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Leroy Lee Edward Green

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Leroy Lee Edward Green

Leroy “Lee” Edward Green, son of the late Dewey Lee Green and Vida Agnes Houchin Green, was born April 12, 1925 in Malden, Missouri and departed this life on February 19, 2015 at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing in Dexter at the age of 89.

On January 6, 1956, he was united in marriage to the love of his life, Oneita Asa, who preceded him in death on July 27, 1993.

After retiring from farming, Lee worked for Gaines and Crane Service Station before beginning his 29-year career as a cotton picker mechanic at Worley Implement in Dexter.

A member of the United Methodist Church, Lee was a devoted Christian who spent many hours visiting with shut-ins and lending a helping hand to anyone in need.

Horseback riding and hunting with his bird dog were two of his favorite pastimes. Lee prided himself in being a “Yellow Dog Democrat” vowing “he was too poor to be a Republican.”

Survivors include two sisters, Mary Taylor and Phyllis Edwards, one brother-in-law, Floyd Edwards, and a very dear friend, Ann Worley, all of Dexter, Missouri.

Sisters, Ruth Day of Flint Michigan and infant sister, Louise, preceded him in death. Uncle Lee will be missed by many nieces, nephews and a host of lifelong friends.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, February 22, 2015 from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

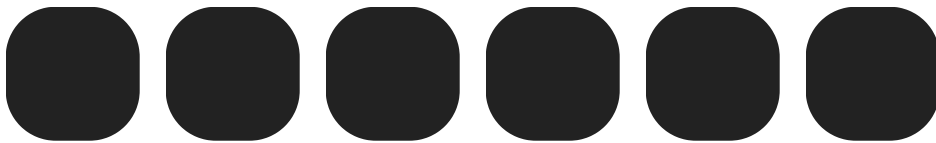
Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel at 2:00 P.M. with Dr. Barry Winders officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society, P. O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73123-1718 or Auntie M Project, c/o Emma Kate Worley, 703 Ellare Lane, Dexter, Missouri 63841.

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Norman Dean Gillespie

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Norman Dean Gillespie

Norman Dean Gillespie, son of the late Ferrel Gillespie and Ester Wagner Gillespie, was born on May 15, 1929 in Puxico, Missouri and departed this life on February 15, 2015 at Southeast Health Center of Stoddard County in Dexter at the age of 85.

Mr. Gillespie had worked as a carpenter, was a resident of Dexter as well as a veteran of the United States Army

On January 20, 1962, he was united in marriage to Aretta Irene "Susie" Schatte in Puxico. Mrs. Gillespie survives of the home.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, February 23, 2015 from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 P.M..

Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 2:00 P.M. with Rev. Tim Russell officiating.

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

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Karla J. Turner

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Karla J. Turner

Karla J. Turner, daughter of the late Donald Greer and Lavada Tarrants Greer, was born on September 20, 1963 in Dexter, Missouri and departed this life on February 17, 2015 at her residence in Dexter at the age of 51.

On June 7, 1985, Karla was united in marriage to Donald Turner in Morehouse, Missouri. Mr. Turner survives of the home.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by one daughter, Rebekah Greer of Dexter; by two sisters, LaDonna Haynes of Sikeston and Marti Ann Greer of Morehouse; and by three grandchildren.

Friends may call at the Lighthouse Christian Center in Dexter on February 20, 2015 from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Lighthouse Christian Center at 1:00 P.M. with Rev. Tim Russell officiating.

Interment will follow in the Matthews Community Cemetery in Matthews, Missouri.

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Norma J. Fortner

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Norma J. Fortner

Norma J. Fortner, daughter of the late James Melvin and Letha Pearl Martin O'Dell, was born in Dexter, Missouri on April 13, 1935, and passed away on February 17, 2015, at the Golden Living Care Center in Bloomfield, at the age of 79 years, 10 months and 4 days.

She had lived in the Bloomfield area most of her life, had worked at Elder's Manufacturing and was a General Baptist Church member.

On April 13, 1953, she was married to Elmer Dean Fortner in Essex, Missouri. He preceded her in death on July 24, 2014.

Surviving are two sons, Larry Fortner of Bloomfield, Jeff Fortner of Dexter; one daughter, Janet Wilson of Dexter; nine grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; two brothers, James F. O'Dell and Charles W. O'Dell both of Dexter; four sisters, Frances Elizabeth Riggs of Scott City, Gloria Kathryn Robinson of Dexter, Freda Elene Warren of Clarkton and Delcie Lee Hesselbein of St. Peters. Other relatives and friends also survive.

Friends may visit Thursday, February 19, 2015, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

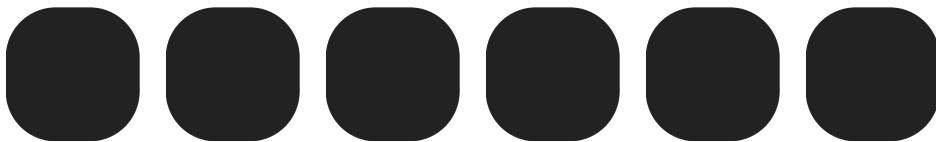
Funeral services will be held Friday, February 20, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter with the Rev. Joe Payne of Dexter, Missouri officiating.

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

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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Hans Warren Porter

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Hans Warren Porter, son of the late James E. Porter Jr. and Anna Reffert Porter was born on December 24, 1953 at Dexter and departed this life in the emergency room of the Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center on February 15, 2015 at the age of 61.

Mr. Porter was baptized at the Rivers Of Life Ministries near Dexter, a former seam buster for Elder Manufacturing Company in Dexter, a former carry out for Town and Country Super Market in Dexter, a former resident of Dexter and was currently residing in Puxico.

He is survived by two sisters and their spouses, Henny Vandiver-Baisden (Curtiss) and Marianna Burge (Jimmie) all of Dexter: also by nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Ingrid Morlan and by one brother, Harry Porter.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from 12:30 P.M. until 2:30 P.M., Thursday, February 19, 2015.

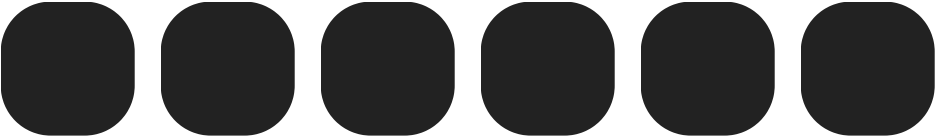
Funeral services will be conducted at 2:30 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Danny Collins officiating.

Interment will follow in the Chalk Bluff Cemetery near Dexter.

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