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William Eaker

JULY 22ND 2011 BY NEWS

William Eaker, son of the late Hermel and Ina Fortner Eaker, was born in Parma, Missouri on January 8, 1930, and passed away at the Missouri Southern Healthcare in Dexter, Missouri on July 21, 2011, at the age of 81 years, 6 months and 13 days.

Mr. Eaker had lived briefly in St. Louis but had lived most of his life in Bloomfield, Missouri. He was a retired carpenter and farmer. On January 2, 1960, he was married to Erma McConnell in Potosi, Missouri.

Surviving are his wife, Erma Eaker of Bloomfield, Missouri; two sons, Ernie Morton of Bloomfield, Missouri, Roy Morton of Barnhart, Missouri; five grandchildren; one great grandchild; and one brother, Edward Eaker of Morehouse, Missouri. Other relatives and many friends also survive. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by one brother.

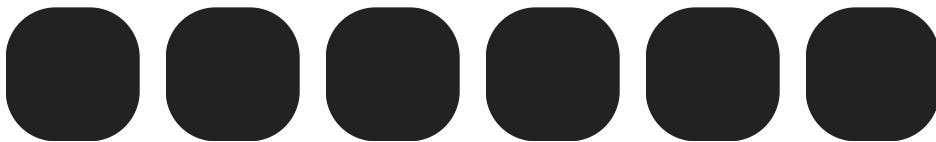
Friends may call on Sunday, July 24, 2011, from 5 until 8 p.m., at the Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home in Bloomfield, Missouri.

Graveside funeral services will be conducted on Monday, July 25, 2011, at 10 a.m., in the Walker Cemetery near Bloomfield, Missouri.

Interment will be in the Walker Cemetery near Bloomfield, Missouri with Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home of Bloomfield, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

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Vivian G. Hodge

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Vivian G. Hodge, daughter of the late Harry and Vallie Revelle Johns, was born in Advance, Missouri on October 17, 1920, and passed away at the Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Missouri on July 20, 2011, at the age of 90 years, 9 months and 3 days.

She had lived in the Puxico, Missouri area all her life. She attended the Life Chapel Assembly of God Church in Puxico and enjoyed sewing and quilting.

On February 4, 1942, she was married to Troy Hodge in Puxico, Missouri. He preceded her in death on April 21, 1998.

Surviving are one son & spouse, Gary & Phyllis Hodge of Advance, Missouri; six grandchildren & spouses, Sherry Trout, Glenn & Tammie Hodge, Jamie & Shawnta Hodge, Dwayne & Lisa Dunning, Barbara Felks, Tammie & Eric Angel; eleven great

grandchildren; four great great grandchildren; and one brother, Bobby Johns of Jerseyville, Illinois. Other relatives and friends also survive.

Friends may call on Sunday, July 24, 2011, after 12 p.m., at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Puxico, Missouri.

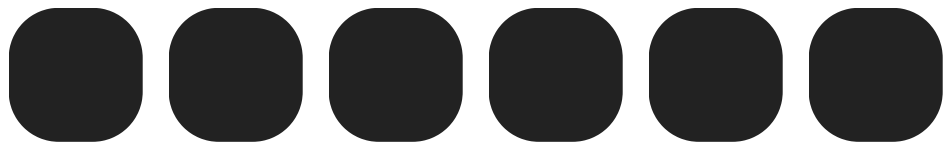
Funeral services will be held Sunday, July 24, 2011, at 2:30 p.m., at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Puxico, Missouri with the Rev. Ray Placher of Puxico, Missouri officiating.

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

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Mary Bessie Woodruff

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Mary Bessie Woodruff, daughter of the late Ira Purcell and Alta Riddle Purcell, was born February 2, 1922 in Dexter and departed this life on July 15, 2011 at the Golden Living Center in Dexter at the age of 89.

Mrs. Woodruff was affiliated with the United Pentecostal Church in Dexter, a home maker and a resident of Dexter.

On March 17, 1939 she was united in marriage to Robert Harold Woodruff in Dexter. Mr. Woodruff preceded her in death on July 11, 1996.

Mrs. Woodruff is survived by one daughter, Linda Wallace and husband Donald of Hartland, Michigan; by four grandchildren, Julie Jackson, Cherie Ives, Becky Bolitho, and Matthew Wallace, 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one son, Billy Gene Woodruff; by one daughter, Shirley Cobb; by two sisters, Mildred McCoy and Ellen Pullum; and by four grandchildren.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from 5 until 8 p.m., Sunday, July 17, 2011. Funeral services will be conducted Monday, July 18, 2011 at 10:30 a.m., in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Bill Burke officiating. Interment will follow in the Hagy Cemetery.

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Gladys Lorene Steward

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Gladys Lorene Steward, daughter of the late Fred and Delpha Campbell Cantrell, was born in Thayer, Missouri on April 9, 1927, and passed away at the Southern Missouri Healthcare in Dexter on July 13, 2011, at the age of 84.

Gladys worked at Senath Nursing Home for 23 years as a CNA, retired in 1993 and moved to Bloomfield. She enjoyed word search puzzles, yard sales, and family reunions, especially fourth of July and family get togethers. She also loved Josh Turner and Elvis Presley along with country music shows. Her favorite time of the year was Christmas, she was like a little kid opening presents and especially enjoyed her grandchildren when opening their gifts. She attended the First Assembly of God Church in Bloomfield before her illness kept her from attending.

Surviving are six sons and spouses, Ivan & Tanya Bostic of Bloomfield; Clyde Bostic of Nixa; Jim and Mary Bostic of Flint, Mich., Wayne & Faye Bostic of Dexter, Ronnie and Regina Bostic of Wilson, Arkansas, Gene Gillenwater of Nixa, Missouri; one daughter, Deborah Gillenwater of Kennett; 23 grandchildren, Connie, Calvin, Ivan Jr., Tracy, Dwayne, Wendy, Amy, Jason, Chad, Angie, Rusty, Beth Ann, Tony, Anthony, Tina, Mike, Alicia, Alan, Catrese, Ronnie Joe, Shane, Sara and Eric; 43 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; one brother, Herbert Cantrell of Bald Knob, Arkansas; and other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by one brother, Hubert Cantrell and one great grandchild.

Friends may call on Friday, July 15, 2011, from 6 until 8 p.m., at the Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home in Bloomfield.

Services will be on Saturday June 16, 2011, at 11 a.m. Interment will be in the Lulu Cemetery in Senath with Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home of Bloomfield in charge of arrangements.

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Willis A. Layton

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Willis A. Layton, son of the late Raymond Everett and Mary Alice Merriman Layton, was born in Morehouse, Missouri on March 1, 1954, and passed away at his home near Essex, Missouri on July 12, 2011, at the age of 57 years, 4 months and 11 days.

Mr. Layton had lived in Texas, spent fifteen years in Dexter and lived near Essex, Missouri at this time. He had been an auto mechanic.

Surviving are one son, Robert Cullum of Dexter, Missouri; one daughter, Natalie Henson

of Texas; three step-children, Jewell & Richard Cullum both of Dexter, Missouri, Dixie Cullum of Florida; three sisters,. Lois M. Carmack of Sikeston, Missouri, Joyce W. Hall and Parzee E. Baker both of Essex; one brother, Doyle R. Layton of Essex, Missouri; two half-brothers, A. W. Layton of Sikeston, Missouri, and R. D. Layton of Rockford, Illinois. Other relatives and many friends also survive. He was preceded in death by two sons, Bradley and Raymond Henson and one brother, Danny Lee Layton.

Friends may call on Friday, July 15, 2011, from 12 until 2 p.m., at the Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home in Bloomfield, Missouri.

Funeral services will be conducted on Friday, July 15, 2011, at 2 p.m., in the Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home in Bloomfield, Missouri with the Rev. Charles Woodard of Advance, Missouri officiating.

Interment will be in the Link Cemetery near Bloomfield, Missouri with Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home of Bloomfield, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

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