## **Obituaries**



## Shirley Randolph

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#### Shirley Randolph

**Shirley Randolph**, daughter of the late Thomas Rogers and Martha Williams Rogers was born on September 27, 1948 in Rector, Arkansas and departed this life on October 30, 2013 at her daughter's residence in Poplar Bluff, Missouri at the age of 65.

Mrs. Randolph was a member of the Second General Baptist Church in Dexter and a former resident of Dexter.

On March 19, 1965 she was united in marriage to Richard Earl Randolph in Piggott, Arkansas. Mr. Randolph preceded her in death on March 19, 2013.

Survivors include two daughters, Tammy Lynne Smith and husband Keith of Poplar Bluff, Missouri and by Cheryl Leigh Gibson and husband Jimmy of Corning, Arkansas; one brother, Eugene Rogers of Kansas; by four sisters, Jodean Haley of Malden, Missouri, Cynthia Sonny of Malden, Missouri, Fay Ambrozy of Michigan, and Donna McFarlin of Piggott, Arkansas; also by three grandchildren, Mandy Leible and husband John, Tyler Gaines, and Michael Veach.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Marion Rogers and Donald Rogers; by three sisters, Virginia Bell, Janie Hutchinson, and Annie May Rogers.

Graveside service will be conducted at 3:00 P.M. on Friday, November 1, 2013 at the Dexter Cemetery in Dexter with Rev. Byron Beck officiating.

Interment will follow. Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter in charge of all arrangements.

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# Evadean Ruby Troxell

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Evadean Ruby Troxell

**Evadean Ruby Troxell,** daughter of the late Ben Holt Colyer and Vernie Mae Monroe Colyer, was born March 21, 1925 in Bloomfield, Missouri and passed into heaven surrounded by family on Tuesday, October 29th.

Evadean was raised in Bloomfield, graduating from Bloomfield High School in 1944. Evadean was a young member of the Bloomfield Methodist Church, played the violin in the Bloomfield High School Orchestra and loved to dance. Upon graduating from high school, she worked for Bennett Wholesale as a bookkeeper.

As a young farm wife, she assisted with the birthing of farm animals, was in charge of many cotton choppers and cotton pickers and prepared large noon day meals for the farm hands.

In 1958, she married J. D. Troxell who became a loving father to the Cox siblings, Mike, Patty, Peggy and Mark. A son, James Dennis Troxell was born to this union.

Soon after their marriage, Evadean and J. D. became owner/operators of Dexter Aircraft in Dexter with Evadean doing the bookwork and J. D. doing the aerial crop spraying. The couple enjoyed dancing and fishing.

Evadean is survived by two sons, J. D. Troxell and Mark (Tresa) Cox; by two daughters, Patty (Bud) Shell and Peggy (Randy) Kinder all of Dexter; and by seven grandchildren, Todd Kinder, Chasity McLaughlin of Dexter, Mark Anthony Cox of Bloomfield, Travis Kinder of Hot Springs, Arkansas, Deseree Owens of Bloomfield, Michele Owens of Puxico and Susan Wilson.

Evadean was great-grandmother to Abigail and Madelyn Kinder, Miller and Quincey McLaughlin, Blake, Madison, Chelsea and Mason Cox, Lauren Nuhaus, Jordan Adams, Kara and Rallen Owens, Adysen Shepphard, Ty and Charyle Rose Owens and Brayden and great-great-grandmother to Bentley Cox, Owen Miller, Grace and Chloe Nuhaus, Jace Hueckel and Cade Poe.

She is also survived by one brother, Thomas Colyer of Ava, Missouri, one sister, Lois Watson of Pevely, Missouri and numerous nieces and nephews.

Along with her parents, Evadean was preceded in death by her husband, J. D. Troxell, her son, Michael Avra Cox and her brother, Ben Holt, Jr.

Visitation will take place at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter Friday, November 1st from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. with service to follow at 1:00 P.M.

Miss Pat Crane of Essex will deliver the eulogy. Burial will follow at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery at Bloomfield, Missouri.

Memorial donations may be presented to the Stoddard County Children's Home in Bloomfield, Missouri.

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# Shirley Spear

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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

#### 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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