at Mercy Hospital of Stoddard County.

Mr. McRoy was a mechanic for the Missouri Department of Transportation at the Sikeston and Dexter sheds. He enjoyed fishing and playing pool. He never met a stranger and was a jack of all trades. He loved spending time and playing with his dog DC.

He was united in marriage to Linda Holford McRoy on September 21, 1979, in Bloomfield, Missouri. Mrs. McRoy survives of their home in Bloomfield, Missouri.

He attended the Beech Grove General Baptist Church in Bloomfield, Missouri.

Other than his wife he is survived by one son, Corey Lee McRoy of Sikeston, Missouri; two sisters, Darlene Bowling of Bloomfield, Missouri and Tresia Barnes of Bloomfield, Missouri; and by many nieces and nephews, cousins, additional family and many friends.

Visitation will be held Wednesday April 10, 2024, at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Funeral services will then be conducted Wednesday April 10, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel with Terry Sanders officiating.

Mathis Funeral Home assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Jerry Delain Robison

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Jerry Delain Robison, son of the late Elwood and Nadine Robison, was born on July 6, 1942, in Advance, Missouri. He departed this life April 7, 2024, at his home in Kinder north of Puxico, Missouri, at the age of 81 years.

Delain shared over six decades of marriage with his beloved wife, Marjorie Fish, whom he married on July 13, 1963. Together, they faced life's challenges and celebrated its joys.

Education was Delain's passion. He graduated from Advance High School in 1960 and earned his Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Southeast Missouri State University in 1965. Delain continued his studies while working full-time and raising four children. He obtained a masters degree in education and administration, as well as a Specialist degree, from Southeast Missouri State University.

His passion for education was evident throughout his career. He began teaching fourth and sixth grades at Pattonville School District in North County, St. Louis, where he dedicated five years of service. He then transitioned to the role of elementary principal at Puxico School District, where he served for an impressive 22 years. Later, as superintendent at the Advance School District, Delain helped lead transformative initiatives that shaped the schools educational landscape. He worked at the Advance District seven years before retiring in 1999.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Delain found joy in family, farming, and community. Marjorie and their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were the center of his world. Their shared memories of life on the family farm in Kinder, MO, brought them immense happiness over the years. Faith was central to Delain's life. He served as a deacon at Brown General Baptist Church and later attended the First Baptist Church in Advance. In retirement, his commitment to service remained. Delain contributed his time to the New Lisbon township board. He was also a member of the Stoddard County Retired Teachers Association.

Delains legacy lives on through his beloved wife, his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, siblings, nieces, nephews, and countless friends and acquaintances. He was preceded in death by his parents, Elwood and Nadine.

In addition to his wife, Marjorie, Delain is survived by four children: Bradley (Paula) Robison of Advance, William (Tracy) Robison, of Bloomfield, Marla (Jim) Clark and Brian (Tracy) Robison of Puxico nine grandchildren: Garrett (Sara) Robison of Columbia, Joshua (Lydia) Robison of Bloomfield, Erin (Travis) Luther of Columbia, Katelyn (Benjamin) Lambert of Puxico, Mallory Clark of Puxico, Caroline (Don) Gibbs of Bloomfield, Will (Jacey) Robison of Cape Girardeau, Caleb and

Logan Robison of Puxico five great grandchildren: Layla and Bennett Robison, Madison and Vivian Lambert, and Baby Gibbs on the way four siblings: Lura Robins, Bonnie (Craig) Rhodes, Eddie Robison, Terry (Janet) Robison all of Advance. As we bid farewell to a remarkable man whose impact reached far and wide, we remember Delain for his kindness, generosity, and the difference he made in the lives of all who knew him. May his life continue to inspire us.

Visitation to honor Delain will be held at Morgan Funeral Home in Advance, Missouri, on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, from 5:00 to 8:00p.m. Funeral services will be in the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 10:00 am.

Interment will take place at Brown Cemetery, north of Puxico.

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In Memory of Bobby C. Alexander

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In Memory of Bobby C. Alexander

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Bobby C. Alexander, son of the late W. C. Alexander and Lorine Rosson Alexander, was born on March 14, 1939, in Piggott, Arkansas, and departed this life on April 3, 2024, at Prairie View Skilled Nursing in Bloomfield, Missouri, at the age of 85 years.

Mr. Alexander was a former electrical engineer for McDonald Aircraft in St. Louis, Missouri. He was a member of the Dexter Masonic Lodge and a resident of Dexter. He enjoyed coin collecting and gardening, and he loved spending time with his grandchildren and especially his great-grandchildren.

On August 1, 1957, in Grayridge, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Virgie Scowden. Mrs. Alexander preceded him in death on January 9, 2017.

He is survived by three sons, Bob C. Alexander Jr. and wife Kathy of Portland, Oregon, Gregory Alan Alexander of Dexter, Missouri and Kerry Alexander of Dexter, Missouri; by his sister, Pat Alexander Rapp of St. Charles, Missouri; by two grandchildren, Jessie Alexander and Bobby Alexander III; and by three great-grandchildren, Alexiyah Rivera, Cymberlyn Rivera, and Izabella Alexander.

Other than by his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Billy Alexander, Fred Alexander, and Donald Alexander.

No services are planned.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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Mary Hildred McLean, daughter of the late George Washington and Nellie Mae Underwood Shadowens, was born in Cobb, Missouri on March 15, 1924, and passed away at Prairie View Nursing in Bloomfield, Missouri on April 4, 2024, at the age of 100 years old.

She had lived in Puxico most of her life. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Puxico. She had worked at Wilson's 5 & 10, for many years, and later at Tri-County Home

Surviving are one son, R [REDACTED]s, Janie (Jim) Oglesby of Grenville, K [REDACTED] (Johnny) Powell of Puxico. Six grandchildren [REDACTED] Millspaugh, Brandi Robinson, Josh (Chesley) Kaiser, Whitney Millspaugh, Jenny Kaiser. Nine great-grandchildren, Bailey McLean, Caden Millspaugh, Corbin McGowen, Aricka and Isabella Robinson, Bryson and Hadley Kaiser, Brantley Thompson, and Dawson Gray. Other relatives and friends also survive.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Elvis Shadowens, and sister, Lillie Payton.

A Visitation will be held Tuesday, April 9, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Chapel in Puxico, Missouri, with the Funeral Service at 12:00 noon and Rev. Marshall Link of Puxico officiating.

Internment will follow at the Puxico Cemetery in Puxico, Missouri with Watkins And Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of all arrangements.

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