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### Michael D. Whitley, Sr.

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Michael D. Whitley, Sr.

**Michael D. Whitley, Sr.**, son of Billie Durbin Whitley of New Madrid, Missouri and the late Wilburn Wayne Whitley, was born on June 27, 1953 in Gideon, Missouri and departed this life on September 8, 2014 in the Emergency Department of Southeast Health Center of Stoddard County in Dexter at the age of 61.

Mr. Whitley had worked as a supervisor at a plastic plant and was a resident of Dexter.

On September 5, 1984, he was united in marriage to Donna Miller in Portageville, Missouri. Mrs. Whitley survives of the home.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by five sons, Brian Whitley of Rutherford, Tennessee, Michael Joseph Whitley of Trenton, Tennessee, Jessie Aaron Whitley of Milan, Tennessee, Mathew Miller Whitley of Dexter and Michael Dewayne Whitley, Jr. of Lilbourn; by two daughters, Jennifer Cross of Bradford, Tennessee and Katie Whitley of Dexter; by one brother, Mark Whitley of Sikeston; and by thirteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Besides his father, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Heather Michelle Whitley; and by one grandchild.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, September 12, 2014 from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

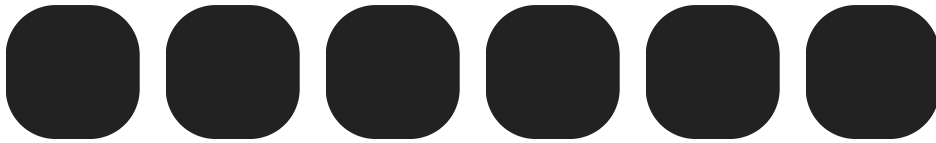
Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel at 1:00 P.M. with Rev. Tim Russell officiating.

Interment will follow in the Hagy Cemetery, Dexter, Missouri.

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## Charles Victor Orr

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[Charles Victor Orr](#)

**Charles Victor Orr**, son of the late Nicholas Cleveland and Ita Whittington Orr, was born in Dudley, Missouri on January 11, 1923, and passed away at the Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter, Missouri on September 10, 2014, at the age of 91 years, 7 months and 30 days.

On April 2, 1943, he was married to Jewell Elizabeth Eavenson in Dudley, Missouri. She

preceded him in death on October 1, 2007.

Mr. Orr had lived in Dudley most of his life, working as a carpenter and logger; in his later years he worked for the Corp of Engineers and retired in 1988. He was a member of the Dudley Community Church, he enjoyed flea markets but his passion was documenting Native American Indian sites in Southeast Missouri. He served as a trustee of the Missouri Archaeological Society.

Mr. Orr served in the U. S. Third Army as a combat engineer during World War II under General George S. Patton. He participated in four military campaigns: Rhineland, Northern France, Central Europe and Ardennes (Battle of the Bulge). He was honorably discharged on November 3, 1945.

Surviving are one son & wife, Darryl & Diana Orr of Dexter, Missouri; one daughter & husband, Nicki & Bill Allen of Ste. Genevieve, Missouri; four grandchildren, Kristie, Lindsey, Taylor & David; and eight great grandchildren. Other relatives and many friends also survive. He was preceded in death by four sisters, Kathryn, Margaret, Ina, and Peggy; and three brothers, John, Carroll and Raymond.

Friends may call on Saturday September 13, 2014, from 9:00 to 11:00 am at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday September 13, 2007, at 11:00 AM at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter, Missouri with the Rev. Greg Meadows of Dudley, Missouri officiating.

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

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.watkinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.watkinsfuneralhome.com)

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## Erica Lyn Gentry

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Erica Lyn Gentry

**Erica Lyn Gentry** of Dexter, daughter of Steve & Terri Bishop, was born in Sikeston, Missouri on April 1, 1986, and passed away at the Southeast Health Care of Stoddard County in Dexter, Missouri on September 8, 2014, at the age of 28 years, 5 months and 7 days.

She had lived in Sikeston before moving to Dexter, Missouri in 1998. She had a Bachelor of Arts in Music and was a member of the Shady Acres Church of Christ in Sikeston. Her passion was her music and she enjoyed cross stitching.

Surviving are her parents, Steve & Terri Bishop of Dexter; two brothers, Christian and Gabriel Gentry both of Sikeston; one sister, Jessica Gentry of Sikeston; her paternal grandmother, Lenora Bishop of Dexter; her maternal grandparents, Lewis & Irene Phillips of Sikeston. Other relatives and friends also survive.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Everett Bishop and grandparents, W. H. & Dorothy Gentry.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2014, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Shady Acres Church of Christ, 1440 Ables Rd., Sikeston, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, September 12, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at the Shady Acres Church of Christ in Sikeston, Missouri with Bro. Harold Luscombe of Paducah, Kentucky officiating.

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

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## Harold Junior Foster

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## Harold Junior Foster

**Harold Junior Foster**, of Bloomfield, son of the late Issac Howard and Susie Foster, was born in Maynard, Arkansas on December 7, 1929, and passed away at the V. A. Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Missouri on September 7, 2014, at the age of 84 years and 9 months.

He had lived in Bloomfield most of his life and had worked as a janitor at the Stoddard County Courthouse for twenty-four years. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army.

On December 11, 1955 he was married to Dorthey Aline Helms. She preceded him in death on December 15, 2005.

Surviving are two sons, Harold E. Foster and Danny West of Bloomfield; three daughters, Carol Harmon of Kansas City, Vicky Glass of Bloomfield, Sherry Clevenger of Marquand; eleven grandchildren; many great grandchildren; several great great grandchildren; one brother, George Foster of Puxico and one sister, Kathryn Ruble of Kansas City. Other relatives and friends also survive. He was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Diana Holderfield, one brother, Harlan Foster, and three sisters, Mary Wooley, Joann Foster and Charlene Griffin.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday, September 10, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. at the Missouri Veteran's Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with Pastor Jimmy Fingers of Dexter officiating.

Interment will be in the Missouri Veteran's Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with full military honors. Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home of Bloomfield in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.watkinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.watkinsfuneralhome.com)

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## Addie Ann Beck

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[Addie Ann Beck](#)

**Addie Ann Beck** of Dexter, daughter of the late Clarence Rufus and Vera Grace Whitehorn Powell, was born in Dudley, Missouri on March 18, 1947, and passed away at the Southeast Healthcare of Stoddard County in Dexter, Missouri on September 3, 2014, at the age of 67 years, 5 months and 16 days.

She had lived in Dudley, Missouri most of her life. She had worked as a waitress and was a member of the Faith Community Church in Dudley.

On February 14, 1996, she was married to Bill Beck in Piggott, Arkansas. He preceded her in death on April 25, 2008.

Surviving are two brothers & wives, Bill & Belinda Powell of Dudley and John & Betty Powell of Dexter. Other relatives and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Jim and Bob Powell; and one sister, Mary Dowdy.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, September 7, 2014, after 1:00 p.m. at the Faith Community Church in Dudley.

Memorial services will be held on Sunday, September 7, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. at the Faith Community Church in Dudley, Missouri with Bro. Jerry Martin of Fisk officiating.

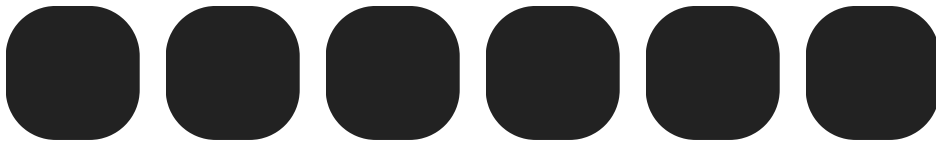
Interment will be in the Dudley Cemetery in Dudley, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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