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# In Loving Memory of Samuel Joseph Copeland

OCTOBER 13TH 2016 BY DEE LOFLIN

## In Loving Memory of Samuel Joseph Copeland

**Samuel Joseph Copeland** was born February 9, 1962 in St. Louis, Mo. He went to rest in the arms of Jesus on October 13, 2016 at his home.

He is the son of Doug and Betty Copeland of Sikeston who survives of the home. He resided in Memphis, Tn where he worked at Economy Boat Store as a Tankerman.

On August 29, 2006 he married Sherry D Copeland who survives of the home.

Other survivors include one stepdaughter Brittany LaBuff and two grandchildren Jaden and Kaitlyn. He is also survived by his sisters Davine (Dave) Conover of Poplar Bluff and Kim (GR) Pinkard of Sikeston. He is survived by several nieces and nephews: Katie Newman, Caleb (Julie) Conover, Nick DeLaRosa, Josh (Whitney) Conover, Joey Pinkard, Jordan Pinkard, Henley Newman, Aniston Conover, Trevor, and Morgan.

Sam was a member of Raleigh Assembly of God in Memphis, Tn.

Sam is survived by several cousins and three aunts. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Darlus Whitmer and Bill Horn and paternal grandparents Hueit and Lela Copeland, five aunts, and five uncles.

Sam loved his family and loved to fish. He was an avid Cardinal fan and Alabama fan. He leaves behind many family members and close friends. He will be truly missed and loved by all. Sam always had a smile on his face and had a heart of gold.

Nunnlee Funeral Home are in charge of arrangements.

Visitation will be October 16, 2016 from 6:00 - 8:00 at Trinity Gospel Church. Funeral will Monday, October 17, 2016 at 1:00 at Trinity Gospel Church burial will follow in the Garden of Memories Cemetery.

The Rev Carol Deal will officiate. Pallbearer's will be: James Copeland, Dave Cox, GR Pinkard, Josh Conover, Mike Thompson, and Nick DeLaRosa. Honorary pallbearers will be Caleb Conover, Joey Pinkard, Jordan Pinkard, and David Conover.

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## In Loving Memory of Michelle Johnson

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**Michelle Johnson**, daughter of the late Odus Ray Johnson and Marion Rusty Black Johnson was born May 20, 1952 in Memphis, Tennessee and departed this life on

Monday, October 10, 2016 at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff at the age of 64.

Ms. Johnson was a C.P.A. and Lawyer and graduated from the University of Houston Law Center.

Besides her parents, she is preceded in death by one brother; Douglas Ray Johnson.

Friends may call at the Rainey Mathis Funeral Home on Friday, October 14, 2016 from 9:30 A.M. until 10:30 A.M.

Funeral services will be conducted on Friday, October 14, 2016 at 10:30 A.M. with Rev. Greg McGhee officiating.

Interment will follow on a later date.

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## In Loving Memory of Doris Niederstadt

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## In Loving Memory of Doris Niederstadt

Doris Niederstadt of Tuscaloosa, Alabama formerly of Dexter, daughter of the late Robert and Oma Jane Southard Ham, was born in Fifty Six, Arkansas on August 7, 1933, and passed away at the Hunter Creek Health & Rehab Center in Tuscaloosa, Alabama on October 4, 2016, at the age of 83 years, 1 month and 27 days.

Doris had lived in Dexter most of her life and moved to Tuscaloosa, Alabama fourteen years ago.

She was married to Holland A. Niederstadt on May 28, 1964 in Bloomfield. He preceded her in death on July 16, 2002.

Surviving are two daughters, Brenda Randall of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Laura Jones of Baltimore, Maryland; two sons, Bruce Dodd of Lakeland, Florida, Brad Dodd of Dexter, Missouri; 15 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren; and 3 great great grandchildren; one sister, Evelyn Shell of Houston, Texas. Other relatives and many friends also survive.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Barbara Cullum, two sisters, Joyce Estes and Royce Dyess; two brothers, W. A. "Bill" Ham and Robert Ham.

Visitation was held on Saturday, October 8, 2016, from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 8, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter, Missouri with Pastor Keith Hathcock of Burleson, Texas officiating.

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

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## In Loving Memory of Louis Joseph Puricelli, Jr.

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In Loving Memory of Louis Joseph Puricelli, Jr.

**Louis Joseph (Joe) Puricelli, Jr.**, son of the late Louis Joseph Puricelli , Sr. and Billie Jo (Ray) Puricelli Wilcox, born in St. Louis, Mo., December 18, 1943 and departed this life on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at the Denton Regional Medical Center, Denton, Texas, at the age of 72.

Upon graduation from Dexter High School in Dexter, Mo, Mr. Puricelli joined the U. S. Navy and served 3 ½ years at the Naval base in Pensacola, Florida. He was very much a people person and never met a stranger. He enjoyed his many years in the auto sales industry, working with and helping others, starting at Bud Shell Ford in Dexter, Mo. He later owned and operated Joe Puricelli Ford, Lincoln, Mercury in Kennett, Mo. Before moving to Denton , Texas in 1983 where he finished out his career.

He was a loving and caring husband, father and grandfather, who loved his family, friends and watching football. On June 4, 1971, he married Brenda Lacey in Dexter, Mo. She survives in the home. Other survivors include two sons, Joey Puricelli (Heather) of Fishers, Indiana, Tony Puricelli (Tonya) of Flower Mound, Texas, and one daughter Debbie Grubbs (Michael) of St. Louis, Mo.

Two brothers and one sister also survive Tom Wilcox and Eddie Wilcox of Qulin, Mo and Betty Sue Vails of Dexter, Mo. seven grandchildren, Josh Worley and Madison Grubbs of St. Louis, Mo., Brandon Puricelli of Fisher, Indiana, Ashley Kinlaw of St Paul, North Carolina and Erin Puricelli, Noah and Sophia Ortiz of Flower Mound, Texas. Besides his parents, his stepfather, Warren Wilcox, preceded him in death.

Visitation was at the Mulkey Mason Funeral Home, Denton, Texas, Wednesday evening October 5, 2016. A celebration of life was held at 2:00 pm on Thursday October 6, 2016 in the Mulkey-Mason Funeral Home Chapel.

The Family suggests in lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to Linda McNatt Animal Care and Adoption Center, P O Box 486, Denton, TX. 76202. On line condolences may be made at [www.mulkeymasondenton.com](http://www.mulkeymasondenton.com)

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## In Loving Memory of Dennis Herman

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## In Loving Memory of Dennis Herman

Dennis Herman, son of the late Maurice V. Herman and Cloma Helen Way Herman was born February 2, 1944 in Omaha, Nebraska and departed this life on Saturday, October 8, 2016 at his residence in Dexter at the age of 72.

Mr. Herman served in the Marine Corp. He worked for the railroad and was a fireman for 5 years. He always dreamed of going to flight school to become a crop duster. He was a member of VFW and he retired as over road truck driver.

He was united in marriage to Paula Jean James on July 10, 1976 in Keokuk, Iowa. Mrs. Herman survives of the home in Dexter.

Besides his wife, he is survived by 3 sons; Dennis Maurice Herman of Macomb, Illinois; Shane Beach of Canton, Georgia; and Justin Herman and wife Charlene of Rolla, Missouri; one daughter; Gina Watson and husband Tim of Dexter, Missouri; one brother; Gary M. Herman; nine grandchildren; Christopher Wyatt, Cody Beach, Taylor Watson, Dennis Gene Herman III, Porter Beach, Ashton Herman, Nathan Herman, Tyler Herman and Kali Wright. Two great-grandchildren; Cole Wyatt and Caden Wyatt.

In lieu of flowers, family would like donations be made to Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri or Southwest Church of Nazarene in Dexter, Missouri.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 from 12:00 noon until 2:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 2:00 P.M.

Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri.

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