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James Bill Chambers

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James Bill Chambers

James “Bill” Chambers was born October 10, 1957 in Kankakee, Illinois and passed away in his home in Dexter on August 28, 2015 at the age of 57.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, James Eugene Chambers and Marjorie Jean Chambers.

He is survived by his sons, Derek Chambers of Idaho Falls, Idaho and Jason Chambers of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin; by two grandsons, Braden and Colten; by one sister, Alexia Helm of Bourbonnais, Illinois.

Those who were close to Bill will remember him for his kind heart, his willingness to go out of his way to help someone in need whether they be friend or stranger and his passion for music, namely classic rock, blues, folk rock and classical. He was a classically trained pianist since age five and an accomplished drummer and guitarist.

Bill was also an avid cook, a veteran of the U.S. Army, a member of the local Eagles Lodge, a supporter of the Dexter Freedom of the Road Riders and a member of the Kankakee, Illinois Eastridge High School Class of 1975.

Contributions to assist with the memorial service and burial can be made in care of Jason Chambers, 454 Chippewa Street, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin 54729. Memorial details can be obtained by contacting Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home,

125 West Stoddard Street, Dexter, Missouri 63841 at 573-624-4533 or Jason Chambers at jasonc34@yahoo.com.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

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

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Freddie Lynn Rickman

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Freddie Lynn Rickman, son of Doris McNair of Bloomfield, Missouri and the late Billy Joe Rickman, was born on September 3, 1962 in Vallejo, California and departed this life on August 30, 2015 at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in

Poplar Bluff, Missouri at the age of 52.

Mr. Rickman was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bloomfield. He worked as a millwright and installed conveyor systems in warehouses. He was a veteran of the United States Army National Guard and served in Desert Storm. He had also served as Chief of Police for the City of Bloomfield.

On November 6, 1981, he was united in marriage to Trella Wright in Bloomfield, Missouri. Mrs. Rickman survives of the home.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by two daughters, Nicole Rickman of Dexter and Tara Rickman of Bloomfield; by two brothers, Wayne Rickman of Eldorado Springs, Missouri and Billy Dean Rickman of Bloomfield, Missouri; and by four grandchildren, Dakota Gaddy, Jasmine Gaddy, Kylie Gaddy and Ran Davis, V.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter on Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. with Rev. Dwight Hensley officiating.

Interment will follow in the North Antioch Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri.

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Irene Hendrix

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Irene Hendrix

Irene Hendrix, daughter of the late William Barks and Bessie Steward Barks Ragland, was born in McGee, Missouri on September 15, 1922, and passed away at the Puxico Nursing Center in Puxico, Missouri on August 29, 2015, at the age of 92 years, 11 months and 14 days.

Mrs. Hendrix was Valedictorian of her graduating class of 1942, at Zalma High School. She had lived in California and St. Louis before returning to Puxico.

She was a member of the Life Chapel Assembly of God Church in Puxico where she was a Sunday school teacher for sixty years. She worked in the women's ministry and conducted bible study at the area nursing homes. She enjoyed making Barbie Doll clothes, gardening, flowers and cooking.

On November 17, 1942, she was married to Leo Hendrix in Macon, Georgia. He preceded her in death on March 30, 2000.

Surviving are two sisters, Mary Johnson of Watson, Oklahoma and Bernice Adams of Puxico, Missouri. Many nieces, nephews other friends and relatives also survive. She was preceded in death by five brothers, Sherman, Ivan, Eli, Joe and Lloyd Barks; and two sisters, Goldie Hefner and Bertailee Barks.

Friends may call from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, September 1, 2015, at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Puxico, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2015, at 11:00 am at the

Watkins & Sons Chapel in Puxico, Missouri with Rev. Glen Epps of Puxico officiating.

Interment will be in the Puxico Cemetery in Puxico, Missouri with Watkins and Sons Funeral Home of Puxico, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

Watkins & Sons Funeral Service
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Maxine Beatrice Hunt

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Maxine Beatrice Hunt

Maxine Beatrice Hunt, daughter of the late James Henry Kilmer and Emma Waggoner Kilmer, was born on March 2, 1923 in Dudley, Missouri and departed

this life on August 25, 2015 at Cypress Point Heath Care in Dexter at the age of 92.

Mrs. Hunt was a member of the Church of Christ in Dexter. She was a resident of Dexter, an avid gardener, quilter, poet, baker and cake decorator. She cherished her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In 1945, she was united in marriage to Delbert L. Hunt. Mr. Hunt preceded her in death on February 21, 1955.

She is survived by one son, Richard Lowell Hunt and wife Vickey of Dexter; by two daughters, Linda McRoberts and husband Norman and Earlene Hunt, all of Dexter; by four grandchildren, Kirsten Cassidy and her husband Chris of Edgemoore, South Carolina, Kevin McRoberts and his wife Courtney from Osage Beach, Missouri, Kenneth McRoberts and his wife Alice of Jackson, Missouri and Eric Hunt of Dexter, Missouri; and by five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by five brothers and three sisters.

A graveside service will be conducted on Monday, August 31, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield with Curtis McClard officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Stoddard County Children's Home Memorial Tribute Fund, P. O. Box 164, Dexter, Missouri 63841.

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Patrick James (P.J.) Ostler

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Patrick James (P.J.) Ostler

Patrick James (P.J.) Ostler of Ottawa, Illinois passed away in his home, Aug. 24, 2015. He was 74 years old, though he firmly denied that he was ever a day over 39.

P.J. was born July 15, 1941 in Chicago, Illinois. He attended St. Procopius in Lisle (now Benet Academy), then transferred to Wheaton Central, though he eventually obtained his GED so that he could help with the family mink farm. When he got his first truck in the 1950s, he would drive it around town in the sweltering heat with the windows rolled up and smile and wave, so that everyone would think that he had air conditioning.

P.J. enlisted in the Air Force reserves in 1963 and was deployed as security police in Paris, France, during the Vietnam War. While overseas he proposed to Marian Marriner, sending her an engagement ring in the mail. They married in Lisle, Illinois in 1966 and went on to have seven children.

P.J. was a postman in Ottawa for 40 years, mostly serving the south side; he retired in 1999. It is reported that he was once chastised for getting his hair cut on company time, in which he responded, “my hair grows on company time, so I’ll get it cut on company time!”

P.J. loved spending quiet mornings fishing the Illinois River, listening to a Cub’s game on the radio, and celebrating Hoodie-Hoo day every February. He had a joke for you every time he saw you. Sometimes they were even funny. He loved animals and missed country living. He brought a bit of the country to town and at one time had both a pet rooster and a pet pig. He did not have a bat, though, despite a large animal cage in his living room with a sign taped to it that said, “Notice! Unless you have had all your shots, do not put fingers

in this cage!” If you were one of the many who stared intently into the cage trying to see that bat move, he found you very entertaining.

Right now he’s probably listening to a Teresa Brewer record, watching reruns of The Three Stooges with Laurel and Hardy and debating, “who’s on first?”

P.J. is survived by his children Teresa Ostler of Incline Village, NV; Caroline (Tom) Kraus of Montgomery, IL; Sandra (Jeff) Stoudt of Marseilles, IL; Barbara Ostler of Eagan, MN; Michael (Josie) Ostler of Rockton, IL; Katie Ostler of Harvard, IL; and Dave (Angie) Ostler of Love’s Park, IL; and his 16 grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings Kathleen (Jack) Quinn, Eileen (Richard) Kaye, Maureen (Bob) Hall, Colleen (Jack) Craig, **Noreen Hyslop**, Charlie Ostler, and Jan Ostler; and friend Geri Bezroukoff. He is preceded in death by his parents, Della (Ostler) Beaudoin and Charles Ostler, and his brother, Tim Ostler.

Visitation will be held on Monday, Aug. 31 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at Ottawa Funeral Home 1111 LaSalle Street in Ottawa Illinois. A memorial service will follow on Tuesday, Sep. 1 at 11:00 a.m., also at Ottawa Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to P.J.’s 2015 Cubs’ World Series Champs celebration at www.gofundme.com/PatsCubsChamps. This is the year!

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