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Wretha Mae Minton

JANUARY 05TH 2015 BY DEE LOFLIN

Wretha Mae Minton

Wretha Mae Minton, daughter of the late Clarence David Cobb and Nancy Elizabeth Lyons Cobb was born in Corning, Arkansas on January 18, 1929 and departed this life at Golden Living Center in Malden on January 4, 2015 at the age of 85.

Mrs. Minton was a homemaker and was a member of Abundant Life Church of Rural Bernie, Missouri.

She was united in marriage to Joe Robert William, he preceded her in death in 1971. She also was united in marriage to Frank R. Minton and he preceded her in death on 1991.

Survivors include six sons, Robert Lee Williams of Yermo, California, Ronnie Williams of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, David Williams of Holcomb, Missouri, Donnie Williams of Dexter, Missouri, Ricky Williams of Parma, Missouri and Randolph Williams of Malden, Missouri; five daughters, Carol Lacey of Scott City, Missouri, Peggy Weems of Malden, Missouri, Ann Weems of O'Fallon, Missouri, Patricia Chance of Bernie, Missouri and Barbara Jo Castleberry of St. Louis, Missouri; by three brothers, Joe Cobb, Jerry Cobb and Gene Cobb all of Bernie, Missouri; by two sisters, Vernell Ross of Campbell, Missouri and Bonnie Sue Fouse of Hooston, Illinois; by 53 grandchildren and 97 Great-Grandchildren and 40 Great-Great-Grandchildren; also by other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death other than by her parents and her husbands, by two sons, Wayne Williams and Steven Joe Williams; by three daughters, Joyce Moore, Mona Weems and Betty Carroll Couch; by three brothers, Willie Cobb, Leon Cobb and Vonda Cobb.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Bernie at 1:00 P.M.

Interment will follow in the Bernie Cemetery. Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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Gilbert David Atchison

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Gilbert David Atchison

Gilbert David Atchison, son of the late John Gilbert Atchison and Myrtle Louise Ashworth Atchison was born in Lennox, Tennessee on March 12, 1936 and departed this life in Crowley Ridge Care Center, Dexter, Missouri on January 1, 2015 at the age of 78.

Mr. Atchison was Foreman at Brown Shoe Company of Bernie, Missouri and was a member of Bernie General Baptist Church.

He was united in marriage to Evelyn Earline Mott on June 26, 1952. He later was united in marriage to Alice Cook in June 25, 1987. Both survive.

Other survivors include two sons, Stanley David Atchison of Clarkton, Missouri and Terry Gene Atchison & wife Angel of Essex, Missouri; by one step-son, Rick Cook & wife Roxanne of Bernie, Missouri; by two daughters, Carol Evelyn Walker & husband Tom and Deborah Ann Johnson & husband Jim all of Bernie, Missouri; by one step daughter, Sherri Fry & Husband Glen of Rolla, Missouri; by one brother Walter Atchison & Wife Florence of Jackson, Missouri; by eleven Grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; also by other relatives and friends.

Other than his parents he was preceded in death by one brother Robert Atchison.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Saturday, January 3, 2015 from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie starting at 1:00 P.M. with Rev. Chad Cook officiating.

Interment will follow in the Bernie Cemetery.

Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in charge of all arrangements.

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Walter Berrel Guilliams

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Walter Berrel Guilliams

Walter Berrel Guilliams, 81, of Jackson, passed away Wednesday, December 31, 2014, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau. He was born December 12, 1933, in Doniphan, Mo., to Marvin B. and Joy Hunt Guilliams. He and Ruth Ann Sander were married June 6, 1958, at New McKendree United Methodist Church in Jackson.

Walt was raised in Doniphan, Missouri, and was a 1952 graduate of Doniphan High School. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, serving honorably from August, 1953 to August, 1957. After leaving the military he was employed by the former McDonnell Douglas and Martin Marietta Corp. in St. Louis. In 1967, he went to work as an insurance adjuster for Pacific Insurance in St. Louis. In 1970, he relocated to Dexter, Missouri, working for Farmers Insurance Group. He later joined Shelter Insurance Co., which eventually led the family to Jackson, Missouri in 1981. He retired from Shelter in 1986 due to declining health.

Walt enjoyed coaching his five sons in numerous youth sport leagues and was a passionate supporter of all the activities of his sons and grandchildren – always their number one fan! A more proud, involved, and devoted father, grandfather and great-grandfather could not be found.

He was a former member of First Christian Church in Dexter and current member of Shawnee Hills Baptist Church in Jackson, serving many years as a deacon and on other

various committees. He was a former member and past Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge in Dexter and a current member of Excelsior Masonic Lodge 441 in Jackson.

Loving Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Ruth Guilliams of Jackson; four sons, Greg (Michelle) Guilliams of Freeport, Illinois, Rick (Christi) Guilliams of Jackson, Roger (Libby) Guilliams of Whitewater, Missouri, Shane Guilliams (partner, Charles Miller) of Phoenix, Arizona; five grandchildren, Caleb Guilliams of Cape Girardeau, Rebecca (Curt) Kuehn of Jackson, Megan Guilliams of Versailles, Kentucky, Jeffery and Danny Guilliams of Freeport; three great-grandchildren, Avery, McKinzey, and Maverick Kuehn of Jackson; three brothers, identical twin, George Jerrel (Pat) Guilliams, Sr. of Perryville, Missouri, Lonnie (the late Judy) Guilliams of Puxico, Missouri, Donnie (Valerie) Guilliams of Wichita, Kansas; two sisters, Marvine (the late Glen) Joplin of Doniphan and Mackie (Don) Harper of Bloomfield, Missouri; sister-in-law, Charlene Guilliams of Pearland, Texas; former daughter-in-law, Danielle Kenty Chekaraou of Windhoek, Namibia, Africa; and several beloved sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and friends he dearly loved.

He was preceded in death by his beloved son, Jeffery Guilliams (1994); his parents; two brothers, Edward (Joyce) Guilliams, Barney Guilliams; and step-father, Eddie Rush.

Friends may call Saturday, January 3, 2015, from 2 to 7 PM, and Sunday, January 4, from 11 AM to service time, at the chapel of McCombs Funeral Home and Cremation Center in Jackson.

The funeral will be Sunday, at 1:30 PM, at the funeral home, with the Rev. Don Estes officiating.

Burial will follow at Russell Heights Cemetery in Jackson with full military honors.

In lieu of flowers, the family appreciates memorial contributions to Shawnee Hills Baptist Church in Jackson.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.mccombsfuneralhome.com.

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Harold Williams, Jr.

DECEMBER 29TH 2014 BY DEE LOFLIN

Harold Williams, Jr.

Harold Williams, Jr., the son of the late Harold, Sr. and Elizabeth Ramsey Williams, was born in Newport, Arkansas on February 8, 1954, and passed away at his home in Dexter, Missouri on December 26, 2014, at the age of 60 years, 10 months and 18 days.

Mr. Williams had lived in Dexter for many years and had lived in Bernie and Dudley. He had worked at Brown Shoe Company in Bernie and was of the Pentacostal Faith.

Surviving are one daughter, Angela Williams of Dexter, Missouri; three brothers, Jerry Williams of Marble Hill, Missouri, Bob Williams of Bono, Arkansas, Les Williams of Monette, Arkansas; two sisters, Zela Williams and Emmy Pankey both of Jonesboro, Arkansas Other relatives and friends also survive.

Friends may call on Wednesday, December 31, 2014, after 11:00 a.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, December 31, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. in the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter, Missouri with the Rev. Justin Williams of Marble Hill,

Missouri, officiating.

Burial will be in the Dexter Cemetery in Dexter with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

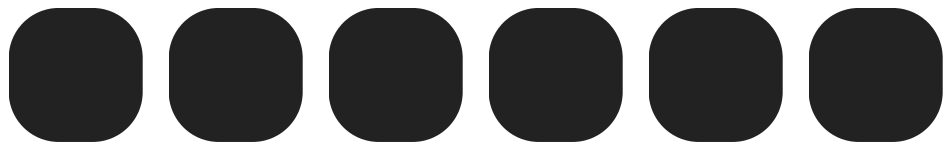
Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.watkinsfuneralhome.com

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Ernestine Webber

DECEMBER 27TH 2014 BY DEE LOFLIN

Ernestine Webber

Ernestine Webber, daughter of Ruth Cook Monahan and the late Lee Monahan, was

born in Caddo Gap, Arkansas on January 12, 1935, and passed away on December 26, 2014, at the St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, at the age of 79 years, 11 months and 14 days.

She had lived in Dexter most of her life. She had worked as a head cook for the Dexter Public Schools for over twenty years and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dexter.

She was married to Robert Leroy Ferguson, he preceded her in death in 1963. On August 4, 1970, she was married to Raymond Louis "Junior" Webber, Jr. in Dexter, Missouri. He preceded her in death on May 6, 2014.

Surviving are two sons, Jerry Probst of Mt. Grove, Raymond Webber, III of Dexter; five daughters and spouses, Sherry & Don Chance of Matthews, Tammy & Terry Crowley of Dexter, Cathy & Gene Kirby of Dexter, Mary & Bobby Armour of Poplar Bluff, and Theresa Brown of Bernie; her mother, Ruth Monahan of Cape Girardeau; 13 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; one sister, Debbie Monahan of Cape Girardeau and one brother, Jimmy Monahan of Thebes, Illinois. Other relatives and friends also survive.

She was preceded in death by one son, Jeff Webber and two brothers, Otis and Joel Monahan.

Friends may visit Sunday, December 28, 2014, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

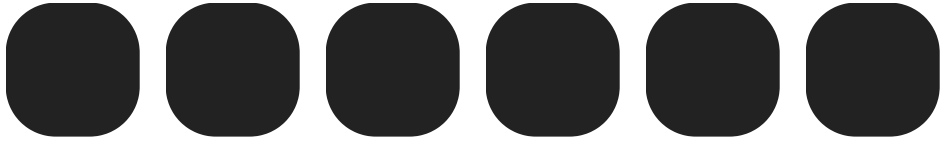
Funeral Services will be conducted on Monday, December 29, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter with the Rev. Rich Lee of Dexter and Rev. Blake Brown of Bloomfield, Missouri officiating.

Interment will be in the Hagy Cemetery in Dexter, 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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