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In Memory of Virginia Forkum

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In Memory of Virginia Forkum

Virginia Forkum, daughter of the late Walter Forkum and Ina Bell Earnest Forkum was born on May 3, 1922 in Powe, Missouri and departed this life on March 27, 2017 at her residence in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 94.

Mrs. Forkum was a former employee of Elder's Manufacturing in Dexter for 44 years and a residence of Dexter.

She is survived by one son, Dennis Ray Evans (Betty) of Dexter; by one daughter, Nell Berry of Dexter; by two brother, Elvin Forkum of Dexter and Carol Forkum of Bernie; by one sister, Viola Lay of Dexter; by seven grandchildren; by thirteen great-grandchildren and by two great-great-grandchildren.

Besides her parents, she is preceded in death by two daughters, four brothers and three sisters.

Friends may call at the Rainey Mathis Funeral Home on Sunday, April 2, 2017 from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM.

Services will be conducted on Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 2:00 PM in the Rainey Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Jerry Martin and Rev. Shane Mallard officiating.

Interment will follow at the Smith-Stevenson Cemetery in rural Dexter.

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In Memory of Robert Parrish

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Robert Parrish, son of the late Homer D. Parrish and Dianie Ritchie Parrish was born on July 14, 1945 in New Madrid County, Missouri and departed this life on March 24, 2017 at his residence in Dexter at the age of 71 years.

Mr. Parrish was a former owner and operator of a Dump Truck in Dexter for many years and a resident of Dexter.

Survivors include four brothers, Jessie Lee Parrish of Attica, Indiana, Herman Parrish of Collin, Texas, Charles Parrish of Dexter, Terry Parrish of West Lafayette, Indiana; by three sisters, Freda Huddleston of Bloomfield, Missouri, Betty Jordan of New Roads, Louisiana and Connie Albert of Linden, Indiana.

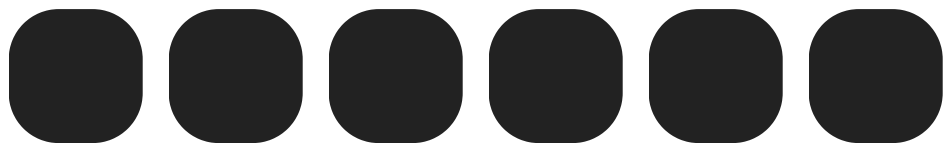
Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Bill Parrish and Larry Parrish; by one sister, Helen Richardson.

Memorial service will be held at a later date with Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Arletha Tilson

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[In Memory of Arletha Tilson](#)

Arletha Tilson, daughter of the late J.B. McBride and Ecelner Moncrief McBride was born on May 28, 1926 in Newton, Mississippi and departed this life on March 23, 2017 at her residence in Parma, Missouri at the age of 90.

Mrs. Tilson worked as a payroll clerk for Brown Shoe Company in Bernie for over twenty years. She also worked at Yorks Department Store in Chicago for twenty years. She was a member of the Church on the Rock in Sikeston and was a resident of Parma.

In January of 1978 she was united in marriage to Robert Tilson in Bloomfield. Mr. Tilson preceded her in death on July 30, 2012.

She is survived by two sons, Larry J. Williamson of Memphis, Tennessee and George Jackson of McDonough, Georgia; by one daughter, Maudessa Rose of Naperville, Illinois; by three sisters, Costina Patrick, Rosie Johnson and Emma Evans; by three half-brothers, J. C. McBride, John McBride and Alexander McBride; by three half-sisters, Dorothy Midkiff, Susan Hooks and Patricia “Jones” McBide; by twenty-seven grandchildren and many great-grandchildren; by one very special niece, Evelyn Perkins.

Besides her husband and parents she was preceded in death by three sons, Robert Williamson Jr., Otis Johnson and Lewis Jackson; by nine brothers, Theodore “MAC” McBride, Henry McBride, Levester McBride, Perry McBride, Purvis McBride, B.J. McBride, J.D. McBride, Leo McBride and one baby boy, James Lee McBride and by one sister, Mary Beal.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 11:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. (NOON).

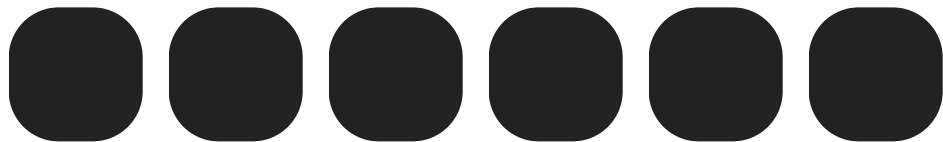
Funeral services will then be conducted on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at Noon in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Christopher Johnson officiating.

Interment will follow in the Macedonia Cemetery near Malden.

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From the Family of Thomas Wayne Wilson

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From the Gospel of Matthew: Your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

Thomas Wayne Wilson left this world on January 24, 2017. His children, brother, and sisters left behind were devastated. So many people shared and are still sharing in our grief.

We are truly humbled by the outpouring of your love. Way too many people to name individually. Not a day goes by that one of your faces comes into our conscious with words or deeds for our family. We are forever grateful for your support b your love, food, monetary giving, counseling, time and daily texts. Anonymous donations to the memorial fund and family will be forever treasured. We love every one of you and we pray that God pours out His blessings on you.

There are not enough words in the English language to explain our sincere appreciation towards this community of friends, co-workers, and church families from the Bootheel to Saint Louis.

A very special thank you to Chuck Clark, Jeff Roth, Greg Mathis/ Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home staff, Risen Church, Liberty Hill Church, New Bethel Church, Don Garner, Dale Dunmyer, Robert and staff at Cape Pre-Owned, Colby Quinn, Valley Griffith, Mike Bien, and the Dexter location, Barreth (Schicker Chrysler) in Washington, MO, Jim Tweedy, Dexter School teachers, Sikeston EMTs and Missouri Delta Hospital.

Please share if you know someone who knew Tommy, help us show our appreciation. Tommy had a contagious smile, so when you think of him, smile, and know you were

loved. We love your heart, we love you.

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In Memory of Sarah Gaines

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In Memory of Sarah Gaines

Sarah Gaines, daughter of the late Walter Forkum and Ina Bell Earnest Forkum was born on August 14, 1926 in Poe, Missouri and departed this life on March 24, 2017 at the Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter at the age of 90.

Mrs. Gaines had attended the First Nazarene Church in Dexter. She was retired from Elder's Manufacturing and she was a resident of Dexter.

On August 11, 1951, she was united in marriage to Clayton Gaines in Piggott, Arkansas. Mr. Gaines preceded her in death on June 4, 2002.

She is survived by three daughters, Marlene Sherfield, Connie Smith and Janice Bazarian all of Dexter; by two brothers, Carroll Forkum of Bernie and Elvin Forkum of Dexter; by two sisters, Virginia Forkum and Viola Lay both of Dexter; by four grandchildren; six great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Dayton Forkum, Bill Forkum, E. J. Forkum and John Forkum.

Visitation was held at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, March 26, 2017 from 1:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M.

Funeral services were conducted on Sunday, March 26, 2017 at 2:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Joe Payne officiating.

Interment will follow in the Chalk Bluff Cemetery.

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