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## Joe Whitaker

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Joe Whitaker

**Joe Whitaker**, son of the late Joe and Hattie May Jennings Whitaker, was born in Naylor, Missouri on July 24, 1932 and passed away at the Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Missouri on May 12, 2015, at the age of 82 years, 9 months and 18 days.

He had lived in the Dexter area most of his life. He had worked for the city of Dexter as the Water Commissioner. He had been a member of the Dexter Elks Lodge #2439, the American Legion and was a veteran of the U. S. Army. He enjoyed hunting and he loved to visit the casinos and play the slots.

On November 23, 1951, he was married to Irene Pedigo in Waterloo, Indiana. She preceded him in death on December 7, 1995.

Surviving are two sons and spouses, Joseph & Jamie Whitaker of Fenton, Missouri, David & Robin Whitaker of Dexter; four grandchildren; four great grandchildren; one sister and brother-in-law, Betty & Curtis Stevens of Dexter; his life long friend and companion, Anna Ruth Leeks of Poplar Bluff. Other relatives and friends also survive. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Gene Whitaker and John Whitaker and four sisters, Ella May Whitaker, Dorothy Carter, Dora Helton, and Margarett Colone.

Friends may call on Saturday, May 16, 2015, after 11:00 a.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Services will follow at 1:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter, with Sister

Karen Hardin of Dexter, Missouri officiating.

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

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, P O Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718 or Livestrong Foundation, National Mail Pricessing Center, P O Box 6003, Albert Lea, MN 56007-6603.

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## Linda Sue Rieverts

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[Linda Sue Rieverts](#)

**Linda Sue Rieverts**, daughter of the late James A. Pierce and Francis M. Enteman Pierce, was born on June 25, 1953 in St. Louis, Missouri and departed this life in Poplar Bluff on May 10, 2015 at the age of 61.

Mrs. Rieverts was a homemaker and a resident of Dudley, Missouri.

On November 9, 1987, she was united in marriage to Harold Rieverts in St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. Rieverts survives of the home in Dudley.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three sons, Dennis Van Pentecost, Jr. and his wife Heather of St. Cloud, Florida, Thomas Rieverts of Dexter and James Rue of Mascoutah, Illinois; by three daughters, Ellen Hensley and her husband Dick of Poplar Bluff, Rosa Bryant and her husband Ben of Dexter and Victoria Saum and her husband Tony of Dexter; by one brother John Rue of St. Louis; by one sister, Mary Ann Pierce of Bernie; and by twelve grandchildren, Isaiah Hensley, Noah Hensley, Elijah Hensley, Hannah Bryant, Tristan Bryant, Lily Bryant, Daphnee Pentecost, Bethaney Pentecost, Jacob Smith, Sofia Saum, Katherine Abbott and Zane Rue.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Christopher Sederes; by one brother, James Rue; and by two sisters, Mary Ellen Hoffman and Joyce Pierce.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 from 9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. with Jeff Miles officiating.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

The family requests that donations be made to the United Cancer Assistance Network, 1899 North Westwood, Suite C, PMB #172, Poplar Bluff, Missouri 63901.

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## Earl Dewayne McClain

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### Earl Dewayne McClain

**Earl “Dewayne” McClain** son of the late Elden Floyd McClain and Mable Joiner McClain was born on August 22, 1955 in Dexter, Missouri and departed this life on May 9, 2015 at the St. Anthony’s Medical Center in St. Louis, Missouri at the age of 59 years.

Mr. McClain was of the Pentecostal Faith, a former employee of the Chrysler Corporation in Fenton, Missouri, and a resident of Fenton.

On April 10, 2004 he was united in marriage to Tina Smith in St. Charles, Missouri. Mrs. McClain survives of the home in Fenton.

Besides his wife, other survivors include one son, Christopher McClain of Malden, Missouri; one daughter, Lori Rutledge of Paducah, Kentucky; by four brothers, Ronnie McClain of Sweetwater, Tennessee, Daniel McClain and wife Nancy of Bonne Terre, Missouri, Bobby McClain and wife Kim of Richmond, Kentucky, and Gary McClain of Malden, Missouri; by two sisters, Ruth Meeks and husband Charles of Alton, Illinois and Betty Preston and husband Brian of Leachville, Arkansas; four grandchildren, Joshua McClain, Alma McClain, Jacob Rutledge and Jonathan Rutledge.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Bonnie Freed, Nancy Lou McClain, and Donna Kay McClain.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from 11:30-2:00 P.M. Tuesday, May 12, 2015.

Funeral services will then be conducted on Tuesday at 2:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter with Rev. Allen Haislip officiating.

Interment will follow in the Bernie Cemetery in Bernie, Missouri.

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## Rachel Davis

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[Rachel Davis](#)

**Rachel Davis**, daughter of the late Orville B. and Rosa Parilee Hollis Brady, was born in Collinwood, Tennessee on March 16, 1929, and passed away at the Puxico Nursing Center in Puxico on May 9, 2015, at the age of 86 years, 1 month and 23 days.

She had moved to the Puxico area in 1949. She had worked at the IGA and B&C Market, operated a licensed day care for over 35 years, was a member of First Baptist Church in Puxico, the Thursday Culture Club and the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 7822.

On May 8, 1948, she was married to James Roy Davis in Piggott, Arkansas. He preceded her in death on April 4, 2014.

Surviving are one son & wife, Jim & Nikki Davis of Wappapello; one daughter & husband, Carol & Ronnal Clinton of Puxico; three granddaughters and husbands, Rachelle & Travis McGill, Tonna & Eric O'Dell all of Puxico, and Melissa Lam of Wappapello; two great granddaughters, Lydia & Phoebe O'Dell both of Puxico; three brothers, Pat and Grady Brady both of Farmington, Missouri, Billy Brady of Arnold, Missouri; two sisters, Jean Matlock of Fenton, Missouri and Betty Woolsey of Arnold, Missouri. Other family and friends also survive.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Darlene Davis; four brothers and six sisters.

Visitation will be held on Monday May 11, 2015, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Puxico, Missouri. Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 7822 will conduct services at 7:00 pm during the visitation.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday May 12, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Puxico, Missouri with Rev. Justin Miller of Puxico officiating.

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

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, P O Box 338, Puxico, MO 63960.

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

**Watkins & Sons Funeral Service**

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## Barry L. Baldwin

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Barry L. Baldwin

**Barry L. Baldwin**, son of the late Eugene L. Baldwin and Mary F. Bennett Baldwin, was born on October 28, 1951 in Stoddard County, Missouri and departed this life on May 5, 2015 at Landmark Hospital in Cape Girardeau at the age of 62.

Mr. Baldwin was a veteran of the United States Navy serving on the U.S.S. Oriskany and was a resident of Wappapello, Missouri.

He is survived by two sons, Roberto Baldwin and Barry James Baldwin; and by one daughter, Melissa.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, George David Baldwin.

Arrangements are being handled by the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter.

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