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Chelcy Bernell Barney Bradish

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Chelcy Bernell Barney Bradish

Chelcy Bernell “Barney” Bradish, son of the late Frank Bradish and Grace Marler Bradish, was born on April 18, 1921 in Satulpa, Oklahoma and departed this life on June 13, 2015 at the John J. Pershing VA Medical Center in Poplar Bluff at the age of 94.

Mr. Bradish was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses in Dexter. He worked as a heavy equipment operator and was a resident of Bloomfield. He was also a veteran of the United States Army Air Corp.

On March 10, 1951, he was united in marriage to Veldena Merle Sommers in Piggott, Arkansas. Mrs. Bradish preceded him in death on January 18, 2013.

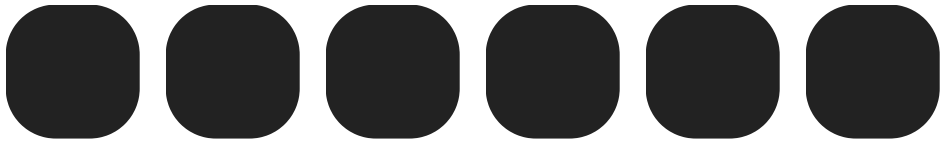
Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, June 27, 2015 at 2:00 P.M. in the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 13487 Plaza Heights Drive, Dexter, Missouri with Brother Allan Laszewski officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter.

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Evelyn June Hester

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Evelyn June Hester

Evelyn June Hester, daughter of the late Alva “Stubby” Walker and Lacy Hill Walker was born in Bernie, Missouri on June 15, 1931 and departed this life at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing Center in Dexter, Missouri on June 21, 2015 at the age of 84.

June was a homemaker. She attended grade school in the Sugar Tree Community. In 1947 she graduated from Bernie High School.

She was a member of the Bernie Civic Club and Jayceette’s. She volunteered at Area Nursing Homes locally and in Branson both playing the piano and singing.

She was a member of the Bernie Christian Church and loved singing in the Choir. June was active in the local AA chapter serving as a mentor and sponsor.

She was united in marriage to Archie Leon Hester, Sr. in Piggott, Arkansas on December 26, 1948. Mr. Hester preceded his wife in death on January 27, 1982.

Other survivors include two sons, Lee Hester of Sikeston, Missouri and Jeff Hester of Los Angeles, California; by four daughters, Rhita Hester Allman of Valley Park, Missouri, Kim Hester Young and Husband Bob of Bernie, Missouri, Tanya Hester DeGonia and Lauren Hester Brown both of Potosi, Missouri; by one brother, David Walker of Dexter, Missouri; by two sisters, Joyce Mills of McKinney, Texas and Judy Crump of Dexter, Missouri; by seven grandchildren, Brad Jaques, Captain Lerin Hester, Emilee Young-Camp, Jordan Kopp, Lauren Simpson, Lance Gilliam, Kollin Walker Gilliam; by five great-grandchildren, Alexa Kopp, Annie Kopp, Conner Kopp, Camilla Northam, Amelia Gilliam; also by other nieces, nephews, relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death other than by her parents and her husband, by two sisters, Clara Pullum and Mabel Snider.

Friends may call at Raney-Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Saturday, June 27, 2015, from 10:00 A.M. until 11:30 A.M.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Bernie starting at 11:30 A.M.

Interment will follow in the Bernie Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Bernie Christian Church and the Stoddard County ARC.

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Pansy Iline Peck Hutchcraft

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Pansy Iline Peck Hutchcraft

Pansy Iline Peck Hutchcraft, daughter of the late James and Dora Dorris Peck, was born in Essex, Missouri on March 7, 1924, and passed away at the Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter, Missouri on June 20, 2015, at the age of 91 years, 3 months and 3 days.

Mrs. Hutchcraft was raised in Essex and had lived in St. Louis for 22 years before moving to Dexter in 2005. She had worked for nineteen years at Elder Manufacturing and then worked at Dental Products in St. Louis for 22 years before moving back to Dexter.

On September 2, 1949 she was married to Ralph "Duke" Hutchcraft in Piggott, Arkansas. He preceded her in death on July 3, 2000.

Surviving are one niece, Judi Peck of Dexter; two nephews & wives, Darrol & Faye Peck of Jasper, Alabama, Perry & Marlene Evans of Smithland, Kentucky;; and three great nieces and five great nephews. Many members of the Peck and Hutchcraft families also survive.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Ollie West, Jenny Peck Lemons, Ruth Evans; a brother-in-law, Hollon Evans; two brothers, Leonard Peck, Vernie Peck; and a sister-in-law, Lillie "Toots" Peck.

Friends may visit after 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2015, at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri with Rev. Dean Williams of Dexter officiating.

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

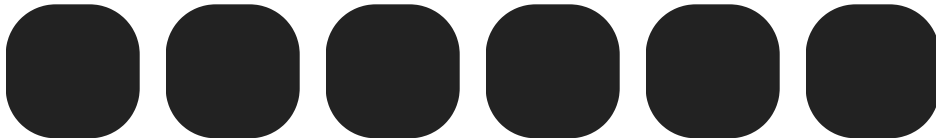
Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.watkinsfuneralhome.com

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Richard Williams

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Richard Williams

Richard Williams, son of the late Rick and Marilyn Taylor Williams was born on October 15, 1975 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri and departed this life on June 15, 2015 at the

age of 39.

Richard was a 1994 graduate of Dexter Public Schools, self-employed, and a resident of Dudley, Missouri.

Survivors include one son, Tayton Charles Williams of Dudley, Missouri; by one brother and sister-in-law, Roy and Shaunti Williams of Dexter; by his maternal grandmother, Mary Ellen Taylor of Dudley, Missouri; and his paternal grandmother, Katherine Williams of Dexter; also by other relatives and many friends.

Memorial service will be held on Sunday June 21, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with Rev. Joe Payne officiating.

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Shirla Jean Rathjen Howard

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Shirla Jean Rathjen Howard

Shirla Jean Rathjen Howard daughter of the late Fred Rathjen and Melba Noland Rathjen was born on June 27, 1935 in Gouldbusk, Texas and departed this life on June 17, 2015 at the Southeast Health Center of Stoddard County at the age of 79.

Mrs. Howard was an avid Democrat; she was a board member of the Missouri Federated Democratic Woman's Club, served as secretary for the State Democratic Party and had received the Bess Truman Award.

She got her start in the Democratic Party by helping Lyndon B. Johnson during his Presidential campaign in Texas. After attending Sam Houston University she was employed at MD Anderson in their lab. Her family will remember her as a ladies lady, witty, with a passion for animals, reading, genealogy, history and photography.

She was united in marriage to Jerry Thomas Howard on July 14, 1973 in Thayer, Missouri. Mr. Howard survives of their home in Dexter.

Besides her husband she is survived by two sons, Dr. Michael Penney and wife Karen of Poplar Bluff and WPH McFaddin IV of Hardy, Arkansas; by one daughter, Erin Diane Penney-Wooden and husband Jeff of Willard, Missouri; by one step-son, John Trevor Howard and wife Leanna of St. Louis, Missouri; by one step-daughter, Eliza Jane Winfrey and husband Alan of Memphis, Tennessee; by six grandchildren, P.J. McFaddin, Cody McFaddin, Brody McFaddin, Jagger McFaddin, Michael Penney Jr. and Caroline Penney and by four step-grandchildren, Adam Winfrey, Tyler Winfrey, Joseph Howard and Amelia Howard.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, June 21, 2015 from Noon until 2:00 P.M.

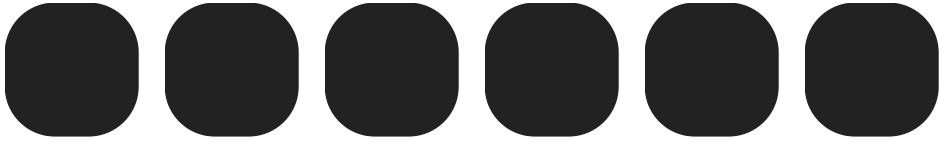
Funeral services will then be conducted on Sunday, June 21, 2015 at 2:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Dr. Barry Winders officiating.

A private grave-side service will be conducted at a later date.

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