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## Wanda Lee Foster

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### Wanda Lee Foster

**Wanda Lee Foster**, daughter of the late Walter Fleeman and Ila McArthur Fleeman was born in Leachville, Arkansas on February 20, 1929 and departed this life at Mulberry Manor in Dexter, Missouri on November 6, 2015 at the age of 86.

Mrs. Foster was a homemaker and attended Liberty Hill Church.

She was united in marriage to Harry Willis Foster in Dexter, Missouri on July 24, 1946. Mr. Foster preceded his wife in death on March 3, 2009.

Survivors include one son, Jerry Foster & wife Linda of Dexter; by two grandchildren, Todd Foster and Dylan Foster; by four great-grandchildren, Megan Foster, Ryder Foster, Kaiden Foster and Finn Foster; by one brother, Kenneth Fleeman of Peoria, Illinois; also by other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death other than by her parents and her husband, by one son, Harry Don Foster; by two brothers, Russell Fleeman and Cecil Fleeman.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri on Monday, November 9, 2015 from 11:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

Funeral services will then be conducted at 1:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter, with Rev. Joe Payne officiating.

Interment will follow in Dexter Cemetery. Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home of Dexter, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

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## Christa M. Edmonds

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**Christa M. Edmonds**, daughter of the late Ralph Parks and Wilma Margaret Richardson Parks was born in Bernie, Missouri on January 30, 1938 and departed this life at her residence in Bernie, Missouri on November 6, 2015 at the age of 77.

Mrs. Edmonds had worked at Purolator Manufacturing Company, was a homemaker and a member of Bernie Nazarene Church.

She was united in marriage to Rev. Arvil Edmonds in Bernie, Missouri on December 26, 1998. Rev. Edmonds preceded his wife in death on April 21, 2006.

Survivors include one son, Mike Orr & wife Lucinda of Bernie, Missouri; one step-son, Edward Allen Edmonds & wife Becky of Bernie, Missouri; by one daughter-in-law, Debra Biggs of Bernie, Missouri; by five step-daughters, Susan Rebecca Clark & husband Dee of

Bloomfield, Missouri, Shirley Rosetta Williams and Victoria Darlene Hill both of Bernie, Missouri, Cathy Lynn Edmonds of Dexter, Missouri; by six grandchildren, Monica, Joshua, Ryan, Santina, Tracey and Kristopher; by ten step-grandchildren, Alicia, Ian, Daniel, Latisha, Stephanie, Randy, Christopher, Mandy, Jeffrey and Misti; by seven Great-grandchildren, Jaden, Jordan, Jessica, Mathew, JoshuaRyan, Jasper and Joslin; by 24 great-grandchildren, Will, James, Mady, Chloe, Oniece, Edward, Cody, Austin, Devin, Kelsey, Adalyn, Beau, Schuylar, Shelby, Bellamy, Alyssa, Hailey, Braden, Aden, Erin, Elena, Jacquin, Jaron and Waylon; also by other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death other than by her parents, and her husband, by one son, Steve Orr; by one great-grandson, Phanes Orr; by two step grandchildren, Erin Powell and Jarrett Frazier.

Friends may call at the Nazarene Church in Bernie, Missouri on Monday, November 9, 2015 from 11:30 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Bernie Nazarene Church at 2:00 P.M. with Rev. Steve Fitzpatrick and Rev. Don Wells Officiating.

Interment will follow in the Bernie Cemetery.

Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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# Donald Jackson Harper

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## Donald Jackson Harper

**Donald Jackson Harper**, Bloomfield, departed this life on November 6, 2015 at his residence. He was born on December 5, 1923 to Reuben and Thelma Alsup Harper.

After graduating from Bloomfield High with the class of 1943, he served in the Navy, during WW II on the U.S.S. Jarvis. During the Korean Conflict he served on the U.S.S. Benham. The Benham took a Good Will Tour to Europe and was at the Rock of Gibraltar when he received word his son was born.

He married Maxine Guilliams on September 30, 1950 at Piggott, Arkansas. In addition to his wife one son, "Rip" Harper & wife Karen of Dexter, one daughter, Melisia Bowie Parker and husband Larry of Dudley, four grandchildren, Ben Bowie & Jessie, Amy Briggs & husband Adam of Lawrence, Kansas and Theron Harper of Reno, NV, Beth Fowler & husband Billy of Dexter. Two great-grandchildren, Richard J. Bowie and Gracyn Fowler also many friends and relatives.

He was a member of the Dexter Church of Christ, the American Legion and a lifetime member of the AMVETS. He worked as a electrical lineman for the REA and later traveled with the IBEW

He was active in the community, serving time on the school board and as a alderman of the city, filling in for a year for the Mayor.

Don enjoyed spending hours at the family farm and at their cabin on Current River. He was a avid deer and turkey hunter.

In addition to his parents and his brother Joseph, by two sisters, Virginia Grant and Linda Metzner and a son-in-law, Richard Bowie, preceded him in death.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri on Sunday, November 8, 2015 from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter at 1:00 P.M. with Clyde Jacques officiating.

Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of all arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials be sent to Stoddard County Children's Home, or any charity of your choice.

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## Estelle Marie Allen Martin

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[Estelle Marie Allen Martin](#)

Estelle Marie Allen Martin, daughter of the late Frank J. Haba and Sophie M. Supak Haba, was born on September 17, 1930 in Moulton, Texas, and departed this life on November 4, 2015 at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing Center in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 85 years.

In 1948 Estelle was united in marriage to Donald Allen in Witting, Texas, and to this union 7 children were born. Mr. Allen preceded her in death in 1986. She was then married to Barney Martin in 1993. Mr. Martin also preceded her in death in 2002.

Estelle graduated from Baldwin Business College in Yoakum, Texas. She and Don moved to Dexter in 1952 with their 3 small children, but neither ever lost their deep love of Texas. She worked as the librarian at Dexter Senior High School for 35 years. She was a member of St. Ann's Altar and Rosary Sodality, Church Women United, Golden Circle, a faithful member and goodwill representative of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and a resident of Dexter.

Survivors include one son, Don Allen of Urbana, Illinois; four daughters, Marilyn (Steve) Austin of Tucson, Arizona, Karen (Chet) Fleming of Celina, Ohio, Denise (Neal) Ayers of Dexter, and Mary Jo Allen of Dallas, Texas; one brother, Frank (Susan) Haba of Lavernia, Texas; one sister, Adelle Seitz of Yoakum, Texas; seven grandchildren, Greg (Karen) Austin of San Marcos, California, Melissa (Willis) Whalen of Aldie, Virginia, Carrie (Mario) Morelli of Plymouth, Michigan, Gina Fleming of New Albany, Ohio, Mitch (Jen) Fleming of London, Ohio, Josh Ayers and Blake Ayers both of Dexter; eleven great-grandchildren, Madeline and Grant Ayers, Skylar, Austin, and Bryce Whalen, Grace and Brady Morelli, Logan and Savanna Christ, and Peyton and Jacob Fleming; and many much-loved nieces and nephews. Estelle is also survived by her longtime dearest friend, Barbara Bath of Dexter.

Besides her husbands and parents, she was also preceded in death by two daughters, Diane Marie and Jean Yvonne; also by one sister, Viola Rose.

Estelle was a passionate supporter of St. Jude's Children's Hospital, the Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, World Visions, Federal Way, and the Barney Martin Scholarship.

She was blessed with many talents, including gardening, seamstress creations for multiple generations of her family, her well known pies, and making her family's favorite strawberry and peach preserves. She generously shared her time and talents with her church community. She touched many lives with her kindness and unconditional love, and will be missed by many.

Visitation will be held on Sunday evening, November 8, 2015 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dexter from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. with the Rosary being said at 7:00 P.M.

Funeral Mass will be conducted on Monday, November 9, 2015 at 9:30 A.M. with Father David Dohogne officiating.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

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## Doris A. Elder

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Doris A. Elder

**Doris A. Elder**, daughter of the late Lester M. Jones and Dollie Clark Jones Jenkins, was born on October 4, 1939 in Randles, Missouri and departed this life on November 3, 2015 at SoutheastHEALTH in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 76.

Mrs. Elder was a member of the Gospel Assembly of Dexter. She worked for more than twenty years as an apartment manager for Carl Bien and was a resident of Dexter.

She is survived by two daughters, Debbie K. Fuqua and Michelle L. Williamson, both of Dexter; by one brother, Hilbert M. Jones of Sulphur, Louisiana; by one sister, Margaret L. Pauling of Freemont, Ohio; by nine grandchildren; and by twelve great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Maxie Morey, Jr., and by one brother, Wesley L. Jones.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, November 6, 2015 from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Funeral services will follow in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel at 2:00 P.M. with Rev. Winiferd Wren officiating.

Interment will follow in the Union Park Cemetery in Chaffee, Missouri.

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