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Shirley Spear

OCTOBER 29TH 2013 BY DEE LOFLIN

Shirley Spear

Shirley Spear, daughter of the late Audie L. and Hattie Smith Harmon, was born in Bell City, Missouri on June 12, 1934, and passed away at her home in Puxico, Missouri on October 26, 2013, at the age of 79 years, 4 months and 14 days.

She had lived in the Puxico area all of her life.

On February 22, 1958, she was married to Elmer Spear in Bloomfield, Missouri.

Surviving are her husband, Elmer Spear of Puxico; one son & wife, Steve & Candi Spear of Bolivar, Missouri; two grandchildren, Alyssa & Rafe Spear; and one sister, Ivalee Cox of Kansas City, Missouri. Other family and friends also survive.

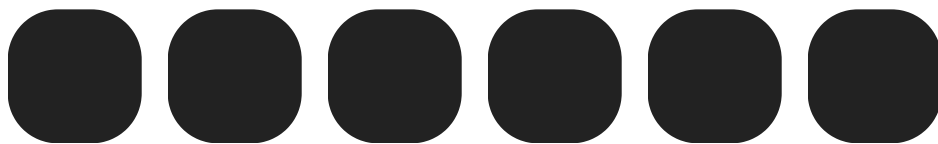
Memorial services will be held on Friday November 1, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. at the Watkins and Sons Chapel in Puxico, Missouri with Champlain Ken Johnson of Dexter, Missouri officiating.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.watkinsfuneralhome.com
Watkins & Sons Funeral Service
info@watkinsfuneralhome.com or phone 573 624 3548.

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Helen Gaines

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Helen Gaines

Helen Gaines, daughter of the late Frank B. Carney and Molly Hisaw Carney, was born on March 19, 1919 in Dexter and passed away on October 27, 2013 at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing in Dexter at the age of 94 years.

Mrs. Gaines was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dexter and a resident of Dexter. After twenty-two years, she retired from the Bloomfield Nursing Center where she had worked as a medical technician. After retirement, she volunteered as an ombudsman at Beverly Health Center in Dexter.

On May 29, 1937, she was united in marriage to Woodrow E. Gaines. Mr. Gaines preceded her in death in May of 1982.

She is survived by one sister, Carma Dean May of Jonesboro, Arkansas; by two grandchildren, Kelli Channell and her husband Chris of Dexter and Ashleigh Briscoe and her special friend Bill Nations of Tulsa, Oklahoma; by four great-grandchildren, Drake Channell, Jaycob and Jordan Briscoe and Alexis Accord; and by many nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Scott Gaines; by one daughter, Linda Lou Gaines; by four brothers, Roy Carney, James Carney, Ray Carney and Brady Carney; and by four sisters, Edna Sills, LaVeda Hopkins, Margaret Matthews and Agnes Sills.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, October 30, 2013 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. with Pastor John Carney officiating.

Interment will follow in the Hagy Cemetery.

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Dustin Lee McGhee

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Dustin Lee McGhee

Dustin Lee McGhee, son of Brenda Kay Robinson and the late Elvis James McGhee, was born on January 9, 1988 in Sikeston and passed away on October 24, 2013 at Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter at the age of 25 years.

Dustin never complained and loved Cardinals baseball, game shows and the television show, Law and Order. He was a client of ARC and a resident of Dexter.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his uncle and aunt, Alan and Jeanie Robinson of Dexter; by his cousin, Dawn Smathers, her husband Daniel and their two children, Geanna and Brent Smathers; and by his maternal grandparents, F. L. and Helen Robinson of Dexter.

Besides his father, he was preceded in death by one cousin, Brent Robinson.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, October 26, 2013 from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Saturday, October 26, 2013 at 11:00 A.M. with Rev. Lonny Mittag officiating.

Interment will follow in the Chalk Bluff Cemetery.

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Lorene White

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Lorene White

Lorene White, daughter of the late Sherman Melvin Hartle and Bertha Ellen Phelps Hartle, was born in Advance, Missouri on April 20, 1913 and departed this life in the General Baptist Nursing Home in Campbell, Missouri at the age of 100.

Mrs. White was a retired cook, having worked for many years in the Bernie School System. She was a member of the Word of Faith Family Church, Bernie.

She was united in marriage to John J. White in Bernie, Missouri on May 15, 1936. Mr. White preceded his wife in death on May 11, 1991.

Survivors include one son, James David White and wife Sue of Bernie, Missouri; by three grandchildren, Cordie White and wife Rachel of Bernie, Missouri, Heather Wallace and husband Eric of Kennett, Missouri and Tina West and husband James of Judsonia, Arkansas; by five great-grandchildren and by 5 great-great-grandchildren; also by other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death other than by her parents and her husband, by one brother, Eugene Hartle and one sister Ruby Stearns.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Monday, October 28, 2013 from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie on Tuesday morning, October 29, 2013 at 11:00 A.M. with Pastor Dale Hartle officiating.

Interment will follow in the Bernie Cemetery. Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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Gary allen Tandski

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Gary allen Tandski

Gary Allen Tandski, son of the late Peter Tandski and Mabel Gillis Ferguson was born on July 28, 1938 in Pontiac, Michigan and passed away peacefully in his sleep on October 20, 2013 surrounded by family and friends at the age of 75.

Gary served in the United States Navy, following his service he was the General Manager of Levitz Furniture Store as well as Marlo Furniture in Rockville, Maryland. He was a member of the Dexter Elks, Hidden Trails Country Club as well as the Dexter Lions Club. He was a proud father, an avid golfer, fisherman, story-teller and self-proclaimed "ladies man". He will be remembered as a man who was involved in the community, he loved to play craps, and who always said, "To have friends, you have to be a good friend".

He is survived by two sons, Richard Tandski and wife Stacie of Harpers Ferry, West Virginia and Michael Tandski and wife Rebeca of Fairfax, Virginia; by one daughter, Savanna Tandski of Annapolis, Maryland; by one brother, Derill Ferguson Jr. of Hartville, Ohio; by three sisters, Brinda Wallis, LaVerne Tinker and LaVeda Banken all of Dexter; by four grandchildren, Haley Tandski, Austin Tandski, Brooklyne Tandski and Madison Tandski and his canine companion, Jenna.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home on Monday, October 28, 2013 from 1:00 P.M. until 2:30 P.M.

Funeral services will then be conducted on Monday, October 28, 2013 in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral chapel at 2:30 P.M.

Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that all memorials be made to the 18 Fore Life c/o Scott Kruse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, Missouri 63841.

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