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### Donald E. Melton

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Donald E. Melton

**Donald E. Melton**, son of the late Mattie Christine Melton, was born in St. Louis, Missouri on November 26, 1931, and passed away at his home in Puxico on June 30, 2014, at the age of 82 years, 6 months and 4 days.

He had lived in Lee Vining, California, Houston, Texas and St. Louis before moving to Puxico in 1980. He had worked for the St. Louis County Water Company and at Arvin Automotive. He is a member of the Puxico Christian Church. He served in the U. S. Air Force.

On June 10, 1954, he was married to Helen Green in St. Louis, Missouri.

Surviving are his wife, Helen Melton of Puxico; one daughter & husband, Lana & Patrick Kelley of Poplar Bluff; two sons and wife, Robin Melton of Wappapello, Derek & Michelle Melton of Puxico; seven grandchildren, Heather McNew, Ian Kelley, Ethan, Tanner, Logan, Ben and Emily Melton; two great grandchildren, Bradley & Kyle McNew. Other family and friends also survive.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday July 5, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. at the Puxico Christian Church in Puxico, Missouri.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.watkinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.watkinsfuneralhome.com)  
Watkins & Sons Funeral Service  
[info@watkinsfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@watkinsfuneralhome.com) or phone 573 624 3548

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## Donald Ray Martin

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[Donald Ray Martin](#)

**Donald Ray Martin**, son of the late Charles Martin and Frances George Martin, was born on March 13, 1929 in Forrestdale, Ohio and departed this life on June 25, 2014 at the Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau at the age of 85.

Mr. Martin was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Dexter. He retired from the United States Navy after serving in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He had worked as a business consultant for a printing company and was a resident of Dexter.

He was united in marriage to Mary Virginia Lee in Blytheville, Arkansas. Mrs. Martin survives at the home.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by six daughters, Donna Frost of Santa Barbara, California, Lynn Chavez of Alpine, California, Laura McClain of Spring Valley, California, Linda Dixon of Dexter, Jackie Murphy of Poway, California and Dawn Bennett of Dexter; and by fourteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at the First United Methodist Church in Dexter Friday, June 27, 2014 from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted at the First United Methodist Church at 1:00 P.M. with Rev. Barry Winders officiating.

Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri.

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# Raymond Whitehead

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Raymond Whitehead

**Raymond Whitehead**, son of the late Joe Whitehead and Zetta Wilson Whitehead was born in Naylor, Missouri on March 16, 1927 and departed this life at Baisch Nursing Center in DeSoto, Missouri on June 26, 2014 at the age of 87.

Mr. Whitehead was retired from the Painting Industry, having served as Vice-President of Bush and Latta Painting. He was a resident of Farmington, Missouri.

He was united in marriage to Dorothy Whitehead in Piggot, Arkansas on June 22, 1946. Mrs. Whitehead preceded her husband in death on December 24, 2011.

Survivors include two daughters, Sandra Bannister of Farmington, Missouri and by Cathy Schanz of Festus, Missouri; by three sisters, Bonnie Hinton of Pevely, Missouri, Connie Steven of the state of Illinois and Joeann Shrum of the state of Utah; by five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Also by other relatives and friends.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Monday, June 30, 2014 from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M.

Funeral Services will then be conducted at 12:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Bernie. Interment will follow in Bethany Cemetery, Campbell, Missouri.

Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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## Jake Grubbs

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### Jake Grubbs

**Jake Grubbs**, son of the late Callie and Pearl Grubbs, was born on April 13, 1926 in Parma, Missouri and departed this life on June 26, 2014 at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau at the age of 88.

Mr. Grubbs was a veteran of the United States Army and served during World War II. He had worked as a Janitor for Purolater Manufacturing in Dexter and was a resident of Dexter.

On March 12, 1945 he was united in marriage to Jean Ann Grubbs in Parma, Missouri. Mrs. Grubbs preceded him in death on August 12, 2009.

He is survived by three sons, Russell Grubbs of Bloomfield, Roger Grubbs of Dexter and Donald Grubbs of Wappapello; by five daughters, Debra "Debby" Grubbs, Patsy McCoy, Mary Tucker, Wanda "Cookie" West, all of Dexter and Christina Grubbs of Doniphan; and by nineteen grandchildren, thirty-three great-grandchildren and twelve great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, John Grubbs, Oakley Grubbs and Lloyd Grubbs; by three sisters, Polly Grubbs-Ross, Edna Grubbs Williamson and Theda Grubbs Rodgers; by two grandsons, Derek Lee Turner and Robert McCoy; by one granddaughter, Diana Holderfield;

and by one great-grandson, Eric McCoy.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, June 29, 2014 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Monday, June 30, 2014 at 10:30 A.M. with Sister Karen Oldham-Hardin officiating.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery with full military honors.

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## Kaden Phillip Robert

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Kaden Phillip Robert

**In Loving Memory of Kaden Phillip Robert**, 15 of Benton, MO died Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, MO. He was born June 2, 1999 in Cape Girardeau, MO to David Aaron and Rhonda Rochelle Riley Robert.

Kaden was a sophomore at Kelly High School, a member of Baseball team, Football team, pep club and an Honor Roll Student.

He is survived by his parents, David and Rhonda Robert of Benton; a sister Claire Robert of the home; maternal grandparents, Richard Riley of Blodgett and Carol Riley of Benton; paternal grandparents, David & Carla Robert of Benton; paternal great grandparents, Bill & Pat Schlosser and Mary Ann Robert all of Benton.

Visitation will be from 4:00 – 8:00 PM on Friday at Kelly High School Gymnasium in Benton, MO.

Funeral mass will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday at St. Denis Catholic Church in Benton with Rev. Michael Casteel as celebrant.

Burial will be in St. Denis Catholic Cemetery.

### **Funeral Service**

Friday June 27, 2014, 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM at Kelly High School Gymnasium

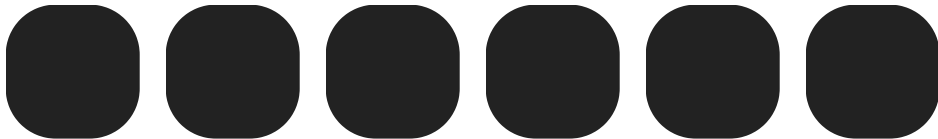
### **Funeral Mass**

Saturday June 28, 2014, 11:00 AM at St. Denis Catholic Church

### **Interment**

Saturday June 28, 2014 at St. Denis Cemetery

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