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## Eva Lois Cookson

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Eva Lois Cookson

**Eva Lois Cookson**, daughter of the late William and Carrie Rister Klaffer, was born in Fisk, Missouri on July 29, 1919, and passed away at the Puxico Nursing & Rehab Center in Puxico, Missouri on January 29, 2013, at the age of 93 years.

She was a life long resident of Puxico and was a member of the Life Chapel Assembly of God Church in Puxico. She enjoyed her home, gardening and crocheting.

On August 20, 1938, she was married to Vader Cookson in Puxico, Missouri. He preceded her in death on November 10, 1995.

Surviving are one son, Dellis Cookson of Puxico, Missouri; one daughter, Carolyn Roberson of St. Louis, Missouri; four grandchildren, Sheree McClelland, Whitney Tegethoff, Kim Cookson and Ashley Cookson-Rodgers; nine great-grandchildren. Other family and friends also survive.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday January 30, 2013 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Puxico, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday January 31, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the Watkins and Sons Chapel in Puxico, Missouri with the Rev. James Cookson of Springfield, Missouri officiating.

Interment will follow in the Brown Cemetery near Puxico, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Puxico in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.watkinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.watkinsfuneralhome.com)

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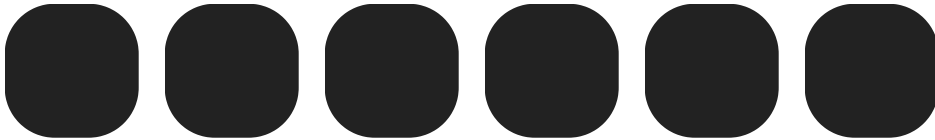
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# William

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## William

**William "Bill" Dunn**, son of the late Harvey and Aureola Baughn Dunn, was born in Elvins, Missouri on November 11, 1930, and passed away at the Progress West Health Care in O'Fallon, Missouri on January 25, 2013, at the age of 82 years.

Mr. Dunn was a school teacher in the Bernie School District, for a short time before moving on to the Rockwood School District where he was a principal. He was of the Baptist faith and served in US Air Force.

On August 15, 1953, he was married to Betty Joyce Murphy in Bernie, Missouri.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Marsha Allen of Ballwin, Missouri; and Donna Eilers, of St. Peters Missouri, one son, Keith Dunn of Bellevue Nebraska; five grandchildren; one great granddaughter; one sister, Betty Ann Norton of Atlanta Texas; three brothers Harold Dunn of Sand Spring Oklahoma, Phillip Dunn of Houston Texas, and James Dunn of O'Fallon, Missouri. He was preceded in death by one brother David Dunn, and two sisters Wilma Williamson, and Mary Teel.

Visitation will be held on Monday January 28, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. until time of funeral services at 1:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Son Chapel in Dexter, Missouri with the Rev. Glenn Graham of Springfield, Missouri officiating.

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

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.watkinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.watkinsfuneralhome.com)

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## Rachel A. Childers

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Rachel A. Childers

**Rachel A. Childers**, daughter of the late Leon McCoy and Mildred Marie Purcell McCoy, was born on February 1, 1953, in Dexter, Missouri, and passed away on January 23, 2013, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 59.

Mrs. Childers was a homemaker and a former employee of Tyson Foods, Inc. of Dexter and Elder Manufacturing of Dexter.

She was united in marriage to Lawson Childers on July 16, 1991, at Bloomfield, Missouri. Mr. Childers survives of the home.

Besides her husband, she is survived by one son, William Lawson McCoy, and his wife, Paula, of Dexter, Missouri; by one stepson, Virgil A. Childers, of Portageville, Missouri; by one stepdaughter, Beverly JoAnn Allen, of Malden, Missouri; by three brothers, Gary McCoy, Rodger McCoy and Danny McCoy, all of Dexter, Missouri; by two sisters, Carolyn Snider of Dexter, Missouri, and Kandy Koechner of Advance, Missouri; by eight grandchildren and nine great-

grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Jimmy McCoy, Dennis McCoy and Darrell McCoy.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri, on Sunday, January 27, 2013, from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, January 28, 2013, at 10:00 A.M., in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. James Malloy officiating.

Interment will follow in the Hagy Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri.

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## Mary Ella Sims Blackiston

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Mary Ella Sims Blackiston

**Mary Ella Sims Blackiston**, 92, died January 22, 2013 at Missouri Southern Healthcare in Dexter, Missouri. Mrs. Blackiston, formerly of Cape Girardeau, MO had been a resident of Malden Nursing and Rehab for the last four years.

Born March 1, 1920, in Quachita Parish, Louisiana, to the late John Steven and Clara Belle Kennedy Sims. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Home Economics from Louisiana State, and Ph.D. coursework at Southern Illinois University. She retired in 1982 as an Emeritus Professor at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, MO where she served as the first director of the Child Studies Center and was the Vocational Home Economics Education Teacher Educator.

Active in politics, Mrs. Blackiston attended the 2000 Democratic National Convention in San Diego, CA as the oldest voting Missouri Delegate. She was a member of Pi Lambda Theta, Kappa Kappa Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi, Delta Kappa Gamma, Kappa Omicron Phi, The American Home economics Association, American Vocational Association and a lifetime member of the National Education Association. An avid gardener, Mrs. Blackiston was a member of the American Iris Society. She was Baptist.

In 1944 she married John Fillmore Blackiston, Sr. in Quachita Parish Louisiana. He preceded her in death on September 26, 1976.

Survivors include: daughter and son-in-law, Annabel and Nick Haskett of Port St. Lucie, FL. Son and daughter-in-law John Fillmore Blackiston, Jr. and Pamela of Malden, MO, two grandsons; John August Pollack of Chicago, IL and Steven William Blackiston of Malden, MO.

Preceding her in death was one sister Anna Alva Younger, and three brothers, James Steven Sims, Thomas Fred Sims and Robert Lee Sims.

Funeral services were conducted January 24, 2013 at Bradshaw Chapel in Malden with Mr. Mark Pickard officiating.

Burial was in West Monroe, Louisiana at Kilpatrick Serenity Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be sent to First Southern Baptist Church of Malden, the Malden Public Library or the Alzheimer's Association.

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## B. J. Edwards

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**B. J. Edwards**

**B.J. Edwards**, son of Calvin Edwards of Bloomfield, Missouri and Billie Kaye Edwards of Park Hills, Missouri was born on December 6, 1982 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri and passed away on January 20, 2013 in Park Hills, Missouri at the age of 30 years.

B.J. served his country in the United States Marine Corp. He received the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Combat Action Ribbon (Iraq), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation-Navy, Rifle Qualification Badge (Expert), and Pistol Qualification badge (Expert). B. J. graduated from Bloomfield High School, was currently a resident of Bonne Terre, Missouri where he was employed by Union Pacific Railroad.

Survivors include father and step-mother; Calvin and Johnna Edwards of Bloomfield, Missouri; by his mother Billie Kaye Edwards of Park Hills, Missouri; by one daughter Kamryn Mae Edwards of Bloomfield, Missouri; by three brothers, Cody Gene Edwards and wife Rachel of Bloomfield,

Missouri; Bradley Travis Young of Marion, Illinois; and Johnny White of Bloomfield, Missouri; two sisters, Amanda Mautino and husband John of Lee Summit, Missouri, and Jessica White of Bloomfield, Missouri; also by his grandmothers Louise Toppins of Vulcan, Missouri and Betty Edwards of Bloomfield, Missouri.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, William Toppins and Ernest Edwards Jr.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from 5:00 until 8:00 P.M. Wednesday January 23, 2013.

Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday, January 24, 2013 in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter at 10:00 A.M. with Rev. Dan Sitze officiating.

Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with full Military Honors.

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