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Freda Iona Becking

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Freda Iona Becking

Freda Iona Becking, 97, passed away at Winchester Place in Bernie, Missouri on Sunday, June 30, 2013.

She was born on July 22, 1915, at Greenbriar in Bollinger County, the daughter of Harvey Thurston and Elizabeth Boyd.

On August 20, 1932, she was united in marriage to Victor Becking of Bernie, who preceded her in death in January of 1977. To their union four children were born:

George Becking of Clinton Twp, Michigan, Evelyn M. Marshall of Wintergreen, Florida and Larry Becking of Dexter, Missouri. The fourth child, Mary Ann Becking, was stillborn.

She is survived by the above three children and one sister, Bonnie Humphrey of Swartz Creek, Michigan. She had one brother, Cletus "Red" Thurston and a sister, Norma Jean Thee, both preceding her in death. She is also survived by nine grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Freda Becking was a homemaker and an equal participant in farming during the 41 years the family was engaged in farming. After raising her family, she served the community as a beautician. She was a lifelong member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dexter, Missouri.

Friends may call at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dexter from 10:00 A. M. to 11:00 A. M., Wednesday, July 3, 2013.

Funeral mass will be held at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Wednesday, July 3, 2013 at 11:00 A.M. followed by graveside services at Bernie Cemetery with Father David Dohogne officiating.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home of Dexter, Missouri.

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Linda Marie Hook

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Linda Marie Hook

Linda Marie Hook, daughter of the late Clyde R. Bedwell and Shirley Lankford Bedwell, was born on August 26, 1952 in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri and departed this life on Saturday, June 29, 2013 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri at the age of 60 years.

Mrs. Hook had been employed in the Deli Department at Wal-Mart in Dexter and was a resident of Dexter.

On May 25, 1990, she was united in marriage to Tyrone Hook in Essex, Missouri. Mr. Hook preceded her in death on October 26, 2003.

She is survived by two sons, Chris Dobbelare and Jeff Dobbelare, both of Dexter, Missouri; by one brother, Eugene Bedwell of Biehle, Missouri; by three sisters, Brenda Gendron of St. Mary, Missouri, Diane Keith of Chester, Illinois and Emma Gregory of Clinton, Tennessee; and by three grandchildren, Christian Dobbelare, Cameron Dobbelare and Jeffrey Dobbelare, Jr.

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

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Kenneth R. Tucker

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Kenneth R. Tucker

Kenneth R. Tucker, son of the late Loren Tucker and Leona Wilburn Hunt, was born in LaValle, Missouri on June 12, 1939, and passed away at the Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri on June 21, 2013, at the age of 74 years and 9 days.

He was raised in Southeast Missouri, lived in Joliet, Illinois for many years and moved back to Dexter in 1970. He had worked as a truck driver for many years and had served in the U. S. Army.

Surviving are two sons, Chris Tucker of Bristol, Rhode Island, Stephen Tucker of St. Louis, Missouri; two grandchildren; and one brother, Curtis Curt Hunt of Dexter, Missouri. Other and friends also survive. He was preceded in death by three sons, Ricky, Terry and Michael Tucker, and two brothers, Wayne and Doyle Hunt.

Visitation will be Wednesday, June 26, 2013, after 9:00 a.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Graveside Funeral services will be held Wednesday, June 26, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at the Dexter Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri with the Rev. Kenneth Biggs of Dexter, Missouri officiating.

Interment will be in the Dexter 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

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Billie Jean Harty

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Billie Jean Harty

Billie Jean Harty, daughter of the late Leslie Lemons and Pearl Woodruff Lemons, was born on December 28, 1927, and passed away on Friday, June 21, 2013, at the Southeast Health Center of Stoddard County in Dexter, Missouri.

Billie married Norman B. Harty on January 22, 1966, at Williams Baptist college in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas. He survives of the home.

Billie graduated from Dexter High School in 1946. After working in several entities, Billie was determined to earn a degree in the realm of education and enrolled at Southeast Missouri State University, where she completed her B.A. in three years, and completed her master's degree in education a year later while teaching.

She taught first grade in the Bernie Public Schools and later served as school counselor there. In 1969, as the Norman B. Harty companies were expanding, Billie took a year off to explore the business world. After returning to the classroom in Bloomfield Schools for one year, she retired from teaching to devote the rest of her life to the Harty Companies., where she would serve as secretary and treasurer of N.B. Harty Company, President of Seminole Ag Line Quarry, which she and her husband ran until the early 1990's, as secretary to both the chairman of the board of First commercial Banks and of the Harty owned nursing facilities of Gideon Healthcare in Gideon and Winchester Place in Bernie.

Billie was a longtime member of First Baptist Church in Dexter, and attended the church where her mother attended before her, First Christian Church of Dexter.

Billie was actively involved in the couple's business, the N. B. Harty Company of Dexter until the time of her death, reporting to work regularly and conducting the transactions of the business on a daily basis.

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, employer, and influenced the lives of countless children, and numerous other business women during her lifetime in the classroom and in the business world.

She is survived by her husband, Norman B. Harty of Dexter; one daughter, Sue Lee (Robert E. Lee) of Dexter; one grandson, Christopher Blane Wilkerson of Dexter; one brother, Leslie Paul Lemons of Brunswick, Ohio. A host of nieces and nephews also survive.

Along with her parents she was preceded in death by one son in infancy and a brother, Leonard Lemons.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Dexter.

Funeral services will follow at 11:00 a.m. with the Rev. Howard Fuller, Don Kennedy, Rev. Mike Williams and Larry Thompson officiating.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter, Missouri in charge of arrangements. A meal will follow at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall in Dexter.

Memorial donations may be made to the Stoddard County Children's Home, P O Box 164, Dexter, MO 63841; 19 Fore Life Charity Foundation, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, MO 63841; or the Stoddard County Relay for Life, 703 Ellare Lane, Dexter, MO 63841.

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

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.watkinsfuneralhome.com

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William Bryant Nelson

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William Bryant Nelson

William Bryant “Willie” Nelson of Dexter, Missouri departed this life Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at the age of 92.

He was born in Dunklin County, Missouri on May 7, 1921, son of Sally (Lowery) Nelson and C. Douglass Nelson.

A former farmer, Mr. Nelson retired from the Swift Poultry Plant in Dexter after 30 years of service. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening and was a member of the First General Baptist Church in Dexter.

He is survived by his wife, Doris (Killian) Nelson; a brother, Jackie Nelson of Dexter; a son, Danny (Donna) Nelson of Bloomfield; daughters, JoAnn Lloyd of Heber Springs, Arkansas and Susan (James) Jarrell of Bloomfield; and three step-daughters, Darla (Erik) Young of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, Marietta (David) Obergoenner of Cape Girardeau and Velva Foyle of Dexter. Also surviving are grandchildren, Shawn Lloyd of Dexter, Christal Thomas of O’Fallon, Missouri, Robert Christian of Bell City, Michael Lloyd of Heber Springs, Arkansas, Don Christian of Jackson, Missouri, Ladawn Northcutt of Dexter, Jennifer McGarrah of Heavener, Oklahoma, Justin Christman of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, Whitney Broughton of Oxford, Mississippi, Jerimy Obergoenner and Jill

Watkins, both of Jackson, Missouri; as well as several great-grandchildren and many relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a wife, Beatrice (Hunt) Nelson; stepmother, Nettie (Brewer) Nelson; two infant children; a sister, Mabel Nelson; a brother, Clarence Nelson; three nephews and a special brother-in-law, C. Curtis Hunt.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, June 21, 2013 from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Friday, June 21, 2013 at 3:00 P.M. with the Reverend Kenneth Biggs officiating. Interment will follow in the Hagy Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the First General Baptist Church of Dexter.

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