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Leon McGarrity

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Leon McGarrity

Leon McGarrity, son of the late Charles and Susan Camilla Caldwell McGarrity, was born in Bentley, Mississippi, on October 26, 1920, and passed away at the Missouri Southern Healthcare in Dexter, Missouri on August 29, 2011, at the age of 90 years, 10 months and 3 days.

Leon and his wife moved to Dexter in 1949 and opened Leon's Dexter Queen where they worked until their retirement in 1980.

Leon was a 50 year member of the Dexter Masonic Lodge and a proud member and past president of the Dexter Kiwanis Club, serving 40 years with the civic organization. Leon also served in the Arkansas National Guard. He was of the Baptist faith.

On November 7, 1943 Leon was married to Gwendolyn Boone in Blytheville, Arkansas.

Leon was a mentor to many people and most have turned out to be his life long friends.

He is survived by his wife Gwen of Dexter; one sister, Maxerline Richardson of Rolla, Missouri; one granddaughter: Theresa (Curtis) Wilson; two great-grandchildren, Tyler and Makenna Wilson; other relatives and many friends also survive.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Delores Anne McGarrity-Gibson; two brothers, Clayton and Ford McGarrity; two sisters, Era Lucius and Thelma Evans.

Visitation will be Wednesday, August 31, 2011, after 4 p.m., at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, September 1, 2011, at 11 a.m., at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter, Missouri with the Rev. Mike Watkins of Dexter, Missouri officiating.

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

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Larry Eugene Moore Sr.

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Larry Eugene Moore Sr., son of Geraldine Hood Krigbaum of St. Louis and the late Raymond Robert “BOB” Moore was born on December 19, 1953 at St. Louis and

departed this life in the St. Louis University Hospital on August 28, 2011 at the age of 57.

Mr. Moore was a self-employed auto mechanic and a resident of Dexter.

He was united in marriage to Debra Miller on October 10, 1975 at Dexter. She survives of the home near Dexter.

Besides his wife, he is survived by four sons, Larry E. Moore Jr. of Crystal City, Anthony Moore, Colin Moore and Jacob Moore all of Dexter: by four daughters, Lorna Moore of Eureka, Christina Matthews of St. Louis, Geraldine Moore of Festus, Amber Moore of Dexter: by one foster daughter, Amber Crandall of Fort Leonard Wood: by his mother, Geraldine Krigbaum of St. Louis: by three brothers, William Fred Moore and Donald Eugene Moore both of St. Louis and Gerald Krigbaum of O'Fallon: by one step-brother, Eric Vince Krigbaum of South Carolina: by three sisters, Patricia Ann Adams and Ruth Claudine Robertson both of Dexter and Deborah Lee Miller of Arnold: by one step-sister, Venessa Dean Krigbaum of the State of Washington: by ten grandchildren, Sheena, Marcus, Logan, Kele, Andrea, Shane, Zuzu, Angela, Cannon and Acely: by three great-grandchildren.

Besides his father, he was preceded in death by one brother, Raymond R. Moore Jr.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from 5 until 8 p.m., Wednesday, August 31, 2011. Funeral services will be conducted at 11a.m., Thursday, September 1, 2011 in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Phil Warren officiating. Interment will follow in the Armstead Dowdy Cemetery near Dexter.

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Linda Faye Lawrence

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Linda Faye Lawrence

Linda Faye Lawrence, daughter of the late Hugh W. Parks and Mildred Gowan Parks, was born on November 14, 1934 in Hornersville, Missouri and departed this life at the Missouri Delta Medical Center in Sikeston, Missouri on August 25, 2011 at the age of 76.

Mrs. Lawrence was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Dexter and was an educator for thirty-nine years, with thirty-one of those years in the Richland School District. Mrs. Lawrence was a resident of Dexter.

She was united in marriage to Jimmie G. Lawrence on March 27, 1955 in Grayridge, Missouri. Mr. Lawrence survives of the home in Dexter.

Besides her husband, she is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Jeffery H. and Dianne Lawrence of Cape Girardeau, Missouri and by two granddaughters, Kelsey Dianne Lawrence and Sarah Elliott Lawrence.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, August 27, 2011 from 5 until 8 p.m.

Funeral services will be conducted on Sunday, August 28, 2011 at 2 p.m. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Michael Woods officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

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Charles Driskill

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Charles Driskill, son of the late Elmer Driskill and Minnie Tucker Driskill, was born on January 14, 1935 in Bragg City, Missouri and departed this life at the Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Missouri on August 25, 2011 at the age of 76.

Mr. Driskill was a farmer for many years and a resident on Poplar Bluff, Missouri, formally of Dexter.

On May 16, 1956 he was united in marriage to Myrtle “Cedie” Wyatt in Sikeston, Missouri. Mrs. Driskill preceded him in death on October 13, 2005.

Survivors include two sons, Mike Driskill of Advance, Missouri and Charles Driskill of Sikeston, Missouri; by two daughters, Delores Hopkins and Mary Sawyer both of Oregon, Illinois; by a special friend, Marie Sides; by one brother and one sister; also by ten grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from 12 noon until 2:

p.m., Monday August 29, 2011. Funeral services will then be conducted on Monday at 2 p.m., in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

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Rita Hunsperger

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Rita Hunsperger, daughter of the late Roma and Ruth Dixon Turner, was born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri on February 13, 1938, and passed away at the St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri on August 24, 2011, at the age of 73 years, 6 months and 11 days.

She had lived in Dexter since 1973 when she moved here with her family. She was a member of the Living Water Worship Center in Bloomfield.

On August 10, 1954 she was married to Frankie "Frank" Hunsperger in Charleston, Missouri.

Surviving are her husband Frank Hunsperger of Dexter, Missouri; two sons: Tom Hunsperger of Dexter, Missouri and Larry "Dinky" Hunsperger of Malden, Missouri; three daughters: Bobbie Turnbow of Malden, Missouri, Johanna Whitfield of Grayling, Michigan and Kay Stafford of Essex, Missouri; 24 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; four brothers: Donald Turner of Arizona, Larry Turner of Sikeston, Missouri, Charles Gene Turner of Charleston, Missouri and Freddie Turner of Sikeston, Missouri; one sister Janie Hargraves of Charleston, Missouri. Other relatives and friends also survive.

She was preceded in death by one son, Frank Ray Hunsperger, and two daughter: Elizabeth Jean McCulley and Tammy Lynn Burnett; and several brothers and sisters.

Visitation will be Friday, August 26, 2011, after 12 p.m. at the Wayside Baptist Church in Koshkonong, Missouri.

Graveside funeral services will be held Friday, August 26, 2011, at 1 p.m. at the Wayside Cemetery in Koshonong, Missouri with the Rev. Jack Hargraves of Charleston, Missouri officiating.

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