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Carolyn Seabaugh Eldridge

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Carolyn Seabaugh Eldridge

Carolyn Seabaugh Eldridge, daughter of the late Elmer B. Cook and Geneva V. Bess Cook, was born on March 6, 1950 in Marble Hill, Missouri and departed this life on August 9, 2014 at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau at the age of 64 years.

Mrs. Eldridge attended First Baptist Church of Dexter. She was a former bus driver for the Dexter School District, a homemaker and a resident of Dexter.

On January 25, 1991, she was united in marriage to Brad Eldridge in Chaffee, Missouri. Mr. Eldridge preceded her in death on February 28, 2010.

She is survived by one son, Chris Seabaugh of Dexter; by two sisters, Frances Rossi and Kathy Lynn Cook of Dexter; by her mother-in-law, Mildred Eldridge of Chaffee; and by her sister-in-law, Robin Graham of Patton, Missouri.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Claude Cook, Danny Cook and Lyman Cook; and by two sisters, Janice Cook and Dianna Brown.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, August 14, 2014 from 12:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.

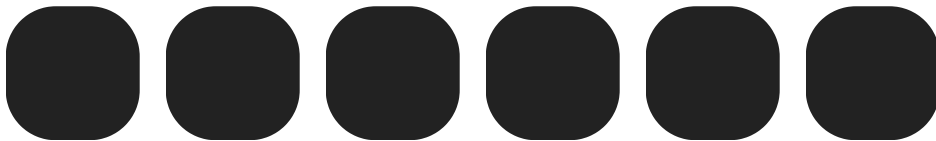
Funeral services will then be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 2:30 P.M. with Rev. Tim Russell officiating.

Interment will follow in the Essex Cemetery.

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Wilbert Gisi

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[Wilbert Gisi](#)

Wilbert “Fib” Gisi, son of the late Edmond and Iva Morrison Gisi was born on July 20, 1924 in Essex and passed away on August 10, 2014 at Southeast Health of Stoddard County at the age of 90.

Mr. Gisi was a member of the Hopewell General Baptist Church and a farmer. He will be remembered by his family as a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Mr. and Mrs. Gisi have enjoyed watching their grandchildren and great-grandchildren participate in their various activities over the last several

years.

On October 19, 1945 he was united in marriage to Nina Pauline Warren in Arkansas. He is survived by Mrs. Gisi who resides in their home in Essex.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three children and their spouses, Ronald (Becky) Gisi of Bloomfield, Vicki (James) Vaughn of Dexter and Sherry (Harold) Freeman of Dexter; by one sister, Jo Hice of Dexter; by one sister in law, Lela Mae Gisi; by four grandchildren and their spouses, Jennifer (Lee) Barnes of Dexter, Emily (Ryan) Carpenter of Paragould, Arkansas, Brandon (Christy) Vaughn of Dexter and Jamie Vaughn of Hopkinsville, Kentucky; and by six great-grandchildren, Lexie Barnes, Lauren Barnes, Cash Carpenter, Carly Ryan Carpenter, Brayden Vaughn and Mabree Vaughn.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers, Charles Gisi, Harold Gisi, Raymond Gisi, Glennon Gisi and Eugene Gisi; and by two sisters, Ethel French and Stella Gisi.

Visitation was held at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, August 11, 2014 from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday, August 11, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Steve Tippen officiating.

Interment followed in the Dexter Cemetery.

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Bessie Ruth Simpson

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Bessie Ruth Simpson

Bessie Ruth Simpson is the daughter of the late Fred and Stella (Robinson) Melton, was born on September 28, 1920. The eldest of 10 children and finished her life's journey on August 9, 2014, at the age 93 of years 10 months and 12 days.

On July 1, 1938, she married Charles Lewis Simpson Sr. in Dexter, Missouri. They were married 60 years when God called home her soul mate and best friend.

Mrs. Simpson lived in Dexter and worked at the Elder's Shirt Factory until she and her family moved to Pontiac MI. in 1980. She became a nurse and worked at Sister Kenny's Contagious Hospital until TB & Polo was eradicated. She then worked at Pontiac General Hospital. Later she worked for the Oakland County Children's Center until she retired in 1972. She and her husband, Lewis, then moved back to Dexter and lived there until they moved to Cape Girardeau in 1995.

After moving to Cape Girardeau, Mrs. Simpson volunteered at SFMC, logging over 3000 volunteer hours. She was very active member in her church First Church of The Nazarene, both in Dexter, Mo. and in Cape Girardeau. In later years, she attend Cape First with her daughter.

Surviving are 2 sons Charles L. Simpson Jr. (Sue) of Las Vegas Nevada, and Billy E Simpson (Linda) of The Villages Florida. 2 daughters Joyce M Oliver (Paul) of Las Vegas Nevada, and Nancy K Johnson (Dan) of Jackson. 20 grandchildren and many great grandchildren. One sister Doris Hoopinger of Dexter, Mo. & One brother Frank Melton of Millington TN. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Charles Lewis Simpson Sr. & 1 son Jackie D. Simpson, 5 brothers & 2 sisters.

Friends may call at Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri, from 1-2:30 p, with services to follow on Tuesday, August 12, 2014.

Interment will be at Dexter Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Home in charge of arrangements.

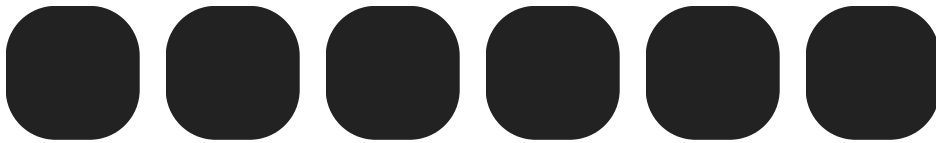
Memorials maybe made to the Volunteer Department @ Saint Francis Medical Center or Southeast Missouri Hospice, Cape Girardeau.

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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Earl Burlison

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Earl Burleson

Earl Burleson, son of the late Amos Burleson and Anna Hill Burleson was born on May 12, 1964 in Bernie, Missouri and departed this life on August 4, 2014 at his residence in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 50 years.

He was united in marriage to Jo Ann Kirkman on December 16, 1993 in Dexter, Missouri.

Survivors include his wife, Jo Burleson of the home in Dexter; by two sons, Danny and wife Gina Kirkman, and Martin and wife Tina Risse; by two granddaughters, Abby and Lilly Risse; four brothers Glen Burleson, Tommy Burleson, Jim Burleson, and Randy Burleson; also by many other loved ones and friends.

Gravesides services will be conducted on Tuesday August 5, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. in the Dexter Cemetery with Rev. Jimmy Kirby officiating.

Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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Bobby Gean Finch

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Bobby Gean Finch

Bobby Gean Finch, son of the late Charles Fuson Finch and Eucel Macel Parker Finch, was born on May 12, 1947 in Malden, Missouri, and passed away on August 3, 2014 at SoutheastHEALTH in Cape Girardeau at the age of 67 years.

Mr. Finch was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Bernie. He had worked as a certified electrician at Media Press in Sikeston and was a resident of Bernie.

On November 22, 1964, he was united in marriage to Verbia Aldrich in Dudley, Missouri. She survives.

He is also survived by one son, Bobby Eugene Finch of Bloomfield, Missouri; by two daughters, Verbia Lee Parker and Carolyn Ann Longhibler, both of Dexter; by three brothers, Charles Finch of Malden, Joe Finch and Marvin Finch of Dexter; by five grandchildren, Robert Finch, David Saylor, David Finch, Daniel Finch and Bobbi Ann Finch; by seven great-grandchildren; and by his companion, Tresa Davidson of Bernie.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Ruben Finch, Thomas Finch and Aubrey Lee Finch; and by one sister, Virginia Viola Finch.

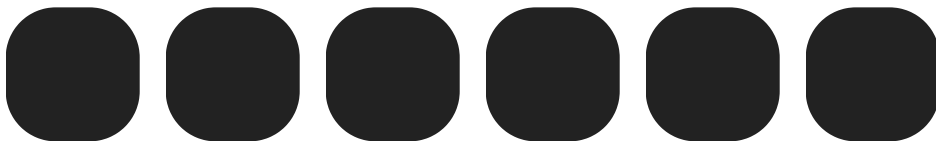
Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 from 9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at 11:00 A.M. with Rev. Hubert Robinson officiating.

Interment will follow in the Smith-Stevenson Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri.

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