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## Don Briggs

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Don Briggs

**Don Briggs**, the son of the late Walter Edward and Edna Mae McCowen Briggs, was born in Creve Coeur, Missouri on March 8, 1954, and passed away at his home in Dexter, Missouri on July 17, 2013, at the age of 59 years.

He had lived in Creve Coeur, Brentwood, Lake St. Louis, and DeSoto, Missouri before moving to Dexter in 2002. he was a member of the first Baptist Church in Dexter and had been a member of the Rotary Club in Wentzville. He was a licensed Ham Radio Operator and held a patent on an ice detection system that is used on bridges and airport runways. He was a network engineer at Battles Xtreme Networks in Dexter.

On November 1, 1996 he was married to Heidi M. Delbo.

Surviving are his wife, Heidi Briggs of Dexter, Missouri; one son, James Briggs of Fayette, Missouri; two daughters, Colleen Fassler of Washington, Missouri, Kati Briggs of Dexter, Missouri; eight grandchildren, Joseph Stonecipher of Washington, Athan and David Briggs of Fayette, Ahrianna Settle of Union, Stephanie Manning of Texas, Elizabeth, Danielle and Matthew Fassler all of Washington; one great grandson, Landon Manning; and one sister, Dottie Jackson of Wentzville, Missouri. Other relatives and many friends also survive.

Friends may call after 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 27, 2013, at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, July 27, at 1:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter, Missouri with the Rev. Steve Easterwood of Dexter officiating.

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

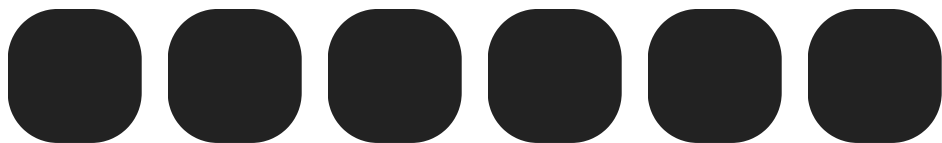
Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

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## Leland Edward Harper

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Leland Edward Harper

**Leland Edward "Butch" Harper**, Age 68, a resident of Matthews, died Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at the Sikeston Convalescent Center.

Born July 18, 1944, at Maynard, Arkansas, to Hester Willadean Templeton Harper, who survives of Matthews, MO and the late Leland F. Harper, he had lived in Southeast Missouri most of his life and was a graduate of Anniston High School. He had been employed as a farmer and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was of the Methodist Belief and was a U.S. Army having served in Vietnam.

In 1967, he married Barbara Deason, who survives of the Dexter.

Also surviving are: two sons and daughters in law, **Paul Wayne and Candy Harper** of Essex, MO and Chad Edward and Ruby Harper of Hermann, MO; four brothers, Billy Harper of Sikeston; Bobby Harper and James R. Harper of Matthews and Ricky Lee Harper of Benton; five sisters, Linda Bagwell of Sieverville, TN; Patricia Branum of Enville, TN, Debbie Lynn Stewart and Mary Ellen Calhoun of Sikeston and Barbara Jean Yancy of Matthews; six grandchildren, Skyler Wayne Harper, Alexis Harper, Austin Harper, Landon Harper, Grant Patterson and Bailey Vance; one great granddaughter, Brylee Grace Head.

Besides his father, he was preceded in death by one sister, Eva Dean Shaffer.

Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until the funeral hour at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, July 20, 2013 at the McMikle Funeral Home in Charleston. Rev. Herman Morse, will officiate.

Graveside services with full military honors will follow at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, July 20, 2013 at the Harper Cemetery near Maynard, Arkansas.

Pallbearers will be: Stanley Harris, Timmy Curtis, Billy Harper, Justin Harper, Matthew Harper and Ryan Harper.

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## Betsy Louise Gregory

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Betsy Louise Gregory

**Betsy Louise Gregory**, daughter of the late James Turnbough and Martie Jane McGee Foxworth, was born on October 13, 1932, in Parma, Missouri and passed away at her home in Pevely, Missouri on July 14, 2013, at the age of 80 years, 9 months and 1 days.

She had been a resident of Poplar Bluff, Missouri before moving to Pevely in 1961. She was a member of the Victory Christain Church in Pevely, Missouri. She had worked as a secretary at Browning Arms.

On October 9, 1954, she was married to Denzil G. Gregory in Hernando, Missouri.

She is survived by her husband, Denzil G. Gregory of Pevely, Missouri; one son, Wayne Gregory of Warrenton, Missouri; two daughters, Debbie Harter of Pevely, Missouri and Cheryl Robinson of Oakville, Missouri; ten grandchildren; and ten great grandchildren. Other relatives and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 18, 2013, after 10:45 a.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, July 18, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter.

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

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

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# Johnny L. Peacock

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## Johnny L. Peacock

**Johnny L. Peacock**, son of the late Albert Peacock and Ethel Crews Peacock was born on February 11, 1930 in Steele, Missouri and departed this life on July 11, 2013 at his residence in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 83 years old.

Mr. Peacock was a former employee for Stampers Food Service in Macon, Missouri, of the Pentecostal Faith, a resident of Dexter and a Veteran of the United States Army.

Survivors include four sons, Scott Peacock of Shelbina, Missouri, Jimmie Peacock of Booneville, Missouri, Jerry Peacock of Dexter, Missouri, and Philip Peacock of Buffalo, New York; by one daughter Rena Johnson of Round Rock, Texas; one brother, Gene Peacock of New Madrid, Missouri; also by ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two sons, Michael Peacock and John Randal Peacock; by two brothers, William Peacock and Lonnie Peacock; by two sisters, Mary Joyce Peacock and Alice Peacock; also by one grandson, Justin Peacock.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from 9:30 until 11:00 A.M. Thursday, July 18, 2013.

Graveside services will be conducted at the Hagy Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri on Thursday, July 18, 2013 at 11:00 A.M. with Rev. Jim Traughber officiating.

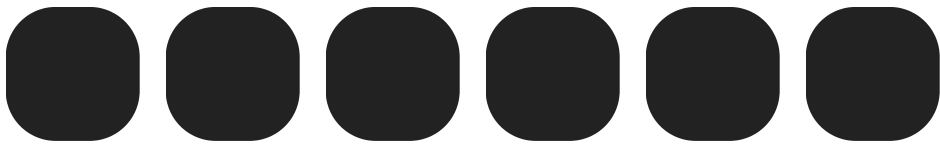
Interment will follow in the Hagy Cemetery with full Military Honors.

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## Nola C. Hoggard

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Nola C. Hoggard

**Nola C. Hoggard**, daughter of the late Clyde, Sr. and Martha Rice Laird, was born on March 4, 1949, and passed away at her home in Advance on Friday, July 12, 2013, at the age of 64 years, 4 months and 8 days.

She had been a resident of Southeast Missouri all her life and had lived in Advance the past 17 years. She was of the General Baptist Faith.

On May 23, 1997, she was married to Michel D. Hoggard in Wayne Co., Missouri.

She is survived by her husband, Michel D. Hoggard of Advance; two sons, Richard Walker of Bernie, Jerry Walker of Dexter; one step-son, Allen Hoggard of Helena, Montana; three grandchildren; one sister, Loretta Whitley of Bloomfield; three brothers, Lyndell Laird of Advance, Sam Laird of Wappapello and Clyde Laird, Jr. of Bloomfield. Other relatives and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Laverne Leon and Larry Laird.

Visitation will be held on Monday, July 15, 2013, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. with Chaplain Stan Hargus officiating.

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

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

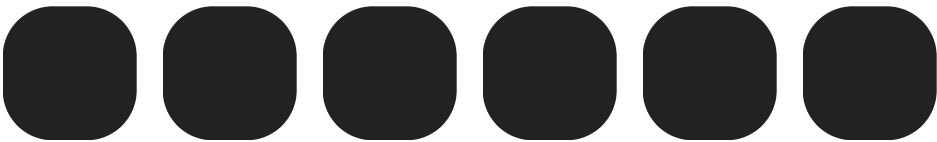
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