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Ruth Wood

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Ruth Wood

Ruth N. Wood, daughter of the late Henry Hickerson and Jennie Caraway Hickerson was born on December 24, 1925 at Wardell and departed this life in the Cypress Point Skilled Nursing Center at Dexter on February 24, 2012 at the age of 86.

Mrs. Wood was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dexter, a former public school educator, working in various school districts, the former assistant Librarian at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar and a resident of Dexter.

She was united in marriage to Dr. Wayne Wood on January 13, 1945 in Blytheville, Arkansas. Dr. Wood survives of the home in Dexter.

Besides her husband, she is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Maria and Tim Chamberlain of Dexter; by two grandchildren and their spouses, Wesley and Allison Tolbert of Houston, Texas and Emily and Dr. Brad Crow of Danville, California; by two step grandchildren, Ashley Thomas of Tallahassee, Florida and Beau Chamberlain of Owensboro, Kentucky; by two great-grandchildren, Sarah Tolbert and Lydia Tolbert; by one step-great-grandchild, Brayden Thomas; by a niece who was raised in the home as a daughter, Sue Foster and husband Ernest of Mountain View.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by one son-in-law, Rev. Duke Tolbert, by three brothers, Rudolph Hickerson, Theodore Hickerson and Dallas Hickerson; and by two sisters, Opal Willoughby and Gladys Ephlin.

Friends may call from 9:30 a.m. until 11 a.m., Thursday, March 1, 2012 at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter. Funeral services will then be conducted at 11 a.m., in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Don Kennedy officiating.

Interment will follow in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery at Bloomfield.

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Billy Ray Sanders, Sr.

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Billy Ray Sanders, Sr., son of the late Elmer Junior and Clara Jane King Sanders, was born in Essex, Missouri on June 1, 1949, and passed away at his home in Dexter, Missouri on February 24, 2012, at the age of 62 years, 8 months and 23 days.

He had lived in Essex and Dexter, Missouri all his life. Bill had worked in the sanitation department at Tyson Foods and was a member of the Lighthouse Christian Center in Dexter.

On October 19, 2011, he was married to Renita Rae Brown in Dexter.

Surviving are his wife, Renita Sanders of Dexter; four sons, Billy Ray Sanders, Jr. of Bernie, Jeff Sanders of Texas, Christopher Brown and Michael Quinlan both of Dexter; one daughter, Amanda Vaughn of Dexter; 13 grandchildren; three brothers, Delbert Sanders & Adam Sanders both of Dexter, Steve Sanders of Essex; two sisters, Dortha Hess and Kathy Romero both of Dexter. Other family and friends also survive.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Cindy Blackwell.

Visitation will be held on 5 until 8 p.m., Sunday, February 26, 2012, at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, February 27, 2012, at the Lighthouse Christian Center in Dexter, with the Rev. Tim Russell of Dexter, officiating.

Interment will be in Essex Cemetery in Essex with Watkins and Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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Charles Cantrell

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Charles Cantrell, son of the late Howard Leamon Cantrell and Nora Gribble Cantrell Powell was born on January 14, 1956 in Conran, Missouri and departed this life on February 24, 2012 at the Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 56 years.

Mr. Cantrell was a veteran of the United States Marines and a resident of Dexter.

On August 6, 1990 he was united in marriage to Cheryl Lynn Mays in Dexter, Missouri. Mrs. Cantrell survives of the home in Dexter.

Besides his wife, other survivors include four sons, Parker Kilby of Jacksonville, Arkansas, Kyle Logan Cantrell, Robert Coty Cantrell, and Phillip Lee Cantrell all of Dexter; by one daughter, Rose Kilby of Jacksonville, Arkansas; two step-sons, Kevin Scott Mann of Jonesboro, Arkansas and William Dewey Mann of Yellville, Arkansas; by one daughter-in-law, Candice Cantrell of Dexter; one brother, Willie Powell of Puxico, Missouri; by seven sisters, Mary Jo Stearns of Hartford, Michigan, Norma Lee Smith of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, Treva Ann Lee of St. Charles, Missouri, Jonnie Mae Maddox of Puxico, Missouri, Patricia Freed of Dudley, Missouri, Barbara Sue Case and Angela Mays both of Dexter; also by one granddaughter, Patricia Kilby.

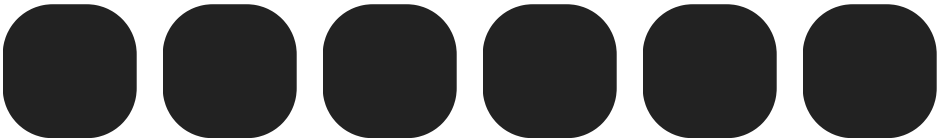
Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Lottie Phillips.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from Noon until 2 p.m., Monday February 27, 2012. Funeral services will then be conducted on Monday at 2 p.m., in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter with Rev. Jonia Ray Smith Jr. officiating. Interment will follow at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with full Military Honors.

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Beulah Alma Andrews Davis O'Conner

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Beulah Alma Andrews Davis O'Conner, 85, of Wappapello, Missouri passed away in the morning hours of February 23, 2012, at her home.

She was born in Wolf Lake, Illinois on November 24, 1926, daughter of the late Aden Robert Andrews and Hester Hodge Andrews. She grew up and attended school in the Puxico-Asherville areas in Stoddard County, Missouri. She had lived most of her life in Dexter and Wappapello.

She was a member of the Egypt Community Church in Puxico, was a former member of the Eastern Star and enjoyed gardening, cooking and her family.

She married James Frank Davis in 1942, and had three children. She wed Vondie William O'Conner, Sr., in 1952, and had five more children.

After welding navel ships during World War II in Rhode Island, Beulah dedicated her professional life to food preparation and food service in the Southeast Missouri region, as a manager, restaurateur, cook and waitress. She established life-long friendships with many of her customers and co-workers.

She is survived by her eight children, Ronald Davis of Sebring, FL, Daniel Davis of Las Vegas, NV, Susan Davis of Fairbanks, AK, Vondie O'Conner, Jr. of Ratoui, KS, Michael O'Conner of Decatur, IL, Calvin O'Conner of Van Buren, AR, Arthur O'Conner of Poplar Bluff and Margaret Lizenbee of Puxico; her sister, Helen Pennington of Wappapello; her brothers, Cecil Andrews of Wappapello, Robert Andrews of Puxico and Carroll David Andrews of McGee; by nine grandchildren, Christopher, Kelly, Lindsey, Kristen, Cody, Dalton, Aaron, Justin and William; two great grandchildren, Emma and Wade. Other relatives and friends also survive.

She was preceded in death by her siblings, Lester Andrews, Mildred Crabtree, Lois Henley and Glen Andrews.

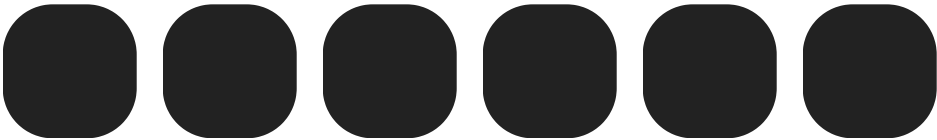
Visitation will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, February 27, 2012, at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Puxico. Funeral services will be held 12 p.m., Monday, February 27, 2012, at the Watkins and Sons Chapel in Puxico with the Rev. Wayne Burchett of Puxico officiating.

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

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Rose Mary Rushing

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Rose Mary Rushing of Oxford, Michigan, formally of Dexter, Missouri, passed away peacefully on February 15, 2012 at the age of 82.

Rose Mary worked for Clinton Valley Center in Pontiac for 24 years and at POH for 10 years. She liked to crochet, but most of all she loved her family; they were everything to her

Mrs. Rushing was married to Wallace Rushing, who preceded her in death. She was the loving mother of Ron (Sue) Rushing, Brenda (Charles) Fotheringham, and Donna (Tom Montgomery) Ross; special grandmother of Jennifer, Erik, and Angel; great grandmother of Zachary, Danny Cruz, Jazmyn, and Marcus; sister of Betty Jo and James Biggs. Also survived by Mary Berg, who was like a daughter.

She was preceded in death by 10 siblings.

The family will receive friends from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Friday, February 17, 2012 at Coats Funeral Home in Waterford.

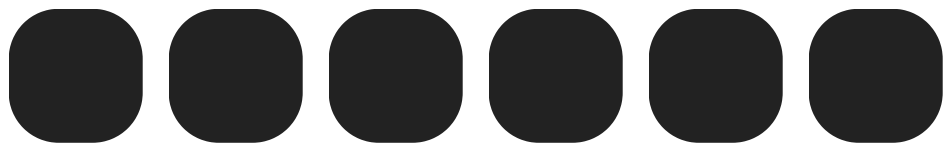
Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m., Sunday, February 19 at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Monday, February 20 in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter with the Rev. Tim Russell officiating. Internment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

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