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David R. Bratcher

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David R. Bratcher Obituary

David R. Bratcher, son of the late Joe David Bratcher and Betty Fowler Bratcher was born in Catron, Missouri on November 15, 1959 and departed this life in Bernie, Missouri on January 8, 2016 at the age of 57.

Mr. Bratcher he had worked as a Welder, and was a resident of Bernie.

He was united in marriage to Pauline Acord in Bernie, Missouri on June 8, 2008. She survives in their home in Bernie.

Other Survivors include one son, Michael Bratcher of Pevely, Missouri; by one step-son, Kevin Acord of Jackson, Missouri; one step-daughter, Latisha Dettrie of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; one brother, Donnie Cobb of Bernie, Missouri; by seven sisters, Kathy Clark of Malden, Missouri, Sharon Dillenger of Illinois, Donna Huffman of Bernie, Missouri, Estella Bates of Festus, Missouri, Barbara Lynn of Valley Park of Missouri, Melinda Wheeler of Dittmer, Missouri, Bertha Sherritze of Bernie, Missouri; by five grandchildren; also by other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death other than by his parents, by one sister, Carol Ann Earnheart

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Monday, January 11, 2016 from 10:00 A.M. until 11:30 A.M.

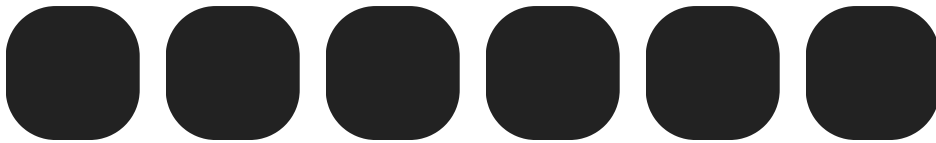
Funeral services will then be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel starting at 11:30. Interment will follow at Bernie Cemetery.

Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in charge of all arrangements.

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Margaret Ann McQuay

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[Margaret Ann McQuay Obituary](#)

Margaret Ann McQuay, daughter of the late Charles Louis Martin and Marie Puckett Martin, was born on July 3, 1935 in Kewanee, Missouri and departed this life on January 7, 2016 at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 80.

Mrs. McQuay was a homemaker and a resident of Dexter. She was a member of the Kewanee Methodist Church in Kewanee, Missouri and a member of the Eastern Star.

On August 8, 1972, she was united in marriage to Don McQuay in Kewanee, Missouri. Mr. McQuay preceded her in death on June 16, 2008.

She is survived by one son, Martin Ward of Bloomfield, Missouri; by two grandchildren, Christina M. Ward of Cape Girardeau, Missouri and Jamie Holcomb of Bloomfield, Missouri; and by seven great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Charles Louis Martin, Jr.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, January 10, 2016 from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

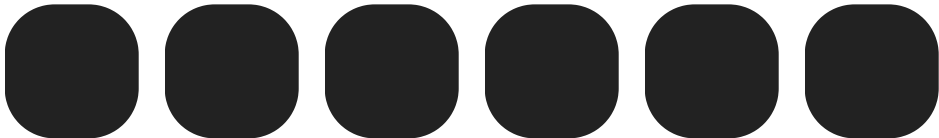
Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Sunday, January 10, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. with Rev. Alice Fowler officiating.

Interment will follow in Sikeston Memorial Park in Sikeston, Missouri.

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Nellie Ruth Smith

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Nellie Ruth Smith Obituary

Nellie Ruth Smith, the daughter of the late Charles and Sarah Allison Ashbaugh, was born in Puxico, Missouri on June 20, 1927, and passed away at the Puxico Nursing Center in Puxico, Missouri on January 5, 2016, at the age of 88 years, 6 months and 16 days.

Mrs. Smith had lived in Puxico, Missouri since 1978. She was retired from Universal Match in Ferguson, Missouri. She had attended the the Assembly of God Church for many years but was attending the Puxico First Christian Church. She enjoyed her dog.

On December 8, 1947, she was married to Woodrow D. Smith in Puxico, Missouri. He preceded her in death on April 28, 2004.

Surviving are one son and wife, Donnie & Debbie Smith of Harrah, Oklahoma; two daughters, Joan Short of St. Petersburg, Florida and Jeannie Lovett of Puxico, Missouri, 6 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren. Other relatives and many friends also survive. She was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

Friends may call on Saturday, January 9, 2016, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Puxico, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Puxico, Missouri with Rev. Jamie Jones of Dexter officiating.

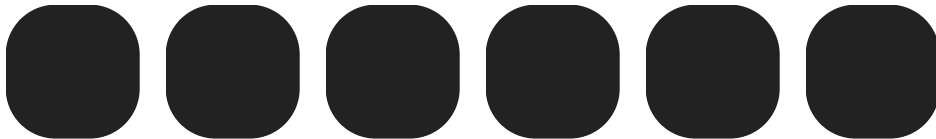
Interment will follow in the Puxico Cemetery in Puxico, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Puxico, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

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Gordon Randall Jones

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[Gordon Randall Jones Obituary](#)

Gordon Randall : "Randy" Jones, son of the late Hillis Ulysses and Bonnie Mae Lackey Jones, was born in Bloomfield, Missouri on March 5, 1953, and passed away at the Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau, Missouri on January 6, 2016, at the age of 62 years 10 months and 1 day.

Gordon had lived in Puxico for many years, moved to Georgia and then to Jackson, Missouri thirteen years ago. He was of the Baptist Faith and had been attending the Cowboy Church. He was a member of the Puxico Masonic Lodge. He attended college and worked for the USDA as a Meat Inspector. Gordon served in the US Navy. He enjoyed farming and raising Hogs. Gordon also worked for several years at Arvin.

On July 26, 1975, he was married to Debra Elaine Cochran in Kinder, Missouri.

Surviving are his wife Debra Jones of Jackson, Missouri; two sons, Cameron Hillis and wife Amy of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, Corey Wade Jones and fiancé David Addison of Carbondale Illinois; one stepson, Christopher Sean Wilkison and wife Julie of St. Louis, Missouri; three grandchildren; Keigan Jones of Wappapello, Emily Wilkinson of St. Louis, Missouri and Ciara Walker of Holcomb, Missouri; four brothers & wives, Stanley & Kathryn Jones of Grasse, Missouri, Steve & Shelia Jones of Puxico, Missouri, Rex & Belinda Jones of Jackson, Missouri, Kenneth & Trina Jones of Indianapolis, Indiana; one sister and husband, Bethel & Jason Covington of Houston, Texas. Other relatives and many friends also survive. He was preceded in death by two brothers; Ralph Kim Jones and one brother in infancy.

Friends may call on Sunday, January 10, 2016, from 5:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Puxico, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, January 11, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Puxico, Missouri with Rev. Steve Jones of Puxico officiating and Rex Jones of Jackson, Missouri assisting..

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

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HM Richmond

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HM Richmond Obituary

HM Richmond son of EW (Lige) and Hester Holcomb Richmond, passed away January 5, 2016 At Southeast Hospital, Cape Girardeau MO. He was born in Poplar Bluff MO on July 9, 1923.

He graduated from Bloomfield High on May 7, 1941. He married Betty Putnam on May 24, 1969. He is survived by Betty Putnam Richmond of Bloomfield, Daughters, Donna Deardorff (Gary) of Bloomfield and Becky Gisi (Ron) of Bloomfield, son Rich Richmond of Bloomfield. Grandchildren, Jennifer Barnes (Lee), Emily Carpenter (Ryan), Jill Deardorff, Katy Tarbutton (Greg), Charlene Herman, (Justin) and Renee Thornburg (DonPaul) of Woodlake CA. Also, twelve great grandchildren. He is survived by 2 brothers, RW (Wendy) Richmond of Dexter, and CL (Babe) Richmond of Cape Girardeau MO along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He was proceeded in death by his parents and 3 half brothers, Carl, Wayne and Harry Richmond and a half sister, Marjorie Justice.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge for over 50 years. He served as a commander of the Bloomfield VFW, also as president of Bloomfield Lions Club, and the first treasurer of the Elks Club. He served as a member, Sunday school teacher, and treasurer of 1st Baptist Church of Bloomfield, and has been attending Liberty Hill GBC for the past few years.

He was very active in sports. He played independent baseball, and high school basketball. He was an avid tennis and pool player and enthusiastic golfer. He received 2 golden putters for his two holes-in-one at the Crowley Ridge

Recreational Center at the ages of 82 and 84.

In 1941 he attended college at Rolla School of Mines and in 1942 he enlisted in the Navy and served in WWII.

He was a jack of all trades master of some: he worked for the state auditor as an examiner, manager of Grey Hound Inn restaurant (Somerset, KY), manager of the restaurant at Keenland Racetrack, (Lexington KY), bookkeeper at Alan Christian (Dexter), Owner and Operator of Northside grocery store, and a used furniture store, (Bloomfield). He collected taxes for Castor and Liberty township for 16 years.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter on Thursday, January 7, 2016 from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.

Funeral services will then be conducted on Friday, January 8, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Joe Payne officiating.

Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

In lieu of flowers the family requests all memorials be made to the Liberty Hill General Baptist Church, Woman's Missionary Fund OR Stoddard County Children's Home.

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