### **Obituaries**



## Albert Lee Jones

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#### Albert Lee Jones

**Albert Lee Jones**, son of the late Albert Truman and Dorothy Atichison Jones, was born in Ottowa, Kansas on July 19, 1942, and passed away at the Sells Nursing Home in Matthews, Missouri on September 16, 2013, at the age of 71 years, 1 month and 28 days.

He had lived in Yakama, Washington for 35 years where he worked in a paper mill. He moved to Dexter, Missouri six years ago and was of Pentecostal faith. He enjoyed fishing and dancing.

He was married to Carol Rogers and she preceded him in death.

Surviving are 3 brothers, Tommy Jones, Dale Jones and Ronnie Young all of Dexter; 3 sisters, Barbara Groves of Corning, Arkansas, Mary Wilkerson of Defunica, Florida, and Patsy Rogers of Lowndes, Missouri. Other family and friends also survive.

Visitation will be held on Thursday September 19, 2013 after 10:00 a.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Puxico, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday September 19, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at the Watkins and Sons Chapel in Puxico, Missouri with the Rev. Dale Jones Jr. of Oklahoma officiating.

Interment will follow in the Rogers Cemetery in Lowdnes, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Puxico in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.watkinsfuneralhome.com Watkins & Sons Funeral Service

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Heather M. Morris

#### Heather M. Morris

**Heather M. Morris**, daughter of Joe "Rick" Morris and Sheila Glass Morris both of Bernie, Missouri was born on November 23, 1976 in Dexter, Missouri and passed away on Saturday September 14, 2013 at her parents residence in Bernie, Missouri at the age of 36 years.

Heather graduated from Bernie High School in 1995, received an associate's degree from Three Rivers Community College, bachelor's degree at Arkansas State University, and completed her law degree at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Arkansas. She was affiliated with the First Assembly of God Church in Bernie, an employee of Family Counseling Center, and a resident of Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Heather was very compassionate about children and her job. She always put others first by loving your neighbor as yourself and by showing the great love of Christ to all.

Besides her parents, survivors include two brothers, Josh Morris of Bernie and Jason Morris of Wenatchee, Washington; parental grandmother, Ellen Morris of Thomasville, Missouri and maternal grandmother, Doris Glass of Bernie, Missouri.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie from 5:00 until 8:00 P.M. Thursday September 19, 2013.

Funeral services will be conducted on Friday September 20, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Bernie with Rev. Kent Kassinger officiating.

Graveside services will be conducted on Friday September 20, 2013 at 3:00 P.M. at the Huddleston Cemetery near Alton, Missouri. Interment will immediately follow.

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# Debbie Casey

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### Debbie Casey

**Debbie Casey,** daughter of the late Herschel Wilber Deal and Frances Louise Ashley Deal, was born in Sikeston, Missouri on September 3, 1952, and passed away at the Southeast Health Center of Stoddard County in Dexter, Missouri on September 16, 2013, at the age of 61 years and 13 days.

She had lived in Dexter most of her life and had worked as a cake decorator at Wal-Mart. She was a member of the Lighthouse Christian Center in Dexter. She enjoyed crocheting, crafts, and loved to camp.

On May 20, 2002, she was married to Brian Casey in Essex, Missouri.

Surviving are her husband Brian Casey of Dexter; two sons, Tommy Riley and Jerry Riley both of Sikeston; three daughters, Trish Julian and Kathy Chapman both of Dexter, Brandy Finch of Modesto, California; ten grandchildren; one great grandchild and one on the way; one brother, Louis Hurt of Houston, Texas; two sisters, Patricia Scott of St. Louis, Missouri and Nancy Zickefoose of Des Moines, lowa; her mother in law, Judy Casey of Dexter, and an aunt, Katherine Wethington of Sikeston. Other relatives and many friends also survive. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Lynn Hurt and Richard Gatlin.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2013 from 12:00 to 2:00 PM at the Lighthouse Christian Center in Dexter, Missouri

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, September 19, 2013, at the Lighthouse Christian Center in Dexter, Missouri with Rev. Tim Russell of Dexter,

Missouri officiating.

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

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## Melba Ann Cantrell

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#### Melba Ann Cantrell

**Melba Ann Cantrell**, daughter of the late Howard Earl and Lula Edith Eaton Carpenter, was born in Steele, Missouri on February 1, 1947, and passed away at her home in Washington, Louisiana on September 12, 2013, at the age of 66 years, 7 months and 11 days.

She had lived in Dexter and the surrounding area most of her life and had lived in Washington, Louisiana the past three years. She had worked at the Daily Statesman and at Hudson Foods and Tyson Foods. She was of the Baptist faith.

On March 3, 1978, she was married to Charles Fate Cantrell in Dexter, Missouri. He preceded her in death on December 17, 2002.

Surviving are her companion, Kevin Smart of Washinton, Louisiana; one son, Brandon Cantrell of Dexter; four daughters, Mary Draper, Marsha Conner and Brooke Cantrell all of Paragould, Arkansas, Brittany Smart of Houston, Texas; she helped raise Kierstan and Keyiarra Smart both of Washington, Louisiana; six step children, Christine Cantrell, Jasper and James Dale Cantrell all of Dexter, Bobby Cantrell of Malden, Wayne Cantrell of Leachville, Arkansas, Charles Cantrell of Advance; 24 grandchildren; many great grandchildren; four sisters, Ruth Matney of Dexter, Edith Ishmail of Apache, Oklahoma, Millie Spore of Ruby, Michigan and Vicki Stevenson of Arlington, Texas. Other relatives and many friends also survive. She was preceded in death by one step daughter, Doris Gibbs; one step-grandson, Sparky Gibbs; two brothers, Earl and Willie Carpenter; and three sisters, Mary Terry, Carolyn Ridge and Minnie Carpenter.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, September 15, 2013 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Chapel in Dexter, Missouri

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 PM on Sunday, September 15, 2013, at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri with Rev. Tim Russell of Dexter, Missouri officiating.

Interment will be on Monday, September 16, 2013, at 11:00 AM in the Walker Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

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# Martha Nell Irene Hughes

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Martha Nell Irene Hughes

**Martha Nell Irene Hughes,** daughter of the late Sid and Mary Vera James Hensley, was born in Linden, Tennessee on March 8, 1935, and passed away at the Clearview Nursing Center in Sikeston, Missouri on September 11, 2013, at the age of 78 years, 6 months and 2 days.

She had lived in the Morehouse area most of her life. She was a cook at Morehouse School and a member of the First Oneness Pentecostal Church in Morehouse, Missouri.

On August 16, 1949, she was married to J.W. Hughes in Pigott, Arkansas. He survives in the home.

Surviving are three daughters, Rhodia Fiddler of Lexington, Tennessee, Margie Ruedrich and Angela Graham both of Sikeston, Missouri; two sons, Russell Hughes of Puxico, Missouri and Paul Hughes of Sikeston, Missouri; nineteen grandchildren; twenty three great grandchildren; five great great grandchildren; and two sisters, Jo Coffman of Matthews, Missouri and Frankie Hicks of Sikeston, Missouri. Other relatives and many friends also survive. She was preceded in death by one son, John William Hughes, four brothers, and three sisters.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2013 after 11:00 AM at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Chapel in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, September 14, 2013, at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri with Rev. John Ruedrich of Scott City, Missouri officiating.

Interment will follow in the Matthews City Cemetery in Matthews, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

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