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Lieutenant Colonel G. Dale Shearon

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Lieutenant Colonel G. Dale Shearon

Lieutenant Colonel G. Dale Shearon, (USA Retired), son of the late Dewey (Pete) Shearon and Mable Harlan Shearon was born on September 17, 1929 in Gray Ridge, Missouri, and departed this life on August 19, 2011 at the Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 81.[BR]{BR} Lt. Col. Shearon was united in marriage to Glenna Ruth Patrick on April 20, 1952 in Livonia, Michigan. Mrs. Shearon passed away on July 9, 2006.

He was raised in and around Gray Ridge, Missouri, and graduated from the Gray Ridge High School in June of 1947. Lt. Col. Shearon joined the Army that year and served two tours of duty in Korea. The last tour was as a combat infantryman during the war years of 1950-1951. He rose in rank from private to sergeant first class during this period.

He was granted by Congress a direct appointment to second lieutenant in 1952. After which he attended the Infantry Officer's Basic Course at Fort Benning, Georgia. Upon completion of that training he entered the Army Aviation program and succeeded in earning ratings in both fixed and rotary wing aircraft at San Marcos AFB, Texas.

He served two tours of duty in Vietnam as a combat aviator. Lt. Col. Shearon retired from the Army in 1978, after which he taught at Richland Elementary School.

He was ordained a minister in 1960, and pastored churches in Michigan, Tennessee, Florida, and Missouri. He was also a member of the Friendship Baptist Church in Dexter and a resident of Dexter.

Besides his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by one sister, Ann Lee Julian.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from 9 until 11 a.m., Thursday August 25, 2011. Funeral services will then be conducted at 11 a.m., on Thursday August 25, 2011 in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with Rev. Lonny Mittag officiating.

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

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Marylyn Ann Hunt

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Marylyn Ann Hunt, daughter of the late Russell Walton and Francis Pearl Martin Walton was born on March 9, 1944 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and died on August 17, 2011 at

the Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 67.

Mrs. Hunt was a home-maker and a member of the Missouri Southern Healthcare Auxiliary. She was a resident of Dexter.

On June 7, 1969 she was united in marriage to Fred Hunt in Libertyville, Illinois. Mr. Hunt survives of their home in Dexter.

Besides her husband she is survived by one son, Ron Hunt of Dexter; by one daughter, Amanda Farris of Columbia, Missouri; by one brother, Russell C. Walton Jr. of Libertyville, Illinois; by one sister, Joanie Bacci of Bull Valley, Illinois and by one granddaughter, Rylee Jade Hunt of Dexter.

Besides her parents she was preceded in death by one brother, John Walton.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, August 20, 2011 from 11:30 a.m.. until 3 p.m. Funeral services will follow on Saturday at 3 p.m. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Kevin Eskew officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that all memorials be made to the Missouri Southern Healthcare Auxiliary. Envelopes will be provided at the funeral home.

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Laurie Ann DeWitt

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Laurie Ann DeWitt, daughter of Jerry Nimmo of Sikeston, Missouri and Margaret Ann Taylor of Morehouse, Missouri was born on September 25, 1968 in Sikeston, Missouri and departed this life on August 16, 2011 at her residence in Morehouse at the age of 42 years.

Laurie was a Dental Assistant at Dr. Leible's office in Sikeston, Missouri until September of 2009; member of the Essex Church of Christ in Essex, Missouri, and a resident of Morehouse.

On September 18, 1987 she was united in marriage to Brad DeWitt in Dexter, Missouri. Mr. DeWitt survives of the home in Morehouse.

Besides her husband, survivors include her father Jerry and step-mother, Brenda Nimmo of Sikeston; mother Margaret Ann Taylor of Morehouse; by her maternal grandmother Alene Taylor of Morehouse; two daughters, Erica DeWitt Emison and husband Brian of Jonesboro, Arkansas and Taylor DeWitt of Morehouse; one sister, Kim Wilson of O'Fallon, Missouri; by a mother-in-law, Linda Dewitt; sister-in-law, Donna Groves; brother-in-law, Jimmy Groves; by a niece Kasey Eiceman; and by her nephew Jeramy Roberts.

Mrs. Dewitt was preceded in death by her father-in-law Herschel Dewitt.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., Thursday August 18, 2011. Funeral services will then be conducted at 1 p.m. on Thursday in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with Herman Morse officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

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Charlie Jennings

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Charlie Eugene Jennings, son of the late William Frank Jennings and Vida Chase Jennings, was born on March 30, 1929 and departed this life on August 10, 2011 at the same location that he was born, near Dexter, Missouri at the age of 82.

Mr. Jennings was a member of the White Oak General Baptist Church near Bernie and a farmer. In his younger years, he was an avid baseball player and his later years, he enjoyed golfing. He was a former employee of Liberty Township for 34 years, serving as collector/treasurer and as assessor. He was a member of the Bernie Masonic Lodge #573 for 52 years and was a Past Worshipful Master, a former member of the Bernie School Board for 12 years, a former member of the Dexter Memorial Hospital Board of Directors, a former member the Stoddard County A.S.C.S. office, and a former member of the Malden Air Base Fire Department.

He was united in marriage to Patsy Doris Wilson on October 22, 1982 at Dexter. Mrs. Jennings passed away on March 7, 2007.

He is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Jana Jennings of Bernie: by one daughter, Connie Sue Jennings of the home: by one daughter-in-law, Patty Jennings of Powe: by two step-sons, William Sandusky of Lanora City, Tennessee and Charles Sandusky of Dexter: by seven grandchildren, Michael Snelson, Melanie Gojkovich, Michael Jennings, Alex Jennings, Ashley Jennings, Randy Jennings Jr. and Haley Jennings: by seven great-grandchildren, Paige Snelson, Kimberlyn Sandusky, Mikayla

Sandusky, Allison Snelson, Kassidy Ballejos, Kiannah Ballejos and Makayla Jennings.

Besides his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Michael Ray Jennings: by six brothers, Eddie Jennings, Edgar Jennings, Leslie Jennings, Frank Jennings, Arthur Jennings and Dawsey Jennings: by four sisters, Mildred Talley, Rosa Kilmer, Martha Goad and Ruby Horn.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie from 5 until 8 p.m., Friday, August 12, 2011. A Masonic Service will be conducted at 7 p.m., Friday evening. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m., Saturday, August 13, 2011 in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Bernie.

Interment will follow in the Sycamore Cemetery near Bernie.

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A.L. Blair

A.L. Blair, son of the late John Turner Blair and Myrtle Mae Lynch Blair was born on April 5, 1938 in Henderson, Tennessee and departed this life at the Missouri Southern Health Care in Dexter on August 9, 2011 at the age of 73.

Mr. Blair was of the Baptist Faith, member of the National Rifle Association, veteran of the United States Army, a self-employed Farmer for many years, and a resident of Essex, Missouri.

Survivors include three brothers, Kermit Blair of Essex, Missouri, Bob Blair of Dexter, and J.C. Blair of Vallejo, California; by one sister, Connie Beck of St. Louis, Missouri, also by a very special friend Gloria Ritch of Grayridge, Missouri.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Linnie Rowland and by one brother, Lloyd Blair.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from 5:00 until 8:00 P.M. Thursday August 11, 2011. Graveside services will be conducted on Friday August 12, 2011 at 11 a.m., at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with Rev. Ronnie Ledbetter and Rev. James Malloy officiating. Interment will follow with full Military Honors.

Family has requested that memorials be made to the American Cancer Association. Envelopes will be provided at the Funeral Home office.

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