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Rita Jo Halford

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Rita Jo Halford Obituary ShowMe Times

Rita Jo Halford, daughter of Charles Stanfield of Canal Winchester, Ohio and the late Velda Workman Anderson, was born on October 20, 1948 in Bloomfield, Missouri and departed this life on April 17, 2016 at Golden Living Center in Dexter at the age of 67.

Mrs. Halford was a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Dexter. She enjoyed singing in quartets and played piano for several area churches. She was a farm wife in the Bell City area for many years.

On April 19, 1968, she was united in marriage to Norman Halford in Oran, Missouri. Mr. Halford preceded her in death on July 22, 2004.

In addition to her father Charles Stanfield and his wife Linda, she is survived by one son, Bradley Dwight Halford and his wife Norma of Oran, Missouri, by one brother, David Stanfield of Franklin, Tennessee; by five sisters, Karen Tucker of Olatha, Kansas, Lori Reynolds of Canal Winchester, Ohio, Allison Hiser of Pickerington, Ohio, Charlotte Harris of Sulfur, Louisiana and Cindy Champion of Waterloo, Illinois; by her step-father, Bill Anderson of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; by three grandchildren, Marcus Flacy, Trey Anderson and Zach Anderson; and by one great-grandchild, Kurt Allen Flacy.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel at 11:00 A.M. with Rev. Shane Mallard officiating.

Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery.

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Denzil Gregory

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Denzil Gregory

Denzil Gregory, son of the late Ulesses Sterl and Ada Evelyn Pyle Gregory, was born on October 6, 1929, in Bernie, Missouri and passed away at the Baisch Nursing Center in DeSoto, Missouri on April 16, 2016, at the age of 86 years, 6 months and 10 days.

He had been a resident of Poplar Bluff, Missouri before moving to Pevely, Missouri in 1961. He had worked as a machinist for the Dorris Motor Co.

On October 9, 1954, he was married to Betsy Louise Hoxworth in Hernando, Mississippi. She preceded him in death on July 14, 2013.

Surviving are two daughters, Debbie Harter of Festus, Missouri and Cheryl Robinson of Manchester, Missouri; one son, Wayne Gregory of Dellwood, Missouri; ten grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; two sisters, Lois Carpenter of Salem, Missouri and Mildred Hardin of Hazelwood, Missouri. Other relatives and friends also survive. He was preceded in death by one brother, Dawsey Gregory.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, after 11:30 a.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter with the Rev. Kenneth Lambert of Bloomfield officiating.

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

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

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Mary Adkins

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Mary Adkins, daughter of the late Albert Otto Parmer and Luda Jordan Parmer was born on April 30, 1928 in St. Louis, Missouri and departed this life on April 9, 2016 at the Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter at the age of 87.

Mrs. Adkins was a member of the First General Baptist Church in Bloomfield and had worked at Elder Manufacturing as a machinist sewer. She was a resident of Bloomfield.

On May 17, 1944 she was united in marriage to Russell Williams, he preceded her in death on May 11, 1987. She later married Ruben Adkins on August 12, 1996. Mr. Adkins preceded her in death on December 31, 2005.

She is survived by two sons, John and his wife Catherine Williams of Bloomfield and by Donnie Williams and Barbara Jones of Dexter; by one daughter, Brenda Conner of Dexter; by one sister, Billie Estes of Marshall, Missouri and by five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Besides her parents and husbands she was preceded in death by one son-in-law, Rick Conner and by one brother, Elmer Parmer.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, April 11, 2016 from Noon until 2:00 P.M.

Funeral services will then be conducted at 2:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter.

Interment will follow in the Bloomfield Cemetery.

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Danny Lee

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Danny Lee Obituary

Danny Lee, son of the late Daniel Lee and Pearline Sutton Lee, was born on November 13, 1942 in Dix, Illinois and departed this life on April 2, 2016 at his residence in Dexter at the age of 73.

Mr. Lee was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Dexter. He had worked at Purlator and John Deere. He and his wife are owners of three rescue dogs which are a very important part of their family.

On October 4, 1963, he was united in marriage to Joan Gunter in Malden, Missouri. Mrs. Lee survives of the home.

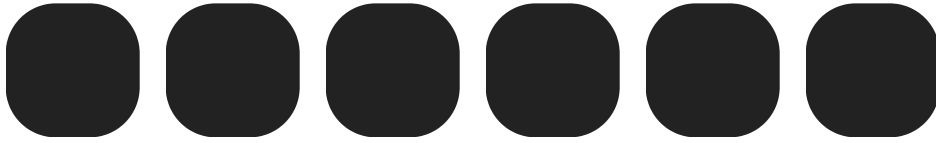
In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, Kevin Lee and wife Melody of Beijing, China, Jason Lee of Cape Girardeau, Missouri and Eric Lee of Dillon, Montana; by one daughter, Pam Lee Ford and husband Eddie of Advance, Missouri; by four brothers, Alan Lee of Strafford, Missouri, Garry Lee of Hillsboro, Missouri, David Lee of Malden, Missouri and Larry Lee of Stover, Missouri; by one sister, Ellen Stone of Imperial, Missouri; by eight grandchildren, Dustin Ford and Danielle Ford, both of Advance, Missouri, Lian Lee, Angela Lee, Zhen Zhen Lee, Lanlan Lee, Ting Ting Lee and Minli Lee, all of Beijing, China; and by one great-grandchild, Julia Yu.

Friends may call at the First United Methodist Church in Dexter on Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. A memorial service will be conducted at the First United Methodist Church in Dexter on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. with Dr. Barry Winders officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Safe Harbor Sanctuary, 359 Cree Lane, Jackson, Missouri 63755.

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Marvin Edward Smith

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Marvin Edward Smith, son of the late John Henry Smith and Elizabeth Pearl May Smith, was born on August 16, 1927 in Rector, Arkansas and departed this life on April 4, 2016 at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 88.

Mr. Smith was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dexter. He retired from General Motors after thirty-nine years where he did small tool repair. After retiring, he then operated a cabinet shop. He was a licensed pilot, a home builder and a veteran of the United States Army serving during World War II.

On September 3, 1949, he was united in marriage to Marilyn Smith in Piggott, Arkansas. Mrs. Smith survives of their home in Dexter.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Kenneth Wayne Smith of Jacksonville, North Carolina and Steven Allen Smith of Norman, Oklahoma; by one daughter, Kathleen Smith Ferguson of Fair Play, South Carolina; by two sisters, Eva Barrow of Granite City, Illinois and LaWanda Allie of Michigan City, Indiana; and by ten grandchildren, Christopher Smith, Kevin Smith, Jennifer Gomes, Danny Smith, Jesse Smith, Erin Welch, Meghan Savant, Kaitlin Sinclair, Jennifer McMillian and Robert Wheeler; and by seventeen great-grandchildren

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Michael Ray Smith; by one grandchild, Keith Edward Smith; by three brothers, Herbert Smith, George Smith and Dwight Smith; and by five sisters, Cletus Bardsley, Myrtle Busey, Estella Norman, Gladys Gowan and Monetta Parks.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, April 7, 2016 from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. with Rev. George Nite officiating.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

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