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### Robert Michael Becker

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Robert Michael Becker

**Robert Michael Becker**, age 49, of Arkadelphia, passed from this life on Friday, October 2, 2015 at UAMS in Little Rock. He was born October 6, 1965 in Festus, MO, the son of Larry Gene and Barbara Courtney Becker. Robert was a overland truck driver for AF Transportation. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. Robert was a member of Center Grove Methodist Church. He was a United States Army veteran of Desert Storm.

Robert is survived by his parents, Larry and Helen Becker and Barbara and Jim Partney, his wife, Christy McClure Becker, three sons, Logan, Cody and Adam Becker, two daughters, Cassidy Purtle and Chelsea McKay, two brothers, Scott Becker and Dustin Partney, two step brothers, Larry and David White, three sisters, Melissa Becker, Lisa Arnold and Kristi Jackson, and two great grandchildren, Carter Lawrence and Amelia McKay.

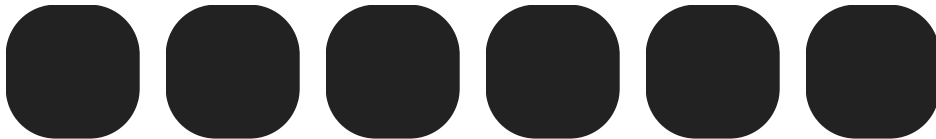
A memorial service was held at 1:00 PM Tuesday at Center Grove Methodist Church with Rev. Travis Langley officiating.

Interment with military honors was held at 3:00 PM Tuesday at Easley Cemetery.

Final arrangements are entrusted to The Welch Funeral Home of Arkadelphia. Visit [www.welchfh.net](http://www.welchfh.net) to sign the guest book and view the video tribute.

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## Thelma Idabel Oliver

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**Thelma Idabel Oliver**, daughter of Lester Medlin and Gracie Allen Medlin, was born on August 27, 1924 in Bernie, Missouri and died October 6, 2015 at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 91.

During the depression years, Thelma helped her family sharecrop by picking cotton, chopping cotton and pitching hay. She was employed at Campbell Filter for many years. She loved to make people laugh and in spite of her declining health, she never lost her sense of humor.

She was a member of the Dexter Church of Christ for nearly seventy years. She loved the Lord and during her long life, she taught many people about the gospel message.

On September 15, 1950, she was united in marriage to Billy Lee Oliver in Piggott, Arkansas. He continues to reside in Dexter, Missouri.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by their only child, Vicki Hopgood and her husband Terry of Rolla, Missouri; by two grandchildren, Aaron Hopgood of Rolla, Missouri and Allison Rogerson and her husband Christian of Balikpapan , Indonesia; by six great-grandchildren, Grace Rogerson, Noah Rogerson, Jackson Rogerson, Cooper Rogerson, William Rogerson and Samuel Rogerson; by four sisters, Mildred Carlton of Dexter, Missouri, Melba Ward-Walker of Bernie, Missouri, Louise Dye of Kennett, Missouri and Bonnie Brigman of Aurora, Colorado.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Clifford Medlin, Clecy Medlin, Welton Medlin and Donny Ray Medlin; and by two sisters, Eva Embrey and Wilma Walker.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, October 10, 2015 from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Saturday, October 10, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. with Clyde Jacques officiating.

Interment will follow in the Essex Cemetery in Essex, Missouri.

The family requests that donations be made to Crowley's Ridge Youth Camp, c/o Children's Homes, Inc., 5515 Walcott Road, Paragould, Arkansas 72450.

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# Brenda Earline Bowling

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**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.

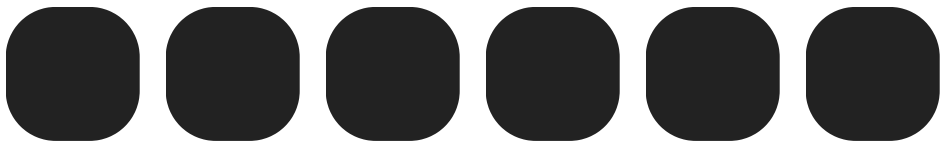
Visitation was held at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 from 1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

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

**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.

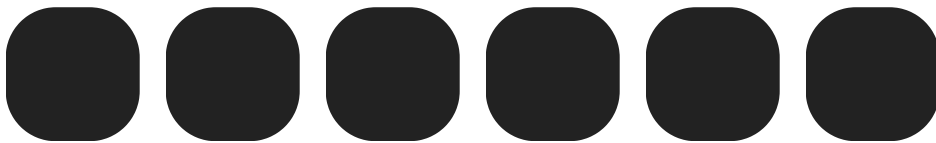
As a family, we are honored to have shared this incredible journey with him. If we could use one word to sum up Hurcle Kinder’s life, it would be: FUN.

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.

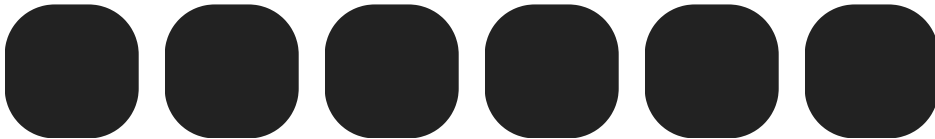
Interment will follow in the Essex Cemetery.

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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