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Lt. Col. Clifford T. Manlove (Ret.)

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Lt. Col. Clifford T. Manlove (Ret.)

Lt. Col. Clifford T. Manlove (Ret.) was born on November 12, 1917 in Wood River, Illinois and departed this life on May 20, 2015 at the Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter at the age of 97.

Mr. Manlove was a Retired Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Dexter, American Legion Post #59, Dexter Elks Lodge and the Daedalians Fraternity of Military Pilots.

Growing up in Dexter, Manlove was inspired by the great pilot of the day, Charles A. Lindbergh. Enrolling at Purdue University in 1936, he obtained two years of college credit to begin his aviation dream. Clifford Manlove enlisted in the U.S. Army Corp on Aug. 15, 1941, as an Aviation Cadet. Continuing to chase the dream, he graduated from Advance Pilot training on March 16, 1942, as a 2nd Lieutenant.

Our home town hero went on to fly a myriad of different aircraft in his career from a B-17 bomber to a P-51 fighter in World War Two and then flew transport aircraft in the Vietnam War. He was awarded the U.S. Air Force Distinguished Flying Cross, which is a military decoration awarded to any officer or enlisted member of the United States Armed Forces who distinguishes himself or herself in support of operations by "heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight involving conflict with an opposing foreign force. Retiring from the military on May 31, 1969, after 28 years, Manlove returned to Dexter with his beloved wife June, and their five sons and one daughter. Throughout the years, Cliff Manlove has fulfilled many tasks, including Chairman of the Dexter Airport's governing board and Grand Marshall of all Veteran's Day parades since 1969.

On March 16, 1942 he married June Blakeney in Sacramento, California. Mrs. Manlove survives of their residence in Dexter.

Besides his wife he is survived by five sons, Dexter Manlove of Dallas, Texas, Clifford T. Manlove II of Perryville, Missouri, Mark Manlove of San Diego, California, Jon Manlove of Walnut Creek, California and Kirk Manlove of Springfield, Missouri; by one daughter, Donna McGhee of Clarksville, Tennessee; by eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by one brother, James Manlove.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 from 9:30 A.M. until 11:30 A.M.

A grave-side service will be conducted on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield at 12:00 P.M. (NOON) with Dr. Barry Winders officiating.

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Verna Godwin

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Verna Godwin, daughter of the late Yewell Lawrence and Pearl White Lawrence was born on September 1, 1930 in Stoddard County, Missouri and departed this life on May 22, 2015 at the SoutheastHealthCenter of Stoddard County in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 84 years.

Mrs. Godwin was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Dexter, former Chairman of the Stoddard County Children's Home board, formerly employed at Bloomfield and Dexter Public Schools, Past President of Stoddard County Women's Council for County Improvement, past co-chairman of Stoddard County Arts and Humanities, Council member of Missouri Council on Arts, named 1965 Woman of Year, and was also a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, Phi Delta Kappa.

On June 18, 1953 she was united in marriage to Carl Lehman Godwin in Bloomfield, Missouri. Mr. Godwin survives of the home in Dexter.

Besides her husband she is survived by two sons, Lehman W. Godwin and wife Elizabeth of Springfield, Missouri and Grant A. Godwin and wife Trina of St. Louis, Missouri; one brother Yewell Gene Lawrence of Dexter; by one sister Geraldine Harvey of Indianapolis, Indiana; also by five grandchildren; Sarah Godwin, Andy Godwin, Katie Godwin, Jacob Godwin, and Will Godwin.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday May 26, 2015 at the First United Methodist Church in Dexter.

Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday at 2:00 P.M. in the First United Methodist Church in Dexter with Dr. Barry Winders officiating.

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

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Wanda Pullum

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Wanda Pullum

Wanda Pullum, daughter of the late John Clyde and Pearl Baker Cook, was born in Bloomfield, Missouri on July 7, 1931, and passed away at the Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter, Missouri on May 22, 2015, at the age of 83 years, 10 months and 15 days.

She had lived in Bloomfield most of her life. She was a member of the Beech Grove General Baptist Church near Bloomfield and loved quilting, gardening and loved to cook for her family and friends.

On September 27, 1947 she was married to George L. Pullum. He preceded her in death on September 28, 2002.

Surviving are one son and daughter in law, Barry & Jackie Pullum of Bloomfield; two grandchildren and wives, Bill & Melissa Pullum of Bloomfield, Neil & Rebecca Pullum of Bloomfield; one great grandson, Colt Pullum of Bloomfield; two brothers, Larry Cook of Dallas, Texas, Garry Cook of Michigan; and one sister, Colene Sykes of Dixon, Tennessee. Many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends also survive.

She was preceded in death by one brother, J. C. Cook, and two sisters, Susie McCollum and Anna Lois Underwood.

Friends may visit on Sunday, May 24, 2015, after 12:30 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be on Sunday, May 24, 2015, at 2:30 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter with Rev. Ricky Roberts officiating.

Interment will follow at the Bluff Cemetery at Idalia with Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home of Bloomfield, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.watkinsfuneralhome.com
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Charlene Myers Robertson

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Charlene Myers Robertson, daughter of the late Chester Garfield Myers and Matilda Jane Pace Myers was born on August 17, 1930 at Campbell and departed this life in the Crowley Ridge Care Center at Dexter on May 21, 2015 at the age of 84.

Mrs. Robertson was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Dexter, a former school secretary and a resident of Dexter.

She was united in marriage to James Edwin Robertson on December 2, 1948 at Caruthersville. Mr. Robertson preceded her in death on June 26, 2008.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Dr. James Douglas Robertson (Tammy) of Dexter: by one daughter, Jane Michelle Robertson of Dexter: by her twin sister, Garlene Devenney (William) of Myers, Florida: by six grandchildren, Vadra Selenske, Justin Robertson, Sara Robertson, Collin Sisk, Brad Harris and Jordan Pullum: by three great-grandchildren, Matthew Selenske, Olivia Luna Sisk and Ivy Rain Robertson.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Robert Eugene Myers: by two sisters, Bernadine Chartreau and Margaret Ranell Myers.

Friends may call at the First United Methodist Church in Dexter, on Sunday, May 24, 2015 from 2:00 P.M. until 3:00 P.M.

Funeral services will then be conducted at 3:00 P.M. in the First United Methodist Church with Dr. Barry Winders officiating.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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Harold J. Zimmerman

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Harold J. Zimmerman

Harold J. Zimmerman, son of the late John Ernest Zimmerman and Nora Ethel McGowan Zimmerman was born in Bernie, Missouri on September 28, 1928 and departed this life at his residence in Bernie, Missouri on May 19, 2015 at the age of 86.

Mr. Zimmerman was a farmer and love to play music. Harold & the Boys played at the Nutrition Center in Dexter, Missouri weekly; at Nursing Homes, His home Church, of Sunnyvale General Baptist Church of Rural Malden, Missouri and Revival's all across the heartland.

He was united in marriage to Eva Nell Allen in Malden, Missouri on April 3, 1946. She survives in their home in Bernie.

Other survivors include, two sons, Harold Dewayne Zimmerman of Lexington, Tennessee and Lanny Bruce Zimmerman of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; by one daughter, Janice Annette Fadler of Bernie, Missouri; by one sister Geraldine Blackman Sturges of Campbell, Missouri; by ten grandchildren, twenty eight great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; also by other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death other than by his parents, by four brothers, Hershel Zimmerman, Melvin Zimmerman, Howard Zimmerman and Lloyd Zimmerman; by three sisters, Pearl Mickey, Dimple Miller and Marjorie Zimmerman.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie on Thursday Evening, May 21, 2015 from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

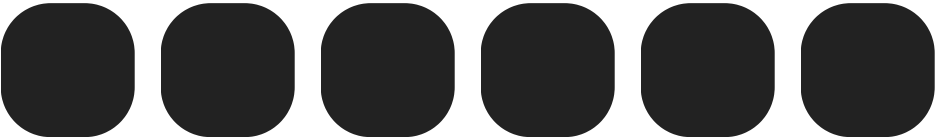
Funeral Services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Bernie on May 22, 2015 starting at 11:00 A.M. with Rev. James Hamlett officiating.

Interment will follow in the Bernie Cemetery. Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in charge of all arrangements.

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