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Martha L. Ward

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Martha L. Ward, daughter of the late Albert S. and Mollie C. Carnes Lincoln, was born in Wappapello, Missouri on November 20, 1918, and passed away at the Puxico Nursing Center on March 28, 2012, at the age of 93 years, 4 months and 8 days.

Martha lived in the Wappapello area all her life. She was a member of the New Life Baptist Church in Wappapello and enjoyed gardening and sewing.

She was married to Leffie E. Ward on April 21, 1936, in Wappapello. He preceded her in death on June 13, 1986.

Surviving are one son and spouse, Carroll and Shelby Ward of Puxico; two daughters and spouses, Barbara and David Lafferty of Alton, Illinois and E. Joyce and Jim Johnson of Poplar Bluff; by four grandchildren, Del Ward, Jimmy Johnson, Brad Lafferty, Julie McFarland; four great-grandchildren, Chris Ward, Andrew Lafferty, Jena Lafferty, Matthew McFarland; and two great great grandchildren, Carson Ward and Maddalyn Ward.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Nellie Benhoff, two brothers, Elmer C. Lincoln, B. Frank Lincoln; a grandson, Jonathan Johnson and great great grandson, Jonathan Johnson.

Visitation will be held from 6 until 8 p.m., Friday, March 30, 2012, from at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Puxico.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 31, 2012, at the Watkins and Sons Chapel in Puxico with Chaplain Brad Lafferty of St. Charles, Missouri and Rev. Kenneth Lambert of Bloomfield, Missouri officiating.

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

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Jannis "Jan" Campbell

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Jannis "Jan" Campbell, daughter of the late Albert Lavern and Virginia Evelyn Herralston Halterman, was born in Sikeston, Missouri, on October 16, 1951, and passed away at her home in Parma, Missouri on March 28, 2012, at the age of 60 years, 5 months and 12 days.

Mrs. Campbell had lived in St. Louis and Lilbourn before moving to Parma 40 years ago. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Parma. She enjoyed working in her flower beds, working jigsaw puzzles and playing with her grandchildren.

On August 27, 1971, she was married to Gary Campbell in Parma, Missouri.

Surviving are her husband, Gary Campbell of Parma; three daughters, Cindy Reynolds of Parma, Becky Campbell of Scott City, Sarah Trammell of Campbell; six grandchildren, Austin and Nicholas Reynolds of Parma, Harley, Bryleigh, Jarred and Michael, Jr. Trammell all of Campbell; one brother, Ray Halterman of Parma; and one sister, Mary Ann Darrow of Belleville, Illinois. Other family and friends also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a niece, Angela Sue Byrd, and a nephew, Ira Martin "Marty" Bartlett.

Visitation will be held on from 5 until 8 p.m., Friday, March 30, 2012 at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Parma.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 31, 2012, in the Watkins and Sons Chapel in Parma, with Bro. Bud Mays of Malden, officiating.

Interment will be in Mounds Cemetery near New Madrid, with Watkins and Sons Funeral Service of Parma in charge of arrangements.

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Pauline Levart

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Pauline Levart, daughter of the late Paul Parker and Vivian Hunt Patterson was born on June 26, 1940 in Dexter, Missouri and departed this life on March 28, 2012 at her residence in Dexter at the age of 71 years

Mrs. Levart attended the First General Baptist Church in Bloomfield, Missouri, a homemaker, former employee of Elders Manufacturing, and co-owner of Malden Lime Company.

On December 28, 1957 she was united in marriage to Homer Ray Levart in Hernando, Mississippi. Mr. Levart preceded her in death on May 13, 2011.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Cary G. Levart and Vanita of Essex; by two daughters and son-in-laws, Karen S. Griffin and Wade of Bloomfield, and Carla E. Darnell and Pete of Jacksoni; by four grandchildren, Cody Levart, Justin Darnell, Summer Griffin, and Clay Darnell; one great-grandson, Carson Williams; and by one sister Linda Williams.

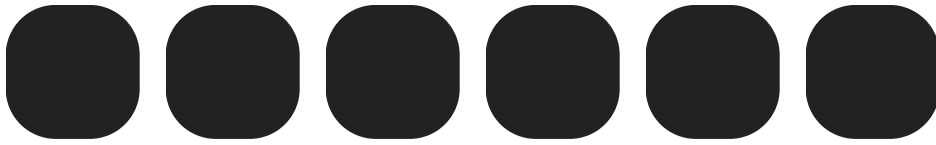
Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one half-brother, William Paterson.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from 5until 8: p.m. Sunday, April 1, 2012. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m., Monday, April 2, 2012 in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with Rev. Kevin Eskew officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

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James Raymond Jones

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James Raymond Jones, was born on October 22, 1925 at Wylie, Texas and departed this life in the Crowley Ridge Care Center on March 29, 2012 at the age of 86.

Mr. Jones was one of Jehovah's Witnesses. He had lived in Texas from 1925 through 1999 and was a current resident of Dexter.

He was united in marriage to his wife, Pauline, on February 20, 1999. Mrs. Jones survives of the home near Dexter.

Besides his wife, he is survived by one daughter and son in law, Rhonda and Bill Richter of Houston, Texas: by one daughter in law, Sandy Jones of Houston, Texas: by five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 31, 2012 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Dexter with Tom Kelsey officiating.

Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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Verlin Dempsey 'Demp' Holden

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Verlin Dempsey ‘Demp’ Holden, son of the late Roy Holden and Leona Kyle Holden was born on March 2, 1926 in rural Shannon County, Missouri and departed this life in the Saint Francis Medical Center at Cape Girardeau on March 27, 2012 at the age of 86.

He was united in marriage to Iva Celeste Yates on September 19, 1946 at Pocahontas, Arkansas. Mr. and Mrs. Holden lived in Fisk for several years prior to moving to Dexter. Mrs. Holden survives.

Mr. Holden was a founding member of the Southwest Church of the Nazarene in Dexter and most recently had been attending the First Baptist Church in Dexter. He was a veteran of the United States Army Air Force.

He was the owner of Verlin Holden and Sons Sawmill and Lumber Company. Demp was a lifelong sawmiller and has cut and sold timber everywhere from the Ozark Hills of Missouri, to the swamps of western Kentucky, to the mountains of Colorado and finally the flat land and river banks of Southeast Missouri. It was early in 1980, as the economy hardened, when Mr. Holden told his youngest son, “We need to find ways to capitalize on our scrap from the saw mill”.... On that day a dream was born which led to the formation of Holden Pallet Company in Dexter. Holden Pallet has grown to one of the largest manufacturers of pallets in the Midwest.

Since his retirement, Demp has become an avid golfer. He enjoyed spending time with his family, friends and golfing buddies and imparted infinite love and wisdom on everyone he met.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three sons, Bill Holden, Stephen W. Holden and wife Mary Kay and Timothy Ray Holden and wife Julie all of Dexter: by two daughters, Geneva Diane Garrett and husband David of San Antonio, Texas; and Terri Rene Morgan and husband Robert of Dexter: by sixteen grandchildren and their spouses, Jamie and Johnny Manees of Dexter, Andrew and Amy Holden of Dudley, Natalie D. and Edward A. Riley II of Dexter, Stephen Ryan and Lindsay Emelio Holden of Dexter, Alexa Atkinson of Poplar Bluff, Brian David and Betsy Garrett of Olathe, Kansas, Bradley Holden Garrett of San Antonio, Texas, Geoffrey Phillip Garrett of San Antonio, Texas, Jason Lee and Cristi Jo Comfort of Dexter, Joshua S. Comfort of Dexter, Shelly Renee and Wade Wingfield of Henderson, Kentucky, Jennifer M. and Quinton Stone of Henderson, Kentucky, Amy N. and Kip Lemons of Dexter, Robert J. Morgan Jr. of Essex, Tyler and Jeannie Holden of Dexter and Chance Holden of Dexter: by twenty three great-grandchildren, Austin Manees, Alexis Holden, Camden Lewis Riley, Avery Catherine Riley, Amelia James Holden, Emma Kay Pennington, Phillip Montgomery Garrett, Maci Jo Comfort, Cali Celeste Comfort, Jase Holden Comfort, Clair Paige Comfort, Wyatt Riley Comfort, Charlie Katelyn Comfort, Jessica Shaw, Jonathon Wingfield, Issac Wingfield, Ava Stone, Eli Stone, Addyson Atherton, Aslyn Lemons, Kylee Morgan, Taylor Morgan and Ashton Holden: by one sister, Pauline Bailey of McKinney, Texas.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by seven brothers, Sterling Holden, Earl Holden, Cleo Holden, Sam Holden, Carl Holden, R.M. "Mock" Holden, A.D. "Dink" Holden and by one sister, Emma Jean Hall.

Friends may call at the First Baptist Church in Dexter from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, March 29, 2012. Funeral services will be conducted at 12 p.m., Friday, March 30, 2012 in the First Baptist Church in Dexter with Rev. Wayne Dismuke officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery with full military honors.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimers Association, 9370 Olive Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63132.

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