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Arvella Totten

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Arvella Velores Stout Totten, daughter of the late Melvin Freeman Stout and Audria Mildred Jones Stout was born on May 14, 1922 in Williamson County, Illinois and departed this life in the White River Medical Center at Batesville, Arkansas on September 17, 2011 at the age of 89.

Mrs. Totten attended the First Christian Church in Dexter, was an educator for 34 years in Missouri Public Schools with 29 years in the Dexter Public School System. She was a charter member of the Dexter Community Teachers Association, a lifetime member of both the Missouri State Teachers Association and the Retired Teachers of Missouri. She was also a member of the Retired Teachers of Stoddard County, the Dexter Hospital Auxiliary and the Friends of the Dexter Library. The Montgomery Scholarship was named in honor of Mrs. Totten.

She was united in marriage to Glenn H. Totten on January 2, 1942 at Jackson. Mr. Totten preceded her in death on April 28, 1993.

She is survived by two sons and daughter-in-laws: Glenn and Nancy Totten of Ormond Beach, Florida and Roger and Allison Totten of Melbourne, Arkansas: by one brother, Glendall Stout of Jefferson City: by five grandchildren, Kyle Totten, Kendra Totten, Grant Totten, Craig Totten and Matthew Totten: by four great-grandchildren, Christopher Totten, Caroline Totten, Audrey Totten and Sarah Katharine Totten: by one great-great-granddaughter, Isabella Totten.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Earl Stout: by two sisters, Othella Mildred Stout Mathenie and Georgania Lorene Stout.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter 5 until 7 p.m. Monday, September 19, 2011. Graveside services will be conducted at 11 a.m., Tuesday,

September 20, 2011 at the Chalk Bluff Cemetery with Rev. Tom Stafford officiating.

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Marilou Payne

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Marilou Payne, daughter of Maxine Goode Simmons and the late William T. Simmons was born in Parma, Missouri on August 31, 1939, and passed away at the Regional Medical Center in Memphis, Tennessee on September 16, 2011, at the age of 72 and 16 days.

She had lived in Parma, Missouri most of her life. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Parma, Missouri. She had worked in home health as a nurses aid.

On June 14, 1965, she was married to Alvin Oscar Payne in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Surviving are her husband, Alvin Oscar Payne of Parma, Missouri; one son, Timothy Allen Payne of Millington, Tennessee; her mother, Maxine Goode Simmons of Parma, Missouri; five grandchildren; four great grandchildren; one brother, Gary Simmons of Malden, Missouri; and one sister, Shirley Harris of Dexter, Missouri. Other relatives and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Larry and Jerry Simmons.

Friends may visit on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, from 5 until 8 p.m., at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Parma, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, at 10 a.m., in the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Parma, Missouri with the Rev. Kerry Stokes of Charleston, Missouri officiating.

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

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John Wesley Wiley

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John Wesley Wiley, son of John Thurman Wiley and Sandra McTurnan, was born in Poplar Bluff, Missouri on May 28, 1987, and passed away near Puxico, Missouri on September 15, 2011, at the age of 24 years, 3 months and 18 days.

Mr. Wiley worked at the Faurecia Company in Dexter, Missouri.

He had lived in Puxico all of his life. On June 28, 2009, he was married to Lorrie Robinett in Bloomfield, Missouri.

Surviving are his wife, Lorrie Wiley of Puxico, Missouri; his mother, Sandra McTurnan of Puxico, Missouri; his father, John Thurman Wiley of Puxico, Missouri; one brother, Joseph Wiley of Puxico, Missouri; his grandmothers, Rose McTurnan and Susie Wiley. Other relatives and many friends also survive.

Friends may call on Monday, September 19, 2011, after 11 a.m., at the Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home in Bloomfield, Missouri.

Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, September 19, 2011, at 1 p.m., in the Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home in Bloomfield, Missouri.

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

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Ruth Thomas Crow

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Ruth Thomas Crow

Ruth Thomas Crow, daughter of the late Martin Hoppe and Susie Haynes Hoppe was born on September 27, 1914 at Poplar Bluff and departed this life in the Crowley Ridge Care Center at Dexter on September 14, 2011 at the age of 96.

Mrs. Crow was a member of Hopewell General Baptist Church near Essex, a former member of the First Baptist Church in Poplar Bluff for 54 years, the former owner of Burge Cleaners in Poplar Bluff, the past-president of Senior Citizens Club #1, the former pianist of Northside Nutrition Center in Poplar Bluff, a member of the Dexter O.A.K.S. Senior Choir and a resident of Dexter.

Her passion was playing the piano and singing with Senior Choirs. She loved spending time with her family and making new friends.

She was united in marriage to Robert C. Crow on February 14, 2007 near Essex. Mr. Crow survives of the home.

Besides her husband, she is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Lawrence and Chris Garrett of Blackstone, Virginia: by one daughter, Gloria Hampton of Dexter: by by four step-sons, Jimmie Burge, Phillip Crow, Terry Crow and Robert Crow Jr. all of Dexter: by one step-daughter, Donna Roberts of Bloomfield: by four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Besides her parents, she was preceded in

death by two sons, Chester A. Garrett and Doyle L. Garrett: by one granddaughter, Shannon M. Brigance: by one brother, Loyd Hoppe.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from 10 a.m.. until 12 noon, Saturday, September 17, 2011. Funeral services will then be conducted at 12 noon in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Lonny Mittag officiating. Interment will follow in the Black Creek Cemetery in Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 9374 Olive Blvd, Suite 101, St, Louis, Mo. 63132-3253 or to the Dexter O.A.K.S., 23 West Stoddard Street, Dexter, MO. 63841.

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Corey “Petey” August Martin

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Corey “Petey” August Martin, 34, left this earth on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at his home in Dexter, Missouri.

Corey is survived by his parents, Ron and Elvena Martin of Dexter, Missouri, by one brother, Ron Martin Jr. and his wife Nicky of Puxico, Missouri, and by three nephews, Ben Martin of Stillwater, Oklahoma, Nathan Martin of Puxico, Missouri, and Brandon Coleman of Advance, Missouri.

Also surviving are his grandmothers Lucille Newsom of Dexter, Missouri and Vadola Martin of Puxico, Missouri, as well as many dear aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Preceding him in death were his grandfathers Elam “Cotton” Newsom and Elmer Martin.

Corey graduated from Southeast Missouri State University with a Bachelor’s degree in Mass Communications. He had been employed at Briggs and Stratton in Poplar Bluff, Missouri for twelve years.

Corey’s favorite past-time was following the World of Outlaws, Midget and USAC Racing Series. Corey looked forward to starting his year in Tulsa, Oklahoma attending the renowned Chili Bowl Nationals. A good weekend also consisted of traveling to Indiana to attend as many races as he possibly could in two days. He was a member of the Hoosier Auto Racing Fan Club. He loved visiting the pits and talking with all his very special extended racing friends and family.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from 5 until 8 p.m., Thursday, September 15, 2011. Funeral services will be conducted on Friday, September 16, 2011 at 11 a.m., in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with Dr. Larry Colvin officiating. Interment will follow in the Rock Point Cemetery near Swinton, Missouri.

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