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Thelma Harlan Lape

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Thelma Harlan Lape

Thelma Harlan Lape, daughter of the late Marion F. Harlan and Chloe Ross Harlan was born on December 23, 1923 at Grayridge and departed this life in her residence at Dexter on August 30, 2013 at the age of 89.

Mrs. Lape was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dexter, had been a teacher for thirty one years, retiring in 1973. She was a member of the Missouri State Teachers Association and a resident of Dexter.

She was united in marriage to Leo R. Lape on November 29, 1941 at Benton. Mr. Lape preceded her in death on February 15, 1995.

She is survived by one sister, Elma Harlan Brown of Dexter: by seven nieces, Verna G. Tyler of Redmond, Washington, Laquitta Herren of Venice, Florida, Jennifer Bowman of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Toni Hoobler of Livonia, Michigan, Brenda Lowe of McQueeney, Texas, Helen Martin and Karen Davis both of St. Charles: by four nephews, Ronald Harlan of Birmingham, Alabama, Bob Shearon of Cincinnati, Ohio, Lorin Vaughn of West Plains and Larry Vaughn of Ste. Genevieve.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by five brothers, Edmond Harlan, Hollis Harlan, Alvin Harlan, Sonny Harlan and Oliver Harlan: by three sisters, Bertha Vaughn, Mabel Shearon and Maxine Harlan.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from 1:00 until 3:00 P.M., Tuesday, September 3, 2013. Funeral services will then be conducted at 3:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Rich Lee officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Tri-County Hospice.

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Lois Cravens

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Lois Cravens

Lois Cravens, daughter of the late Sidney George and Martha Burdine McCain, was born in Atkins, Arkansas on August 15, 1941, and passed away at the Golden Living Center in New Madrid, Missouri on August 31, 2013, at the age of 72 years and 16 days.

Mrs. Cravens had lived most of her life in Parma. She had been a home maker and enjoyed crafts and quilting.

On April 16, 1964, she was married to Daniel Cravens in Parma, Missouri.

Surviving are her husband, Daniel Cravens of Parma, Missouri; three sons & spouse, Richard & Kathy Cravens, Dennis Cravens and Thomas Cravens all of Parma, Missouri; four daughters and spouses, Rita Cravens of Parma, Missouri, Lisa & Kent Leigh of Suisun City, California, Sandra & John Acord of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Frances Cravens & Howard Newsome of Fruitland, Missouri; fourteen grandchildren; nineteen great grandchildren; one brother, Carroll McCain of Cement, Oklahoma and her mother-in-law, Ethel Cravens of Parma. Numerous nieces, nephews, other family and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by her parents, her father-in-law, Floyd Cravens and twelve siblings.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2013, at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Parma Missouri.

Funeral services was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2013, at 1:00 PM in the Watkins and Sons Chapel in Parma, Missouri with the Rev. Frank Townsend of Parma, Missouri officiating.

Interment will be in Bernie Cemetery in Bernie, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Parma in charge of arrangements.

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

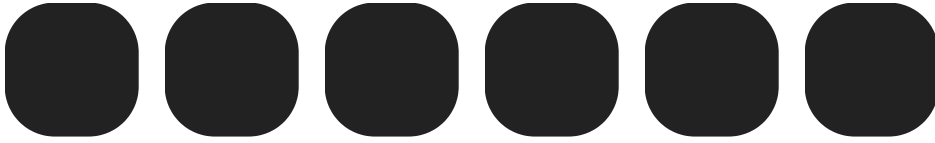
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Knealin W. Wright, Jr.

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[Knealin W. Wright, Jr.](#)

Knealin W. Wright, Jr., son of Knealin W. Wright, Sr. of Pomona, Missouri and Deborah Jean McGowen of Dexter, Missouri, was born on December 16, 1970 at St. Charles, Illinois and passed away on August 29, 2013 at SoutheastHealth Center of Stoddard County in Dexter at the age of 42 years.

Mr. Wright had worked as a Certified Nurse's Assistant and was a resident of Dexter.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two brothers, Jeff Wright and Chris Jackson, both of Dexter; one sister, Melinda Jones of Springfield; and his maternal grandmother, Laura Wright of Bernie.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, August 31, 2013 from Noon to 2:00 P.M.

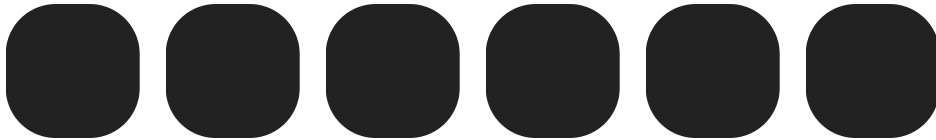
Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, August 31, 2013 at 2:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. James Hook officiating.

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Evelyn Estelle Dieter

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Evelyn Estelle Dieter

Evelyn Estelle Dieter, daughter of the late Franklin C. Gregg and Elizabeth Armstrong Gregg, was born on October 20, 1916 in Hackleburg, Alabama and passed away on August 28, 2013 at the Miner Nursing Center in Miner, Missouri at the age of 96 years.

Mrs. Dieter was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dexter. She was a housewife and a resident of Dexter.

On October 17, 1936, she was united in marriage to Richard W. Dieter in Dexter, Missouri. Mr. Deiter preceded her in death on December 29, 1986.

She is survived by two sons, Robert Dieter and wife Diane of Apalachicola, Florida and Richard Deiter and wife Janice of Memphis, Tennessee; by four daughters, Evelyn Bishop and husband Carl of Dexter, Barbara O'Donnell and husband Jim of Bayonet Pointe, Florida, Joan Himmelberg and husband Leo of St. Louis and Caroline Moore and husband Don of Sikeston; by one brother, Morris Gregg and wife Donna of Dexter; by one sister, Jean Dunn and husband Harold of Sand Springs, Oklahoma; and by twelve grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Clovis Gregg, Joseph Gregg, Robert Gregg and Ivin J. Gregg and by three sisters, Jessie Link, Teela Koch and Della Wilson.

Friends may call at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dexter from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 31, 2013.

Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, August 31, 2013 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 10:00 A.M. with Father David Dohogne officiating.

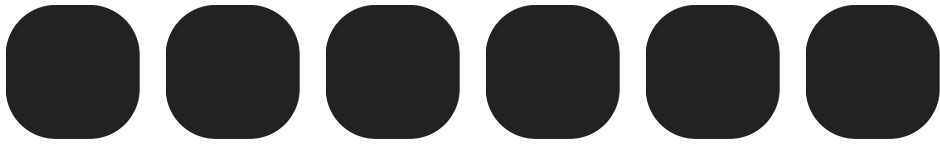
Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to a hospice association of choice or the National Kidney Foundation, 1001 Craig Road, Suite 480, Creve Coeur, Missouri 63146-6217.

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James Bryan Lankford

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James Bryan Lankford

James Bryan Lankford, son of the late Bryan and Mary Evelyn Ellis Lankford, was born in Essex, Missouri on September 3, 1938, and passed away at his home near Dexter on August 28, 2013, at the age of 74 years, 11 months and 24 days.

He had lived in Phoenix, Arizona from 1967 to 1994 when he moved back to Southeast Missouri. He had been a resident of Dexter since 2010. He was retired from the Salt River Project as an Engineer Technician and was a member of the Essex Methodist Church in Essex, Missouri.

On October 4, 1958, he was married to Bonnie Rodgers in Essex, Missouri.

Surviving are his wife, Bonnie Lankford of Dexter, Missouri; one daughter & spouse, Susan & Don Rapp of Scottsdale, Arizona; one son & spouse, Bryan Keith & Tina Lankford of Houston, Texas; 2 grandsons, Thomas Rapp of Scottsdale, Arizona, Tristen Lankford of Houston, Texas; one granddaughter, Jessica Johnson of Scottsdale, Arizona; one great grandson, Gavin James Johnson of Scottsdale, Arizona; two sisters & spouse, Ruth & Don Stuckey of Medora, Illinois and Sheila Hester of Essex, Missouri; one brother & spouse, Glen & Janice Lankford of Bloomfield, Missouri. Other relatives and friends also

survive.

Visitation will be Saturday, August 31, 2013, after 9:30 a.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, August 31, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri with the Rev. Roy Sherfield of Dexter, Missouri officiating and the Rev. Ernie Rodgers of Poplar Bluff assisting.

Interment will be in the Essex Cemetery in Essex, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Essex Methodist Church, 110 Darby St., Essex, MO 63846, and Preferred Hospice, 423 US Bus 60, Dexter, MO 63841.

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