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Dulcia Buchanan Law

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Dulcia Buchanan Law

Dulcia Buchanan Law, daughter of the late Lihue and Ida Ross Shull, was born in Puxico, Missouri on September 19, 1917, and passed away at the Clearview Nursing Home in Sikeston, Missouri on February 19, 2013, at the age of 95 years and 5 months.

She lived in the Puxico and Sikeston areas, was a home maker, wife and mother. She was a former member of the First Baptist Church in Puxico and was a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church in Sikeston.

On February 22, 1936, she was married to Elbert Thell Buchanan in Puxico. He preceded her in death on July 2, 1977. She later married David Law in Bernie and he preceded her in death.

Surviving are one daughter, Phyllis Buchanan Ryan of Morehouse, Missouri; one son & spouse, Terry & Carol Buchanan of Puxico, Missouri; five grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren. Other family and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by five sisters, Faye Byrum, Nell Huff, Peggy Scott, Margie Hickman and Rita Chaney.

Visitation will be held on Friday February 22, 2013, after 11:00 AM at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Puxico, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Friday February 22, 2013 at 1:00 PM at the Watkins and Sons Chapel in Puxico, Missouri with the Rev. Joe McCollum pastor of the Fellowship Baptist Church in Sikeston, Missouri officiating.

Interment will follow in the Puxico Cemetery in 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

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Martha Ann Landers

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Martha Ann Landers, daughter of the late Walter and Thelma Bishop Landers, was born in Dexter, Missouri on April 18, 1937, and passed away at her home in Dexter, Missouri on February 11, 2013, at the age of 75 years.

She had lived all of her life in Dexter and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dexter. For the last number of years, Martha Ann has resided at the Stoddard ARC Group Home on Walnut. She enjoyed her life under their wonderful care especially the dances held for the residents.

The family is eternally grateful for her loving care by the staff. Martha Ann never met a stranger and was known for her friendliness and her sweet temperament. One cousin spoke of her at the epitome of a loving soul. She came from a loving family, surrounded by a nurturing community, and Martha Ann reflected their love back to everyone she knew.

Surviving are a sister, Shirley Thompson of Milstadt, Illinois; her brothers, Allen Landers of Kosciusko, Mississippi and Burnell (Tony) Landers, M.D. of Independence, Missouri, their families, numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. Other family and friends also survive. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by five brothers, Norman, Clayborn E., Wilburn O., James R., and John Frank Landers.

Visitations may be made on Monday, February 18, 2013, after 10:00 a.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, February 18, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter with the Rev. James Landers of Liberty, Missouri officiating.

Interment will follow in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Charleston, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Stoddard County ARC, (note for the Walnut Group Home), and mail to 315 S. Walnut, Dexter MO 63841.

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Otis E. Swinger

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Otis E. Swinger

Otis E. Swinger, son of the late Hershal and Gladys Snider Swinger, was born near Dexter, Missouri on April 27, 1926, and passed away at the Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Missouri on February 13, 2013, at the age of 86 years, 9 months and 17 days.

He had lived in Dexter most of his life until moving to Wappapello eight years ago. He had worked as a self employed auto mechanic and was a member of the Church of Christ in Essex. He had served in the US Army Signal Corp under General George S. Patton during World War II through out Europe.

He was first married to Bonnie Jean Curd on September 20, 1947. She preceded him in death on May 11, 1977. On December 1, 1979, he was married to Mary Alice Reaves Johnson in Marble Hill, Missouri.

Surviving are his wife; Mary Alice Swinger of Wappapello; four sons, Darrell Swinger and Paul Swinger both of Dexter, David Johnson of Bloomfield, Ron Johnson of Poplar Bluff; four daughters, Betty Black of Bloomfield, Debra Ward of Poplar Bluff, Dana Johnson of Cordova, Tennessee, Melissa Moore of Holcomb; fifteen grandchildren; fifteen great grandchildren; three brothers, Harry Swinger of Dexter, Chet Swinger of Wabash, Indiana and Marlin Swinger of Morehouse. Other relatives and friends also survive.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Phyllis Elaine Ward in 1999; three brothers, Junior, Lester and Charles Swinger; and one sister, Fern Gaines.

Visitation will be Tuesday, February 19, 2013, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, February 19, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri with Bro. Herman Morse of Dexter, Missouri officiating.

Interment will be in the Missouri Veteran's Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with full Military Honors. Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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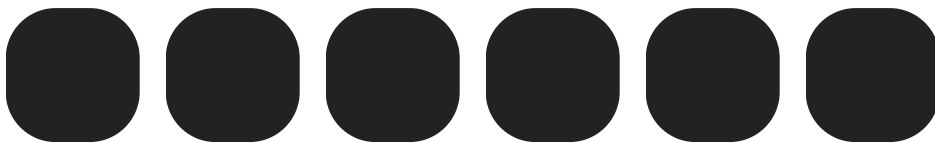
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Retha Marie Sissum

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Retha Marie Sissum

Retha Marie Sissum, daughter of the late Charles and Abbie Simms Rackley, was born in Russellville, Arkansas on September 25, 1927, and passed away at the Cypress Point Skilled Nursing Home in Dexter, Missouri on February 13, 2013, at the age of 85 years, 4 months and 19 days.

She had lived in Puxico most of her life and attended the Puxico General Baptist Church in Puxico. She had enjoyed gardening, quilting, sewing, and cooking.

On June 15, 1940, she was married to William Lester Sissum in Pope County, Arkansas. He preceded her in death on October 26, 1983.

Surviving are two sons, David & Lora Sissum of Dexter, Missouri and Michael & Vickie Sissum of Puxico, Missouri; two daughters, Carolyn & Randy Madison of Bellevue, Illinois, and Linda & Ed Brooks of Rich Hill, Missouri; fifteen grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren; one brother, Bob Rackley of Texas; and one sister, Mae McDonald of Russellville, Arkansas. Other family and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by two sons, William Ray Sissum and Kenneth Gene Sissum; one daughter, Betty Sue Irwin; one grandson, Robert Mark Dunn; one great granddaughter, Victoria Dunn; three brothers, JC Rackley, Lawrence Rackley, and Elmer Rackley.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2013, after 11:00 AM at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Puxico, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2013, at 1:00 PM at the Watkins and Sons Chapel in Puxico, Missouri with Rev. Jimmy Clark of Puxico officiating and with Rev. Kenneth Lambert of Bloomfield, Missouri assisting.

Interment will follow in the Morgan Memorial Park Cemetery in Advance, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Puxico in charge of arrangements.

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Tim Lee

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Tim Lee

Tim Lee, son of Freida Martin Lee of Dexter, Missouri, and the late Herbert Lee, was born on July 21, 1964, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and died on February

10, 2013, at Poplar Bluff, Missouri at the age of 48.

Tim was a member of the Liberty Hill Church in Aid, Missouri, a heavy equipment operator and a resident of Dexter.

On October 12, 1985, he was united in marriage to Kandie Burnett in Dexter, Missouri. Mrs. Lee survives of the home.

In addition to his mother and his wife, he is survived by his son, Nathan Lee of Independence, Missouri; by his sister, Karen Jines of Dexter, Missouri; and by his mother-in-law, Mary Louise Burnett of Dexter, Missouri.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, February 14, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Thomas Martin officiating.

Interment will follow in the Walker Cemetery.

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