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### Veleta Frances Pierce Stutts

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Veleta Frances Pierce Stutts

**Veleta Frances Pierce Stutts**, 81 of rural Dexter died at home on August 10, 2013.

She was born to Mary Alice Gann Pierce and Jesse Davis Pierce on August 9, 1932 in Blytheville, Arkansas.

On May 24, 1949 she married James “Al” Stutts at the Stutts home in Dexter, Missouri.

Veleta graduated from Central High School in Memphis, Tennessee in 1953, from SEMO with a BA in Business Education in 1971 and received her MA in teaching from SEMO in 1980.

From 1967 – 1968, Al, Veleta and their 3 children lived in Belize City, British Honduras. Over the years, Al and Veleta returned many times to Belize and also hosted numerous visitors from Belize in their Dexter home.

Veleta was a business teacher at Puxico, Dexter and Richland High Schools. She was instrumental in establishing Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) in both Dexter and Richland. She was Teacher of the Year in 1987. She was a member of Business and Professional Womens’ Club and was Woman of the Year in 1978. She was a member of CTA, MSTA, NBEA, MBEA, AVA and MVA.

For 10 years she was on the MSTA Southeast District Public Relations Committee. She was a member of Retired Teachers Associations and Heartland Quilters Guild and also served as President of the guild.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Dexter and enjoyed singing in the choir, including 12 of the FBC Christmas Pageants. She also sang with the Claremore, Oklahoma choir throughout Europe and at New York's Carnegie Hall.

Veleta is survived by her husband, Al Stutts, by one son and wife, Mark and Charlotte Stutts of Essex, Missouri; by two daughters and husband, Mike and Debra Ebner of Dexter, Missouri and Lisa Roberts of Dexter, Missouri; by one granddaughter, Jacqueline Owens of Wake Forest, North Carolina; and by two sisters and husband Wafe and Virginia Reed of Dexter, Missouri and Bettye Braun of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Geneva Geraldine Hamilton and Reba Lois Eslinger and by six brothers, James Elvin Hood, Jesse Burette Pierce, Dewey Lee Pierce, Wilburn Ray Pierce, Franklin Delano Pierce and James Russell Pierce.

Visitation will be held from 1:30 P.M. until 3:00 P. M. on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter.

Funeral services will then be held at 3:00 P. M. on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with Dr. Steve Easterwood officiating.

Interment will follow in the Chalk Bluff Cemetery in Dexter.

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## Anthony Gene Dement

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Anthony Gene Dement

**Anthony Gene Dement**, son of Wanda Hampton Grubbs and David Grubbs of Dexter, was born on November 12, 1972 at Poplar Bluff, Missouri and departed this life on August 8, 2013 at his residence in Dexter at the age of 40 years.

Mr. Dement attended the Lighthouse Christian Center in Dexter and was a former utility worker for Robertson, Inc. in Poplar Bluff.

In addition to his mother and father, he is survived by one son, David Anthony Dement of Cape Girardeau; by one daughter, Mary Rhinnon Dement of Poplar Bluff; by his companion, Star Porter and her daughter, Makayla R. Pruitt of the home; by three brothers, Charles Dean Grubbs and Jesse Brian Barnes both of Dexter and Ronnie Dement of Ellington; and by one sister, Robin Hedrick Dement of Ellington.

Friends may call at the Lighthouse Christian Center in Dexter on Saturday, August 10, 2013 from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, August 10, 2013 at 3:00 P.M. at the Lighthouse Christian Center with the Rev. Tim Russell officiating.

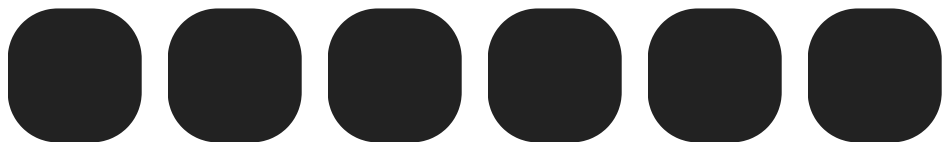
Interment will follow in the Caroline Dowdy Cemetery near Dexter.

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## Clyde E. Laird, Jr.

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Clyde E. Laird, Jr.

**Clyde E. Laird Jr.**, son of the late Clyde E. Laird Sr. and Martha Rice Laird was born on June 12, 1954 at Dexter and departed this life on August 6, 2013 in his residence at Idalia at the age of 59.

Mr. Laird was of the Baptist faith, a former tow motor driver for Purolator Filter Company in Dexter, enjoyed fishing and was a resident of Idalia.

He was united in marriage to Veda Wamble on April 3, 1976 at Essex, Mrs. Laird

survives of the home at Idalia.

Besides his wife, survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Cathy Laird of Ft. Bragg, North Carolina: by one daughter, Misty Laird of the home in Idalia: by two brothers, Sam Laird of Wappapello and Lyndell Laird of Advance, Missouri: by one sister, Loretta Whittley of Bloomfield.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Leo Laird, Leon Laird and Larry Laird: by one sister, Nola Hoggard.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from 5:00 until 8:00 P.M., Friday, August 9, 2013.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 A.M., Saturday, August 10, 2013 in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Bruce Cheney officiating.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

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## Paul Rinck IV

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Paul Rinck IV

**Paul Rinck IV**, a resident of Dexter, died on Sunday, Aug. 4, 2013 at the SoutheastHEALTH Center of Stoddard County at the age of 37. He was born September 30, 1975.

Visitation for Mr. Rinck will be conducted on Thursday, Aug. 8, 2013, from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. with funeral services conducted at 6 p.m. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter.

The family suggests memorial donations may be made to the 18 Fore Life Charity Foundation, c/o Scott Kruse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, MO 63841.

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## Elvis Alexander Mooney, Jr.

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Elvis Alexander Mooney, Jr.

**Elvis “Chip” Alexander Mooney Jr.** son of the late Elvis A. Mooney Sr. and Edna Lois Mooney was born on August 8, 1957 in the Saint Francis Hospital in Cape Girardeau and passed away on August 2, 2013 at the SoutheastHealth Hospital in Cape Girardeau at the age of 55.

Elvis lived his whole life in the Bloomfield area. He graduated from Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau with a B.S. degree in Business Administration and later a M.A. in community counseling. He graduated from St. Louis University with a J.D. Law Degree. He and his father owned and practiced in Mooney and Mooney Law Firm for many years. Elvis became a community counselor at the end of his working career. He was a member of the Bloomfield Masonic Lodge #153. He was also a member of the American Seed Saver Association.

On August 31, 1985 he was united in marriage to Regena Suzette Waltrip at the Calvary General Baptist Church in Kennett. Mrs. Mooney survives of the family residence.

Besides his wife he is survived by one sister, Kathryn Skelton of Bloomfield; by one nephew Robert “Alex” Barney and by one great-nephew, Oliver Barney.

There will be a public grave-side service conducted on Saturday, August 10, 2013 at 10:30 A.M. in the Walker Cemetery near Bloomfield with Rev. Sue Welborn officiating.

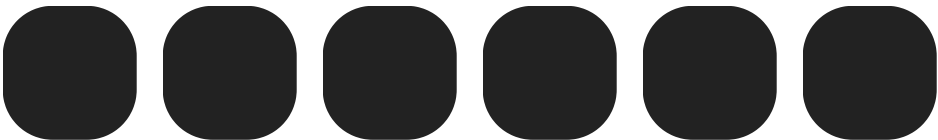
In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorials be made to the Stoddard County Children’s Home %P.O. Box 164, Dexter, Missouri 63841 or the American Kidney Fund.

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