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In Memory of Jo Ann Robertson

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Jo Ann Robertson Greer, 81, of Dexter, Mo died Monday night, March 6, 2017 at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

She was born August 25, 1935 in Corinth, MS. She graduated from Bragg City High School in May 1953.

Jo Ann married Bill Greer on June 28, 1953 in Kennett, Mo. They moved to Kansas City in 1962 where they raised their family. They returned to Dexter, Mo. In 1991 when they retired.

She is survived by her husband Bill Greer of Dexter, daughters Janice (Don) Church of De Soto, Ks, Debbie Peck of Olathe, Ks, and Tonia Lawton of Olathe, Ks. She is also survived by four grandsons, Donny (Sheri) Church of Eudora, Ks, Mike Church of Clearview City, Ks, Daniel (Kalena) Greer of Kansas City, Mo, and Dalton Nowak of Olathe, Ks, as well as fourteen great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Henry Wallace and Jessie Leota Robertson, her son William Thomas Greer, and son-in-law Robert Lawton.

Jo Ann loved her family and friends and will be missed by all.

Services will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witness in Malden, Mo on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 2:00 P.M. with Roy LeBlanc officiating.

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In Memory of Lester James Abbott, Sr.

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Lester James Abbott, Sr, son of the late Lloyd Abbott and Hazel Edwards Abbott was born on June 19, 1942 in Neelyville, Missouri and departed this life on March 1, 2017 at the Missouri State Veterans Home in Cape Girardeau at the age of 74.

Mr. Abbott was a Gunnery Sergeant in the United States Marine Corp RET. and a residence of Essex.

He was united in marriage to Rosa Villegas in Oceanside, California on December 14, 1972. Mrs. Abbott survives of the home in Essex, Missouri.

Besides his wife, he is survived by one son, Lester James Abbott, Jr (Heather) of Beaver, West Virginia; by two daughters, Rosa Marcella Collyer (Rich) of Windsor, Connecticut and Amy Boyden (Scott) of Colchester, Connecticut; by two brothers, Henry J. Abbott of Melford, Oregon and Gary Abbott of Malden, Missouri; by three sisters, Mary Hill of Powe, Missouri , Wanda Hill of Bernie, Missouri and Agnes McCoy of Clarkton, Missouri; by ten grandchildren, Elizabeth Abbott, Joshua Abbott, Mackenzie Collyer, Peyton Marie Collyer, Chase Collyer, Delaney Collyer, Stephanie Hendrickson, Victoria Sheily Boyden, Glenda Boyden and Rosie Boyden; by several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from 5:00 P. M. until 8:00 P. M., Monday March 6, 2017.

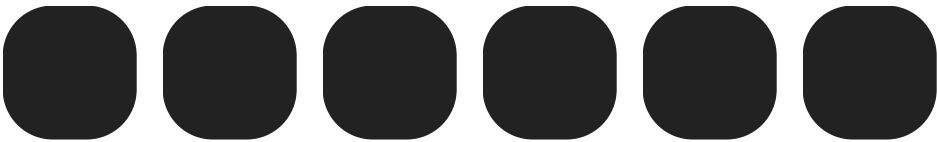
Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday March 7th, 2017 at 10:00 A. M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter.

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

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In Memory of Velma Pearl Kestner

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In Memory of Velma Pearl Kestner

Velma Pearl Kestner, daughter of the late Charles R. Hurt and Nora Gibson Hurt, was born on May 31, 1924 in Naylor, Missouri and passed away on March 3, 2017 at the Cypress Point Nursing Facility in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 92.

Mrs. Kestner had previously worked at an ammunition plant in St. Louis, Missouri, Brown Shoe Company in Dexter and was a homemaker at her residence in Dudley.

On December 29, 1950, she was united in marriage to Henry P. Kestner. Mr. Kestner preceded her in death on November 8, 2013.

Survivors include one son, Henry D. Kestner and his wife, Linda of Dexter; by two grandchildren, Suzanne Kelley and her husband, T.J., Andrew Kestner and his wife, Elisha; by two great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn Kelley and Ally Kelley; by two step-great-grandchildren, Kaileb Hill and his wife, Brandy, and Shellbie Hill and by one step-great-grandson, Bryson Hill.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, John Howard Kestner and Joseph Robert Kestner; by two sisters, Mabel Hurt and Nellie Abbott, and by five brothers, Dow Hurt, Howard Hurt, Donald Hurt, Homer Hurt and Tommy Hurt.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, March 5, 2017 from 1:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M.

Funeral services will then be conducted on Sunday, March 5, 2017 at 2:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Danny Collins officiating.

Interment will follow in the Dudley Cemetery.

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In Memory of Joyce Jane Flowers

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Joyce Jane Flowers, daughter of the late Kenneth William Averett, Sr. and Gussie Westerfield Averett, was born on August 8, 1934, in Hammond, IN and departed this life at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, MO on March 5, 2017 at 82.

She graduated from Canalou High School in 1951, and then married her childhood sweetheart Billy Carl Flowers on December 19, 1953 in Hernando, MS.

To this union, three sons were born; Stanley Carl Flowers (wife Sue), Timothy Lynn Flowers (wife Kimberly), and Robert Kevin Flowers (wife Kelly) all of Dexter. “Nana” counted her greatest blessing in her six grandchildren: Clayton Flowers (wife Chelsie), Aleshia Flowers Eftink (husband Nathan), Delaney Flowers, Owen Flowers (finance’ Amanda), Ethan Flowers, and Alana McRoy; and her three great-grandchildren: Leighton Flowers, Brianna McRoy and Bryson McRoy. She is also survived by one brother, Mike Averett (wife Rene’) of St. Charles, IL; one sister-in-law Fannie Averett of Dexter; loving nieces, nephews and cousins; many dear friends; and her church family.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Anastasia Flowers and two brothers, Kenny Averett, Jr. and Larry Joe Averett.

She co-owned Flowers' Fish Farms with her husband, but her true calling was selling real estate in Stoddard County and the surrounding area for nearly 40 years. For much of that time, she was the owner/broker of her own real estate office (American Realty, Century 21, and Flowers' Realty) in Dexter. Mrs. Flowers was a Christian, member of the Dexter Church of Christ, a charter member of the Crowley's Ridge Daughters of the American Revolution, The Stoddard County Republican Club, and served on the Stoddard County Realty Board.

Visitation will be at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Funeral service will be conducted at the Dexter Church of Christ on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 10:00 AM, with interment following in the Chalk Bluff Cemetery south of Dexter.

Memorial donations can be made to the Bootheel Youth Camp, C/O Laura Tessens, 201 Adams Drive, Dexter, MO 63841 or the Chalk Bluff Cemetery, PO Box 727, Dexter, MO 63841.

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In Memory of Marvin Edwards

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Marvin E. Edwards of Rogers, Arkansas, son of the late Ozzie G. and Mayme Missouri Glenn Edwards , was born on December 4, 1929 and passed away on March 4, 2017, at Circle of Life Hospice Center in Bentonville, Arkansas at the age of 87 years, 3 months and 1 day.

Marvin had lived in Dexter most of his life before moving to Rogers Arkansas. He was a truck driver for many years before retiring. He also was a veteran of the U.S. Army where he was a recipient of the purple heart in the Korean war.

On May 7, 2004, he was married to Mona Proffer in Dexter, Missouri.

Surviving are his wife, Mona Edwards of Rogers Arkansas; two daughters, Diane Berry of Neelyville, Missouri; Denise Nelson of Abilene Texas; one son, David Edwards of Farmington, Missouri; eight grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren; and one sister, Elvie Rodriguez of St. Louis Missouri; one brother, James Edwards of Wright City, Missouri. Other relatives and many friends also survive.

Friends may call on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter. Elks services will be at 7:00 p.m. Friends may also visit Thursday morning March 9, 2017 before going to the Cemetery.

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

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