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Pearl Midge Island

SEPTEMBER 04TH 2015 BY DEE LOFLIN

Pearl Midge Island

Pearl "Midge" Island, daughter of the late John Henry And Mary Irene Cagle Mayner, was born in St. Louis, Missouri on March 30, 1950, and passed away at her home in Dexter, Missouri on September 3, 2015, at the age of 65 years, 5 months and 3 days.

Miss Island lived most of her life in Dexter, Missouri. She had worked as a CNA nurse in nursing homes. She was of Baptist faith.

She enjoyed collecting Coke-Cola and Elvis memorabilia. She was a huge Elvis fan but more than anything she loved her jewelry. She would order jewelry from home shopping networks even after she fell ill.

Surviving are one daughter, Ashley Lacey of Dexter, Missouri; one son, Ricky Island of Dallas, Texas; nine grandchildren; one great grandchild on the way; three brothers, Bobby Mayner of Dexter, Billy Mayner of Tampa, Florida, and Loyd Mayner of Tupelo, Mississippi; and two sisters, Mary Ann Skiles of Florida and Rosey Mayner of Dexter. Other relatives and friends survive.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, April Island Homan; one brother, Mike Mayner, and one sister, Maudie Mayner.

Friends may call after 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

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

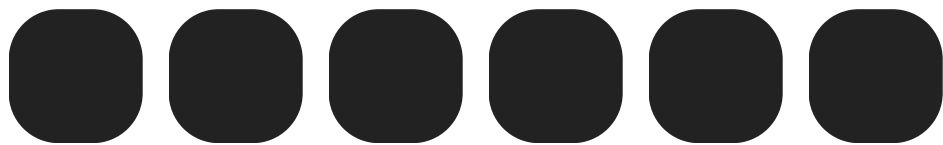
Online condolences may be sent to the family at **www.watkinsfuneralhome.com**

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Doris F. Mowery

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Doris F. Mowery

Doris F. Mowery, daughter of the late Willis M. Higgins and Rosalee Rains Higgins, was born on February 12, 1945 in St. Louis, Missouri and departed this life on August 30, 2015 at her residence in Bloomfield, Missouri at the age of 70.

Mrs. Mowery worked as a lineworker for Tyson Foods in Dexter.

In 1980, she was united in marriage to Alfred Mowery in Arizona. Mr. Mowery preceded her in death in 2008.

She is survived by two sons, Allen Hogg of Bloomfield, Missouri and Dan Lee Mowery of East Prairie, Missouri; by Lisa Faye Rose Mowery of Essex, Missouri; by one sister, Roberta James of Bloomfield, Missouri; and by eleven grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Services have not been scheduled at this time.

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

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Eddie Lee Gay

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Eddie Lee Gay

Eddie Lee Gay, son of the late Ramon & Francian Weatherspoon Gay, was born in Arkansas on March 3, 1930, and passed away at the Golden Living Center in Malden, Missouri on August 30, 2015, at the age of 85 years, 5 months and 11 days.

He had lived in Southeast Missouri all of his life and had lived in Bernie the past ten years. He was a member of the New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church near Essex.

He was married to Betty Hill in Vinson.

Surviving are his wife, Betty Gay of Bernie, Missouri; one son, Eddie James Gay of Bernie, Missouri; two daughters & husbands, Lillie Belle & Theoplis Clark of Bernie, Missouri, Norma & Patrick Jones of Malden, Missouri; two grandchildren, Brian Gay of Malden, Missouri, Kevin Clark of Bernie, Missouri; four great grandchildren; and one sister, Flora Johnson of Michigan. Many other relatives and friends also survive.

He was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

Memorial services will be held on Sunday, September 6, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at the New Mt. Zion Missionary Church, 24481 ST HWY D, Essex, MO with Pastor Leotis Aikens, Jr. officiating.

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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 Kankikee, 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

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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