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## Letha Laverne Walker Burleson

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Letha Laverne Walker Burleson

**Letha Laverne Walker Burleson**, daughter of the late John Wade Walker and Della May Helm Walker, was born on December 4, 1921 in Parma, Missouri and departed this life on March 15, 2015 at Golden Living Center in Malden, Missouri at the age of 93.

Mrs. Burleson was a member of the Church of Christ in Bernie and a resident of Dexter. She was a homemaker and worked along side her husband as a farmer's wife.

On June 24, 1938, she was united in marriage to John Paul Burleson in Cape Girardeau. Mr. Burleson preceded her in death on August 21, 1986.

She is survived by two sons, Jerry Burleson (Janie) of Dexter, Missouri and Joe Burleson (Judy) of Valparaiso, Indiana; by two daughters, Kay Wright (Glynn) of O'Fallon, Missouri and Sue Bunting of Fairfield, Illinois; by nine grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by four sisters, Etta Michaels, Algie Edwards Phillips, Juanita Sanders and Ruby Glenn; and by two brothers, Ezra Walker and Paul Walker.

Friends may call at the Church of Christ in Bernie, Missouri on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Bernie Church of Christ on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 12:00 Noon with Stan Dauck officiating and Wayne Reams being the song leader.

Interment will follow in the Chalk Bluff Cemetery in Dexter.

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## Ruby E. Miller

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Ruby E. Miller

**Ruby E. Miller**, daughter of the late William Frank Stewart and Alma V. Bollinger Stewart, was born on June 2, 1918 in Stoddard County, Missouri and departed this life at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing Center in Dexter, Missouri, after being a resident for eight years on March 15, 2015 at the age of 96.

Mrs. Miller was a member of the First General Baptist Church in Bloomfield for 42 years. She had worked at Curley Clothing Company in St. Louis, retiring after 25 years. She lived in St. Ann, Missouri and moved to Bloomfield 42 years ago after retiring.

On November 28, 1940, she was united in marriage to Roy R. Miller in Stoddard County. Mr. Miller preceded her in death on July 10, 1988.

She is survived by one brother, Wyman Rudy Stewart of Dexter; by one sister-in-law, Helen Stewart of Sikeston; and by 4 nieces and 4 nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Clellen Stewart and Cloid Stewart; and by two sisters-in-law, Phyllis Stewart and Mary Stewart.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on March 18, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. with Rev. Ronnie Stevens officiating.

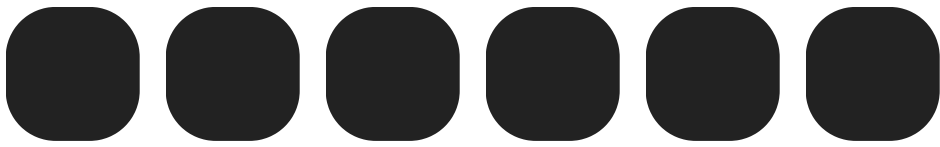
Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the First General Baptist Church of Bloomfield, P. O. Box 75, Bloomfield, Missouri 63825 or the First General Baptist Church of Dexter, 27 East Castor Street, Dexter, Missouri 63841.

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## Leroy Wellington Williams

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Leroy Wellington Williams

**Leroy Wellington Williams**, son of the late Abednego Williams and Lora Moore Williams was born in Ojibway, Missouri on February 12, 1928 and departed this life at his residence in Bernie on March 14, 2015 at the age of 87 years.

Mr. Williams had built and ran Ship Ahoy Lanes in Malden, Missouri. Later he was owner/operator of S & W Sales of Bernie. He was a member of Bernie Christian Church.

He was united in marriage to Doris Sargent in Piggott, Arkansas on June 26, 1950. Mrs. Williams remains in their home in Bernie.

Other survivors include one son, Kerry Williams & wife Cheryl of Holcomb, Missouri; by three daughters, Tara Kifer & Husband Ken of Ft. Smith, Arkansas, Jana Paddock and Lana Shipman & Husband Darrin both of Bernie, Missouri; by one sister Helen Lindsay of Malden, Missouri; by his grandchildren, Brad & Jess Kifer of Ft. Smith, Arkansas, Kendra & James Grady of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Crystal & Sam Buffaloe of Columbia, Missouri, Holly King of Columbia, Missouri, Darri Shipman and Cameron Shipman both of Bernie, Missouri; by eight great-grandchildren, Bradley, Layla, Josie & Hayes Kifer of Ft. Smith, Arkansas, Marlee & Laynie Grady of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Amelie & James Buffaloe of Columbia,

Missouri; by his beloved caretaker, Joleen Sherrod; also by other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death other than by his parents, by one brother, Willis Williams; by two sisters, Aileen Stafford and Junie Mae Williams.

Per Leroy’s request, Graveside Services were conducted in the Bernie Cemetery, on Monday, March 16, 2015 starting at 4:00 P.M.

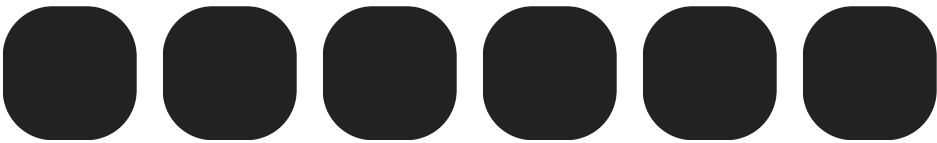
In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bernie Athletic Department or Bernie Christian Church.

Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home of Bernie in charge of all arrangements.

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## Velva Teed Hankins

**Velva "Teed" Hankins**, daughter of the late Claud Atwater and Lucy Woods Little, was born in Parma, Missouri on November 11, 1932, and passed away at her home in Morehouse, Missouri on March 12, 2015, at the age of 82 years and 4 months.

She had lived in Morehouse, Missouri for many years and was a member of the First General Baptist Church in Morehouse. She was a long time member of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are four sons, James Hankins of Marion, Illinois, Donald Hankins of House Springs, Missouri, Ronald Hankins of Overland, Missouri, Jeffery Hankins of Morehouse, Missouri; two daughters, Judith Hankins of Morehouse, Missouri and Roberta Hankins, wife of Fadhel Al-Khazaly of Pevely, Missouri; five grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; and one brother, Leo Little of Whiting, Missouri. Other relatives and friends also survive.

She was preceded in death by one son, Gary Hankins, five brothers and two sisters.

Friends may call on Sunday, March 15, 2015, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, March 16, 2015, at 2:00 pm at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

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

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

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### Hattie Nottingham

**Hattie Nottingham**, daughter of the late Samual Allen and Myrtie May Lincoln Harper, was born in Idalia, Missouri on March 20, 1913, and passed away at her home in St. Charles, Missouri on March 12, 2015, at the age of 101 years, 11 months and 20 days.

She had lived in Lincoln County and St. Charles, Missouri, most of her life. She was a member of the General Baptist Church. She volunteered for many years for The Salvation Army and at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center.

On December 3, 1938 she was married to Charles Junior "C. J." Huffman. He preceded her in death in 1987.

Surviving are daughters, Peggy Huffman of St. Charles, Missouri, Irma Norton of St. Charles, Missouri, and Linda May Gremminger of Bentonville, Arkansas; seven grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; three step great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; two step great great grandchildren; and three sisters, Sybil Lawrence of Dexter, Bessie Morlan of Bloomfield, and Marion Akins of Pelham, Alabama. Other relatives and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by two sons, Charles Huffman and Larry Joe Huffman, four sisters, and one brother.

Friends may call on Saturday, March 14, 2015, from 12:00 to 2:00 pm at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2015, at 2:00 pm with Rev. Kenneth Biggs of Dexter, Missouri at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

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

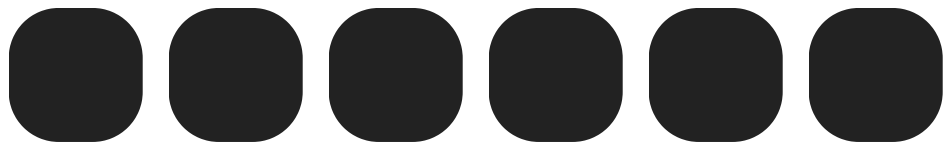
Online condolences may be sent to the family at **[www.watkinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.watkinsfuneralhome.com)**

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