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Velma Virginia Elizabeth Duke

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Velma Virginia Elizabeth Duke

Velma Virginia Elizabeth Duke, daughter of the late Andrew and Hattie Bear Carroll, was born on March 6, 1930, in Farinburg, Missouri and passed away at her son's home in Puxico, Missouri on October 1, 2012, at the age of 82 years, 6 months and 25 days.

She had lived in Belleville, Illinois and New Madrid County most of her life and recently moved from Bloomfield to Puxico. She was a member of the Mormon Church.

On January 7, 1950, she married her life long love, Raymond Duke, Jr. in Piggott, Arkansas. He preceded her in death on July 15, 2012.

Surviving are two sons and spouses, James Ray & Linda Duke of Dexter, Missouri, Louis Wayne & Nancy Duke of Puxico, Missouri; eleven grandchildren; several great grandchildren; two brothers, J. D. Carroll of Killeen, Texas and James "Woody" Carroll of Durant, Mississippi. Other relatives and many friends also survive. She was preceded in death by one son, Roger Duke on October 21, 1999, and one daughter, Raymona E. Duke on December 19, 2011.

Friends may visit on Thursday October 4, 2012, after 10:00 a.m. at the Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home in Bloomfield.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday October 4, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. at the Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home in Bloomfield. Interment will be in the Dogwood Cemetery in Dogwood, Missouri with Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home in charge of all arrangements.

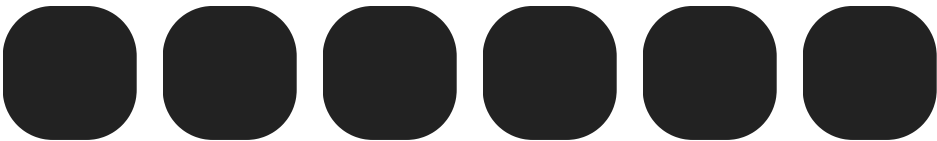
Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.watkinsfuneralhome.com

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Louis F. Taylor

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Louis Taylor, son of the late Charles Colin Taylor and Florence Melissalee Gammons Taylor was born on February 22, 1938, at Lilbourn, Missouri, and

departed this life at his residence in Sikeston on September 30, 2012, at the age of 74.

Mr. Taylor was a welder for Tempo Metal Products in Toluca, Illinois, a former Police Officer at Lawston, Illinois, and a former resident of Bernie, currently residing in Sikeston.

He was united in marriage to Virginia Hendrix on September 1, 1956 at Hernando, Mississippi. Mrs. Taylor preceded him in death on December 17, 2009.

He is survived by four daughters, Freida Rassi of Springdale, Arkansas, Carolyn Thomas of Lufkin, Texas, Michele Lacewell of Bernie and Theresa Taylor of Sikeston; by two brothers, Lee Roy Taylor of Piedmont and James Taylor of St. Charles; by eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Besides his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Charles Taylor.

There will be no services for Mr. Taylor. Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home of Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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Patricia Sue Langston

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Patricia Sue Langston

Patricia Sue Langston, daughter of Lesley Ray Mims and the late Barbara Sue Mims, was born on July 18, 1965, in Dexter, Missouri, and departed this life at Missouri Southern Healthcare in Dexter, Missouri, on September 27, 2012, at the age of 47.

She was united in marriage to Willie Langston in November of 1983 at Dexter, Missouri. He preceded her in death on August 24, 2002.

In addition to her father, she is survived by two sons, Brian Langston and Bradley Langston both of the home in Dexter, Missouri; by four brothers, Larry Ray Mims, of Dexter, Missouri, Gary Lee Mims, of Potosi, Missouri, Steven Wayne Mims, of Dexter, Missouri, and Terry Dale Mims, of Maryville, Illinois.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, September 31, 2012, from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. Funeral services will be conducted on Sunday, September 31, 2012, at 1:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter, Missouri, with the Rev. Gary Gilbert officiating. Interment will follow at the Dexter Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri.

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Shirley Myers Lee

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Shirley Myers Lee

Shirley Myers Lee, daughter of the late Gay Maurice Myers and Lois Norman Myers was born in Essex, Missouri on September 8, 1935 and departed this life at her home in Bernie, Missouri on September 24, 2012 at the age of 77.

Mrs. Lee was a retired school teacher, having worked many years in the Bernie Elementary School teaching third grade. She was a member of the Broadway Brethren Church of Essex, Missouri and attended The Bernie United Methodist Church. She loved Science and had studied Rocks and Minerals and had compiled so much information that she had shared her teachings with several Schools over Southeast Missouri region.

She was united in marriage to Donald Howard Lee in Essex, Missouri on October 18,

1968.

Survivors include, her husband, Donald Howard Lee of Bernie, Missouri; one brother, Dale Myers of Kansas City, Missouri; and one sister, Norma Boothe of Melbourne, Arkansas; also by other relatives and many friends.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Thursday, September 27, 2012 from 10:30 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. Memorial services will begin at 11:00 A.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Dave Fowler officiating.

Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in charge of Arrangements.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to The Dexter Nutrition Center at 23 West Stoddard Street, Dexter, Missouri 63841.

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George Cates

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George Cates

George Cates, the son of the late Floyd and Ellen Johnson, was born in Pearland, Texas on March 3, 1920, and passed away at the Missouri Veteran's Home in Cape Girardeau, Missouri on September 20, 2012, at the age of 92 years, 6 months and 17 days.

Mr. Cates had lived in the Dudley, Missouri area since 1951. He was a charter member of the Dudley Baptist Church where he taught Sunday School and was the Song Leader. He served on the boards of both the Stoddard County Gospel Mission and the Oaks Center in Dexter. He also served on the Executive Board of the Cane Creek-Stoddard Baptist Association and also served as treasurer, and he served on the Camp Board with the South Missouri Baptist Assembly. He and his wife started the Cates Orchard near Dudley in 1953. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy, serving in WWII, and served in the U. S. Navy Reserves.

On November 5, 1943, he was married to Helen Louise Benes in Pearland, Texas. She preceded him in death on August 16, 2006.

Surviving are one son, Ronnie Cates of Puxico, Missouri; three daughters and spouses, Patti and Asa Kinnaman of Bloomfield, Missouri, Bessie McRoy and Janet and Kevin Johns all of Dudley, Missouri; five grandchildren, David Kinnaman, Jerry Kinnaman, Jennifer & Jarod Koenig, Caleb Johns and Emily Johns; one great grandson, Benjamin Koenig; three sisters, Marie Clift and Ruby Jean Rice both of Wenatchee, Washington and Mary Culbertson of Dudley, Missouri; one brother, Sam McAnally of Dexter, Missouri. Other friends and relatives also survive. He was preceded in death by one son, Timothy Cates; three brothers, Delbert, Wayne and John McAnally; and one sister, Della Gibson.

Friends may call on Sunday, September 23, 2012, from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, September 24, 2012, at 11:00 A.M. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter, Missouri with the Rev. John McFarlen of Broseley, Missouri officiating.

Interment will be in the Missouri Veteran's Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with full military honors. Watkins and Sons Funeral Home of Dexter, Missouri in charge of

arrangements.

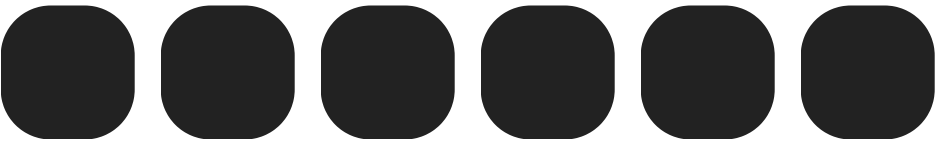
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