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In Loving Memory of Christine Mansfield

NOVEMBER 28TH 2016 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Loving Memory of Christine Mansfield

Christine Mansfield, daughter of the late Star and Elizabeth Grampp Hart was born on January 5, 1926 in Catron, Missouri and departed this life on November 22, 2016 at the Malden Nursing Center at the age of 90.

On November 27, 1946, she was united in marriage to Neal Ivan Mansfield in Dexter. Mr. Mansfield preceded her in death on March 15, 2013.

Mrs. Mansfield completed High School, which was very uncommon back then, and went on to college getting a degree in nursing. In 1969 she went back to dental college becoming a Dental Assistant in 1970 for Dr. Minton in Dexter for many years where she encountered many new friends. Christine was an avid gardner and loved traveling with Mr. Mansfield. Her friends and family always received quilts, toys, and other gifts from her amazing embroidery and crocheting ability.

She is survived by one daughter, Donna Mansfield of Dudley; by one brother, Stan Hart of Fort Collins, Colorado; by one sister, Sue Fulks of Camp Verde, Arizona; by one daughter in law, Judy Mansfield of Wentzville, Missouri; by five grandchildren, Travis Allen Swallows, Lisa Ann Lucy, Jeffrey Neal Swallows, Russell Leroy Mansfield and David Ray Mansfield; and by seven great-grandchildren, Bradley Swallows, Jeffrey Swallows, Ellaina Swallows, Cole Swallows, Madison Mansfield, Doug Mansfield and Ira Mansfield.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Douglas Ray Mansfield; by two brothers, Ed Hart and Bill Hart; and by one sister, Marie Roussel.

A graveside service will be conducted on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield at 2:00 P.M.

Rainey Mathis Funeral Home in charge of all the arrangements.

Memorials can be made to the choice of the donor.

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In Loving Memory of Glen Ayers

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In Loving Memory of Glen Ayers

Glen Ayers was born in Adamsville, Tennessee on March 6, 1934 to Jesse Ayers and Velma Nix-Ayers. He was married to Mary Louise Roberts on October 30, 1953 in St. Louis, Mo. Together, they had two daughters.

Glen worked in St. Louis, Mo at Johnson Foil until 1967 when he and his family moved to Bloomfield, Mo. He bought and ran the Bloomfield Drive in for 11 years. During this time, he also owned and operated a shoe store and grocery store. He also served as alderman and mayor of Bloomfield for a period of time. In 1980, he and Mary moved back to St. Louis. He returned to work at Johnson Foil where he would later retire from. After retirement, he spent over 20 years volunteering in different ministries.

At the time of his passing, Glen was a beloved father of two, grandfather of 6, great-grandfather of 7, and great-grandfather great-uncle, cousin, brother-in-law and friend of many.

Glen is survived by his wife of 63 years, Mary Louise Ayers of St. Louis, Mo.; by two daughters, Glenda (Larry) Fortner of Dexter, Mo and Sharon Ayers of Jefferson City, Mo.; by 6 grand children, Chris (Crystal) Fortner of Dexter, Mo., David (Jodi) Fortner of Dexter, Mo., Lisa (James) Childers of Dexter, Mo., John (Evie) Fortner of Dexter, Mo., Cheryl Fortner of Dexter, Mo., and Hannah Fortner of Dexter, Mo.; by 7 great-grand children; by one great-great grandson; by countless other family members and friends.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 from 4-7 at Kutis Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held at 7 at Kutis Funeral Home.

Glen will be laid to rest on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 11:30 at the Bloomfield Cemetery.

Services will be conducted by long-time friend, Wendy Sapp at Kutis Funeral Home. 10151 Gravois St. Louis, Mo 63123

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In Loving Memory of Lucille Shipman

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In Loving Memory of Lucille Shipman

On November 24, 2016, Lucille Shipman peacefully went home to be with the Lord surrounded by her family at her daughter's home in Dexter, Missouri.

She was born Lucille Wilma Veach in Burlington, Kansas to Henry and Ada Pearl (Anderson) Veach on April 24, 1928. Lucille was united on April 10, 1944 with the love of her life, Omas J. Shipman, who departed this life on July 5, 1996. Together they raised four sons and three daughters, who loved and honored their parents. The family was members of Powe Baptist Church and Lucille later joined with Northside Baptist Church in Bernie, MO.

At the time of her passing, Lucille was the dearly loved Mother to seven children, and Grandmother to twelve grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren. She will always be remembered for the love she showed to everyone who had the pleasure to know her.

Lucille is survived by four sons, Don Shipman and Kathie Cox of Peace Valley, Mo., Steve (Linda) Shipman of Blue Springs, MO, O.J. (Teresa) Shipman Jr. of Blue Springs, MO. And Ronnie (Vickie) Shipman of Jackson, MO.; by three daughters, Joyce (Art) Conner of Waynesville, MO., Carol Beam of Dexter, MO. and Wilma (Richard) Wright of Dexter, MO.; by twelve grandchildren, Cindy (Todd) Thomas of Kennett, MO, Carrie (John) Byers of Kennett, MO, Christi (Shannon) Todd of Poplar Bluff, MO., Scott

Shipman of Philadelphia, PA., Stephanie (Darryl) Answer of Kansas City, MO., Sarah Beth (Mark) Parretta of Blue Springs, MO., Travis Shipman and Kalee Defoe of Blue Springs, MO., Holly (Bud) Shipman of Dexter, Karlee Wright of Dexter, MO, Parker (Devon) Shipman of Lenexa, Kansas, Brandon (Lish) Shipman of Phoenix, Arizona, Tiffanie (Nick) Grassi of Cape Girardeau, MO.; by sixteen great-grandchildren, Conner and Camille Thomas, Colin, Chas and Caroline Byers, Christian and Carson Todd, Kaelynn and Anthony Parretta, Raegan and Anslee Shipman, Harper Grassi, Jaidyn and Kian Answer, Eliza Shipman and Lily Shipman.

Besides her husband parents, she was preceded in death by five brothers, Floyd Baker, Carl Veach, Clarence Veach, Arthur Veach and Wayne Veach: by four sisters, Lillie Craig, Irene Baker, Mildred (Veach) Henry and Frances (Veach) Wingo: by one son-in-law, Gerald W. Beam, who passed away on January 9, 2008.

Visitation will be on Sunday, November 27, 2016 from 6:00 P. M. until 8:00 P. M. at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, MO.

Celebration of Lucille Shipman's Life will be Monday, November 28, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Bernie, Mo. with Rev. O. H. Brooks officiating.

She will be laid to rest with her husband, mother and father, and other members of the family in Peace Valley, MO. at the New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery.

Services will be conducted by Grandson, Darryl Answer.

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In Loving Memory of Steve Fish

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In Loving Memory of Steve Fish

Fredric Stephen "Steve" Fish, 70, loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend passed away on November 22,2016 in Asheville, North Carolina. He was born on October 23, 1946 in Estherville, Iowa to John and Carol Fish.

Steve grew up in Maxwell, Iowa and graduated from Maxwell Community High School in 1964. Upon graduation he joined the United States Airforce as a fire protection specialist. After returning from serving in the Vietnam War, he moved to Arizona where he was a fire fighter. He then attended the police academy. He returned to Missouri and started working in law enforcement as a deputy for the Stoddard County Sheriff's Department. Steve also applied, was accepted, and graduated the FBI academy in Quantico, Virginia.

He then went to work for the Dexter Police Department and was police chief for 13 years before being elected Sheriff of Stoddard County. During his time as sheriff he voluntarily deployed to Kuwait during Desert Storm. He retired from law enforcement in 2005 and the Air National Guard in 2006 after 22 years total military service. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, traveling, hunting, fishing, watching Nascar, and Cardinal baseball.

Steve married Susan in 1978 in Dexter Missouri. He was an active member in the community as well as a member of the Elks Lodge, Lion's Club, and VFW.

Loving survivors include his wife of 37 years Susan of Dexter, Missouri, two daughters Charlene (Wes) Mullins of Dexter, Missouri and Nichole (CJ) Covington of Arnold, Missouri, son Ryan (Korie) Fish of Dexter, Missouri, two granddaughters Megan Mullins

of Poplar Bluff, Missouri and Charlotte Covington of Arnold, Missouri, two grandsons Clay Mullins of Dexter, Missouri and Tyler Covington of Arnold, Missouri, three sisters Barbara (Ed) Compoz of Centennial, Colorado, Sandra Fish of Valley, Washington, and Dianne Compoz of Dexter, Missouri and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents John and Carol Fish.

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed, and very dear

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, November 27, 2016 from 4:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services will then be conducted on Monday, November 28, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel.

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

In lieu of flowers the family requests all memorials be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000 DEPT 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908.

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In Loving Memory of Shirley Christman

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In Loving Memory of Shirley Christman

Shirley Christman, daughter of the late John W. Musgrave and Rosa Masterson Musgrave was born January 8, 1936 in Dexter and departed this life on November 19, 2016 at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing Center in Dexter at the age of 80.

Mrs. Christman was united in marriage to Jerry Christman on February 26, 1954 and he preceded her in death on January 8, 2011.

She is survived by one daughter, Sherri Dodson and husband Daniel of Dexter; and one sister, Melba Billsbrough; by one Grandson, Jerry W. Harper and two great-grandchildren, Lorelei and Warrick Harper.

Besides her parents, she is preceded in death by four brothers, Owen Musgrave, Joseph Musgrave, Ernest Musgrave and John Musgrave, Jr.; by five sisters, Kathern Boyt, Irene Jenkins, Mary Scates, Rema Lang, and Golda Harper.

No services are scheduled. Contact Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home for more information.

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