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## Doris Gean Darby

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Doris Gean Darby

**Doris Gean Darby**, daughter of the late William and Pearl Pruett Hartline, was born near Dexter, Missouri on October 12, 1937, and passed away at St. John's Place in Overland, Missouri on March 16, 2013, at the age of 75 years.

She was born and raised in the Dexter and Essex area. She had lived in Florida, St. Louis, and Arkansas. She attended Hope Church in St. Louis, Missouri and had worked at Society Brand Hat Company, Woolworths, and Freds.

On February 21, 1955 she was married to Carl Edward Darby, Sr. in Essex, Missouri. He preceded her in death on February 21, 2009.

Surviving are one son, Ed Darby of St. Ann, Missouri; four grandchildren; four great grandchildren; two sisters, Helen Harrington and Emma Holland both of Batesville, Arkansas; three brothers, Frank Hartline and John Hartline both of Batesville, Arkansas and Dale Hartline of Poplar Bluff, Arkansas. Other family and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Alice Lynn Bryant; and one sister, Margie McGowan; and one brother, Loman Hartline.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 after 9:30 a.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Chapel in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri, with Bro. Jean Holland of

Batesville, Arkansas officiating.

Interment will follow in the Hagy Cemetery in Dexter, 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)

Watkins & Sons Funeral Service

[info@watkinsfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@watkinsfuneralhome.com) or phone 573 624 3548.

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## Neal Ivan Mansfield

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## Neal Ivan Mansfield

**Neal Ivan Mansfield**, son of the late Ira Gustave Mansfield and Sallie Jane Hicks Mansfield was born on October 23, 1921 at Danville, Illinois and departed this life in his residence near Dudley on March 15, 2013 at the age of 91.

Mr. Mansfield was a farmer, a former agent and adjuster with the Federal Crop Insurance Program, a veteran of the United States Army Air Corp serving in World War 2 and a resident of rural Dudley.

He was united in marriage to Christine Hart on November 27, 1946 at Dexter. Mrs. Mansfield survives of the home near Dudley.

Besides his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Donna Mansfield of Dudley: by five grandchildren, Travis Allen Swallows, Lisa Ann Lucy, Jeffrey Neal Swallows, Russell Leroy Mansfield and David Ray Mansfield: by six great-grandchildren.

Besides his parents, one son, Douglas Ray Mansfield, preceded him in death: by four brothers and one sister.

Graveside services will be conducted at 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery at Bloomfield with Full Military Honors.

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## Harold Frank Robinson

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Harold Frank Robinson

**Harold Frank Robinson, I**, son of the late Otis Melton, and Zelma McElwrath Robinson, was born in Holcomb, Missouri on, September 28,1929, and passed away at the John J Pershing VA Medical Center Poplar Bluff, Missouri on March 16, 2013, at the age of 83 years.

Frank lived in the Kennett and Malden area for many years, before moving to Dexter in 1977. He had been a business owner, was a member of the Church of Christ and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Surviving are two sons, Daniel Robinson of Dexter, Missouri, Robbie Robinson of Jonesboro, Arkansas, two stepdaughters; Lona Slinkard of Bloomfield, Missouri; Victoria Thomas, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; several grandchildren; several great grandchildren; one brother, Leonard Robinson of Campbell, Missouri; one sister Jerris Ann Harper of Springfield, Missouri. Other relatives and friends also survive.

He was preceded in death by one son Harold Frank Robinson II, one sister, Louise Richardson, two brothers, Chester Earl and Eudell Robinson.

Graveside funeral services will be held on Tuesday March 19, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at Dunklin County Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kennett, Missouri with Bro. Johnny Hester, of Sikeston, Missouri officiating.

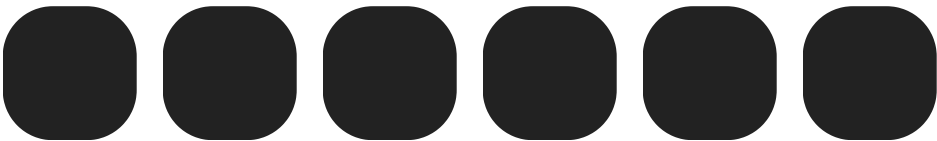
Interment will follow in the Dunklin County Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kennett Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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# Karen Lynn Maslinski

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[Karen Lynn Maslinski](#)

**Karen Lynn Maslinski**, the daughter of Linda Lash Darling, was born in Joliet, Illinois on October 6, 1960, and passed away at her home in Dexter, Missouri on March 16, 2013, at the age of 52 years, 5 months and 10 days.

Karen had lived in Bruceton,Tennessee before moving to Dexter in 2003. She had worked for Westat based in Maryland as a supervisor in there telemarketing services.

Surviving are her husband, David Robert Maslinski of Dexter, Missouri, one son, Marshall Maslinski of Dexter, Missouri; three daughters & spouses, Jennifer and Shane Mitchell of Dexter, Missouri, Jamie Maslinski and fiancé Cory Hottinger, Julie and Shawn Carter-Bishop all of Dexter, Missouri; and seven grandchildren.

Other relatives and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by one son, Bryan "Maz" Maslinski on November 9, 2008.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

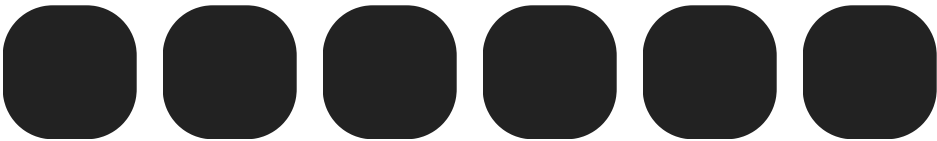
Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

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# Jerry B. Gossett

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## Jerry B. Gossett

**Jerry Gossett**, son of the late Millage Gossett and Mildred Campbell Gossett was born on January 18, 1936 in Piggott, Arkansas and departed this life at the Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri on March 14, 2013 at the age of 77 years.

Mr. Gossett was the owner and operator of Gossett and Morgan Associates Inc. located in Warren, Michigan and Arnold, Missouri. He was a member of the Dexter Elks Lodge #2439 and a longstanding member of the Dexter Water Board District #1. Jerry was of the Baptist faith and a resident of Dexter.

On January 1, 1954 he was united in marriage to Delores J. Johnson in Dearborn, Michigan. Mrs. Gossett preceded him in death on December 29, 2007. He was then united in marriage to Juanita Ragsdale on February 21, 2009 in Dexter, Missouri. Mrs. Gossett survives of the home in Dexter.

Besides his wife, survivors include four daughters, Judy McDonald and Jeff of Crystal River, Florida, Teresa Larocque and Mike of High Ridge, Missouri, Diane Mitchell and her late husband Doug of Summerville, South Carolina, Barbara Judge and Tim of Port St. Lucie, Florida; by six grandchildren, Tony and his wife Michelle, Jennifer, Melanie, Amanda, Brian, and Melissa; seven great-grandchildren, Ryan, Madyson, William, Desiree, Amber, Jordon, and Caleb; by two brothers, Richard Gossett of Paragould, Arkansas and Norman Gossett of Pocahontas, Arkansas; two sisters, Susan Krause of Piggott, Arkansas and Judy Darlene Messer of Bimble, Kentucky; also by his wives children; Jerrid Ragsdale of Lenoir City, Tennessee, James Warren Ragsdale of Meansville, Georgia and Jacqueline Allender of Dexter, Missouri; along with eleven grandchildren and twenty-three great-grandchildren.

Besides his first wife and parents, he was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Matthew Larocque and Ricky St. Pierre; also by one brother, David Gossett; and by two sisters, Jane Brit and Mona Bare.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from 6:00 until 8:00 P.M. Sunday, March 17, 2013.

Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, March 18, 2013 at 10:30 A.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with Rev. Kevin Murray and Rev. Michael Williams officiating.

Graveside services and Interment will follow at the Piggott Cemetery in Piggott, Arkansas at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, March 18, 2013.

Memorials may be made to the Stoddard County Children's Home, Memorial Tribute Fund, P.O. Box 164, Dexter, Missouri 63841.

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