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Charles Melford Gibson

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Charles Melford Gibson, formerly of Dexter, was born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri on May 4, 1927 and passed away in Dallas, Texas on February 23, 2016, at the age of 88 years, 9 months, and 19 days.

Joe had spent his childhood and early adult life in Dexter. After serving his country as a supply truck driver in Korea, Charles came home and spent the remainder of his life in the trucking business, first as a truck driver, then as owner of a small trucking company. He had been a member of the Assembly of God Church in Missouri and was now a member of the Cowboy Church in Dallas Texas.

On October 22, 1944, he was married to Mayola Ellen McCamish in St. Louis, Missouri. His wife of 60 years preceded him in death on December 29, 2004.

Surviving are one daughter, Pamela K. Gibson of Lewisville, Texas; two sons, Charles Michael "Mike" Gibson of Knoxville, Tennessee, Mark A. Gibson of St. Louis, Missouri; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren; numerous friends including truckers from across the country. He was also preceded in death by one great grandson, Lance Polk of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, February 25, 2016, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Laurel Land Funeral Home in Dallas, Texas.

Graveside services and interment will be held on Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in the Bernie Cemetery in Bernie, Missouri with the Rev. Mike Kohlbaker of Dexter,

Missouri officiating with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

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Charles Shipman

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Charles Shipman, son of the late William Earnest Shipman and Bessie Mae Allstun Shipman, was born on December 25, 1923 in Dexter, Missouri and departed this life on February 21, 2016 at his residence in Bloomfield, Missouri at the age of 92.

Mr. Shipman was a member of the Church of Christ in Bloomfield, Missouri. He had worked as a salesman for Scott County Milling Company and Cargill. He also farmed and raised cattle. He was a veteran of the United States Army serving during World War II and a member of the American Legion Post #59 in Dexter for sixty years.

On May 23, 1942, he was united in marriage to Laura Edith Jones in Dexter. Mrs. Shipman survives of the home.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, Larry Shipman and wife Jan of Dexter, Missouri, Ronnie Shipman of Phoenix, Arizona and Donnie Shipman and wife Laurie of Bloomfield, Missouri; by two daughters, Charlotte Clark Thomason and husband Frank of Dexter, Missouri and Jan Asbell and husband Jay of Ozark, Missouri; by fourteen grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren; and by four step-grandchildren, six step-great-grandchildren and six step-great-great-grandchildren.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Cletus Shipman; three brothers, Willie "Bud" Shipman, Lester Shipman and Dale Shipman; and by one sister, Christine Crowe.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, February 25, 2016 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Friday, February 26, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. with Clyde Jacques officiating.

Interment will follow in the Hagy Cemetery in Dexter.

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Imogene Laverne Kleffer

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Imogene Laverne Kleffer Obituary

Imogene Laverne Kleffer, daughter of the late William Bledsoe and Ruby Pierce Bledsoe, was born on June 9, 1929 in Campbell, Missouri and departed this life on February 22, 2016 at her residence in Essex, Missouri at the age of 86.

Mrs. Kleffer was a member of the Friendship Baptist Church in Dexter. She was self-employed as a beautician and had worked at the shoe factory in Parma and at Elders Manufacturing in Dexter.

On October 25, 1958, she was united in marriage to Bobby Earl Kleffer in Dexter. Mr. Kleffer preceded her in death on January 13, 2013.

She is survived by one son, Steve Kleffer and wife Leah of Essex, Missouri; by one daughter, Nola J. Ledbetter and husband Phillip of Holt Summit, Missouri; by four grandchildren, Ryan Kleffer, Ashley Riley, Leah Ledbetter and Hannah Ledbetter; by one great-granddaughter, Myra Jade Austill; and by three step-great-grandchildren, Hannah Riley, Sophie Riley and Shane Riley.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by seven brothers, J. D. Bledsoe, Billy K. Bledsoe, Delmar Bledsoe, Bob Bledsoe, Dick Bledsoe, Jack Bledsoe and W. M. Bledsoe; and by two sisters, Jewel Hawkins and Faye Maddox.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, February 25, 2016 from 9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

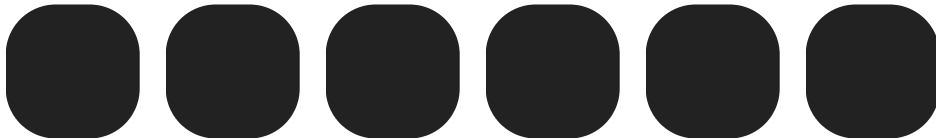
Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 11:30 A.M. with Rev. Lonny Mittag officiating.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

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Joe L. Scott

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Joe L. Scott of Grayridge, son of the late John William and Jessie Jane Dorney Scott, was born in Hartman, Arkansas on April 8, 1938, and passed away at his home in Bloomfield, Missouri on February 23, 2016, at the age of 77 years, 10 months, and 15 days.

Joe had lived in Grayridge all of his life. He was a retired Dump Truck Driver and had worked for Millington Trucking and was a veteran of the U. S. Army.

Surviving are two daughters & husbands, Tonia & Alvin Hobbs of Bloomfield, Missouri, Janet & Chris Davis of Eufaula, Oklahoma; five grandchildren, Josh Battles, Robert Lee Cobb, April Morlan, Casey Cobb and Amber Morlan; four great grandchildren, Madara Battles, Chloe McBroom, Jocelyne Young and Rylee Cobb; three step great grandchildren; three sisters, Lourean Rasey of Florida, Johnnie Davis of Grayridge, Missouri and Querita Marvel in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Other relatives and many friends also survive. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Auline Crabtree, Stelling Tyler and one brother, Jim Scott.

Friends may call on Thursday, February 25, 2016, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 26, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. in the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter, Missouri with the Rev. Ray Rowland of Dexter, Missouri officiating.

Interment will follow in the Missouri Veteran's Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with full military honors. Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

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Arthur Lee Kinder

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Arthur Lee Kinder

Arthur Lee Kinder, son of the late Oscar Kinder and Mary Perry Kinder, was born on September 2, 1934 in Bell City, Missouri and departed this life on February 20, 2016 at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 81.

Mr. Kinder was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Dexter and the Bell City A Frame Church. He was a resident of Dexter and had worked as a small engine repair mechanic and was the owner/operator of Art's Small Engine Repair in Dexter.

On May 28, 1981, he was united in marriage to Mary Gromer in Dexter, Missouri. Mrs. Kinder survives of the home.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son, Keith Kinder and wife Sherry of Sikeston, Missouri; by one daughter, Pamela Lee Kinder-White and husband Connie Max of Gordonville, Missouri; by four sisters, Marge Long of Bell City, Missouri, Barb Jones of Puryear, Tennessee, Betty Johns of Sikeston, Missouri and Joyce Kinder of Sikeston, Missouri; by two stepsons, Mike Conway and wife Julie of Sikeston, Missouri and Bobby Powell and wife Tammy of Brodhead, Wisconsin; by three stepdaughters, Debbie Nelson of Cabool, Missouri, Donna Gravil of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Daronda Brown and husband John of East Prairie, Missouri; by eighteen grandchildren and thirty-one great-grandchildren.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Hurcle Kinder; by two grandchildren, Sandy Christine White and Sarah Renea Jones Kinder; and by one step-daughter, Ranee Powell.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, February 22, 2016 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. with Rev.

Danny Collins and Rev. Ted Stone officiating.

Interment will follow in the Chalk Bluff Cemetery in Dexter.

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