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In Loving Memory of Jimmy Lynn Smith

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In Loving Memory of Jimmy Lynn Smith

Jimmy Lynn Smith of Parma, son of the late Willie Bon & Wilma Dean Reavis Smith, was born in Malden, Missouri on July 20, 1955, and passed away at the Missouri Delta Medical Center in Sikeston, Missouri on January 9, 2017, at the age of 61 years, 5 months and 20 days.

Jimmy had lived in the Parma area all his life. He was an area manager with MFA Oil. He enjoyed dancing, hunting, fishing, going to car shows and especially spending time with his family & friends.

On October 6, 1973, he married Brenda Sue Wibbenmeyer in Risco, Missouri. She preceded him in death on May 18, 2015.

Surviving are one son & wife, Chris & Janice Smith of Risco; one daughter & husband, Teletia & Steve Prewett of Doniphan; six grandchildren and wife, Cody Lynn (Arriel) Smith, Samantha Ann Smith, Allen Prewett, J C Pinkerton, Ana Lyn Smith, Brittany Hall; three great grandchildren, Karrson Sisco, Madilynn Smith, Emberly Smith; three brothers & wife, Virgil Smith of Bald Knob, Arkansas, Ricky Smith of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Rocky & Joby Smith of Catron; and one sister, Nina Dorsey of Bentonville, Arkansas. Many other nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends also survive.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sara Ann Smith.

Friends may call on Thursday, January 12, 2017, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter.

Services will be held on Friday, January 13, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter with Rev. Travis Lambert of Lilbourn officiating.

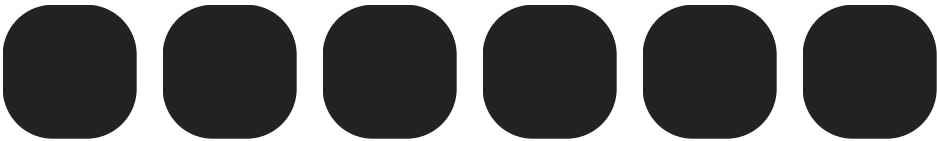
Interment will be in the Rosewood Cemetery in Malden, Missouri with Watkins & Sons of Dexter in charge of all the arrangements.

Watkins & Sons Funeral Service - www.watkinsfuneralhome.com

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In Loving Memory of Melba Sherfield

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In Loving Memory of Melba Sherfield

Melba J. Sherfield of Dexter, daughter of the late Willie Aubrey and Grace Chasteen Fulkerson, was born in Bloomfield, Missouri on August 15, 1921, and passed away at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing Center in Dexter on January 8, 2017, at the age of 95 years, 4 months and 24 days.

She had lived in the Dexter area all her life. She was a proud homemaker and a member of the Methodist faith.

On September 4, 1947, she married Norman "Toby" Sherfield in Piggott, Arkansas. He preceded her in death on June 9, 2002.

Surviving are three sons & wives, Roy & Maria Sherfield, Ronnie & Marlene Sherfield all of Dexter, David & Kim Sherfield of Essex; three daughters & husbands, Barbara & Eddie Hill, Dena Lyons all of Dexter, Norma & David Corlew of Advance, ten grandchildren; several great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. Other relatives and friends also survive.

She was preceded in death by one son, Terry Sherfield and one grandson, Bryan Lee Sherfield; one daughter Verna Jane Hampton.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. at the Hagy Cemetery in Dexter with Rev. Roy Sherfield officiating with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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

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In Loving Memory of Randall Rancilio

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In Loving Memory of Randall Rancilio

Randall J. Rancilio of Dexter, Missouri, son of the late Ralph Rancilio and June Rancilio of St. Louis, Missouri was born on June 17, 1947 in St. Louis, Missouri and departed this life on January 5, 2017 at the age of 69.

Randall J. Rancilio served in the United States Air Force and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. While on leave from the Air Force, he met and was united in marriage to Candace Candido on February 12, 1971 in St. Louis, Missouri.

He is survived by his wife Candace Rancilio of Dexter, Missouri; by two daughters, Melissa Hann and husband Shannon of Sikeston, Missouri and Angie Krewson and husband Tim of Dexter, Missouri; by two brothers, Dana Rancilio and wife Jeanne of Wildwood, Missouri, Darrell Rancilio and wife Sue of St. Louis, Missouri; by one sister, Debbie Hegykozi and husband Frank of St. Louis, Missouri; three granddaughters, Katilyn Krewson of Dexter, Missouri, Caeli Hann and Cori Hann of Sikeston, Missouri and one grandson, Austin Krewson of Dexter, Missouri.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ralph Rancilio and June Rancilio.

Services will be held at 11:00 AM, Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at the Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with Greg McGhee of First Baptist Church of Dexter officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Wreaths Across America for the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri or Shriners Hospitals for Children in St. Louis, Missouri.

Rainey Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter in charge of all arrangements.

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In Loving Memory of Elvin Gaines

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Elvin Gaines, son of the late Fount Gaines and Josie White Gaines was born on March 30, 1923 in Dudley, Missouri and departed this life on January 7, 2017 at the Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 93.

Mr. Gaines retired from General Motors in Pontiac, Michigan, member of the Dexter First Church of the Nazarene, and a resident of Dexter.

On July 1, 1944, he was united in marriage to Betty Jo Webb in Keego Harbor, Michigan. Mrs. Gaines preceded him in death on November 29, 1996.

Survivors include one son, Larry Gaines of Dexter; one daughter, Dana McClure and husband Dan of Dexter; by one brother, Melvin Leo Gaines of Winter Haven, Florida; seven grandchildren, Laura Cooper (Charles) of Dexter, Scott Boroff (Kim) of Danville, California, Christy McMullin (Robert) of Dexter, Cheri Wells (Tim) of Sikeston, Jeff Kraft of Cape Girardeau, Brian Kraft of Clarkston, Michigan, Catherine Craft (Keith) of Dexter; also by fourteen great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, William G. Gaines; one daughter, Jolene Kraft; by four brothers, Clayton Gaines, Earl Gaines, Coy Gaines, Cecil Gaines; also by two sisters, Thelma Stacy and Ilene Gaines.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from 10:00 until 11:00 A.M. Thursday January 12, 2017.

Funeral services will then be conducted on Thursday at 11:00 A.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with Rev. Doug West officiating.

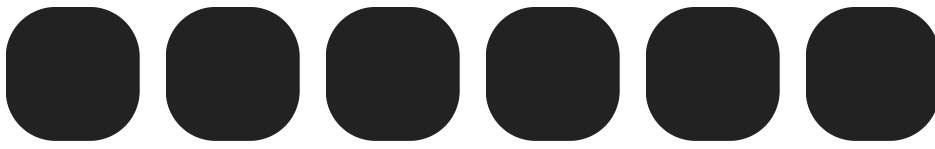
Interment will follow at the Armstead Dowdy Cemetery.

Family request that memorials can be made to Dexter Senior/Nutrition Center, 23 West Stoddard Street, Dexter, Missouri 63841: Stoddard County ARC, P.O. Box 444, Dexter, Missouri 63841: or The Salvation Army, 1035 East Malone Ave, Sikeston, Missouri 63801.

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In Loving Memory of Jerry Mercer

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In Loving Memory of Jerry Mercer

Jerry Mercer, son of the late Roy and Geneva Ashworth Mercer was born on July 31, 1935 in Bristow, Oklahoma and departed this life on January 7, 2017 at the General Baptist Nursing Home in Campbell, Missouri at the age of 81.

Mr. Mercer was a supervisor of the Quality Control unit of the Tetrapak Company in Sikeston for forty years. He was a resident of Bloomfield.

He is survived by one daughter, Debra Gail Robinson of Dexter; by two sisters, Belva McCoy of Rockwall, Texas and Shirley Sullivan of Tulsa, Oklahoma; by one grandchild, Jay Roberts of Jackson, Tennessee and one great-grandchild, Jacob Roberts of Flatwood, Kentucky.

A memorial service will be conducted on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 1:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with Jim Davis officiating.

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