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In Memory of Shirley Bender

APRIL 07TH 2017 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Shirley Bender

Shirley Bender, daughter of the late James Townsend and Myrtle Williams Townsend was born on May 23, 1938 in Fisk, Missouri and departed this life on April 4, 2017 at the Cypress Point Skilled Nursing Center in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 78.

Mrs. Bender was a member of The Apostolic Church in Puxico, Missouri and a former employee of the International Hat Company in Dexter for over 25 years and a resident of rural Dudley.

She was united in marriage to Louis Eugene “Gene” Bender on March 6, 1959 in Dexter, Missouri. Gene preceded her in death on May 13, 2006.

She is survived by one son, Steve Bender (Melanie) of Florence, Alabama; one daughter, Lesa Aslin (Tim) of Dexter, Missouri; by four brothers, Carl Townsend of Dexter, Pete Townsend of Jackson, Jerry Townsend of Dudley, Larry Townsend of Pacific, Mo; by two sisters, JoAnn Horn of Farmington, Mo and Emma Lou Hobbs of Jonesboro, Ark; by three grandchildren, Steven Bender (Jennifer), Jennifer Aslin, and Matthew Bender; by two great-grandchildren, Gabrielle Bender and Jackson Bender.

Besides her parents and husband, she is preceded in death by four brothers, Jack Townsend, David Townsend, Louie Townsend and Bob Townsend.

Friends may call at the Rainey Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from on Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 1:00 PM with Rev. Brad Helm and Rev. Steve Bender officiating. Interment will follow at the Hagy Cemetery.

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In Memory of Malinda Allen

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In Memory of Malinda Allen

Malinda Allen, daughter of the late Alvin Smyth Sr. and Sarah Manion Smyth was born on September 25, 1927 in Dexter, Missouri and departed this life on March 19, 2017 at the Life Care Center of Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 89 years.

Mrs. Allen was a former employee of Dexter National Bank, IXL in Bernie, Missouri, and a long-time trader on the Chicago Board of Trade.

On March 9, 1946, she was united in marriage to Kenneth Lee Allen Sr. in Dexter, Missouri. Mr. Allen preceded her in death on May 8, 1996.

Survivors include one son, Jeffery Allen (Debbie) of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; by three brothers, Alvin Smyth Jr. of Dexter, Jimmie Smyth (Ann) of Dexter, Michael Smyth (Beverly) of Boise, Idaho; nephew, Brady Smyth of Dexter; by a daughter-in-law, Janet Allen; four grandchildren, Kathy Allen of California, John Allen (LeAnn) of Scott City, Missouri, Kimberly Allen of Cape Girardeau, Missouri and Judy McBride of New York; by four great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; also by other nieces and nephew.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Kenneth Lee Allen, Jr.; by one brother, John Alan Smyth and by one sister, Mary Ellen Sisler.

Friends may call at Rainey Mathis Funeral Home from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM on Monday, April 10, 2017.

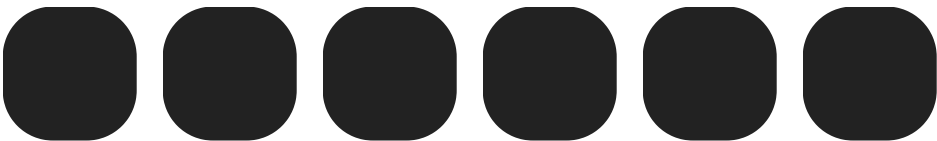
Memorial services will be held on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 2:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter.

There will be a graveside service following the Memorial service at the Dexter Cemetery.

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In Memory of Evelyn Crowell

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In Memory of Evelyn Crowell

Evelyn Crowell, of Bloomfield, daughter of the late William "Bill" Marvin and Martha Jane Burroughs Latham, was born in Matthews, Missouri on December 15, 1920, and passed away at her granddaughters home in Bloomfield on March 31, 2017, at the age of 96 years, 3 months and 16 days.

She had lived in Southeast Missouri all of her life. She loved gardening, quilting, sewing and cooking. On September 4, 1937, she married Jack Crowell in Charleston, Missouri. Evelyn and Jack lived at Birds Corner where they ran a family grocery store until it closed in 1969. They then farmed until ill health forced them to retire. After Jack passed away on February 16, 1991, she moved to Dexter.

She was of the Baptist faith, and was well known for her Christian generosity in the baking of pies, and chicken & dumplings. She enjoyed her children, grandchildren, great and great great grandchildren.

Surviving are three grandchildren & spouses, Marty Starnes, John & Felicia "Pete" Tilley and Tammy & Danny Starnes all of Bloomfield; nine great grandchildren; thirteen great great grandchildren.

Many nieces, nephews, other relatives, extended family and many friends also survive. In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded in death by one son, Ronnie Darrell Crowell; two daughters, Bonnie Sue Crowell and Patty Jane Tilley, two granddaughters, Mary & Sherry Tilley; three brothers & six sisters.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, from 5:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, April 6, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter with the Rev. Ray Rowland of Dexter officiating. Interment will be in the Memorial Park Cemetery in Sikeston, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.watkinsfuneralhome.com
Watkins & Sons Funeral Service
info@watkinsfuneralhome.com or phone 573 624 3548

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In Memory of Harold John Barber

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In Memory of Harold John Barber

Harold John Barber, son of the late John Louis Barber and Stella Nelson Barber was born on April 25, 1924 in Vinson, Missouri and departed this life on March 31, 2017 at Amber Manor Care Center in Petersburg, Indiana at the age of 92.

He was a member of the Risen Church in Dexter, Missouri where he was a Deacon for 31 years. Mr. Barber was a Quarter Master for the United States Army. He was a former

employee of International Shoe company and was an employee for the Dexter Schools where he was the head Custodian for 32 years.

He was a member of the Dexter Masonic Lodge #532, The Order of Eastern Star Chapter #311, a member of the Scottish Rite 32 degree Mason, a member of the Kenady Hanks Post #59 The American Legion.

He was united in marriage to Doris Mayberry in Piggott, Arkansas on December 15, 1945. Mrs. Barber preceded him in death on January 14, 2017.

Survivors include, two sons, Joseph Harold Barber and Gayla of Fredericktown, Missouri and Ray Gene Barber and Beth of Oakland City, Indiana; by one grandchild, Charity (Chad) Julian; by two great-grandchildren, Brody Julian and Micah Julian.

Besides parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Harlan Barber and Donald Barber; three sisters, Ruth Williams, Mildred Goddert, and Doris Barber.

Friends may call at the Rainey Mathis Funeral Home on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

There will be a Masonic service at 8:00 PM Wednesday.

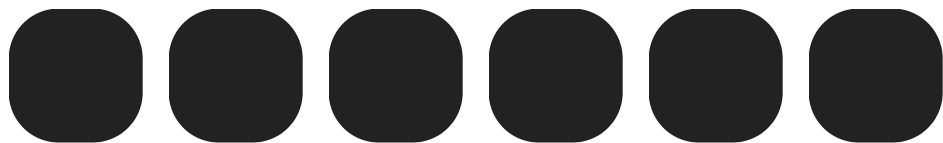
Funeral services will be conducted on April 6, 2017 at 10:00 AM in the Rainey Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with Rev. Steve Tippen and Rev. Rick Roberts officiating.

Interment will follow at the Dexter Cemetery.

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In Memory of Reaven Janette McKee

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In Memory of Reaven Janette McKee

Reaven Janette McKee, daughter of the late Marvin and Earl Virginia (Brumlow) Carney, was born January 9, 1926 in Dexter, Missouri and departed this life at the Highland Assisted Living in Glasgow, KY on April 3, 2017 at the age of 91.

Mrs. McKee lived most of her life in Dexter, MO. She was a member of the Dexter Methodist Church. She moved to Glasgow, KY on June 21, 2014. She was presently attending Coral Hill Baptist Church. She worked at Ben Franklin Dime Store for 34 years.

She was united in marriage to Floyd C. McKee on April 19, 1942, who preceded her in death on January 6, 2001.

Survivors include one son, Floyd Dennis McKee (Donna) of Horse Cave, KY., one daughter-in-law, Kathy McKee of Lapeer, MI, 5 grandchildren, Michele McKee Richardson (Tim) of Glasgow, KY.,

Anthony Marshall (Anne) of Nashville, TN, Brad McKee of Boise, ID, Laruen McKee of St. Louis, MO, and Sydney McKee of Auburn Hills, MI. Three great-grandchildren, Cody Richardson, Jacob Richardson, Alex Richardson all of Glasgow, KY. Special caregivers from Glasgow, KY are Kathy Slaughter and Kristi McNeil and ALL the staff at Highland Assisted Living. Special friend Mary Margaret Wolfe of Glasgow, KY. Special friends from Dexter, MO are Vivian McCarty and Roberta Hutchinson.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Gordon McKee, one grandson, Dennis Mitchel McKee and a special caregiver (cousin) Phyllis Stewart.

Visitation will be held at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, MO from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2017.

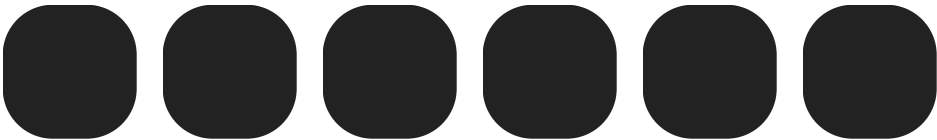
Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 7, 2017 in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Brother Ray Woodie from Glasgow, KY officiating.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

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