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Anice Smith

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Anice Smith

Anice Smith, daughter of the late Lambertis and Jennie VanEtten Bruggeman, was born in South Holland, Illinois, on December 2, 1927, and passed away at her home in Essex, Missouri on May 1, 2014, at the age of 86 years, 4 months, and 29 days.

She had lived in California and Russellville, Arkansas before moving to Essex two years ago. She was a member of the Calvary Temple in Russellville, Arkansas. She had worked in purchasing administration with the U. S. Navy until her retirement.

She was first married to Ernest Moore and he preceded her in death in 1993. On August 20, 1994, she was married to Thomas Brooks Smith in Coarsegold, California. He preceded her in death on March 5, 2014.

Surviving are four sons, Gerald Moore of Las Vegas, Nevada, Monte Virgil Moore of California, Bart Allen Moore of Washington and Gary Smith of Essex, Missouri; two grandchildren; five great grandchildren; one brother, Clarence Bruggeman of California; and one sister, Connie Sutton of Mississippi. Other relatives and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by one grandson, Cody Meyers; two nephews, Gary & Danny Bruggeman; two sisters, Hilda Brant and one in infancy; and one brother, Johnny Bruggeman.

Friends may call on Monday May 5, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Graveside services will be held Monday, May 5, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. at the Missouri

Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with Rev. Kenneth Biggs of Dexter, Missouri officiating.

Interment with be in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.watkinsfuneralhome.com
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Chlora Christian

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[Chlora Christian](#)

Chlora Christian, daughter of the late James David Lemons and Frances Heath Lemons was born on February 24, 1927 in Essex and passed away on April 30, 2014 at the Southeast Health Center of Cape Girardeau at the age of 87.

Mrs. Christian was a member of the Risen Church in Dexter, a resident of Dexter and was retired from Elder's Manufacturing after working there for forty-six years.

On April 10, 1943 she was united in marriage to Truman Christian in Piggott, Arkansas. Mr. Christian survives of their home in Dexter.

Besides her husband she is survived by three sons, Dale (Linda) Christian of Paragould, Arkansas, Gary (Patty) Christian of Dexter and Jerry (Ann) Christian of Columbia, Missouri; by six grandchildren, Matt, Laurie, Dave, Stephanie, Cindy and Jason; by eight great-grandchildren, Chloe, Lauren, Caden, Eden, Nicholas, Elizabeth, Emma Lea and Aubrie; and by one great-great-grandchild, Lexis.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son in infancy; by five brothers, Pate Lemons, Claud Lemons, John Lemons, Jim Lemons and Russel Lemons; by three sisters, Toots Peck, Opal Hart and Lizzie Hayes; and by three grandchildren, Mark, Angela and Brad Christian.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted on Sunday, May 4, 2014 at 2:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with Rev. Joshua Carpenter and Rev. Steve Tippen officiating.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

"In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Risen Church. Envelopes will be available at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home."

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Ivy John Keeling

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Ivy John Keeling

Ivy John "I.J." Keeling, son of the late Harry Ray and Easter Johns Keeling, was born in Centerville, Arkansas on August 17, 1931, and passed away at the St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri on April 26, 2014, at the age of 82 years, 8 months and 9 days.

He had lived in Arkansas but had spent most of his life in Southeast Missouri. He had worked in shipyard maintenance as a welder before his retirement. He was associated with Jehovah's Witnesses and was a veteran of the U. S. Army where he served during the Korean Conflict.

On November 3, 1986, he was married to Grace Lee Maddox in Blytheville, Arkansas.

Surviving are his wife, Grace Lee Keeling of Dexter; two step-daughters, Pat Ellis and Jodi Wyatt both of Dexter, Missouri; four step-sons, Mike and Darrell Burris both of Dexter, Larry Burris of Bates City, Missouri, Eddie Burris of St. Louis; fourteen grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren; and one sister, Loretta VanHuss of Poplar Bluff.

Other relatives and friends also survive. He was preceded in death by one great grandson, Andy Burris and one brother, Hollis Hayse Keeling.

Visitations will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2014, after 12:30 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Memorial Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter with Elder Jesse Lacy of Dexter officiating.

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

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.watkinsfuneralhome.com

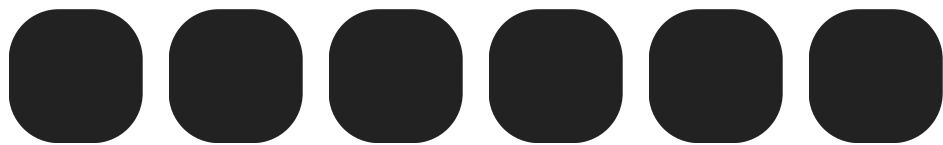
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James Henry Biggs

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James Henry Biggs

James Henry Biggs, son of the late James Henry and Martha Jane Schultz Biggs, was born in Senath, Missouri on June 20, 1931, and passed away at the Golden Living Center in Malden, Missouri on April 27, 2014, at the age of 82 years, 10 months and 7 days.

He was a lifelong resident of Southeast Missouri and had lived in the Parma area most of his life. He had worked at Noranda Aluminum and as a farmer. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Parma. He was a part-time mechanic and loved working on engines.

Surviving are one son, Danny Biggs of Parma; four grandchildren, Jennifer Rackley of Malden, Rebecca Hager of Poplar Bluff, Jamie C. Biggs of Benton, and Erin Biggs of Bernie; one sister, Betty Jo Tally of Poplar Bluff. Other relatives and friends also survive. He was preceded in death by seven brothers, Floyd, Neavle, Eugene, Ira, Winfred, Harold and Dean Biggs; and four sisters, Ruby King, Freda Woolff, Rosemary Rushing and Doris Gist.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2014, after 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Parma, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Parma with the Rev. Kerry Stokes of Charleston, Missouri officiating.

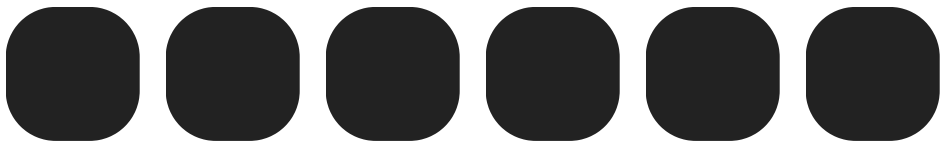
Interment will be in the Bernie Cemetery in Bernie, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Parma in charge of arrangements.

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Kenneth Paul Vandeven

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Kenneth Paul Vandeven

Kenneth Paul Vandeven, son of the late Edward Henry Vandeven and Dorothy Elfrink Vandeven was born on December 3, 1937 in Cape Girardeau and passed away on April 26, 2014 at his residence in Bloomfield at the age of 76.

Mr. Vandeven was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dexter, a member of the Knights of Columbus in Dexter, he was a truck driver for Elfrink Truck Line for thirty-eight years and was an employee for W.W. Wood Products for eight years.

He was first united in marriage to Carolyn Shipman on April 23, 1960 in Dexter, she preceded him in death on July 29, 1986. He was then united in marriage to Phyllis Robinett Layton on May 14, 1988 in Bloomfield. Mrs. Vandeven survives of their residence in Bloomfield.

Besides his wife he is survived by two sons, Drake Vandeven and Landon Layton both of Dexter; by four daughters, Christie (Michael) DeArman of Dexter, Aimee Vandeven of Dexter, Jennifer Layton of Bloomfield and Leslie (Aaron) Kyle of Dexter; by two brothers, Dale Vandeven of DeSoto, Missouri and John Vandeven of Bloomfield; by two sisters, Kathleen Barr of Springfield, Illinois and Ida Joan Rowland of Poplar Bluff; by seven grandchildren, Kenneth (Brooke) DeArman,

Caroline DeArman, Kendall Pullum, Ashleigh Smith, Amber Smith, Tucker Kyle and Garrett Kyle and by one great-grandchild, Rhyan Pullum.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, April 28, 2014 from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.

A Rosary Service will be conducted at 7:00 P.M. Funeral Mass will be conducted on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dexter with Father David Dohogne officiating.

Interment will follow in the Bloomfield cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the 18 Fore Life Charity, c/o Scott Kruse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, Missouri 63841.

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