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## Robert Mayo

JANUARY 25TH 2016 BY DEE LOFLIN

### Robert Mayo Obituary

**Robert "Bob" Mayo**, 80, of Advance peacefully went to be with the Lord in the early morning hours of Jan. 24, 2016, at Saint Francis Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

Bob was born to Clinton and Georgia Mayo of Aquilla, Missouri, on Oct. 10, 1935.

He was a 1955 graduate of Bloomfield High School and spent over 30 years working for Union Pacific Railroad and its predecessors in Scott City as a locomotive engineer.

Bob's life was filled with achievements, but he would be the first to say that his family was the pinnacle achievement of his life.

It all began Jan. 12, 1955, in Panola County, Mississippi, where he and his soon-to-be wife, Jo Ann, sneaked off to be married, as they were too young to do so under Missouri law.

Upon their return, they would go on to have 54 more anniversaries before Jo Ann's passing in 2009.

Since 1955, the lengths he went to care for his family are unmeasurable and unforgettable. His impressions have left a permanent footprint on each of their lives, for which they are forever grateful.

Bob's second-greatest achievements were the friends he made over his lifetime. To say he was a mere socialite would not do him justice, as he was much more than that. His day could not begin before meeting his friends at the Advance Town and Country for a fresh cup of coffee and a thorough update on local current events.

Many people say that the greatest gift you can give someone is time. Bob must have been listening to those words ring out in his mind during his life, because up until his last breath, he gave all the time he had to others, never expecting anything in return.

His favorite thing to do was watch his family's high-school sporting events, especially Advance high-school basketball.

Rest in peace, Grandpa; you will be in our hearts here on Earth until we meet again.

Bob is survived by his younger sister, Linda York, of Campbell, Missouri; two daughters, Debbe Mayo of Advance and Terri West of Buffalo, Missouri; three grandsons, Travis Westbrook of Bloomfield, Missouri, Brandon Cooper of Cape Girardeau and Ryan West of Buffalo; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife referenced above, as well as his two older sisters, Wanda Bivens of St. Louis and Ruth West of Cape Girardeau, and his two younger brothers, Harold Mayo of Jonesboro, Illinois, and Larry Mayo of Advance.

To gather and honor Bob's life, please join us for a visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday and funeral service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Morgan Funeral Home in Advance.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests those contributions be directed to the Stoddard County Children's Home, which can be done at [stoddardcountychildrenshome.com](http://stoddardcountychildrenshome.com).

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# James JD Metcalf

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**James “J.D.” Metcalf**, son of the late James Otto and Ethel Arlean Kelso Metcalf, was born in Himmel, Missouri on January 26, 1932, and passed away at his home near Bloomfield, Missouri on January 23, 2016, at the age of 83 years.

He had lived in the Bloomfield area all of his life. He had worked for 37 years and retired from the REA Electric Cooperative. He was a veteran U. S. Marines and had served during the Korean Conflict and was of the Baptist Faith.

On July 24, 1954 he was married to Velda Fay Pruett in Aquilla, Missouri. She preceded him in death on April 9, 1997.

Surviving are one son, Donald “Blue” Metcalf of Bloomfield, Missouri; two daughters, Deborah Metcalf and Glenda Johnson both of Bloomfield, Missouri; one granddaughter, Cynthia Johnson of Bloomfield, Missouri; one great granddaughter, Courtney Fay Johnson of Bloomfield; three brothers, Duane & Lawson Metcalf both of Dexter, Missouri, Dwight Metcalf of Bell City, Missouri; three sisters, Ilean Hafle of Benton, Arkansas, Kay Goggins of St. Louis, Missouri and Willene Sturgeon of Bloomfield, Missouri. Other relatives and friends also survive.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Cleo Locke and Mary Lee Sparger.

Friends may visit on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home in Bloomfield, Missouri.

Funeral services will be on Wednesday, January 27, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. at the Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home in Bloomfield.

Interment will follow at the Gravel Hill Cemetery near 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)  
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## Carl Hester

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**Carl Hester**, son of the late Charles L. and Eva Lena Stevens Hester, was born in Bloomfield, Missouri on February 7, 1925, and passed away at the Golden Living Center in Bloomfield, Missouri on January 22, 2016, at the age of 90 years.

He had lived in St. Charles, Poplar Bluff, Essex & Dexter; and had lived in Bloomfield for many years. He had worked for the State Fire Marshall and was an state fire inspector. He was a veteran of WWII and served in the U. S. Army. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, V.F.W., and the American Legion.

On September 5, 1989 he was married to Frances Arlene Pullum in Piggott, Arkansas.

Surviving are his wife, Frances A. Hester of Bloomfield, Missouri; two sons, Robert and Larry Hester both of St. Louis, Missouri; two step-sons, Allen Bolin of Bloomfield, Windy Bolin of Circle City; three step-daughters, Kim Johnson of Bloomfield, Kay Robbins of Bell City, Stephanie Robinson of Dexter; many grandchildren and great grandchildren; and one sister, Ruth Munday of St. Charles, Missouri. Other relatives and friends also survive.

He was preceded in death by 3 brothers, Wayne, Ralph & Paul Hester; 5 sisters, Agnes Followell, Juanita Murdock, Opal Hester and two in infancy.

Friends may visit on Monday, January 25, 2016, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home in Bloomfield, Missouri.

Funeral services will be on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. at the Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home in Bloomfield.

Interment will follow at the Missouri Veteran's 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)  
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## Bob Lowrey

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**Bob Lowrey**, son of the late Grady Lowrey and Helen Denton Lowrey, was born on August 25, 1937 in Catron, Missouri and departed this life on January 20, 2016 at his residence in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 78.

Mr. Lowrey was a member of the Miner Baptist Church in Miner, Missouri, a Sunday School teacher and a former deacon of the First Baptist Church of Parma, Missouri. He was a partner in the Sandy Ridge Cotton Company in Malden and co-owner of Bob Lowrey Farms of Parma.

On October 12, 1957, he was united in marriage to Betty Miller in Parma, Missouri. Mrs. Lowrey survives of the home.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son, Bobby David Lowrey and wife Kerri of Dexter, Missouri; by two daughters, Debbie Lewis and husband Steve of Dexter, Missouri and Lisa Dockins of Sikeston, Missouri; by six grandchildren, Heather Lewis, Matthew Lewis, Hunter Dockins, Hannah Dockins, Bobby Lee Lowrey and his wife Kelsey and Tori Lowrey; by four great-grandchildren, Nate Lewis, Carli Lewis, Madison Lowrey and Emma Johnson; and by two sisters, Sally Mollineaux of Benton, Missouri and Joyce Stewart of Parma, Missouri and many other family members and friends.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one grandson and by one sister, Rita Cook.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, January 22, 2016 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. with Rev. Mitch Jackson officiating.

Interment will follow in the Bernie Cemetery.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Stoddard County Children's Home, Memorial Tribute Fund, P. O. Box 164, Dexter, Missouri 63841 or The Christian Academy, 103 East Kathleen, Sikeston, Missouri 63801.

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## Otis S. Cummings, Sr.

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[Otis S. Cummings, Sr. Obituary](#)

**Otis S. Cummings, Sr.** of Puxico, son of the late John Wesley and Kate R. Marion Cummings, was born in Fairview, Missouri on May 9, 1936 and passed away at the Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau on January 15, 2016, at the age of 79 years, 8 months and 6 days.

Otis had lived in Fairview, Missouri most of his life and moved to Puxico in 2002. He had worked as a rocket and jet engine mechanic and had owned his own tractor business. He had spent thirty years in the Missouri National Guard. He enjoyed working on and restoring tractors.

On January 1, 1988, he married Merlyn Clinton Richard in Bloomfield, Missouri.

Surviving is his wife, Merlyn Cummings of Puxico; two sons, Otis S. Cummings, Jr. of Van Buren, MO, Leslie Don Cummings of Puxico; two stepsons & wives, David & Cynthia Richard of Creve Coeur, MO, Dan & Janice Richard of Fenton, MO; six grandchildren, Sherri Kamguia and Zachary Cummings both of Neosho, MO, Ashley Henley of South Haven, MS, John Cummings of Memphis, TN, Aaron & James Cummings both of, Van Buren, MO; three step grandchildren, Matt Richard of Columbia, MO, Stacy Richard of Fenton, MO, Jackie Richard of Savannah, GA; four great great grandchildren, Landon Henley of South Haven, MS, Violet Elizabeth (Drake) Cummings and Wesley (Drake) Cummings both of Memphis, TN, Naomi Dawn Cummings of Neosho, MO; and one brother, David O'Neil Cummings of North Carolina. Other relatives and friends also survive.

Visitation will be held on Monday, January 18, 2016, from 11:00 am until time of services at 12:30 pm at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Puxico, Missouri.

Interment will follow at the Duck Creek Cemetery near Puxico with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service in charge of arrangements.

Watkins & Sons Funeral Service - [www.watkinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.watkinsfuneralhome.com)

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