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Arthur Bernard Pixley

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Arthur Bernard Pixley

Arthur "Bernard" Pixley, son of the late Melvin W. Pixley and Gertrude H. Williams Pixley, was born on August 15, 1920 in Advance, Missouri and passed away on May 3, 2013 at the Cypress Point Skilled Nursing Facility in Dexter at the age of 92 years.

Mr. Pixley was a resident of Dexter and owned and operated Pixley's Body Shop in Dexter for several years, while also maintaining a small farm where he enjoyed raising horses and cattle. He was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Dexter where he served as Sunday School Superintendent for several years and was also a dedicated supporter of The Light For The Lost Ministries. He served in the United States Army during World War II and was a member of the Kenady-Hanks American Legion Post #59 in Dexter. It was his military service that allowed him a wonderful trip to Washington, D.C. in 2007 as a World War II Veteran.

As Mr. Pixley spent his last days at the Cypress Point Nursing Facility, he stole the hearts of all who met him. His caregivers are among those who will miss him the most.

He is survived by three stepdaughters, Mary Miranda of Dexter, Missouri, Linda Taylor of Dexter, Missouri and Janell Walden of Lake Havasu City, Arizona; by two sisters, Drucille Ayers and Betty Brannock, both of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; and by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great

grandchildren, also by many other relatives and friends.

On January 9, 1964, he was united in marriage to Eunice Jarrell Martin in Bernie, Missouri. She preceded him in death on February 23, 2009.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a spouse, Mary Beckham Pixley; by two sons, Jimmie Pixley and Dale Pixley; by two stepsons, Russell Martin and Allen Martin; by two sisters, Joan Williams and Wilma Stovall; and by one brother, Lyman Pixley.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, May 6, 2013 from 5:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Gary Petty and Rev. Mike Kohlbaker officiating.

Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with full military honors.

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Jeremie Lynn Johnson

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Jeremie Lynn Johnson

Jeremie Lynn Johnson, son of Leon Johnson and Barbara Ann Thornton Johnson, was born in Dexter, Missouri on May 15, 1979 and departed this life in Sikeston, Missouri on April 28, 2013 at the age of 33.

Mr. Johnson had been going to college to complete his Associate Degree, he attended Bread of Life Ministry in Parma and was a resident of Parma.

Survivors include two daughters, Essance Diamond Danyel Cain and Ebony Ann Johnson both of Kansas City, Missouri; by his parents Leon and Barbara Johnson of Parma, Missouri; by two brothers, Mark Daniel Johnson and Dominique Thornton, both of Parma, Missouri; by one sister DaQuiya Holmes of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; also by other relatives and friends.

Friends may call at Parma Community City in Parma, Missouri on Saturday, May 4, 2013 from 12:00 Noon until 1:00 P.M.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Parma Community Center starting at 1:00 P.M. Pastor Carl Williams officiating.

Interment will follow in the Simmons Cemetery, Rural Catron, Missouri.

Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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Rebecca Sue Baldwin

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Rebecca Sue Baldwin

Rebecca Sue Baldwin, 75, of Charter Oak, Mo. (rural Catron), passed away on Sunday, April 28 at her home surrounded by loved ones.

She was born March 27, 1938 in Center Ridge, Arkansas, to William Avery and Martha Elizabeth Ethridge Stobaugh. She was the oldest of four children, and from a very early age, she and her sisters helped their parents work the farm and harvest a huge garden.

She and Billy Arnold Baldwin Sr. were married June 26, 1954 in Hernando, Mississippi. With the exception of the years Rebecca was enrolled in college in Arkansas, the couple made their home in the Charter Oak area.

Survivors include her husband Bill of Charter Oak; their three children, Tamara Kay (Henry Sessoms, Sr.) of Cape Girardeau, Bill Baldwin, Jr. of Charter Oak; and Chris (Dana) Baldwin of Hillsboro; five grandchildren, Blake Kendrick, Brandon Kendrick, Megan Baldwin, Haley Baldwin, and Clay Baldwin; two step-grandchildren, Deidre Sessoms (David DeNuzzo) and Hank (Shannon) Sessoms;

and three step- great grandchildren, Trey Sessoms, Alex Sessoms DeNuzzo and Jace Sessoms DeNuzzo. She is also survived by her father, William Avery Stobaugh of Dexter; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Glenda and Gerald Barber of Dexter; Margaret and Walton Weaver of Beaumont, Tex., and Kathy Jones of rural Bloomfield; two half-sisters, Jeannine McCoy of Lubbock, Tex., and Jan (Allen) Powell of St. Clair, Mo.; four sisters-in-law, Patricia Baldwin of Essex, Pauline Baldwin of Cuba, Cassandra Breece of Jackson, and Irene Baldwin, of Benton; three brothers-in-law, Harry Swinger of Dexter, Randall Breece of Jackson, and Rick Baldwin of Sturdivant; two aunts and uncles, Wanda and Luther Bryant of Birdtown, Ark. and Peggy and Charles Holifield of Columbus, Miss.; thirty nieces and nephews, and a host of great nieces, great nephews, other relatives and friends. She is also survived by her beloved dogs Bitty and Buddy of the home.

She was preceded in death by her mother, an infant brother William Charles; her mother-in-law and father-in-law Bertie and Arzie Baldwin; three sisters-in-law, Hazel Tharp Baldwin, Pauline "Polly" Pannebecker, and Mary "Sis" Swinger; and seven brothers-in-law, Dick Baldwin, Harold Baldwin, Arzie "Junior" Baldwin, Roy Pannebecker, Larry Jones, Rawleigh Baldwin, and Ron Baldwin; a nephew, Rex Pettit, and a niece, Sara Jones Leija.

Rebecca graduated from Gray Ridge High School in 1955 in Gray Ridge, Mo., and from Arkansas State Teachers College in Conway, Ark., in 1959. She was a school teacher for 32 years and taught special education in the Bloomfield school district and elementary school in the Gray Ridge, Richland, and East Prairie school districts during her career. After retiring from teaching in 1991, she worked as a long term substitute teacher at the New Dawn School in Sikeston for a number of years. She was a member of the Missouri State Teachers Association.

She was a member of the Matthews Church of Christ in Matthews, Mo.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, May 1, 2013 from 5:00P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel, with Jimmy Colvert, minister of the Matthews Church of Christ, and Walton Weaver, minister of the Major Drive Church of Christ in Beaumont, Tex., officiating.

Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery near Bloomfield. Pallbearers include her sons, Bill Jr. and Chris Baldwin; grandsons Blake and Brandon Kendrick, and nephews Wes Carr and Kyle Jones.

Memorials may be made to the Larry B. Jones HOPE Campaign (Celebrating Healing, Optimism, Prayer, and Example), 23875 State Highway BB, Bloomfield, MO 63825, which assists families who are dealing with cancer.

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Arthur Dwaine Cox

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Arthur Dwaine Cox

Arthur Dwaine Cox, or A. D. as he was known to many, son of the late Arthur Marion Cox and Zoa Gray Cox, was born on October 6, 1937, in Puxico, Missouri, and passed away at his home in Dexter, Missouri on the evening of April 28, 2013 at the age of 75.

He was a resident of Dexter, formally of Cape Girardeau. He graduated from Puxico High School in 1954 at the age of sixteen. He married his wife, Shirley, in 1959, beginning a lasting partnership that remained for fifty-three years. He also was a loving father of three children and eight grandchildren.

A. D. compiled a devoted and successful forty-four year career at Missouri Utilities (now Ameren-UE) with his final position being Southeast District Superintendent of Operations. He was a member of the Masons, the Lions Club and was also actively involved in the Dexter Youth Baseball Program for several years. Later in life, he added golf to his hobbies.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son, Michael D. Cox and his wife, Donna, of Chesterfield, Missouri; by two daughters, Paula Hutchcraft, and her husband, Bill, of Dexter, Missouri and Shelly Turlington and her husband, Todd, of Jackson, Missouri; by two sisters, Jewell Cookson and Pansy Barnfield, both of Puxico, Missouri; and by eight grandchildren, Matt Cox, Mitch Cox, Abbie Cox, Lauren Hutchcraft, Brooke Hutchcraft, Erika Hutchcraft, Katie Christian and Ryan Turlington

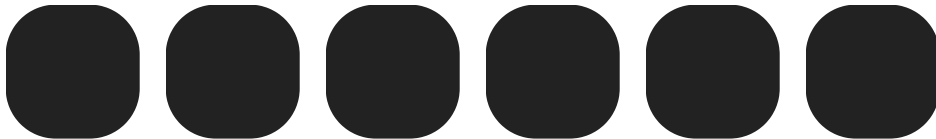
Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Lester Clayton officiating.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

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Irene Gaines

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Irene Gaines, daughter of the late Charles E. Hoffman and Levie K. Norman Hoffman was born on May 17, 1914 in Dexter, Missouri and died on April 25, 2013 at the Mary Culver Home in Kirkwood, Missouri at the age of 98.

Mrs. Gaines was a retired seamstress at Elders Manufacturing in Dexter. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Dexter.

On December 17, 1932 she was united in marriage to Keith R. “Smokey” Gaines in Clarkton, Missouri. Mr. Gaines preceded her in death on May 13, 1995.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, John C. Gaines and wife Mary of Clarksville, Arkansas; by one daughter and son-in-law, Carol Lato and husband Dominic of St. Louis, Missouri; by five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Besides her husband and parents she was preceded in death by two brothers, who lived locally, Elmer Hoffman and Ernest Hoffman and by two sisters.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, April 28, 2013 from 5:00P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, April 29, 2013 at 10:30 A.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Danny Collins officiating.

Interment will follow in the Hagy Cemetery.

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