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Jerry Lee Pennington, Sr.

DECEMBER 13TH 2015 BY DEE LOFLIN

Jerry Lee Pennington, Sr.

Jerry Lee Pennington, Sr., son of the late William Jasper and Lillie Mae Carmack Pennington, was born in Kennett, Missouri, on June 24, 1942, and passed away at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis on December 12, 2015, at the age of 73 years, 5 months and 18 days.

He had lived in Puxico, Missouri for many years.

He had been a minister, pastoring at Walker General Baptist Church for fourteen years and at the Taylor General Baptist Church the past nineteen and a half years and was a member of the Calvary's Way Association. He had been an auctioneer and was a member of the Auctioneers Association in Missouri and Arkansas. He had a love for fishing, playing his guitar, gospel music and especially loved spending time with his family.

On March 10, 1961, he was married to Wilma Baker in Bloomfield, Missouri.

Surviving are his wife, Wilma Pennington of Puxico; one son, Jerry Lee, Jr. and Susan Pittman of Puxico, Missouri; four daughters, Belinda & William McCormick and Ella & Steve Sperino all of Puxico, Paula & Terry Hester and Mary Ashley & Justin Hockersmith all of Dexter; eleven grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren; two brothers, Bill & Christine Pennington of Bloomfield, Jasper Pennington of Dexter; two sisters, Darlene Willard of Puxico and Deloris Phillips of Dexter.

Visitation will be held on Monday December 14, 2015, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter.

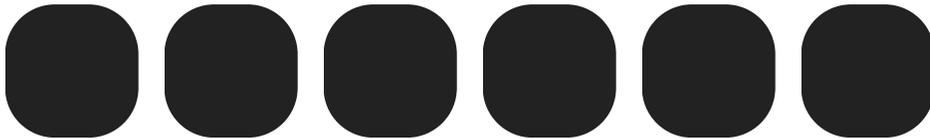
Funeral services will be Tuesday December 15, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. in the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter, Missouri with Rev. Ray Placher of Puxico, Missouri officiating.

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

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Margaret Cox

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Margaret Cox

Margaret Cox daughter of the late P.D. Allen and Ilah Oberbey Allen was born on June 21, 1926 in Lamar, Arkansas and departed this life on December 9, 2015 at the Cypress Point Skilled Nursing Center in Dexter at the age of 89.

Mrs. Cox was a member of the Dexter Church of Christ and a resident of Dexter. She had worked at the Collier Company as a licensed real estate agent before retiring.

On November 25, 1972 she was united in marriage to Paul Bland Cox in Dexter. Mr. Cox preceded her in death on August 22, 2011.

She is survived by one son, Ron and his wife Nora Hardin of Dexter; by three daughters, Carolyn and her husband Jim Bowling of Puxico, Patricia Burge of Poplar Bluff and Karen and her husband Gary Blocker of Poplar Bluff; by seven grandchildren, Tonya Pride, Scott and wife Jennifer Bowling, Misty and husband Michael Wiseman, Cory and wife Stacy Blocker, Justin Hardin, Emilee Young and Sarah Kingree; by sixteen great grandchildren; one great-great grandson; by one brother, Larry Allen of Las Vegas, Nevada; by one step-son, Ronald Lee Cox of Branson, Missouri and by one step-daughter, Connie and husband Willard Bean of Jefferson City, Missouri.

Besides her husband and parents she was preceded in death by three brothers, Harold Dean Allen, D.F. Allen and John Allen, and by one sister, Billie Jean Allen.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, December 12, 2015 from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with Stan Dauck officiating.

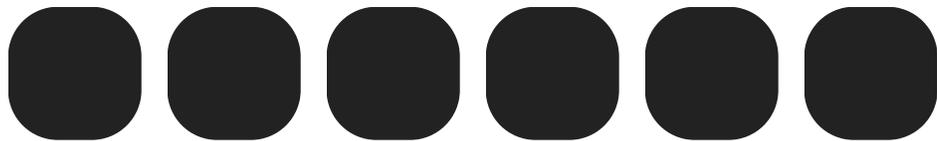
Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family requests all memorials be made to the Stoddard County Children's Home, P.O. Box 164, Dexter, Missouri 63841.

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Darrell Swinger

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Darrell Swinger

Darrell Swinger, son of the late Otis & Bonnie Curd Swinger, was born in Dexter, Missouri on June 11, 1952, and passed away at the Southeast Health Center of Stoddard County in Dexter, Missouri on December 4, 2015, at the age of 63 years, 5 months and 23 days.

Mr. Swinger lived in Dexter all his life. He had worked as a mechanic at the Autry Morlan Car Dealership.

He was a member of the Freedom of Road Riders for 26 years and had been a founding member.

Surviving are one brother, Paul Swinger of Dexter, Missouri; special friends, Mary Reeves of Dexter, Missouri and Ramona Morgan of Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Other relatives and friends survive. He was preceded in death by one sister, Phyllis Ward.

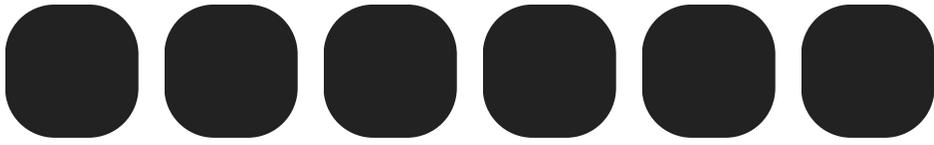
Memorial services will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Dexter Eagles Aerie in Dexter, Missouri.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.watkinsfuneralhome.com
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Mary Ellen Pippins

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Mary Ellen Pippins

Mary Ellen Pippins passed away on December 7, 2015, at the Country Club Care Facility in Warrensburg, MO. Mary was born on February 13, 1931 in Dexter, MO, the daughter of the late Edison and Hallie Evans.

Her husband Bill Pippins of 65 years survives her, along with her son, Bill Pippins, Jr, and his fiancé, Karen Freeman and daughter, Nancy Pippins Rogers and her husband Ivan. She also has 3 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Grandchildren, Matthew Pippins and wife Hollie of Dexter, MO, Amanda Corbett of Warrensburg, MO and Matthew Rogers of Warrensburg, MO. Her great grandchild is Spencer Grace Pippins, daughter of Matt and Hollie Pippins. She also is survived by many nieces and nephews. Mary Ellen was one of 5 children. Surviving are 2 sisters, Patricia Williams of Cape Girardeau and Judy Rimel of Dexter, MO.

Her brother, Bill Evans and sister, Betty Ann Mouser preceded her in death.

Mary Ellen was a farm wife, pharmacist tech and teacher's aid to the Dexter Public Schools Middle School Special Education Class.

She was a member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Dexter, MO and was a member the Beacon Sunday School Class and CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship). Mary also filled in as Sunday School Teacher on occasions. She loved her church family and attended faithfully for many years before moving to Warrensburg. Having spent most of her life on the farm, Mary Ellen developed a love for all animals. That love existed right up to the last few days with time spent with the song birds housed at the care center.

Funeral Services will be conducted at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home on Friday, December 11, 2015.

Visitation will be at 10:00 am with the funeral service at 11:00 am.

Reverend Michael Williams of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will officiate.

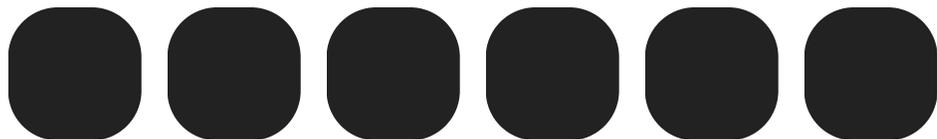
Burial will be at the Stoddard County Veteran's Cemetery near Bloomfield following the funeral service.

The family wishes that any memorials be made to the Memorial Fund of the First Christian Church, 224 East Stoddard, Dexter, MO 63841 or Serenity Hospice, 1626 E. Elm Street Harrisonville, MO 64701.

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Peggy Jean Denny

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Peggy Jean Denny of Puxico, daughter of the late Gene and Ina Loyd DeShaw, was born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri on November 7, 1928, and passed away at the Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau on December 7, 2015, at the age of 87 years and one month.

On April 26, 1946, she was married to David Oliver and he preceded her in death on June 21, 1953. On February 18, 1955, she was married to Denzel "Dink" Denny. He preceded her in death on July 14, 2013.

She was a member of Brown General Baptist Church where she had served as choir director for 30 years, taught Sunday School, and assisted with the youth group in past years. Mrs. Denny graduated from Southeast Missouri State University and had earned a Masters degree in Elementary Administration and Supervision from Missouri University.

She had been the elementary principal at Greenville Schools for 18 years after having taught in the Puxico Schools for 12 years. She was a life member of M.S.T.A. and had been a member of the Missouri Association of Elementary Principals for eighteen years. As a member of the Southeast District Elementary Principals she served twelve years on the executive committee, was vice-president and president of the organization. Mrs Denny was honored by the Southeast District of M.S.T.A. for meritorious service to education at the meeting on March 14, 1986.

Surviving are two sons, James & Tressa Oliver of Puxico, Missouri, Larry Oliver of Puxico, Missouri; eight grandchildren, Leigh Ann & Scott Rommel, Julie & Shane Wyatt, Sherry Davis, David & Stephanie Oliver, Russell & Jennifer Oliver, Matt & Kelli Oliver, Angela Moore, Kendra & Tim Dublin; nineteen great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; and one brother & wife, Stanley & Susan Johnson of Murray, Kentucky. Other family, beloved former students and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by her daughter in law, Barbara Oliver, a brother in law, Carroll Denny and a sister in law Betty Denny.

Visitation will be held on Friday December 11, 2015, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Puxico, Missouri.

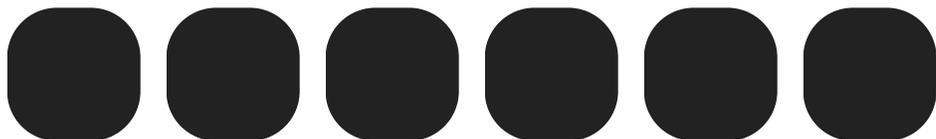
Funeral services will be held on Saturday December 12, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. at the Brown General Baptist Church near Puxico, Missouri with the Rev. Ray Placher of Puxico officiating and the Rev. Kenneth Lambert of Bloomfield assisting.

Interment will follow in the Puxico Cemetery in Puxico, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Puxico in charge of arrangements.

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