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Arthur J. "A.J." Miller

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Arthur J. "A.J." Miller, son of the late Sereno W. and Catherine Halter Miller, was born in New Hamburg, Missouri on February 29, 1928, and passed away at the Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau on July 5, 2012, at the age of 84 years.

He had grown up in Chaffee, and had lived in California, Washington State and Chicago, Illinois before moving to Bloomfield, 12 years ago. He had worked as an electrical technician with Motorola. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dexter. He enjoyed racing remote control boats, fishing and model trains. He served in the U. S. Army, serving in Italy after WWII and in Korea.

In October of 1970, he was married to Helen Fox in Chicago, Illinois. She preceded him in death on February 22, 2010.

Surviving are two stepsons, Michael Lee Hasler of San Antonio, Texas, Kenneth Lynn Hasler of Oswego, Illinois; one stepdaughter, Linda Handel of Hendersonville, North Carolina; four step grandchildren; five step great grandchildren; one brother, James Miller of Seattle, Washington; one sister, Betty Enderle of Kelso, Missouri. Other family and friends also survive.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Leon W. Miller.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, July 8, 2012, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter. A Rosary Service will be held at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Funeral Mass will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, July 9, 2012, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dexter, with the Rev. David Dohogne of Dexter, officiating.

Interment will follow at the Missouri Veteran's Cemetery in Bloomfield, with Watkins and Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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Delbert "Del" Cahow

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Delbert "Del" Cahow, son of the late Casper Carl and Tersey Pearl Hester Cahow, was born in Little Prairie near Caruthersville, Missouri on October 14, 1943, and passed away at the St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau on July 3, 2012, at the age of 68.

He had lived most of his life in Dexter until moving to Advance in 2005. He had worked in maintenance for the Dexter Public Schools for many years before his retirement. He attended the Faith Baptist Church in Advance.

On July 28, 1978 he was married to Barbara C. Hunsaker in Dexter. She preceded him in death on March 27, 1997. On November 7, 2000, he was married to Laura Cahow in Dexter.

Surviving are his wife, Laura Cahow of Advance, Missouri; two sons, Scott Foster of Fisk, Missouri, Sam Cahow of Los Banos, California; one daughter, Ramona Wright of Los Banos, California; one step-son, Rusty Stearns of Advance, Missouri; one stepdaughter, Bobbi Jo Becker of Advance, Missouri; eight grandchildren and one great grandchild. Other family and friends also survive.

He was preceded in death by two sons, David Cahow on Feb. 14, 1994, John D. Cahow on Sept. 20, 1998; and six siblings, Samuel, William Thomas, Geneva, Carl Jr., Paul Warren and Dennis.

Visitation will be held on Friday, July 6, 2012, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 7, 2012, at the Watkins and Sons Chapel in Dexter, with the Rev. Matthew Price of Ellsinore officiating.

Interment will follow at the Dexter Cemetery with Watkins and Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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Melissa Marie Bateman

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Melissa Marie Bateman, daughter of Alfred Bert and Norma Jean Mitchell Lawhorn, was born at Fort Hood, Texas on December 20, 1984, and passed away at her home in Dexter, Missouri on July 4, 2012, at the age of 27.

She had grown up in Mattoon, Illinois and moved to Dexter ten years ago. She attended the Lighthouse Christian Center in Dexter.

On April 17, 2012, she was married to Ramey Bateman.

Surviving are her parents, Alfred Bert and Norma Jean Lawhorn of Dexter; one son, Gage Leedom of Dexter; two daughters, Kierstyn Leedom and Aylissa Simmons both of Dexter; one brother, Michael Lawhorn of Mattoon, Illinois; one sister, Christina Lawhorn of Dexter. Other relatives and friends also survive.

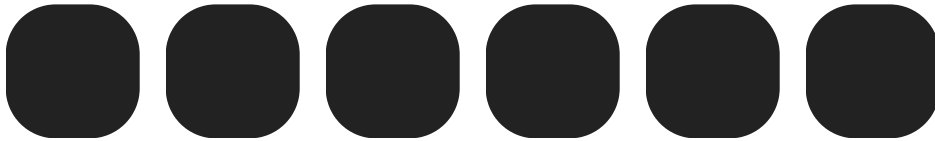
Visitation will be held on Saturday, July 7, 2012 st 11 AM at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 7, 2012, at 1 p.m., at the Watkins and Sons Chapel in Dexter with Rev. Kenneth Biggs of Dexter, officiating.

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Andrew Samuel Griffith Obituary

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Andrew Samuel Griffith Obituary

Andrew Samuel Griffith, known best as “Andy”, died Tuesday at age 86 in Manteo, N.C. Griffith was born in Mount Airy, N.C., on June 1, 1926, the son of Carl and Geneva Griffith.

He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and majored in music and graduated in 1949. He taught school for three years in Goldsboro, N.C.

He found summer work at the outdoor drama in Manteo. Griffith from 1949 to 1953, and appeared on the dinner club circuit as a comedian and singer.

Best known for his role as the top sheriff of Mayberry, Griffith inspired, created and starred in the 1960 debut of The Andy Griffith Show on CBS. In its final year, 1968, it finished as the No. 1 show on TV.

Griffith played the role of Sheriff Andy Taylor. His role was of a man of faith, who was a steady hand of positive wisdom and authority in small town America.

Even though Mayberry was filled with oddballs — a self-incarnated town drunk, “party girls” from Mount Pilot, a sweet aunt who made hazardous pickles for the fair — there was a fundamental nobility about the hometown and its characters.

There was always a certain dignity in Otis Campbell, integrity in the Darlins and Earnest T. Bass, "just due" for every bully, both young and old. Mayberry's psyche was true to life experiences filled with a good, wholesome religion, surrounded by complete Southern living.

The Andy Griffith Show has proven to be one of the most durable shows in television history.

“Our basic theme was love,” Griffith once said. “And understanding one another. And hoping the best for one another. Love.”

Originally cast into the comic role in the show, Andy Taylor quickly transitioned to the the more serious role of sheriff with the additional of friend and costar, Don Knotts.

“And I never regretted it." noted Griffith. "The straight man has the best part. He gets to be in the show and see it, too.”

Griffith became a producer in 1972 and acted occasionally until 1983, when he was stricken with Guillain-Barre syndrome. He recovered, and in 1986 produced the legal series Matlock.

Griffith married UNC classmate Barbara Edwards in 1949, and their union lasted 23 years. They adopted two children, Andy and Dixie. His son died in 1996.

In 1973, he married Solica Cassuto and they divorced in 1981. He wed Cindi Knight in 1983. They spent his retirement near Manteo, on Roanoke Island.

His place on this earth will be missed by many but welcomed into the streets of Heaven.

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Words of Wisdom from Andy Griffith:

“Do you know what a North Carolina Democrat is?”

Griffith said on the ad. “It’s somebody that sometimes votes Democratic and sometimes votes Republican — but always votes for the best man.” ~ Andy Griffith

Family Remembrance:

“Andy was a person of incredibly strong Christian faith and was prepared for the day he would be called home to his Lord,” Cindi Griffith said in a statement. “He is the love of my life, my constant companion, my partner, and my best friend. I cannot imagine life without Andy, but I take comfort and strength in God’s grace and in the knowledge that Andy is at peace and with God.”

Tweet By Ron Howard (Opie Taylor):

“Andy Griffith. His pursuit of excellence and the joy he took in creating served generations & shaped my life. I’m forever grateful. RIP Andy,”

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Ronald Reynolds

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Ronald Reynolds, son of Betty L. Denkins Reynolds Acton and the late E. J. Reynolds, was born in Poplar Bluff, Missouri on February 10, 1958, and passed away at his home near Dexter on July 2, 2012, at the age of 54.

He had lived most of his life in Dexter.

On June 24, 1989, he was married to Ruth McRoy in Bloomfield.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth Reynolds of Dexter; three sons, Matt Reynolds of Bloomfield, William Reynolds stationed in North Carolina with the U. S. Army, and Josh Reynolds of Dexter; two daughters, Amanda Cochran and Jennifer Watson both of Dexter; seven grandchildren; and two brothers, Don Reynolds and Rick Reynolds both of Bloomfield. Other family and friends also survive.

Visitation will be held after 11 a.m., Thursday, July 5, 2012, at Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, July 5, 2012, at the Watkins and Sons Chapel in Dexter with the Rev. Jim Hook of Bloomfield officiating.

Interment will follow at the Walker Cemetery in Bloomfield with Watkins and Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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