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Samuel Guy Dicks

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Samuel Guy Dicks Obituary

Samuel “Guy” Dicks, son of the late Virgil Dicks and Ruby Dicks was born on November 18, 1933 at Springfield, Missouri and departed this life in the SoutheastHEALTH of Cape Girardeau on May 13, 2016 at the age of 83.

Mr. Dicks was a member of the Friendship Baptist Church at Dexter, a former Quality Control Engineer for Arvin Automotive, a former employee of Boeing Aircraft in New Orleans, Louisiana, a veteran of the United States Navy, serving in the Korean War. He was a member of the Dexter Elks Lodge # 2439, enjoyed fishing and was a resident of rural Dexter.

He was united in marriage to Bonnie Spradling on December 22, 1977 at Piggott, Arkansas. Mrs. Dicks survives of the home near Dexter.

Besides his wife, he is survived by one son, Samuel Scott Dicks of Chaffee: by four daughters, Lana Ezell of Metropolis, Illinois, Janine Shipman of Dexter, Carla Colleen Ramsey and Sheila Hadley both of Chaffee: by one step daughter, Lana Inman of Dexter: by several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Samuel Guy Dicks Jr. and one step-son, Ronnie Inman.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from Noon until 2:00 P.M., Monday, May 16, 2016.

Funeral services will then be conduct at 2:00 P.M., in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Lonny Mittag officiating.

Interment will follow in the Chalk Bluff Cemetery near Dexter.

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Glenn Miller Ellis

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Glenn Miller Ellis Obituary

Glenn Miller Ellis of Dexter, son of the late Calva and Dorothy Terrien Ellis, was born in Mexico, Missouri on June 16, 1924, and passed away at the Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter, Missouri on May 11, 2016, at the age of 91 years, 10 months and 25 days.

Mr. Ellis had lived in Arizona and Moline, Illinois before moving to Dexter in 1970. He was a retired machinist at Noranda Aluminum.

He first married Alberta Pauline Teeters, she preceded him in death. He was married to Shelby Dean Brown in Moline, Illinois and she preceded him in death.

Surviving are one daughter, Debbie Henderson of Dexter, Missouri; two sons, David Ellis of Moline, Illinois, Rodger Ellis of Dexter, Missouri; 7 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; one brother, John Hankins of Moline, Illinois; and one sister, Karen Waite of Iowa. Other relatives and many friends also survive.

He was preceded in death by one son, Lenn Ray Ellis; five brothers, Cecil & Gordon Ellis, Bill, Kilmer & Melton Anderson; and one sister, Janet Hankins.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Sadler Chapel Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri with Rev. Kenneth Biggs of Dexter, Missouri officiating.

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

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Helen Botsch

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Helen Botsch was born at her parents' home in Bernie, Missouri, April 10, 1925, the second daughter of Edith Ramsey Harmon and Cleo Harmon. She graduated from Bernie High School in 1942, then attended Cape College and Central Michigan University, where she studied for a degree in music. Administrators at Bernie High School then persuaded her to leave college and come back to Bernie to teach music to all 12 grades and 9th grade English.

Helen was united in marriage to Dennis Robert Botsch on Christmas Day, 1947, in Piggott, Arkansas. Together they operated a farm east of Bernie until illness forced Dennis to retire. He preceded her in death on March 27, 2005.

Helen was a member of the Bernie Jaycee-ettes and convinced members to bring the Girl Scout program to Bernie in 1955. She helped plan the Bernie School reunions through their first 10 reunions. She volunteered weekly at the Poplar Bluff Veterans Hospital's Auxiliary for 29 years. A lifetime member of the Bernie United Methodist Church, she served as pianist then organist for 62 years. She organized the "Holy Week" services for the youth at the church and continued to plan them for 49 years. She also organized the "Chrismon Tree" program in 1981; the gold and white ornaments are still used today in the church sanctuary during the Christmas holidays.

Survivors include her daughter, Nancy Botsch Wilson, Jefferson City, and her son, Don Botsch, Bernie; three grandchildren: Dr. Tim Wilson and wife Dr. Lindsay Wilson, Evergreen, Colorado; Brad Wilson, Dallas, Texas and Libby Wilson, Jefferson City; and a great-grandson, Winter Joseph Wilson, Evergreen, Colorado; a brother, Bill Harmon and wife Ann, Swartz Creek, Michigan; two brothers-in-law, Erwin Botsch and Orlando Botsch, both of Bernie; and one sister-in-law, Virginia Harmon of Allen Park, Michigan; many nieces and nephews and their families.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Edith and Cleo Harmon, Her mother and father-in-law, Flora Winter Botsch and Christian Botsch; a sister & brother-in-law, Dorothy and Ralph Beckman; a brother, Robert Harmon; her brother-in-law, Ernest Botsch and his wife Dorothy; her sisters-in-law, Dorothy Botsch and Vivian Botsch; and her son-in-law, Dick Wilson.

Visitation was held at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, May 14, 2016.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 A.M. at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home, Bernie, Missouri, with Rev. Dave Fowler and Rev. Susan Marner-Sides officiating. Interment was in Bernie Cemetery.

Helen requested no flowers; she just wants everyone to do a good deed for someone!

Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home, Bernie, and Freeman Mortuary, Jefferson City, in charge of arrangements.

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Pat Tonnee Farmer-Huston

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Pat Tonnee Farmer-Huston, daughter of the late Joseph Schroeder and Doris Smith Schroeder, was born on January 21, 1945 in Portland, Oregon and departed this life on May 7, 2016 at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Indiana at the age of 71.

Mrs. Huston was a member of the Ark of Hope, a homemaker and a resident of Bloomfield.

She is survived by two sons, Jeff Farmer of Dexter, Missouri and Jimmy Farmer of St. Louis, Missouri; by two daughters, Jaime Farmer of High Ridge, Missouri and Julia Farmer of Toronto, Ontario; by one brother, Richard Schroeder of Seattle, Washington;

by one sister, Deborah Schroeder of Portland, Oregon; by six grandchildren, Levi Farmer, Tyler Misuraco, Dausen Dowdy, Bryce Farmer, Chase Farmer and Abigail Dowdy; and by one great-grandchild, Aliah Dowdy.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 3:00 P.M.

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Lillian W. Orton

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Lillian W. Orton Obituary

Lillian W. Orton, daughter of the late Winford Dudley and Maude Ann Menley Christian, was born in Essex, Missouri on May 13, 1935, and passed away at the Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Missouri on May 7, 2016, at the age of 80 years, 11 months and 24 days.

Lillian had lived in Dexter most of her life and in Poplar Bluff the past four years. She had worked in home health for many years.

Surviving are eight children, Linda Menley of Calvert City, Kentucky, Debria "Deb" Ballard of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, Susan Burns of Pascola, Missouri, Steven Orton of Wenatchee, Washington, Ronda Merriman of Malden, Missouri, Tena Davis, Randy Orton, and Shannon Noall all of Dexter, Missouri; twenty-three grandchildren; thirty-seven great grandchildren; seven great great grandchildren; and one sister, Irene Leek of Flint, Michigan.

Other relatives and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Diane Orton, one son, Dale Orton, four brothers and three sisters.

Friends may visit on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter, Missouri.

Interment will follow in the Hagy Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri. Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri in charge of all arrangements.

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

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