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### Patrick Ray Merick

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Patrick Ray Merick, son of Harold Merick and the late Joyce Ray, was born on January 14, 1964, in Tracy, California and passed away at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, on April 3, 2012, at the age of 48 years, 2 months and 19 days.

Mr. Merick had lived Bloomfield, Missouri most of his life. He retired from the U. S. Air Force in 1992. He was a decorated sergeant and was awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, NCO Professional Military Education Graduate Ribbon, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, the Humanitarian Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Air Force Training Ribbon. He also served in the United States National Guard and was a farmer.

Surviving are one son, Matthew Merick of Bloomfield; his father and stepmother, Harold and Brenda Merick of Bloomfield,; one brother, Randy Merick of Wappapello; one sister Sandra Campbell of Dexter; and his special friend, Diann Brotherton of Bloomfield. Other relatives and many friends also survive.'

Friends may visit from 4 - 8 p.m., Thursday April 5, 2012, at the Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home in Bloomfield.

Funeral services will be held at 5 p.m., Friday April 6, 2012, at the Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home in Bloomfield, with Rev. Kenneth Lambert of Bloomfield, officiating.

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

*Memorials may be made to 18 Fore Life, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, Missouri, 63841.*

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# Marzella Catherine Skelton

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Marzella Catherine Skelton, daughter of the late John Franklin and Mary Catherine Smith Heldermon was born in Bridgeport, Oklahoma on September 14, 1914, and passed away at the Puxico Nursing and Rehab Center in Puxico, Missouri on April 1, 2012, at the age of 97.

She moved to Puxico in 1940. She has been a member of the Puxico Christian Church for 63 years. She enjoyed writing poetry, quilting and singing.

On September 11, 1940 she was married to Fred Skelton in Sarah, Oklahoma. After 53 years of marriage, Fred passed away January 22, 1993.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Doris Ann and Charles Hedspeth of Puxico and Reita Fay and Phil LeBeau of Dexter; five grandchildren and spouses, Delisa and Eric Sitze, Tracy and Brian Robison, Clint and Hannah LeBeau, Kurt and Lindsay LeBeau, Weston and Ashley LeBeau; five great-grandchildren, Natalie and Dylan Sitze, Caleb and Logan Robison, and Grayson LeBeau. Other relatives and friends also survive.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Tommy, Prentiss, Frank and Ernest Heldermon; three half-brothers, Odes, Earl and Albert Heldermon; one sister, Oneta Heldermon Sisco and one half-sister, Etta Heldermon Weiss.

Visitation will be held at 5 p.m., Wednesday, April 4, 2012, at the Puxico Christian Church in Puxico. Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 4, 2012, at the Puxico Christian Church with the Rev. Wiley McGhee, the Rev. Todd Allen of Poplar Bluff and the Rev. Bobby Nordack of Puxico, officiating.

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

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## Ralph “Eugene” Hessling Sr.

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Ralph “Eugene” Hessling Sr., son of the late Edward Hessling and Polly Ann Brockwell Hessling was born on June 30, 1917 at Lilbourn, Missouri and died on March 31, 2012 at his residence in Dexter at the age of 94.

Mr. Hessling was a heavy equipment operator and a resident of Dexter.

On December 26, 1936 he was united in marriage to Freddie Pearl Hessling at New Madrid, Missouri. Mrs. Hessling preceded him in death on January 26, 2006.

He is survived by five sons, Ralph Hessling Jr., Ronnie Ray Hessling, Everett Hessling, Gary W. Hessling all of Dexter and Gerald Hessling of Bloomfield; by one brother, George Hessling of Granite City, Illinois; by one sister, Grace Davis of Sikeston; by six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Besides his wife and parents he was preceded in death by one daughter, Vonda Jean Hessling.

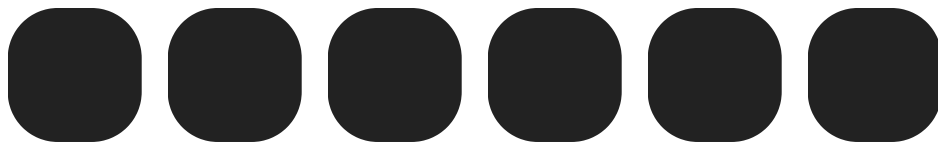
Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from 5 until 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 4, 2012. Funeral services will be conducted at 1030 a.m., Thursday, April 5, 2012 in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with Rev. Kenneth Biggs officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

Donations may be made to memorial of your choice.

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## Lorane Robert Blunt

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Lorane Robert Blunt, son of the late Henry Blunt and Violet Summers Blunt, was born on December 26, 1924 in Aid, Missouri and departed this life on March 30, 2012, at the Golden Living Center in Dexter at the age of 87.

Mr. Blunt was a Veteran of the United States Army serving in World War II. He was a carpenter and a resident of Dexter.

On June 11, 1948, he was united in marriage to Beryl Williams in Dexter. Mrs. Blunt preceded him in death on March 3, 2002.

He is survived by one son, Scott Blunt of Dexter; by one daughter, Sharon Redd of Memphis, Tennessee; by two brothers, Raymond Blunt of Poplar Bluff, Missouri and J. W. Blunt of Wappapello; by four sisters, Nancy Kalmbach of Swartz Creek, Michigan, Wilma Tanner of Burton, Michigan, Anna Mae Lambert of Grand Rapids, Michigan and Patsy Clubb of Kinder, Missouri; by five grandchildren, Rebekah Massey of Bloomfield, Rachel Blunt of Cape Girardeau, Amanda Leistikow of Memphis, Tennessee, Amber Bell of Hernando, Mississippi and Caleb Blunt of Dexter; by two step-grandchildren, Kimmy Moore of Bernie and Corey Bennett of Dexter; by five great-grandchildren.

Besides his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Alfred Blunt and Henry "Bud" Blunt and by three sisters, Mary Lou Gay, Opal Ward and Gladys Dixon.

Friends may call at from 1 until 3 p.m., Monday, April 2, 2012 at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter. Funeral services will then be conducted at 3 p.m., Monday, April 2, 2012, in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Quintin Davis officiating.

Interment will follow in the Sadler Chapel Cemetery with Full Military Honors.

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# Bertha Mooney

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Bertha Mooney, daughter of the late Tom and Myrtle Lee Burns Whitworth was born in Clinton, Arkansas on July 29, 1928, and passed away at the Missouri Southern Health Care in Dexter, Missouri on March 31, 2012, at the age of 83.

She had lived in Clinton, Arkansas before moving to Bernie. She was of the Pentecostal Faith. She had worked as a cook for workers on the river barges.

Surviving are one son, Edward Thomas Mooney of St. Charles and one daughter, Deborah Barnes of Bernie; three grandchildren and several great-grandchildren, by one brother, Pete Whitworth of Illinois, and two sisters, Irene Dugan and Edna Wallace, both of Parma; other relatives and friends also survive.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Opal, Porter and Chestell.

Visitation will be held after 12 p.m., Monday, April 2, 2012, at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Parma.

Funeral services will be held on ar 1 p.m., Monday, April 2, 2012, at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Parma.

Interment will be in the Bernie Cemetery in Bernie, Missouri.

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