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Brad Cornelious Baker

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In Loving Memory of Brad Cornelious Baker

Brad Cornelious Baker, son of La'Shonda Baker and Douglas J. Turner, was born in Sikeston, Missouri on February 14, 1995, and passed away at the St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri on May 10, 2016, at the age of 21 years, 2 months and 26 days.

Mr. Baker had lived in Sikeston all his life. He had worked as a butcher and was a member of the New Hope Ministries Church in Sikeston, Missouri. He enjoyed fishing, rapping and playing with his kids.

On October 24, 2014, he was married to Alexis Jenkins in Sikeston, Missouri.

Surviving are his wife, Alexis Baker of Sikeston; two sons, Zaylen & Za'Ron both of Sikeston; his mother, La'Shonda Baker of Memphis, Tennessee; his father, Douglas J. Turner of Sikeston; grandmothers, Lillie Baker of Sikeston, Bernice Tilson of Helena, Arkansas; grandparents, Shirley & John Turner of Haywood City; step-father, Cleveland Tilson of Helena, Arkansas; three brothers, Cleveland Tilson, Jr. of Helena, Arkansas, Caleb & Douglas Alexander Turner both of Sikeston; three sisters, Ereca & Moneeka Tilson both of Helena, Arkansas, Chloe Turner of Sikeston; and a special aunt, La'Kisha/Terry Craig of Sikeston. Many aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and many friends also survive.

Friends may visit on Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the New Hope Ministries Church in Sikeston.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at the New Hope Ministries Church in Sikeston with Pastor Larry White of Sikeston officiating. Interment will follow in the Sunset of Memories Cemetery in Sikeston, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

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George Edwin Pulliam

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[George Edwin Pulliam Obituary](#)

George Edwin Pulliam, age 94, of Bernie, MO, passed away on May 15, 2016 at his home, surrounded by family and friends. He was born to Georgia Ethel Cox Pulliam and

the Rev. Sam W. Pulliam on September 19, 1921, in Doniphan, MO.

He started school at Spain Elementary, a one-room school near the Tucker community in rural Ripley County, and was a 1939 graduate of Essex High School. Ed attended the University of Missouri at Columbia before and after WWII, graduating in 1948 with a degree in Agriculture Economics.

During WWII, Ed served as a B-17 pilot with the 92nd Bombardment Group in the European Theatre. This experience shaped his values, beliefs, and actions for the remainder of his life.

On February 28, 1954, he was married to Frances JoAnne Buster of Muscatine, IA. They were the proud parents of a son, Joseph Edwin (Adaina), a daughter, Sarah Beth, grandchildren Joe Ryan (Marti) and Adam (Kaleigh) and great-grandchildren Katie, Allie, Hayden and Hali.

Edwin had a profound love of family, his country and the land. He was a conservationist at heart and worked to promote modern farming techniques. He was instrumental in developing drainage systems still in use in the area, extending reliable telephone service to rural areas, and establishing rural water districts. Ed spent many years serving the farmers and agricultural community in Southeast Missouri as Executive Director of the Stoddard County ASCS office.

He had a strong faith, influenced by his upbringing and his military service, and was an active member of the Bernie United Methodist Church. He believed strongly in the importance of progressive public service and served many years on the Bernie School Board of Education. He was also a member of the VFW, American Legion, AMVETS, and the Kiwanis Club.

Ed also believed strongly in the value of hard work and was happiest when tending to a herd of cattle, caring for a stray animal, or working on the family farm near Bernie. He often spoke of growing up during the Great Depression, the family horses, Minnie and Molly, the family dog, Ted, and working long hours in the fields for 50 cents a day.

In addition to his wife Frances, his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Edwin is survived by his sisters, Lillian Shublom, of Merriam, KS. and Rosemary Walker, of Bloomfield. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Earl Samuel and Joe Carl, who died in early childhood.

Visitation will be held at the Bernie United Methodist Church from 4:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 18, 2016.

Funeral services will be held at the church at 1:00 P.M., with Rev. Ron Dunavin and Rev. David Fowler officiating.

Interment will follow at the Missouri Veteran's Cemetery, in Bloomfield, MO. Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home of Bernie, Missouri, will be in charge of all arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you donate your time to a worthwhile project or make a memorial gift to the Stoddard County Children's Home, the Meals on Wheels program or your favorite charity.

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Samuel Guy Dicks

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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