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### Karen Miller

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Karen Miller

**Karen Sue Miller**, daughter of the late Robert Dee Mann and Geneva Thrower Mann Robinson, was born on September 28, 1943 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri and departed this life on November 9, 2015 at her residence near Dexter, Missouri at the age of 72.

Mrs. Miller was a member of the United Methodist Church in Essex. She graduated from Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff, Missouri in 1982 with an Associate's Degree in Nursing and then later graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Webster University in St. Louis. She continued her education at Bellarmine University in Louisville, Kentucky and graduated with a Masters of Science Degree in Nursing in 1994.

Prior to her disability, she worked as a registered nurse in the Cardiac Care Unit and the Cardiac Rehab Center at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau. She was instrumental in forming the Cardiac Rehab Center at Southeast Hospital in Dexter in June of 1997. She was honored as Who's Who in American Nursing and among Young Professionals.

She was a Girl Scout Troop Leader, she served as President of the Cotton Boll Area Girl Scouts Council from 1989 to 1996 and was a Girl Scout Thanks Badge Recipient. She also was a member of the Girl Scouts of the USA National Staff and a delegate to the National Girl Scouts Council Session. She and her husband were founding members of the Dexter Chapter of the Missouri State Young Farmers Association and she served as State Vice President from 1974 to

1975.

On November 22, 1962, she was united in marriage to James L. Miller in Dexter, Missouri. Mr. Miller survives of the home near Dexter.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by one son, James Keith Miller and wife Pam of Essex, Missouri; by one daughter, Lori Ann Schiller and husband Eric of Nashville, Tennessee; by one grandson, Landon Miller and wife Ashley; by one anticipated soon great-grandson, Levi James Miller; by one sister-in-law, Judy Mann of Phoenix, Arizona; by three nieces and five nephews.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Donald Mann; and by her step-father, Chester Robinson.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 120, Essex, Missouri 63846.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 10:30 A.M. with Rev. Roy Sherfield and Rev. James Malloy officiating.

Interment will follow in the Essex Cemetery.

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## Kathryn Lay

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### Kathryn Lay

**Kathryn Lay**, daughter of the late Alexander and Oma Bowman McRoy, was born in Bloomfield, Missouri on September 6, 1921, and passed away at the Bertrand Nursing Center in Bertrand, Missouri on November 7, 2015, at the age of 94 years, 2 months and 1 day.

She had lived in the Bloomfield area all of her life. She was a member of the First General Baptist Church in Bloomfield. She had been a baby sitter and loved children.

On October 30, 1940, she was married to Hugh Lay in Bloomfield, Missouri.

Surviving are her husband, Hugh Lay of Bloomfield, Missouri; three daughters & spouses, Sharon & Robert Jones of Sikeston, Missouri, Debbie & Dale Parks of Dexter, Missouri, Bonnie & Roger Gibbs of Bloomfield, Missouri; fifteen grandchildren; seventeen great grandchildren; nine great great grandchildren; two brothers, Bill McRoy of Bloomfield, Missouri, Bob McRoy of Bowling Green, Kentucky; and one sister, Mary Gilbee of Overland, Missouri. Other relatives and friends also survive.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Patsy Griffin and several brothers and sisters.

Friends may visit on Tuesday, November 10, 2015, after 11:00 a.m. at the Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home in Bloomfield, Missouri.

Funeral services will be on Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. at the Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home in Bloomfield with the Rev. Ronnie Stevens of Bloomfield, Missouri officiating.

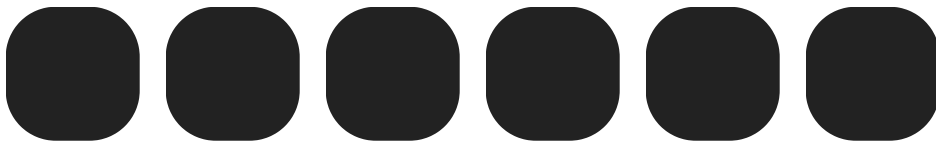
Interment will follow at the Walker Cemetery in Bloomfield with Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home of Bloomfield, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.watkinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.watkinsfuneralhome.com)  
**Chiles-Cooper** Funeral Home - Bloomfield  
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## Lena M. Smith

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[Lena M. Smith](#)

**Lena M. Smith**, daughter of the late Charles W. Redfairn and Blanche Manning Redfairn, was born in Hazleton, IN on February 8, 1922 and departed this life at Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter, Missouri on November 6, 2015 at the age of 93.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and was a member of Sadler Chapel United Methodist Church.

She was united in marriage to Ernest Dwight Smith in Kennett, Missouri on June 14, 1941. Mr. Smith preceded his wife in death on February 14, 2007.

Survivors include four sons, Jerry Dwight Smith & wife Liz of Grassy, Ronald Lee Smith & wife Sue of Doniphan, Larry Charles Smith & wife Brenda of Bloomfield and Rickie L. Smith of Batesville, Arkansas; by one sister, Lettie Redfairn Blaize of Preston, Indiana; by twelve grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren; also by other relatives and friends.

Besides her husband and parents she was preceded in death by three brothers, James Redfairn, C.W. Redfairn and Earl Redfairn; by three sisters, Lura Reeves, Lois Sanders and Helen McGee; also by one great-grandson, Stephen Cole Smith.

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

Funeral Services will then be conducted at 11:00 A.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter, with Rev. Shannon W. Smith officiating.

Interment will follow in Sadler Chapel Cemetery.

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

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# Franklin LeMay

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## Franklin LeMay

**Franklin LeMay** son of the late John LeMay and Leslie Gray LeMay was born on September 10, 1933 in Bellgreen, Alabama and departed this life on November 7, 2015 at the Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter at the age of 82.

Mr. LeMay was a Veteran of the United States Marines and served during the Korean War. He worked in commercial construction and was a resident of Dexter.

On April 4, 1955 he was united in marriage to Mary Stults in Iuka, Mississippi. Mrs. LeMay survives of their home in Dexter.

Besides his wife he is survived by one daughter, Kim Moore of Neelyville; by one brother, Talmage LeMay of Red Bay, Alabama; by one sister, Wanda Blackwell of Tennessee and by one grandson, Eric LeMay.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by one son, Joel LeMay; by one daughter, Cathy Ogelvie and by one brother, J.O. LeMay.

Funeral services were conducted at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter.

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# Eva L. Pruett

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## Eva L. Pruett

**Eva L. Pruett** daughter of the late Jess Nelson and Bertha Matlock Nelson was born on April 26, 1922 in Hartman, Arkansas and departed this life on November 8, 2015 at the Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau at the age of 93.

Mrs. Pruett had worked for Brown Shoe Company and was a home-maker. She was of the Baptist Faith and a resident of Dexter.

In 1962 she was united in marriage to Thomas Jay Pruett in Morehouse. Mr. Pruett preceded her in death in January of 2001.

She is survived by one son, Kenneth and wife Jill Jones of Dexter; by one step-daughter, Lois Lutes of Morehouse; by two brothers, Ed Nelson and Carl Nelson both of Nashville, Tennessee; by one sister, Maggie Carter of Dexter; by six grandchildren, Martina Dannenmueller, Christina Jones, Gary Lutes, Coraletta Jackson, Jacob Dannenmueller and Caden Dannenmueller and by two great-grandchildren, Allison and Belle Jones.

Besides her husband and parents she was preceded in death by one brother, Fred Nelson.

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

Funeral services will then be conducted on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. James Malloy officiating.

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