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Fern Evelyn Smith Kirby

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Fern Evelyn Smith Kirby

Fern Evelyn Smith Kirby, daughter of the late Fred Smith and Ora Mae Triplett Smith Black, was born on September 24, 1927 in Dexter, Missouri and departed this life on March 1, 2015 at Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter at the age of 87.

Mrs. Kirby attended the Assembly of God Church in Essex. She was a farm-wife and homemaker and a resident of Bloomfield. She had been a member of the Order of Eastern Star since 1948, where she served several times as Worthy Matron. She was the District Deputy Grand Matron in 1981 and the Grand Representative of Ohio in Missouri from 2000 until 2001.

On March 28, 1948, she was united in marriage to Jene D. Kirby in Essex, Missouri. Mr. Kirby preceded her in death on June 21, 2010.

She is survived by one son, William Patrick Kirby (Debbie) of Dexter, Missouri; by one daughter, Cynthia Lynn Bowden (Raymond) of North Little Rock, Arkansas; by one daughter-in-law, Judy Kirby of Dexter; by one brother, Richard Black (Ellen) of St. Louis, Missouri; by two sisters, Marilyn Smith (Marvin) of Dexter and Elizabeth Black Sagharichi (Mahmoud) of Poplar Bluff; by three grandchildren, Kay Lynn Davis (Darren), Jene Ann McGill (Mike) and Chris Kirby, all of Dexter; by two great-grandchildren, Jessica Davis and Matney Davis; by one great-great-grandchild, Adyson Davis; and by many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she preceded in death by one son, Jene Darrell Kirby; by one brother, Charles Smith; and by her step-father, Charles "Blackie" Black.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. with a Eastern Star service being held at 7:00 P.M.

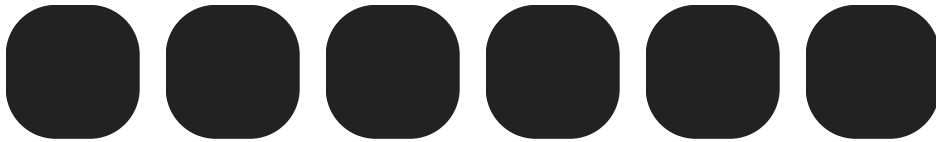
Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. with Rev. Elijah Allen officiating.

Interment will be in the Essex Cemetery.

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Dorothy Cobb

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Dorothy Cobb, daughter of the late Logan Abbott and Emma Gertrude Matthews Abbott was born on April 21, 1921 in Grayridge, Missouri and departed this life on February 28, 2015 at the Central Gardens Residential Care Facility in Dexter at the age of 93 years.

Mrs. Cobb was a home-maker, member of the Grayridge General Baptist Church, and a resident Grayridge, Missouri.

She was first united in marriage to Claude Adams on August 9, 1938 in Sikeston, Missouri. Mr. Adams preceded her in death. On February 19, 1951 she was united in marriage to Homer Carl "Beck" Maddox in Piggott, Arkansas. Mr. Maddox preceded her in death on April 17, 1978. Mrs.

Cobb was then united in marriage to Wilburn Cobb on August 6, 1982 in Grayridge, Missouri. Mr. Cobb preceded her in death on July 15, 1988.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, Edgar Lloyd Adams and Bill Harris; three daughters Shirley Adams Matthews, infant Martha Ann Adams, and Janice Adams Scott; by five brothers, John Wesley Abbott, Jimmy Abbott, Floyd Abbott, Leroy Abbott, and Marion Abbott; three sisters, Fannie Jane Abbott, Eleanor Abbott Coke, and June Abbott Knight; and by one great-great-grandson, Cooper Jernigan.

Survivors include three grandchildren, Linda Matthews Drew, Rhonda Matthews, and Timothy Harris; by six great-grandchildren and fourteen great-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from 10:00 until 11:00 A.M. Tuesday, March 3, 2015.

Funeral services will then be conducted on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with Rev. Dale McFarland officiating.

Interment will follow in the Taylor Cemetery near Essex, Missouri.

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Violet W. Smith

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Violet W. Smith

Violet W. Smith, daughter of the late Wilburn and Julia C. Self Raybron, was born on April 18, 1920, in Morehouse, Missouri and passed away at the Golden Living Center in Malden, Missouri on February 28 2015, at the age of 94 years, 10 months and 10 days.

Violet grew up in the Essex area where she owned her own restaurant.

She then moved to St. Charles, Illinois where she worked for Continental Plastics where she retired. She moved back to Bernie,

Missouri in 1985. Having out lived all three husbands, Ambrose Brown, Jay Hester, and Chester Smith. Violet was of the Church Of Christ faith.

Violet is survived by three sons, Dennis Brown of Henderson, Nevada, Marty Smith of Bernie, Missouri, Scott Smith of Rochelle, Illinois; one daughter, Lynn Smith of Cortland, Illinois; fourteen grandchildren; several great grandchildren; numerous great great grandchildren; and one sister, Pansy Zimmerman of Bernie, Missouri.

Many other relatives and friends also survive. Violet was preceded in death by two sons Garry W. Raybron, Randy Hester, one daughter, Phyllis Gilmore and three grandchildren.

Friends may visit Tuesday March 3, 2015, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday 4, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter with the Rev. Stan Dauck of Bernie, Missouri officiating.

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

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Fern M. McGuire

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Fern M. McGuire, daughter of the late Harold Shipman and Dorothy Richards Shipman, was born on September 11, 1962 in Advance, Missouri and departed this life on February 24, 2015 at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 52.

Mrs. McGuire worked at Fuwell Residential Care and was a resident of Dexter.

On December 25, 2005, she was united in marriage to James K. McGuire. Mr. McGuire survives of the home.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, Aaron Shepherd of Dexter and Timothy Shepherd of Bloomfield; by three daughters, Liberty Shepherd of Dexter, Amber Craft of Bloomfield and Crystal Brown of Bloomfield; by two brothers, Claude O'Dell-Beagley of Texas and Christopher Beagley of

Bowling Green, Missouri; by two sisters, Connitta Beagley of St.Louis and Carol Shipman-Fouts of Flippen, Arkansas; and by ten grandchildren.

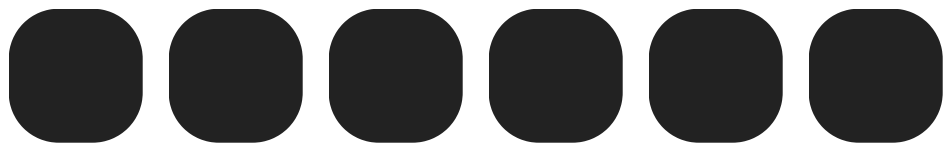
Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, March 2, 2015 from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel at 3:00 P.M. Interment will follow in the Puxico Cemetery.

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Stella Linson

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Stella Linson, daughter of the late John C. and Georgia Potter Hodge, was born in Harrisburg, Illinois on June 9, 1924, and passed away at the Puxico Nursing Center in

Puxico, Missouri on February 25, 2015, at the age of 80 years, 2 months and 8 days.

She had lived in Michigan until moving to Puxico in 1976. She had worked as a nurse at the Pontiac General Hospital in Pontiac, Michigan and was a member of the Puxico General Baptist Church.

On May 12, 1947, she was married to Raymond "Bud" Linson in Pontiac, Michigan. He preceded her in death on October 14, 1996.

Surviving are four sons, Jim Linson and Don Linson both of Warren, Michigan, Raymond Linson of Puxico, Glen Linson of Waterford, Michigan; two daughters, Norma Robertson of Lapeer, Michigan, Rita Gilbreath of Union Lake, Michigan; thirteen grandchildren; and several great grandchildren. Other relatives and friends also survive.

She was preceded in death by one son, Roy Linson and four brothers.

Friends may call on Monday, March 2, 2015, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Puxico, Missouri.

Services will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at 11:00 am at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Puxico, Missouri with Bro. Kenneth Lambert of Puxico officiating.

Interment will follow in the Puxico Cemetery in Puxico with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Puxico, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

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