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Frances J. Houart Mitchell

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Frances J. Houart Mitchell

Frances J. Houart Mitchell, daughter of the late Charles Earl and Elsie Bond Houart, was born in Perkins, Missouri on September 27, 1938, and passed away at the Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter, Missouri on July 4, 2015, at the age of 76 years, 9 months and 8 days.

She had lived in Bloomfield for many years before moving to Dexter in 1989.

She was a member of the Grace Fellowship Church in Dexter. She spent her life as a loving mother and homemaker for her family.

On January 1, 1973, Frances was married to Johnny Mitchell in Dexter. He preceded her in death on December 3, 1982.

Surviving are four sons, Steve Houart of Bernie, Ronnie Houart, Ricky Joe Bracken and Allen Mitchell all of Dexter; one daughter, Sarina Cope of Morley, Missouri; ten grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; two brothers, Charles Earl Houart, Jr. of Dexter, William Paul Houart of Fredericktown, Missouri; two sisters, Betty Lemons of Brunswick, Ohio and Jane Mobley of Doniphan, Missouri. Other relatives and friends also survive.

She was preceded in death by one sister Billie Presley.

Friends may visit on Monday, July 6, 2015, after 10:00 a.m. at the Watkins and Sons

Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be on Monday, July 6, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri with the Rev. Dewight Hensley of Bloomfield, Missouri officiating.

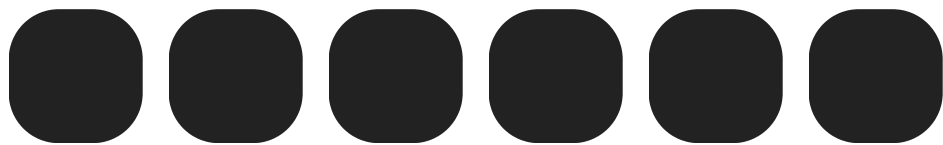
Interment will follow at the Bloomfield Cemetery in Bloomfield with Watkins and Sons Funeral Home of Dexter handling all arrangements.

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

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Marie Louise Medcalf

Marie Louise Medcalf, 90, was born in Essex, Missouri, on March 14, 1925, to John Logan Kirkpatrick and Ida (Sifford) Kirkpatrick.

She was united in marriage to Gene Medcalf on June 30th, 1941.

Marie was a loving wife, mother and grandmother, and she was a devoted Christian. Marie attended The First Church of the Nazarene in Dexter. She was a former member of the First United Methodist Church of Dexter and a resident of Dexter.

Marie was preceded in death by her husband, parents and brother, John Luther Kirkpatrick.

She is survived by her children and their spouses: Dixie Hicks (Lamar), Bob Medcalf and Lana Clark (Tommy). Marie is also survived by nine grandchildren: Laura Harris, Brad Hicks, Lana Lynn VanEgeren, Doug Hicks, Mitzi Garrett, Christopher Medcalf, Ashley Camp, Thomas Clark and Lynn Ellyn Hess, as well as nine great-grandchildren. Nancy Hall and other family members, as well as many close friends, also survive.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, July 6, 2015 from 1:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. with funeral services following in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel.

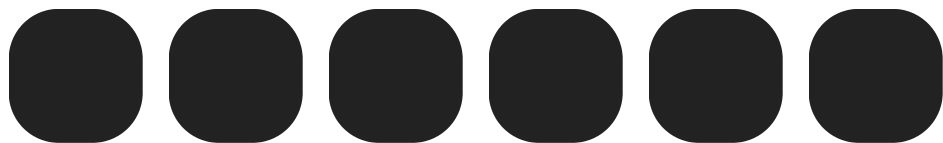
Former Pastor Jerrold Lake will offer the memorial service. Interment will follow in the Essex Cemetery with Cousin Larry Hinman providing graveside rites.

The family has requested that any memorial contributions be designated to the ALS Association of St. Louis, 2258 Weldon Parkway, St. Louis, Missouri 63146 (Envelopes will be available at the service.) Donations to the organization may also be made online in her memory at <http://webstl.alsa.org>.

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Dorothy Juanita Manley Bloomfield-Gamble

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Dorothy Juanita Manley Bloomfield-Gamble

Dorothy Juanita Manley Bloomfield-Gamble, 84, of Farmington, Missouri entered heaven on July 1, 2015. She was born on January 13, 1931 at Canalou, MO the daughter of Audie Lee and Bernice Manley.

Dorothy was the bookkeeper at Richland High School for 31 years and a resident of Farmington. She was a member of Farmington Church of the Nazarene.

Dorothy and Lee Bloomfield were married September 9, 1951 and he preceded her in death on April 4, 1993. Dorothy and Fred Gamble were married October 1995 and he preceded her in death April 1, 2014.

Surviving are three daughters Debbie (Terry) Bowling of Farmington, Missouri; Cathy (David) Mathis of Talihina, Oklahoma and Beth (Mike) Smith of Sikeston Missouri; one son Lee (Deanna) Bloomfield of Biloxi, Mississippi; one step-daughter, Phillis of Clifton, Texas; and one step-son, Andy Gamble of Longview, Texas. She is also survived by eleven grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren, and three step-grandchildren; by two sisters, Judy Daniels of Hillsboro, Missouri and Becky West of Jackson, Tennessee.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, one brother, and one great-grandson.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, July 2, 2015 from 12:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

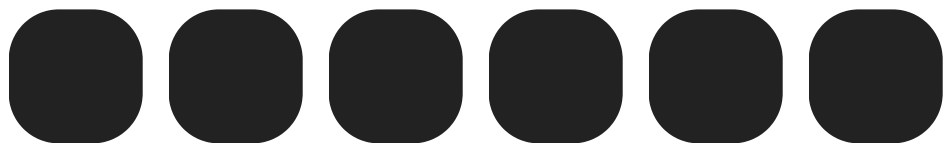
Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Thursday, July 2, 2015 at 2:00 P.M. with Rev. Art Menard officiating.

Interment will follow in the Memorial Park Cemetery in Sikeston, Missouri.

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Loree Ann Brown

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[Loree Ann Brown](#)

Loree Ann Brown, the daughter of Carolyn Yoder Shomaker and the late Albert Shomaker, Sr., was born in Alton, Missouri on May 23, 1966, and passed away at her home in Dexter, Missouri on June 29, 2015, at the age of 49 years, 1 months and 6 days.

Mrs. Brown had lived in Urbana and Winona, Missouri before moving to Dexter ten years

ago. She had worked as a server at the Elderland Restaurant in Bloomfield. She enjoyed camping and loved her family. She and her late husband, Michael, enjoyed buying and selling things they collected together.

On March 12, 2005, she was married to Michael "Mike" Brown in Dexter, Missouri. He preceded her in death on June 30, 2014.

Surviving are two sons, Michael Shemwell of Dexter, Missouri, Curtis Baker of Texas; two step-sons, Kevin Brown of Fort Hood, Texas, Dustin Brown of St. Joseph, Missouri; four step-grandchildren, Gabby, Brandie, Maddie and Kraylee Brown; her mother, Carolyn Shomaker of Dexter; one brother, Albert Shomaker, Jr. of Dexter, Missouri; six sisters, Kathy McCollom of Bloomfield, Cindy Shomaker, Shella Minehart and Jamie Ellsworth all of Dexter, Becky Martin of Denver, Colorado, Melissa Bibins of Seattle, Washington ; a niece, Tammy & John Sperino of Dexter. Other relatives and friends also survive.

She was preceded in death by her father, Albert Shomaker, Sr., and her maternal grandmother, Ressie Yoder.

Friends may visit on Friday, July 3, 2014, after 10:00 a.m. at the Grace Fellowship Church in Dexter, Missouri.

Memorial services will be held on Friday, July 3, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. in the Grace Fellowship Church in Dexter, Missouri with Sister Karen Oldham Hardin of Dexter officiating.

Dinner to follow services.

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

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Mary Nonnie Tanner

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Mary Nonnie Tanner

Mary (Nonnie) Tanner, 91, long time residence of Bernie, passed away on Sunday, June 28, 2015 at Saint Francis Regional Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

Mrs. Tanner, daughter of Columbus and Ethel Mitchell Collier, was born on July 28, 1923 in Scott City, Missouri.

She was a homemaker and was a member of the Bernie Christian Church. On April 11, 1946, in Piggott, Arkansas, she was united in marriage to Fred L. Tanner. He preceded her in death on January 17, 1993.

Her survivors include three children, Chris Tanner and wife Gay of Campbell, Frances Herrin and husband Bill of Mission Viejo, California, Mary Cannon and husband Loy of Long Beach, California; eighteen grandchildren; twenty-three great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Ronnie Collier of Marble Hill, Missouri; and many other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Fred L. Tanner, Jr.; four brothers, Edwin Collier, Earnest Collier, Richard Collier Gaylon Collier; one sister, Kathryn

Collier; one great-grandson, Josh Penick.

Visitation will be from 10 – 11:30 a.m., Thursday, July 2, 2015, at the Bernie Christian Church in Bernie, with services beginning at 11:30 a.m., with, Mr. Randy Moore officiating.

Burial will follow in Bernie Cemetery in Bernie, Missouri.

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