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In Memory of Stanley Edwin Harmon

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In Memory of Stanley Edwin Harmon

Stanley Edwin Harmon of Morehouse, the son of the late Lloyd Arthur and Leona Ann Madewell Harmon, was born in Lilbourn, Missouri on August 13, 1942, and passed away at the Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri on April 5, 2017, at the age of 74 years.

Mr. Harmon was raised in Lilbourn and had made his home in Morehouse for many years. He attended the First General Baptist Church in Morehouse and was a retired farmer.

On December 3, 1976, he was married to Linda Gosnell. She preceded him in death on October 2, 2014.

Surviving are two sons, Carl Gene (Sharon) Harmon of Warrior, Alabama, Carl Edwin Harmon of Morehouse; three daughters, Charlotte (Randy) Jones of Dexter, Sharon (Mike) Burns of Dexter, Carla Eaton of Birmingham, Alabama; fifteen grandchildren; twelve great grand children; one brother, Cephus Harmon of Lemon Cove, California; five sisters, Betty (Earl) Davidson of Lilbourn, Lavonna (Larry) Thacker of Portageville, Glenda Long of Marston, and Rachel (William) Koller of Portageville. Many neices and nephews, other relatives and many friends also survive.

He was preceded in death by one son, Paul Edwin Harmon; two granddaughters, Diana Marie Harmon and Jessie Lynn Harmon; one brother, Kenneth Harmon; and two sisters, Frances Henry and Nadine Fowler. Everyone who knew Stan knows he loved to eat and talk, so in lieu of a traditional service, we will celebrate his life on Saturday, April 8, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Life Center, 405 S Benton, Morehouse, Missouri. Please bring your photos, memories and favorite covered dish.

Watkins and 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 - P O BOX 96 - DEXTER MO 63841 info@watkinsfuneralhome.com or phone 573 624 3548

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In Memory of Thomas Clark Milner

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In Memory of Thomas Clark Milner

Thomas Clark Milner, son of the late Matthew Milner and Mary Clark Milner was born on September 6, 1929 in Doniphan, Missouri and departed this life on April 4, 2017 at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 87.

He was a member of the Bloomfield First General Baptist Church. Mr. Milner was a Veteran of the United States Army where he served in the Korean War. He was a former surveyor for the Missouri Highway Department. He also served as a board member for the Bloomfield Schools, was a member of the Bloomfield Masonic Lodge and the Bloomfield Am Vet Chapter.

He was united in marriage to Virginia Lee Christian on March 5, 1953 in Dexter, Missouri. Mrs. Milner preceded him in death on June 29, 2016.

He is survived by one son, Brent (Peggy) Milner of Pacific Missouri; by two grandchildren, Tracy L. Pitts (John) and Kelley A. Elliott (Steve); one great-grandchild, Aiden John Pitts.

Besides his parents and wife, he is preceded in death by two brothers, George Milner and Bill Milner; by one sister, Maggie Ponder.

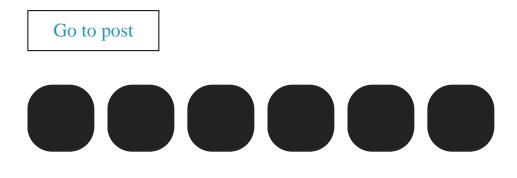
Friends may call at the Rainey Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, April 10, 2017 from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 11:00 AM with Rev. Ronnie Stevens officiating.

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

In lieu of flowers, Memorials can be made to the Missouri Veterans Home, 2400 Veterans Memorial Drive, Cape Girardeau, Mo, 63701.

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In Memory of Shirley Bender

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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.

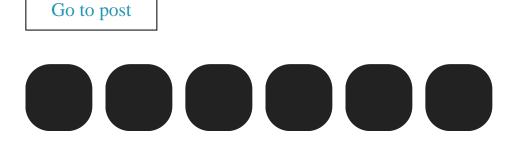
Besides her parents and husband, she is preceded in death by four brothers, Jack Townsend, David Townsend, Louie Townsend and Bob Townsend.

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 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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