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### Brenda Earline Bowling

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Brenda Earline Bowling

**Brenda Earline Bowling**, daughter of the late Earl Bowling and Helen Weaver Bowling, was born on July 12, 1952 in Bloomfield, Missouri and departed this life on October 4, 2015 at Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter at the age of 63.

Ms. Bowling was a member of the First General Baptist Church in Bloomfield and was a resident of Bloomfield.

She is survived by four brothers, Ronald Bowling and his wife Shirley of Bloomfield, Missouri, Larry Jay Bowling and his wife Kathy of Bloomfield, Missouri, Michael Bowling and his wife Pam of Coolidge, Arizona and Kenneth Bowling and his wife Cheryl of Bloomfield, Missouri; and by two sisters, Vicky Bowling and Debra Bowling, both of Bloomfield, Missouri.

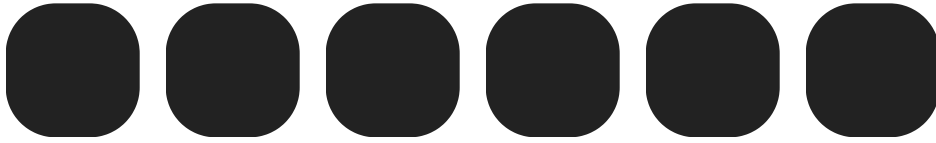
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Earl Bowling and Bobby Ray Bowling.

Visitation was held at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 from 1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. David Looney officiating. Interment followed in the Hill Cemetery in Bloomfield.

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## Hurcle Eugene Kinder

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**Hurcle Eugene Kinder** - With a spring in his step and a song on his lips, Hurcle Eugene Kinder lived his 77 years here on Earth. His happy-go-lucky demeanor was contagious. Even suffering from the cruel disease, Lewy Body Dementia, he never spoke a harsh word. Instead he would shake hands, kiss, and sing to everyone, even strangers. His laughter will echo through the lives of those around him.

Hurcle Eugene Kinder passed from this life to the next on Saturday, October 3, 2015. He was the son of Oscar Elmer Kinder and Mary Alvin Kinder and was born on December 27, 1937, in Painton, MO. On September 13, 1957, he was united in marriage to Janet Marie Isaac in Sikeston, MO.

Mr. Kinder was a Korean War veteran. He served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Intrepid. After his service, Mr. Kinder returned home and

provided for his family. He is survived by three daughters, Robin Glass of Bell City, Shelley Green of Bloomfield, and Wendy Guzman of Dexter; by one brother, Arthur Lee Kinder of Dexter; four sisters, Joyce Kinder and Betty Johns of Sikeston, Margaret Long of Bell City, and Barbara Jones of Puryear, TN; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Stephen Kinder and his wife, Janet Marie Kinder.

Mr. Kinder was a longtime resident of Southeast Missouri and then moved to Farmersville, CA, where he and Mrs. Kinder resided for 25 years. Mr. Kinder retired as a custodian from the Farmersville School District. He was also a member of the Apostolic Church pastored by Rev. Steve Love. The couple then moved back to Southeast Missouri due to illness.

Mr. Kinder could frequently be seen riding his bicycle to the flea market “shucking and jiving” while trading knives and watches. You never saw him without his Bible in his shirt pocket; he loved to minister the Word of God. This sweet-spirited man also enjoyed playing his harmonica. The playful melody can still be heard if you listen well. Mr. Kinder was also the biggest clown you would ever meet. He was known for his practical jokes and his goofy facial expressions.

As a family, we are honored to have shared this incredible journey with him. If we could use one word to sum up Hurcle Kinder’s life, it would be: FUN.

Visitation will be at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, October 7, 2015, from 5 p. m. to 8 p. m. Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday, October 8, 2015, at 1 p. m. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Tommy Green officiating. Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veteran’s Cemetery.

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## Joseph Edward Hicks

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Joseph Edward Hicks

**Joseph Edward Hicks**, son of the late Roland Hicks and Trannie Mae Ingle Hicks was born on June 10, 1923 in Double Springs, Alabama and departed this life on October 3, 2015 at his residence in Advance at the age of 92.

At the age of 16 his family moved from Winston County, AL to Morehouse, MO. Shortly afterwards, Ed left to look for work in California. On the way he worked in the Kansas wheat harvest to earn money for the trip. At his mother's request he returned to Missouri to help her and his brothers by sharecropping. During this time he met and married Margie Harris and supported his family by pursuing an independent career as an area technician through American Breeders Service. He supplemented his career with dairy farming and in 1972 he received an award from the Dairy Herd Improvement Association for the annual "High Milk Producing Herd".

Ed was a leader in the community through church and 4-H. He was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ. He was a founding member of the Town & Country 4-H Club in Dexter, Missouri.

On November 28, 1953 he was united in marriage to Margie Harris in Sikeston. Mrs. Hicks preceded him in death on July 26, 2006.

He is survived by two sons, Gary Allen Hicks of Bloomfield and Ronald Steven Hicks of Sikeston; by two daughters, Donna Gail Moreira of Advance and Melana Jo Long of Advance; by three brothers, Bobby Hicks of Essex, Dee Wayne Hicks of Jackson and Lamar Hicks of Kansas City, Missouri; seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Besides his wife and parents he was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Rachel Margie Long; by one great granddaughter, Alyssa Marie Long; by three brothers, Cecil Hicks, William Hicks and Billy Hicks and by four sisters, Jewell Ramsey, Lois Richards, Lorene Fulgham and Gertrude Hicks.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 from 10:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M.

Funeral services will then be conducted on Tuesday at 11:00 A.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rusty McMillon and Larry Hinman officiating.

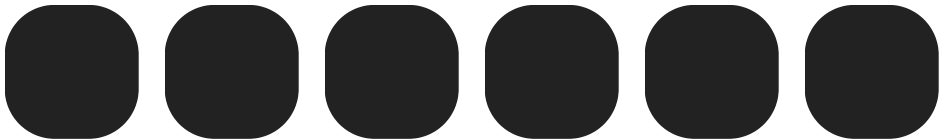
Interment will follow in the Essex Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Children's Homes, Inc., 5515 Walcott Road, Paragould, Arkansas 72450; Essex Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 9, Essex, Missouri 63846; or the Carpenter Cemetery Association, 810 Cherokee Street, Sikeston, Missouri 63801.

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# William Edward Woods

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William Edward Woods

**William Edward "Bill" Woods**, son of the late Homer F. and Golda Mae Etheridge Woods, was born in Missouri on September 4, 1945, and passed away at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri on October 2, 2015, at the age of 70 years and 28 days.

He had lived in Dexter most of his life. He was a member of the Elk General Baptist Church near Broseley, Missouri and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and picking up pecans.

Surviving are one sister, JoAnn Harmon of Mississippi; two nephews, and close friends, Peggy Spence and Judy and Delbert Pruett. Other family and friends also survive.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Wayne Woods, one neice, Kim Hamlin; and one great nephew, Tyler Shay Woods.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday October 6, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday October 6, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. at the Watkins and Sons Chapel in Dexter, Missouri with the Rev. Dan Ross of Silva, Missouri officiating.

Interment will follow in the Hill Cemetery near Bloomfield, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.watkinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.watkinsfuneralhome.com)

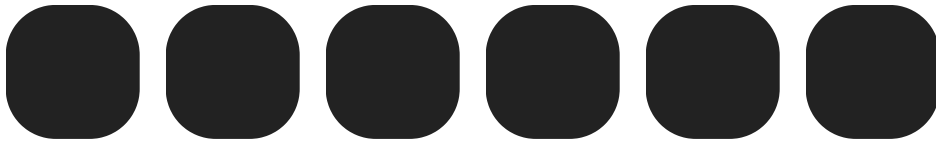
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## Louise D. Burton

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Louise D. Burton

**Louise D. Burton**, daughter of the late Forest O. B. & Ruth Ethel Dublin Jones, was born in Senath, Missouri on January 19, 1922, and passed away at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing in Dexter, Missouri on October 2, 2015, at the age of 93 years, 8 months and 13 days.

Mrs. Burton had lived most of her life in the Dexter area. She was a member of the Lighthouse Christian Center in Dexter and had worked on the line at the Purolator Plant in Dexter until she retired in 1984.

She had volunteered with the Board of Southeast Missouri Legal Aide; delivered Meal's on Wheels to area senior citizens, and the Dexter Hospital Auxillary. She had a love of travel and always said her middle name was "Go" and her beautiful roses were admired by many.

On August 23, 1941, she was married to James F. Burton in Caruthersville, Missouri. He preceded her in death on August 1, 1982.

Surviving are three daughters and husbands, Shirley & Bob Decker of Paris, Tennessee, Phyllis & Maurice McFarlen and Linda Vargo all of Dexter, Missouri; three sons & wife, James D. & Janey Burton, Donald Burton and Jackie Burton all of Bloomfield, Missouri; thirteen grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren; 10 great great grandchildren; one

sister & husband, Eva & Charlie VanGinnip of Malden, Missouri; two brothers & wife, Chester Jones of Swartz Creek, Michigan and Harold & Sharon Jones of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Other relatives and friends survive.

She was preceded in death by one son, Jerry Don Burton; two daughters, Julia Sue Sanders and Dorothy Close; one granddaughter, Patricia Sanders; four brothers, L.D., J.T., Franklin & Earnest Jones; and two sisters, Frieda Wilkins and Margaret Nichols.

Friends may visit from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 3, 2015, at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, October 4, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri with the Rev. Tim Russell of Dexter officiating.

Interment will follow in the Essex Cemetery in Essex, 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](http://www.watkinsfuneralhome.com)  
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