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Wilma June Coffey

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Wilma June Coffey

Wilma June Coffey, daughter of the late G.M. Barbour and Montie Barton Barbour was born on October 18, 1931 in Dexter and departed this life on May 16, 2015 at the Mulberry Manor in Dexter at the age of 83.

Mom-Mom (as she was known to us) was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dexter. She gave freely of her time to the Church, where she served as a Sunday School Teacher and an Organist for the Church for forty-five years. When she wasn't serving at the Church, she enjoyed traveling and fishing opportunities with her husband Bob.

Her greatest achievement in life was raising her four children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She impacted our lives more than she could ever imagine and will be missed.

On July 17, 1951 she was united in marriage to Bob Coffey in Dexter. Mr. Coffey survives of their residence.

Besides her husband she is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Kay Coffey of Cape Girardeau; by three daughters and their spouses, Jan and Dave Reimann of Cape Girardeau, Vicki and Jody Lemmon of Dexter and Lisa and Greg Mathis of Dexter; by two brothers, Dr. John Barbour of Florida and Rev. Jeff Barbour of Fort Knob, Kentucky; by eight grandchildren and their spouses, Chad and Liz Reimann of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, J.J. Lemmon of Dexter, Christy and Brandon Vaughn of Dexter, Rev. Dr. Eric Mathis and Brittany of Birmingham, Alabama, Josh and Katie Reimann of Louisville,

Kentucky, Aaron and Brittany Mathis of Dexter, Bobby Coffey of Cape Girardeau and Rachel Coffey of Cape Girardeau and by ten great-grandchildren, Elliott Reimann, Garrett Reimann, Natalie Reimann, Lily Reimann, Noah Reimann, Chloe Lemmon, Delaney Lemmon, Brayden Vaughn, Mabree June Vaughn and Harper Anne Mathis.

Besides her parents she was preceded in death by one brother, Wallace “Jerry” Barbour and one brother in infancy.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, May 18, 2015 from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. in the First Baptist Church in Dexter with Rev. Dr. Eric Mathis, Rev. Josh Reimann and Rev. Dr. George Nite officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

*In lieu of flowers the family requests all memorials be made to the: Alzheimer’s Association, 9370 Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63132-3253 OR First Baptist Church Missions Fund, 11 West Castor Street, Dexter, Missouri 63841.

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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.

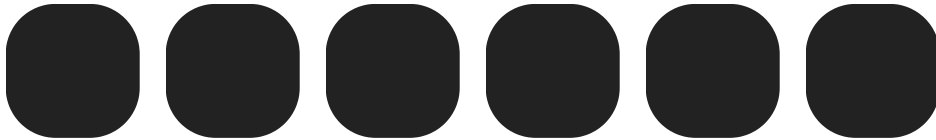
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Linda Sue Rieverts

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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

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