### **Obituaries**

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## Jack Huckstep

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Jack Huckstep

**John ''Jack'' Huckstep,** the son of the late John W. and Reubie Mills Huckstep, was born in Cairo, Illinois on July 19, 1948, and passed away at the Missouri Delta Medical Center in Sikeston, Missouri on July 13, 2014, at the age of 65 years, 11 months and 24 days.

Mr. Huckstep had been raised in Charleston and had lived in Essex the past 12 years. He was a self-employed lawn mower mechanic and was a member of the Church on the Rock in Morehouse, Missouri.

He was married to Peggy Easler in Bertrand, Missouri.

Surviving are his wife, Peggy Huckstep of Essex; four sons, Zachary Clark-Huckstep of Cape Girardeau, Matthew Huckstep of East Prairie, John Huckstep of Evansville, Illinois, Chris Huckstep of Tennessee; two daughters, Elaine Hamilton and Jo Birt both of Springfield, Missouri; and one sister, Johnna Hall of Springfield, Missouri. Other relatives and friends also survive. He was preceded in death by one sister, Carol Walker and one brother, Ronnie Huckstep.

There are no services scheduled at this time with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service in charge of arrangements.

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

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## Charles Eugene Christian

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Charles Eugene Christian

**Charles Eugene Christian**, son of the late Warner Christian and Erma Harris Christian, was born on January 29, 1937 in Puxico, Missouri and departed this life on July 11, 2014 at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau at the age of 77 years.

Since 1962, Mr. Christian owned and operated Christian's Store in Bloomfield and was a resident of Bloomfield.

On October 27, 1956, he was united in marriage to Jean DeLay in Hernando, Mississippi. Mrs. Christian survives at the home.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, Chuck (Masami) Christian of Honolulu, Hawaii, Mark (Jessica) Christian of Puxico and James Christian of Poplar Bluff; by two daughters, Sharon Sullivan of Paducah, Kentucky and Julie (Michael) Christian-White of Godfrey, Illinois; by one brother, Allen (Thelma) Christian of Dexter; by two sisters, Virginia (T.C.) Milner of Bloomfield and Betty McDougal of Sikeston; and by nine grandchildren, Christian Sullivan, Norika Christian, Jackson Christian, Lydia Christian, Chase White, Morgan White, Aaron White, Seth White and Zach White.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, John Charles Christian; by two brothers, Harold Christian and Carroll Christian; and by three sisters, Deane Kirby, Maxine Underwood and Geneva Lewis.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, July 13, 2014 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, July 14, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Alice Fowler officiating.

Interment will follow in the Bloomfield Cemetery.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church, 706 West Missouri Street, Bloomfield, Missouri 63825 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P. O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, Tennessee 38101-9908.

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## Robert Lee King

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Robert Lee King

**Robert Lee King**, age 56, died Friday, July 11, 2014 at his home in Sikeston, Missouri.

Born May 16, 1958 in Sikeston, son of the late L.E. and Lillian (Harder) King.

Robert was a self employed farmer of King Farm & Sons. He attended New Life Ministries at New Madrid and was of the Baptist faith.

On June 20, 1988 he married Janie (Mulcahy) King, she survives of the home.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Nathen King of Blodgett, Missouri and Sam King of Sikeston; two daughters, Amber Barnes of Essex, Missouri and Liza King of the home; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Bill & Virginia King of East Prairie, Missouri, Pete King of Sikeston and Jack & Janet King of Madisonville, Tennessee; two sisters-in-law and their husbands, Debbie & Eddie Rofkahr and Kay & John Seiler all of Sikeston; and six grandchildren, Jesse, Alex, Waylan, Joshua, Will and Lane.

Visitation will be held Sunday, July 13, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Ponder Funeral Home, where funeral services will be held Monday, July 14, at 10:00 a.m. The Rev. Scott Sutton, pastor of New Life Ministries in New Madrid, will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Sikeston.

Pallbearers will be Robert's nephews, Jeff King, Greg King, Chad King, Jason King, Zach Petty, Charles Mulcahy II, Joey Seiler and Lee Roy King II.

Honorary pallbearers will be Glen Deal, Bob Deal, Big Terry Manes, Little Terry Manes, Terry Curry, David Hough, Vern Knuckles, Terry Landers and Uncle Johnny King.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Robert King Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 910, Sikeston, MO 63801.

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## Dianne Curtis

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#### **Dianne Curtis**

**Dianne Curtis,** daughter of the late Elvie Childress and Bernice Viola Beal Clark, was born on April 12, 1945 in Tiptonville, Tennessee and departed this life on July 6, 2014 at Cedargate Skilled Nursing Facility in Poplar Bluff at the age of 69 years.

Mrs. Curtis was a member of the Bernie Church of Christ, a homemaker and a resident of Malden.

In September 1962, she was united in marriage to Ronnie Joe Curtis in Malden, Missouri. Mr. Curtis preceded her in death on August 24, 2009.

She is survived by two sons, Curt Curtis (Jill) of Poplar Bluff and Kevin Curtis (Cathy) of Bernie; by one brother, Tommy Clark of Ocala, Florida; by one sister, Glenda Clark of Pottsville, Arkansas; by two grandchildren, Caledonia Curtis of Bernie and Andrew Curtis (Caitlyn) of Cabool; and by three great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Thursday, July 10, 2014 from 5:00 P.M. to 6:15 P.M.

Graveside services will be conducted at the Bernie Cemetery in Bernie, Missouri on Thursday, July 10, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. with Bro. Stan Dauk officiating. Interment will follow the graveside service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 1500 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite 200, Manhattan Beach, California 90266.

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# Lyman Fowler

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Lyman Fowler

**Lyman Fowler,** son of the late Floyd and Lottie Helderman Fowler, was born in Advance, Missouri on April 6, 1926, and passed away at his home in Puxico on July 4, 2014, at the age of 88 years, 2 months and 28 days.

He had lived in the Puxico area most of his life. He had worked for the Missouri Highway Department, farmed and had driven a school bus for the Puxico School District for 26 years. He was a member of the Corinth General Baptist Church where he had served as a deacon for forty years. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army and was a lifetime member of V.F.W. Post 7822 in Puxico and the D.A.V. He had also been inducted in the Southeast Missouri Baseball Hall of Fame. He helped organize the Little League Baseball Program in Puxico, loved hunting, fishing and was a St. Louis Cardinals fan.

On November 1, 1946, he was married to Mary Belle Scott in Bloomfield, Missouri. She preceded him in death on June 5, 2005.

Surviving are two sons & wives, Dennis & Ava Fowler of Advance, Missouri, Kenny & Bambi Fowler of Jackson, Missouri; two daughters & husbands, Tammy & Joe Wilson of Puxico, Missouri, Becky & Curt Richman of Dexter, Missouri; ten grandchildren, Shelly Clark, Amanda Fortner, Rebecca Arends, Christopher Fowler, Heidi Langston, Hannah Robinson, Jason Fowler, Brittney Huffman, Amber Fowler and Annie Wilson; eighteen great grandchildren; one brother, Harvey Fowler of Puxico; and one sister, Elwanda Seabree of Dudley. Other family and friends also survive. He was preceded in death by one brother, Floyd Fowler and Barbara Oliver.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday July 8, 2014, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Puxico, Missouri. V.F.W. services will be at 7:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday July 9, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Puxico, Missouri with Bro. Bob Bradford of Delta and Bro. Ray Placher of Puxico officiating.

Interment will follow at 1:00 p.m. in the Missouri Veteran's Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Puxico in charge of arrangements.

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