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David S. Wheeler

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David S. Wheeler

David S. Wheeler, son of the late Sherman Edward Wheeler and Reva Jones Wheeler was born on July 10, 1931 in St. Louis, Missouri and departed this life at his residence in Dexter, Missouri on January 27, 2014 at the age of 82 years.

Mr. Wheeler was the owner and operator of Wheeler Refrigeration, Veteran of the United States Army serving in the Korean War, 50 year member of the Belleview, Illinois Elks Lodge, and a recent member of the Dexter Elks Lodge.

On July 22, 1950 he was united in marriage to Mildred Medler in Piggott, Arkansas. Mrs. Wheeler survives of the home in Dexter.

Besides his wife, survivors include two sons, Mark Douglas Wheeler of Dexter and Scott Vincent Wheeler of Magnolia, Texas; by four grandchildren, Amy Long of Santa Barbara, California, Michael Chase Wheeler of Muldrow, Oklahoma, Nick Wheeler of College Station, Texas, and Misha Cheema of Tucson, Arizona; also by six great-grandchildren.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, David Michael Wheeler; by two brothers, Dale Wheeler and Everett Wheeler.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from 11:00 until 12:00 noon Saturday February 1, 2014.

Funeral services will then be conducted on Saturday February 1, 2014 at 12:00 noon in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter with Rev. Kenneth Biggs officiating.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery with full Military Services.

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Lillian Didine Kimes

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[Lillian Didine Kimes](#)

Lillian Dildine Kimes, daughter of the late Sam B., Sr. and Dillie Mae Fuwell Dildine, was born in Wynne, Arkansas on March 20, 1929, and passed away at the Woodland Hills Nursing Center in Marble Hill, Missouri on January 26, 2014, at the age of 84 years, 10 months and 6 days.

She had spent 22 years in Hidalgo County, Texas where she owned and operated The Bootery western store for twenty years. She also worked for Sheppard's Engineering in St. Louis and had been manager of The Cloverleaf Restaurant in Greenville. She returned to Southeast Missouri in 1992 and was living in Marble Hill. She attended the Lakeland Assembly of God Church near Wappapello.

On July 13, 1945, she was married to Robert Dildine in Blytheville, Arkansas. He preceded her in death in 1980. She later married Bill Kimes, he preceded her in death in 1990.

Surviving are three sons, Larry Dildine of St. Louis, Ronald Dildine of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, Andy Dildine of Hiram; three daughters, Diana Cook of Greenville, Carla Groves of Wappapello, Donna Greer of Marble Hill; nine grandchildren; fifteen great grandchildren; two brothers, Bill Dildine of Clarkton, Melvin Dildine of Patterson; three sisters, Ella M. Jost of Marble Hill, Linda Thurston of McAllen, Texas, and Carolyn Dildine of Jackson, Georgia. Other relatives and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by one son, Gary W. Dildine; three brothers, Sam Jr., Grover and Darlis; and two sisters, Connie Rosenberg and Delphine Goforth.

Friends may visit on Saturday, February 1, 2014, after 10:00 a.m. at the Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Clubb, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 1, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. at the Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Clubb, Missouri with Pastor Arvin Haynes of Wappapello, Missouri officiating.

Interment will be in the Wesley Chapel Cemetery near Hiram, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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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Bill Rhodes

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Bill Rhodes

Bill Rhodes, son of Shelton and Una Mae Burchfield Rhodes, was born in Kewanee, Missouri on October 25, 1938 and died at home, in Dexter, Missouri, on January 24, 2014. He was 75 years of age.

He served in the Navy from 1956 through 1960 and met his wife, Judy Wood Rhodes, while stationed at Long Beach, California. They married on August 22, 1960 and were married 53 years at the time of Bill's death.

He was an avid golfer, a devoted member of the Lion's Club and enjoyed spending winter months on the beach on South Padre Island. Bill retired from the Farm Bureau Insurance Company after being employed for over thirty years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Dexter where he had served as a youth leader, a deacon and an usher.

Bill is survived by his wife, Judy, his sister, Ann Rhodes Sweat of San Diego, California, his daughter, Carrie Rhodes Botts, of Lebanon, Missouri, his son, Jim Rhodes and daughter-in-law, Cindy Hufford Rhodes, of Bloomfield, Missouri, the

“lights of his life,” his granddaughter, Cory Botts, and grandson, Luke Rhodes, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind many close and special friends, especially his golfing buddies, the Killer B’s.

Visitation will be at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri on Monday, January 27th from 10:00-12:00 with services to follow at 12:00.

Interment will be at the Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield following the funeral service.

All arrangements will be under the direction of the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to 18 Fore Life and/or the Wounded Warrior Project.

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Jerry Barnes

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Jerry Barnes, son of the late Henry Barnes and Sylvia Dewitt Barnes was born on July 23, 1944 at Corning, Arkansas and departed this life in the Saint Francis Medical Center at Cape Girardeau on January 23, 2014 at the age of 69.

Mr. Burns attended the Master's Touch Church, was a Truck Driver for Watkins Truck Lines in Memphis, Tennessee and was a resident of Dexter.

He was united in marriage to Mary Etta James on December 8, 1979 at Bernie. She preceded him in death on July 31, 1999. He was then married to Patsy Kay Mungle Baxter on June 14, 2003 at Dexter. She survives of the home.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons and their spouses, Randy and Diane Barnes of Dexter and Steve and Julie Barnes of Cape Girardeau: by one step-son, Bobby Brotherton of Collinsville, Illinois: by one step-daughter, Paula Roberts of Dexter: by two brothers and their spouses, Danny and Debbie Barnes of Campbell and Larry and Darlene Barnes of Puxico: by three sisters and their spouses, Loretta and Don Walters of Dexter, Barbara and Kenneth Trout of Bernie, Gloria and Charlie Dean of Bernie: by a sister in law, Anglee Barnes of Bernie: by five grandchildren, by one great-granddaughter and six step grandchildren, also by several nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Besides his wife and parents, two brothers, Billy Doris Barnes and George "Lefty" Barnes, preceded him in death.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home from 9:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. Saturday, January 25, 2014.

Funeral services will then be conducted at 11:00 A.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with Rev. Everett Owens officiating.

Interment will follow in the Chalk Bluff Cemetery.

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Norma Jean Kitchen

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Norma Jean Kitchen, daughter of the late Theodore Karlish and Linda Riddle Karlish, was born on February 5, 1938 in Malden, Missouri and passed away on January 20, 2014 at Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter at the age of 75 years.

Mrs. Kitchen was a resident of Dexter and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Dexter, a Sunday school teacher and a Bible Study teacher. She had worked in sales at Spartech Plastics in Cape Girardeau and at Gideon-Anderson in Gideon and had been employed as a receptionist at the City of Dexter. She was an avid bird watcher and enjoyed reading and puzzles.

On April 30, 1960, she was united in marriage to Ronnie Kitchen in Gideon, Missouri. Mr. Kitchen preceded her in death on October 21, 1976.

She is survived by two daughters, Cynthia Kitchen Tarkington and husband Billy of Antioch, Tennessee and Penny Kitchen Okan of Dexter; by three brothers, Terry Karlish of Malden, Gary Karlish of Malden and Richard (Bojac) Karlish of Tulsa, Oklahoma; by three sisters, Sue Little of Clarkton, Joyce Nimmo of Malden and Debbie Karlish of Malden; and by one granddaughter, Macyn Okan of Dexter.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert (Bobby) Karlish and Roger Karlish.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, January 24, 2014 from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 P.M.

A memorial service will be conducted on Friday, January 24, 2014 in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel at 2:00 P.M. with Rev. Barry Winders officiating.

Donations may be made to the First United Methodist Church in Dexter and the American Cancer Society or a charity of your choice.

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