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# Merlin Ray Mason

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## Merlin Ray Mason

**Merlin Ray Mason**, son of Vera Mae Bess Mason and the late Harvey L. Mason, was born near Advance, Missouri on March 22, 1943, and passed away at the Kindred Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri on July 28, 2013, at the age of 70 years, 4 months and 6 days.

Mr. Mason had lived most of his life in Dexter, Missouri and had worked in the Dairy Business, retiring in 2009. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dexter.

On June 22, 1963, he was married to Phyllis Davis near Bell City, Missouri.

Surviving are his wife, Phyllis Mason of Dexter; two sons and spouses, Tim & Donna Mason of Dexter, Chris & Janet Mason of Arnold; five grandchildren, who were the light of his life, Elliott, Jackson, Riley, Mabree and Davis Mason; his mother, Vera Mason of Bell City; one brother and spouse, Ronald & Jan Mason of Sikeston. Other in-laws, nieces, nephews, relatives and many friends survive.

Friends may call from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 1, 2013, at the First Baptist Church in Dexter, Missouri.

A celebration of life will be held on Friday, August 2, 2013, at 11:00 A.M. at the First Baptist Church in Dexter, Missouri with the Rev. Kenny Qualls of Fenton, Missouri officiating.

Interment will follow in the Hagy Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri. Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri in charge of all arrangements.

Memorials may be made to 18 Fore Life, c/o Scott Kruse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, MO 63841

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

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## Terry Temples

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## Terry Temples

**Terry Temples**, daughter of the late James Coleman Walker and Irene Arnold Walker was born on September 21, 1938 in Gideon, Missouri and departed this life on July 27, 2013 at the Cypress Point Skilled Nursing Facility in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 74 years.

Mrs. Temples was a homemaker and a resident of Dexter, Missouri

Survivors include one son, Brian Temples of Little Rock, Arkansas; two daughters, Belinda Johnson of Dexter and Theresa Gallegos of San Jose, California; by one brother, Bryce Walker of Ozark, Missouri; by five grandchildren, Miranda Johnson, Nicole Schaefer, Jessica Gallegos, Brian Temples Jr., and Victoria Temples; also by one great-granddaughter, Ava Schaefer.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Janice Rhien and Betty Regan.

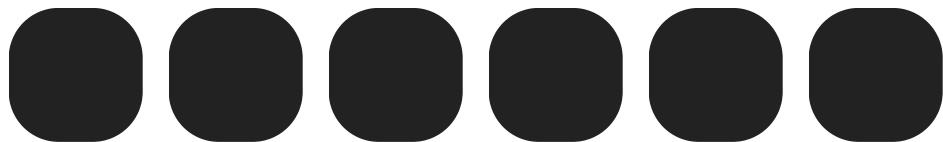
Graveside services will be conducted on Wednesday, July 31, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. at the Hagy Cemetery in Dexter with Rich Lee officiating.

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# William Edward Alexander

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William Edward Alexander

**William “Bill” Edward Alexander** son of the late Clyde and Ruby Lockhart Alexander was born on November 23, 1932 in Detroit, Michigan and passed away on July 27, 2013 at the Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau at the age of 80.

He was a Veteran of the United States Navy where he served on the USS Rochester operating in Korean water from 1952-1955. He served on the USS Toledo in the Pacific area from 1955-1956. After his service to the Navy, he joined the United States Air Force where he served in many locations including Guam and the Tuy-Hoa Air Base in Republic South Vietnam. He retired from the military in 1973.

He was a lifetime member of the American Legion, VFW and DAV. He was the past commander of the Nixa VFW, American Legion post #382 in Bloomfield, American Legion post #59 in Dexter. He also served as the vice commander of the American Legion District 14.

He was a thirty-second degree Mason and served as the Worshipful Master of Dexter Lodge #532 AF & AM. He was a member of the Eastern Star #311.

He was also a past member of the Stoddard County Honor Guard and a current member of the American Legion Post #59 Honor Guard.

On June 25, 1986 he was united in marriage to Virginia “Gigi” Coker in Malden. Mrs. Alexander survives of their home in Dexter.

Besides his wife he is survived by one son, Joe and wife Sonja Alexander of Panama City, Florida; by two daughters, Shelly and husband Gary Rusher of

Dexter and Sharon Featherston of Dexter; by one step-son, Gary and wife Terri Worley of Puxico; by one step-daughter, Gina and husband Rick Gross of Newnan, Georgia; by eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by one grandson, Robby Maddox, by one brother, Winfred Proffer and by one sister, Francis Hart Stafford.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, July 30, 2013 from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. with a Masonic service at 7:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday, July 31, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Deacon Jim Long officiating.

Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield with Full Military Honors.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be made to the 18 Fore Life % Scott Kruse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, Missouri 63841.

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# Paulette Cobb

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Paulette Cobb

**Paulette Cobb** daughter of the late Curtis Orr and Pauline Ergle Orr Matheny was born on January 1, 1952 in Matthews, Missouri and died on July 27, 2013 at her daughter's residence in Gray Ridge at the age of 61.

Mrs. Cobb was a seam welder for Brown Shoe Company in Bernie and was a resident of Bernie.

On June 11, 1967 she was united in marriage to Leon Cobb in New Madrid, Missouri. Mr. Cobb preceded her in death on August 15, 2006.

She is survived by three sons, Jeffery Leon Cobb and his wife Patricia of Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee, Anthony Eugene Cobb of Bernie and Justin Dewayne Cobb and his wife Bobbie of Canalou, Missouri; by one daughter, Paula Vaughn and husband Jeffery of Gray Ridge and by nine grandchildren.

Besides her parents she was preceded in death by a son in infancy; by three brothers, Johnny Orr, J. C. Orr and Curtis Orr; by one half -brother and by one half sister.

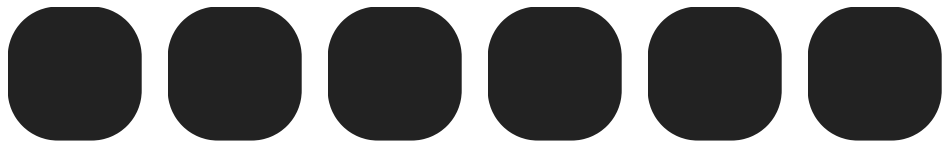
Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Bernie on Tuesday, July 30, 2013 from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

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## Louie William Watson

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Louie William Watson

**Louie William "Pete" Watson**, son of the late Triss and Fannie Lane Watson, was born near Bernie, Missouri on March 8, 1924, and passed away at the Saline Memorial Hospital in Benton, Arkansas on July 27, 2013, at the age of 89 years, 4 months and 19 days.

Mr. Watson, a resident of Dexter, had lived in Bloomfield, Missouri the majority of his life. He was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Bloomfield, Missouri.

On December 1, 1944, he was married to Bonnie Jean Wilmath in Piggott, Arkansas.

Surviving are his wife of 67 1/2 years, Bonnie Jean Watson of Dexter, Missouri; two sons and wife, Larry Watson of Bloomfield, Mike & Judy Watson of Benton, Arkansas; two daughters and husbands, Brenda & Buck Hamlin of Pevely, Missouri, Sandra & Glynn Holt of Jefferson City, Missouri; seven grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; two sisters, Juanita Lamunion and Beautone Smith;

and five brothers, Bob, Jerry, Jack, Gary and Bill Watson. Other relatives and many friends survive to mourn his passing. He was preceded in death by one sister, Coleen Watson, and three brothers, Everett, Chester and Jim Watson.

Friends may call on Monday, July 29, 2013, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home in Bloomfield, Missouri.

Funeral services will be on Tuesday, July 30, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. at the Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home in Bloomfield, Missouri with the Rev. Ron Dunivan of Monette, Arkansas officiating.

Interment will be in the Bloomfield Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home in Bloomfield, 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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