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Marguerite R. Burke

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Marguerite R. Burke

Marguerite R. Burke, daughter of the late William B. Layton and Elsie Tuttle Layton, was born on April 23, 1929 in East Prairie, Missouri and passed away on August 19, 2013 at Golden Living Center in Dexter at the age of 84 years.

Mrs. Burke was affiliated with the First Church of the Nazarene of Dexter and the Second General Baptist Church of Dexter, had worked as a sales clerk at Lois' Dress Shop, formerly Nina's Dress Shop, in Dexter for thirty years and was a resident of Dexter.

On July 23, 1946, she was united in marriage to James C. Burke in Dexter, Missouri. Mr. Burke preceded her in death on November 1, 1993.

She is survived by one son, James W. Burke of Jackson, Missouri; by one daughter, Sharon M. Trammell of Dexter, Missouri; by one brother, Jerry D. Layton of Dexter; by one sister, Francis Russell of Crystal River, Florida; and by three grandchildren, Travis L. Burke, Brian Burke and Jared Burke.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Fred Layton, Bill Layton and Harold "Bud" Layton.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, August 22, 2013 from Noon to 2:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday, August 22, 2013 at 2:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Roger Wooten and Rev. Kenneth Biggs officiating.

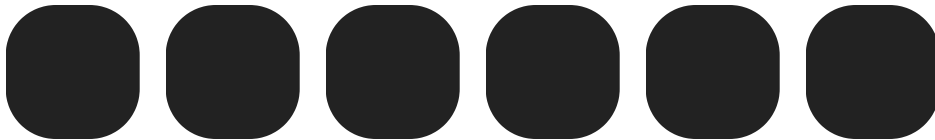
Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

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Grover Gene Myers

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Grover Gene Myers

Grover “Gene” Myers, son of the late Grover Ecord Myers and Mary Ellen Snider Myers was born on January 29, 1935 in Vinson, Missouri and passed away on August 15, 2013 at the Poplar

Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Missouri at the age of 78.

Mr. Myers volunteered from 1956-1958 in Vietnam with the International Volunteer Service, he was an Educator and Principal in the Dexter Senior High School, a member of the Dexter Rotary and Optimist clubs, the Director of Admissions at McPherson College, a Principal at Poplar Bluff High School, Director of Special Services for Poplar Bluff High School and was a member and Sunday school teacher at the Broadwater Church of the Brethren. He was a former resident of Dexter currently living in Wappapello.

On December 22, 1963 he was united in marriage to Lurlyne Hardy in Dexter. Mrs. Myers survives of their residence in Wappapello.

Besides his wife he is survived by two sons, John Thomas Myers of Marion, Arkansas and James Riley Myers of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; by one daughter and son-in-law, Libby and husband Jeff Gall of West Plains, Missouri and by five grandchildren, Mary Katherine Myers, Ian Thomas Myers, Dylan Ray Myers, Lane Eugene Gall and Luke Eli Gall.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by one brother, John Albert Myers.

A memorial service will be conducted on Monday, August 19, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with Brother Harold Gass and Marie Petty Froman officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be made to the Broadwater Church of the Brethren and the McPherson College , envelopes will be provided at the funeral home.

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William Avery Stobaugh

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William Avery Stobaugh

William Avery Stobaugh, son of the late George Washington and Ethel Wilma Harwood Stobaugh, was born in Center Ridge, Arkansas on October 4, 1918, and passed away at the Southeast Health Center of Stoddard County in Dexter on August 11, 2013, at the age of 94 years, 10 months and 8 days.

He had lived in Arkansas before moving to Missouri in 1946. He was a retired farmer and was a member of the Church of Christ in Matthews, Missouri.

On January 4, 1936, he was married to Martha Elizabeth Ethridge in Center Ridge, Arkansas. She preceded him in death on July 26, 2012.

Surviving are five daughters, Glenda Barber of Dexter, Missouri, Margaret Weaver of Beaumont, Texas, Kathy Jones of Bloomfield, Missouri, Jeannine McCoy of Lubbock, Texas, and Jan Powell of St. Claire, Missouri; 17 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren and expecting two more; one sister, Peggy Holyfield of Columbus, Mississippi. Other relatives and friends also survive. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Rebecca Baldwin; one son, William Charles Stobaugh; three sisters, Mildred Baskins, Margie Stokes and Mary Kennard; two brothers, Bob Stobaugh and Lyndon Stobaugh; and one granddaughter, Sara Leija.

Visitation will be Wednesday, August 14, 2013, after 4:30 p.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, August 14, 2013, at 5:3 p.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri with Jim Colvett of Matthews, Missouri officiating.

Graveside Funeral Services will be held Thursday, August 15, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Center Ridge, Arkansas with Walton Weaver of Beaumont, Texas officiating 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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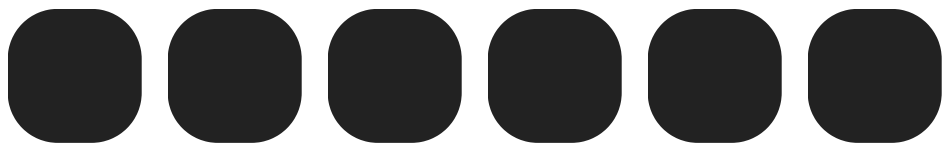
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Steven Lee McRoy

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Steven Lee McRoy

Steven Lee McRoy, Son of Richard and Carol McRoy, was born on April 13, 1968 in Sikeston and departed this life in his residence at Bloomfield on August 10, 2013 at the age of 45.

Steve graduated from Dexter High School in 1987 after having a transplanted kidney from his mother in December of 1985.

He loved being on his Grandpa and Grandma's farm. His Grandpa Don, trained him for his chosen profession of painting houses. Steve did this until 2010, when his health forced him to give up what he truly loved to do because he got to meet many people.

Steve struggled all his life with many health problems, but on September 7, 2008, he accepted the Lord as his Saviour and joined the First General Baptist Church of Bloomfield. He became an outstanding young man willing to serve God in any way he could and everyone in the Church loved and appreciated Steve.

Steve loved to be outdoors hunting, fishing and camping with Mom, Dad and his many friends. They went to Sam A. Baker Park a lot and that is where his Dad taught him to swim.

Mom and Dad always took him on trips, from Dogpatch in Arkansas to Branson Silver Dollar City, Memphis Zoo, Six Flags, Opryland or to Cardinal ballgames. He loved NASCAR races and his favorite driver was Dale Earnhardt.

Steve was a wonderful son and Carol and Richard were very blessed to have him and there was nothing they would not do for him. He was their life to Breathe for.

His grandparents were the late Don and Virginia Reiter and Clarence and Wanda McRoy.

He had two special friends from birth, D.L. and Fern Douglas: a cousin, Rhonda Beardsley of Yelm, Washington: an aunt, Teresa Rushin of Poplar Bluff.

Steve loved and appreciated all of his church family.

Carol and Richard can't thank everyone enough for the outpouring of love, prayers and hospital visits during the months of July and August for their son, Steve.

Friends may call at the First General Baptist Church in Bloomfield from 1:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M., Monday, August 12, 2013.

Funeral services will then be conducted at 2:00 P.M. in the First General Baptist Church at Bloomfield with Rev. Ronnie Stevens and Rev. Greg Stevens officiating.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to First General Baptist Church, 501 Christian Drive, Bloomfield, Missouri 63825.

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Vernon Dale Belcher

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Vernon Dale Belcher

Vernon Dale Belcher, son of JoAnn Cookson Belcher of Dexter and the late Vernon Leon Belcher, was born on April 22, 1961 in Dexter, Missouri and passed away in the Emergency Room of SoutheastHealth of Stoddard County in Dexter, Missouri on August 10, 2013 at the age of 52 years.

Mr. Belcher was the manager of Dexter Billiards and was a resident of Dexter.

In addition to his mother, survivors include one brother, James Elbert Belcher of Dexter, and by three sisters, Lori Ann Davis of Dexter, Beverly Sue Frymire of Bloomfield and Linda Jonell Ruser of Puxico.

Besides his father, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Donnie Ray Belcher and Lonnie Ray Belcher.

Visitation will be held on Monday, August 12, 2013 from 5:00 P. M. until 8:00 P. M. at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at 10:00 A. M. at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with the Rev. Roy Sherfield officiating.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

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