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James Alva Stutts, Jr.

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James Alva Stutts, Jr.

James Alva “Al” Stutts, Jr. died at his rural Dexter home on November 23, 2013 at the age of 84.

He was born on December 27, 1928 to Lora Ethel McCain Stutts and James Alva Stutts, Sr. in Hector, Arkansas. The Stutts family moved to Dexter when Al was 14.

Al married Veleta Frances Pierce on May 24, 1949 at the Stutts home in Dexter. They were married for 64 years.

He served in the Air Force from 1951 to 1953. He later worked as a civilian flight instructor for the Air Force at Malden Air Force Base and Bainbridge Army Airfield until 1961.

Al was a farmer, a pilot and an adventurer. He and Veleta purchased land in Belize, then known as British Honduras, along with several other families. In 1967, the Stutts family moved to British Honduras where Al built roads, runways, harvested mahogany and prepared the land for planting. He also managed a banana and orange grove. Al and Veleta visited Belize many times over the years and built lasting friendships.

Al was a member of First Baptist Church of Dexter and served as a deacon. He was a member of Rotary, served as president, and helped host international visitors.

Al is survived by one son and wife Mark and Charlotte Stutts of Essex, a daughter Lisa Stutts of Dexter, a daughter and husband Debra and Mike Ebner, and a granddaughter Jacqueline Owens of Wake Forest, North Carolina. He was predeceased by his wife, Veleta Stutts.

Visitation will be Monday November 26 from 5:00 – 8:00 PM at Rainey Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter. Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday November 27 at 11:00 with Dr. Steven Easterwood officiating. Interment will follow at the Chalk Bluff Cemetery, south of Dexter.

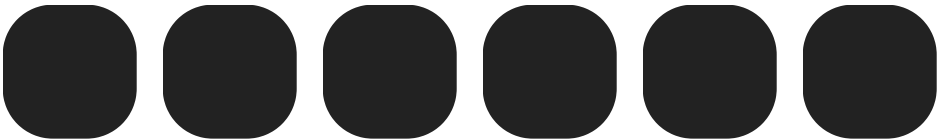
In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Chalk Bluff Cemetery.

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Willie C. Padgett, Jr.

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Willie C. Padgett, Jr.

Willie C. Padgett, Jr., son of the late Willie C. Padgett, Sr. and Pearl Covert Padgett, was born on December 22, 1936 at Cheboygan, Michigan, and passed away on November 18, 2013 at his residence in Bloomfield at the age of 76 years.

Mr. Padgett had worked as a machine operator for General Motors for thirty years. He was a veteran of the United States Army, a member of American Legion Post #382 of Bloomfield and a member of the Stoddard County Veterans Honor Guard.

On December 22, 1962, he was united in marriage to Brenda L. Elder in Cheboygan, Michigan. Mrs. Padgett survives at the home.

He lived for three things in his life, his grandson, Blake, the outdoors and a good game of cards. He was an all American kind of man who flew the American flag in his front yard and was thoroughly involved in supporting his family, friends, and community. He was loved by all friends and family and will be truly missed.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Amanda K. Wilson and her husband Robert of Essex, Missouri and one grandson, Blake Hunter Wilson.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by one brother and four sisters.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, November 22, 2013 from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Graveside services will be conducted on November 22, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield with Jerry Elder and Jack Gilles officiating.

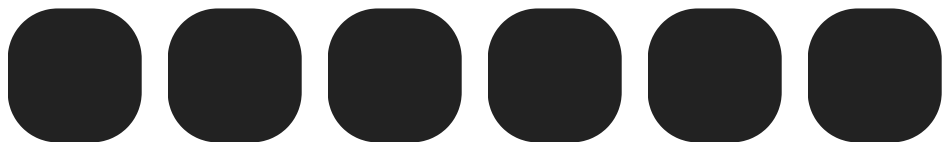
Interment will follow graveside services.

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James Lawson Childers

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James Lawson Childers

James Lawson “Squirrel” Childers, son of the late Bill Childers and Irene Moss Childers was born on May 16, 1944 in Athens, Alabama and passed away on November 16, 2013 at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau at the age of 69 years.

Mr. Childers was a member of the Church of God in Dexter, he had worked in maintenance at Holden Pallet Company in Dexter and was a resident of Dexter.

On July 16, 1991, he was united in marriage to Rachel McCoy in Bloomfield, Missouri. Mrs. Childers preceded him in death on January 23, 2013.

He is survived by two sons, William Lawson McCoy of Dexter and Virgil Childers of Portageville; by one daughter, Beverly Allen of Malden; by two brothers, Kenneth Childers of Vero Beach, Florida and Bill Childers of Arab, Missouri; and by five grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by one sister, Judy Maulden.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, November, 19, 2013 from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 11:00 A.M. with Rev. Leonard Madigan officiating.

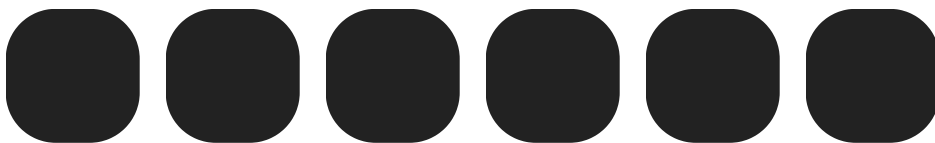
Interment will follow in the Hagy Cemetery.

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Charley Mock

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Charley Mock

Charley Mock, son of the late Sam Mock and Modena Sanford Mock was born on March 28, 1921 at Lepanto, Arkansas and departed this life in the Southeast Health of Stoddard County on November 15, 2013 at the age of 92.

Mr. Mock was the former Plant Foreman at Delta Asphalt in Cape Girardeau, a veteran of the United States Navy Seabee's serving in World War 2 and a resident of Dexter.

He was united in marriage to Goldie Smothers on February 15, 1943 at Jonesboro, Arkansas. Mrs. Mock survives of the home in Dexter.

Besides his wife, he is survived by one son and daughter in law, Charles and Mary Mock of Dexter: by one granddaughter, Shannon Chasteen: by two great-grandchildren, Davis Chasteen and Hannah Chasteen.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by several siblings.

Graveside services will be conducted at 2:00 P.M., Monday, November 18, 2013 at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery at Bloomfield with full Military Honors.

Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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David Allen Hankins

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David Allen Hankins

David Allen Hankins, son of Herbert Coy Hankins and Bonnie Gayle Meadows Hankins of Gladewater, Texas was born on September 20, 1951 in Kennett, Missouri and passed away on November 13, 2013 at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau at the age of 62 years.

Mr. Hankins was a member of the Friendship Baptist Church in Dexter, he had been employed at Federal Mogul and was a resident of Dexter.

On November 2, 1972, he was united in marriage to Janet Rae Pool in Kennett, Missouri. Mrs. Hankins survives at the home.

David was a devoted husband, loving father, and had a special love for his grandchildren. Above all, he was a humble servant in Christ until the end. He will dearly be missed.

In addition to his wife and parents, he is survived by two sons, David S. Hankins of Sikeston and Scott A. Hankins of Dexter; by one brother, James Daniel Hankins of Gladewater, Texas; by one sister, Janet Lee Hankins Robertson of Gladewater, Texas; by five grandchildren, Alison Hankins, Carson Hankins, Connor Hankins, Brennan Hankins and Tyler Hankins; and by many other nieces, nephews , cousins and other family members as well.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, November 17, 2013 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, November 18, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Lonny Mittag officiating.

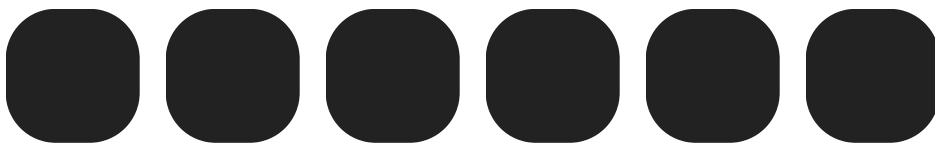
Interment will follow in the Chalk Bluff Cemetery in Dexter.

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