### **Obituaries**



## Darlene Davis

AUGUST 15TH 2012 BY STAFF WRITER

#### Darlene Davis

Rosa Darlene Davis, daughter of James Roy and Rachel Brady Davis, was born in Puxico, Missouri on October 23, 1951, and passed away at the Puxico Nursing Center in Puxico, Missouri on August 15, 2012, at the age of 60 years, 9 months and 23 days.

Darlene had lived in Puxico, Missouri her entire life. She was a teacher and had worked in the Poplar Bluff R1 School District where she taught Business Education. She was a FBLA Sponsor and the Department Chairperson of Business Education for the Poplar Bluff R1 School District. She was also a member of the SEMO Business Educators Association and the Missouri Teachers Association. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary Post 7822 and was a past President, serving 12 years. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Puxico where she was the director of WMU and taught the preschool Sunday School class.

Surviving are her parents, James Roy and Rachel Davis of Puxico, Missouri; one sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Ronnal Clinton of Puxico, Missouri; one brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Nikki Davis of Wappapello, Missouri; three nieces and spouses, Rachelle and Travis McGill of Puxico, Missouri, Tonna and Eric O'Dell of Puxico, Missouri, and Melissa Lam of Wappapello, Missouri; and two great nieces, Lydia O'Dell and Phoebe O'Dell both of Puxico, Missouri. Many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends also survive.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 16, 2012, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Puxico in Puxico, Missouri. VFW Auxilary Post 7822 will have a memorial service Thursday evening at the First Baptist Church in Puxico, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, August 17, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Puxico in Puxico, Missouri with Rev. Justin Miller of Puxico, Missouri and Rev. Phil Bray of Macon, Missouri officiating.

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

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Puxico, PO Box 338, Puxico, Missouri, 63960

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# Thomas C. "Tom" Sanders

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Thomas C.

Thomas C. "Tom" Sanders, son of the late John Thomas and Velma Leona Bohannon

Sanders, was born in Gideon, Missouri on November 19, 1958, and passed away at the Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Missouri on August 14, 2012, at the age of 53 years, 8 months and 26 days.

He had lived most of his life in the Morehouse area. He had worked as a heavy equipment operator at Brown Sand and Gravel. He was a member of the Dexter Eagles Aerie #4062, and the Sikeston & Poplar Bluff Eagles Aeries, V.F.W. Post #2659 in Dexter, the Sikeston American Legion and was Past-President of the Jaycees Iron Mountain Lodge in Morehouse. He served in the United States Navy.

On February 22, 1987, he was married to Brenda Joyce Stroud in Morehouse, Missouri.

Surviving are his wife, Brenda Joyce Sanders of Morehouse, Missouri; a niece he raised, Tomma King of Delta, Missouri and grandson, Ty Cody King of Delta, Missouri; five brothers, Terry Sanders of East Prairie, Missouri, David Sanders of Bloomfield, Missouri, Jeffery Sanders of Matthews, Missouri, Randy Sanders of Collman, Alabama, and Jay Sanders of New Madrid, Missouri. Many nieces, nephews, other family and friends also survive. He was preceded in death by one grandson, Cody Dayton King and one sister in infancy, Pamela Sanders.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 16, 2012, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, August 17, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter, Missouri with the Rev. Jimmy Vent of Charter Oak officiating.

Interment will follow at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with an escort provided by the Wappapello and Poplar Bluff Eagle Riders. Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Eagles Diabetic Research Center, 1623 Gateway Circle South, Grove City, Ohio 43123-9309.

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# Bradley Charles Glover

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Bradley Charles Glover, son of R. Kirk Glover and Charlett J. Triplett Glover of Franklin, Tennessee, was born on April 15, 1988, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and departed this life on August 11, 2012, while on an outing with friends.

He graduated from Centennial High School, Franklin, Tennessee, in 2006. He was employed by World Champion Productions where he taught ballroom dancing, professional competitions and was a member of New Song and People Church. Bradley enjoyed life to the fullest.

Besides his parents he is survived by one brother and sister-in-law, Christopher and wife Andrea Glover of O'Fallon, Missouri; by his maternal grandmother, Jeanne Triplett of Dexter; by five uncles, two aunts, many cousins and friends and by his expected nephew.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Charles L. Triplett, Robert Glover and Pat Glover.

Bradley enjoyed life to the fullest. His brother, Chris, says, "Brad would do things that most of us did not have the courage to do but dreamed we could." Brad's nickname was "Chase" and that's what he did. He chased after life with all the energy he had, and he

took all those around him for the ride.

He loved God with all his heart, and he shared his love and excitement of life with everyone he met. He loved the stage and life, and he never met a stranger. He was our ambassador, introducing us to everyone.

The last thing Brad said to his mother was, "Mom, I have a job I love! How many people can say that! I dance and get paid for it!" So now our beautiful son is dancing before the Lord. He was on loan from God and we are blessed.

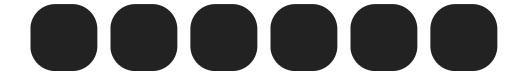
Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M., Saturday, August 18, 2012. Funeral services will then be conducted on Saturday, August 18, 2012, at 11:00 A.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter. Interment will follow in the Chalk Bluff Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that all memorials be made to the "Foster Children's Christmas party c/o Janet Moore, First Baptist Church, 11 West Castor St, Dexter, MO 63841.

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# Nora Blyth Lawrence

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Nora Blyth Lawrence, daughter of Hyram and Dolly Tinker Whitaker, was born in Greenway, Arkansas on April 1, 1920, and passed away at her home in Weir, Kansas on August 12, 2012, at the age of 92 years, 4 months and 12 days.

She had lived in Catron and Parma, Missouri before moving to Kansas 10 years ago. She attended the Church of God in Parma. She enjoyed gradening, cooking and visiting with neighbors and friends.

On March 21, 1937 she was married to Charlie Fred Lawrence in Catron, Missouri. He preceded her in death on August 30, 1987

Surviving are her three sons, Charles Lawrence of Sikeston, Missouri, Jimmy Lawrence of Dexter, Missouri, Harold Lawrence of Millington, Tennessee; six daughters, Lorene Townsend of Parma, Missouri, Barbara Jackson of Commerce, Missouri, Geraldine Brackney of Weir, Kansas, Carol Lawrence of Parma, Missouri, Thelma Tatum of Batesville, Arkansas, Vivian Hunt of Dexter, Missouri; 22 grandchildren; 35 great grandchildren; 14 great great grandchildren; one brother, Winford Whitaker of Puxico, Missouri; two sisters, Mary Dugger and Darlene Parks both of Dudley, Missouri. Other relatives and friends also survive. She is preceded in death by three sons, Earnest, Gary and Jerry Lawrence; four brothers, Luther, Lewis, Cecil and Olin Whitaker, three sisters, Corda Bee Meadows, Helen Reed and Irene Lawrence.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 15, 2012 from 5:00-8:00 PM at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Parma, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, August 16, 2012, at 1:00 PM at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Parma, Missouri with Rev. Frank Townsend of Parma, Missouri officiating.

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

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## James "Dub" Holman

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James "Dub" Holman, son of the late Walter Franklin and May L. Moody Holman, was born in Featherston, Oklahoma on May 28, 1923, and passed away at his home in Dexter, Missouri on August 13, 2012, at the age of 89 years, 2 months and 21 days.

He had lived most of his life in Jefferson County until 1981 when he moved to Bloomfield. He had worked as a heavy equipment operator for Alpha Portland Cement Company for many years before his retirement. He was a member of the Faith Apostolic Church of Sturdivant. He served in the United States Army and served in World War II.

On August 13, 1952 he was married to Lue Ellen Kelton in Green Country, Arkansas. Surviving are his wife, Lue Ellen Holman of Dexter, Missouri; six sons, Rodney James Holman of Hurst, Texas, Richard Holman of Dexter, Eddie Holman of Hurst, Texas, Cecil Holman of Dexter, Missouri, Neal Holman of Wappapello, Missouri, and Dale Holman of Advance; two daughters, Vickie Medley of Dexter, Missouri and Hope

McCullough of Bloomfield, Missouri; ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren; one brother, Leroy Holman of Festus, Missouri. Other family and friends also survive. He was preceded in death by one brother, Rev. Sidney Holman; and four sisters Vada Bruce, Sybil Morrison, Ruby Elouise Reece, and Polly Reando.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 14, 2012, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter, Missouri with the Rev. Michael Dutton of Marks, Mississippi officiating with Rev. Robert Hart assisting.

Interment will follow at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at WatkinsFuneralHome.com.

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