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## Norma ann Gisi

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Norma ann Gisi

**Norma Ann Gisi**, daughter of the late Everett Fowler and Bertie Chasteen Fowler, was born on October 28, 1925 at rural Bloomfield and passed away on November 11, 2013 at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing Center in Dexter at the age of 88 years. She was a resident of Dexter.

Mrs. Gisi was a member of the New Hope General Baptist Church in Bloomfield and was co-owner and operator with her husband at Gisi Oil in Dexter.

On January 28, 1972, she was united in marriage to Eugene Gisi at Dexter, Missouri. Mr. Gisi preceded her in death on July 3, 1984.

She is survived by two daughters, Thelma Blunt and her husband Curtis of Essex and Deanna Kingree and her husband, Stephen of Jackson; by one step-son, Michael Gisi of rural Bloomfield; by two step-daughters, Janie Mouser and her husband David of Dexter and Penny Gisi of Dexter; by five grandchildren, Jason Blunt, Darrin Blunt, Kent Kingree, Rachale Kingree Martin; and by four step-grandchildren, Travis Miller, Amy Miller Simmons, Lindsay Mouser Moore and Geoffery Mouser.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Leeman Fowler; by one sister, Alleen Green and by one step-daughter, Susan Miller.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 11:00 A.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Greg Stevens officiating.

Interment will follow in the West Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Bloomfield.

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## Mary Elizabeth Long Stewart

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Mary Elizabeth Long Stewart

**Mary Elizabeth Long Stewart** passed away Sunday, November 10, 2013 at Southeast Hospital in Cape. Visitation will be held Wednesday, November 13 at 10:00 AM at Bloomfield First General Baptist Church. A funeral service will follow at 1:00 PM, with burial in the Bloomfield Cemetery.

Mary was born April 28, 1929 in Bloomfield to the late Ralph and Bertha Pinegar Long. She was preceded in death by her husband Cloid Stewart on October 30, 1987. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Baby Boy (1924), Bobby Lee Long (1929), D.J. Long (1991) and Charles H. Long (2011). She was retired from the Missouri Division of Family Services after more than 40 years of service.

Mrs. Stewart is survived by her son James S. Stewart (Kathy) of Brandon, Mississippi; granddaughters Amanda Wright (Ray), Jamie Watson (David), and Mary Kathryn Stewart; seven great-grandchildren, Eli, Stewart, Silas, Hudson, Riley Kate, Hunter and Lucas; numerous nieces and nephews; brother-in-law Rudy Stewart (Phyllis); sister-in-laws, Ruby Miller and Jerry Long.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First General Baptist Church, 501 Christian Drive, Bloomfield, MO 63825.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter.

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# Henry P. Kestner

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Henry P. Kestner

**Henry P. Kestner**, son of the late Joseph Kestner and Birdie Scates Kestner, was born on March 3, 1924 in Dudley, Missouri and passed away on November 8, 2013 at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff at the age of 89 years.

Mr. Kestner had worked as a highway concrete finisher for Fred Weber Construction Company of St. Louis, he was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in World War II and the Korean War and a resident of Dudley.

On December 29, 1950, he was united in marriage to Velma Hurt in Piggott, Arkansas. Mrs. Kestner survives at the home.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son, Henry D. Kestner and his wife, Linda, of Dexter; by one brother, Joseph Elton Kestner of Dexter; by two grandchildren, Suzanne Kelley and Andrew Kestner; by two great-grandchildren, Caitlyn and Ally Kelley; and by three step-great-grandchildren, Kalieb Hill, Shellbie Hill and Chance McCoy.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two sons, John Howard Kestner and Joseph Robert Kestner; and by one brother, Franklin "Carl" Kestner.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, November 10, 2013 from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted on Sunday, November 10, 2013 at 3:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Danny Collins officiating. Interment will follow in the Dudley Cemetery.

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## Norma Jean Burns

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Norma Jean Burns

**Norma Jean Burns**, daughter of the late Russell Simpson and Cloia Harvey Simpson, was born on July 21, 1934 in Lake City, Arkansas and passed away on November 6, 2013 at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 79.

Mrs. Burns was a member of the Methodist Church in Essex, a homemaker and a resident of Essex.

On January 20, 1984, she was united in marriage to Tim Burns in Union City, Tennessee. Mr. Burns survives at the home.

She is survived by two sons, Jerry "Freddy" Triplett, Jr. of Dexter and Sloan Adkins of San Diego, California; one daughter, Terry Triplett Adkins, of Bloomfield, Missouri; by two grandchildren, Shonitie Null and Jessica

Reeves and by two great-grandchildren, Gabriel McBroom and Eli Trip Reeves.

A memorial service will be conducted on Monday, November 11, 2013 at 11:00 A.M. at the Methodist Church in Essex with Rev. Roy Sherfield officiating.

The Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home is handling arrangements in Dexter.

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# Michael Glenn Harison

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Michael Glenn Harison

**Michael Glenn Harrison**, son of the late Horace and Glenda Little Harrison, was born in Earle, Arkansas on February 11, 1953, and passed away at the Southeast Health Center of Stoddard County in Dexter, Missouri on November 3, 2013, at the age of 60 years, 8 months, and 22 days.

He had lived in Bloomfield for the last 25 years. He had worked for the City of Memphis, Tennessee for many years and was a member of the BeechGrove Baptist Church near Bloomfield. He enjoyed hunting for arrowheads, hunting, and reading.

On July 8, 1995, he was married to Alice Lee in Marion, Arkansas. She survives in the home.

Surviving are his wife, Alice Harrison of Bloomfield, Missouri; two daughters, Christy Walker of Arkansas and Mary Elizabeth Harrison of Bloomfield, Missouri; two brothers, Bill Harrison of Michigan and James Harrison of Cherry Valley, Arkansas; three sisters, Sharon Sebastian of Mississippi, Peggy Mann of West Memphis, Arkansas, and Phyllis Roney of Marion, Arkansas; twelve grandchildren, Gabriel Ervin, Cody Hornback, Jericho Hornback, Michelle Hornback, Isabella Loveless, Austin Loveless, Makayla Wimberly, Bethany Wimberly, Victoria Walker, Zachary Walker, Trinity Walker, and Tyler Eaton. Other relatives and friends also survive.

Memorial Services will be held Saturday, November 9, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri with Rev. Dwight Hensley of Bloomfield, Missouri officiating.

Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.watkinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.watkinsfuneralhome.com)

**Watkins & Sons Funeral Service**

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