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## In Memory of Tamra Sue Craft

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### In Memory of Tamra Sue Craft

Tamra Sue Craft, daughter of the late Jonelle Oats Walker was born in Sikeston, Missouri on July 23, 1963 and departed this life at St. Louis University Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri on May 30, 2017 at the age of 55.

Mrs. Craft was Overnight Manager at Wal Mart in Malden, Missouri. She was of Baptist Faith and a resident of Bernie.

She was united in marriage to Dennis Ray “Sonny” Craft in Powe, Missouri on January 27, 1989. Mr. Craft preceded his wife in death on December 7, 2010.

Survivors include three sons, Dennis Craft Jr of Gates, North Carolina, Brian Waterman of Spokane, Washington and Bradley Craft of Bernie, Missouri; by two daughters, April Craft of Parma, Missouri and Krystal Welty of Bernie, Missouri; by one sister, Linda Wilcox of Bernie, Missouri; by twelve Grandchildren and one Great-grandchild; also by other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death other than by her Mother and her Husband; by three sisters, Susan Gibson, Cindy Cross and Cathy Hanham.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Friday, June 2, 2017 from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel starting at 12:00 P.M.

Interment will follow in the Bernie Cemetery. Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in charge of all arrangements.

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## In Memory of Dorotha Blunt

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### In Memory of Dorotha Blunt

Dorotha Blunt, daughter of Charles Stoker and Iva Gilbretha was born on March 16, 1937 at Qulin, Missouri and departed this life at the Dexter Living Center in Dexter, Missouri on May 29, 2017 at the age of 80.

Ms. Blunt attended the Light House Church in Dexter, was a former employee in the bakery at Town and Country Super Market, and a resident of Dexter.

Survivors include two daughters, Sherry Blunt and Kathy Ivy both of Dexter, and one son, Ronny Blunt of Brush, Colorado; one brother, Thomas Stoker of Bearden, Arkansas; by two sisters, Betty Taylor of Dexter and Margrettia Throgmorton of Bloomfield, Missouri; by fifteen grandchildren, Jason Ivy, Ethon Ivy, Megan Blunt, Jacob Hyten, Justin Hyten, Bethany Hyten, Ciara Blunt, Shawn Blunt, Shane Blunt, Jesse Blunt, Matt Blunt, Sara Blunt, Daniel Blunt, Samual Blunt, and Abby Blunt; also by five great-grandchildren.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, Stanley and Robert Blunt; one daughter, Debra Blunt; eight brothers, Chester Stoker, Paul stoker, Ray Stoker, Junior Stoker, Hubert Stoker, O'Dell Stoker, Dennis Stoker, and Robert Stoker; by four sisters, Christine Davis, Mae Warden, Bobbie Stoker, and Effie Foster.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 until 1:00 P.M. Friday June 2, 2017 at the Light House Christian Center in Dexter.

Funeral services will then be conducted at 1:00 P.M. with Rev. Tim Russell officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements under the direction of Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter

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## In Memory of Larry Dale Burris

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### In Memory of Larry Dale Burris

Larry Dale Burris of Dexter, son of the late Jewel Warner and Grace Lee Maddox Burris, was born in Poplar Bluff, Missouri on May 7, 1948, and passed away at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri on may 29, 2017, at the age of 69 years and 22 days.

Larry had lived in Bates City, Missouri and worked in Kansas City, Missouri where he moved after receiving Masters Degrees in Mathematics and Physics from Southeast Missouri State University.

Larry worked for the Kansas City Times until his retirement.

He moved to Dexter to help with the care of his mother until her death. As his last act of kindness Larry donated his body for transplant and research.

Surviving are his daughter, Desiree Hill of Kansas City, Missouri, three brothers Darrell Burris of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, Eddie Burris of South St. Louis, County and Mike Burris of Dexter, Missouri; two sisters, Patricia Ellis of Dexter, Missouri and Joanna Wyatt of Cape Girardeau, Missouri. A very special great-niece Alise Howell whom he Loved very much. Other relatives and many friends also survive.

He was preceded in death by one brother; Gary Burris.

Friends may call on Friday, June 2, 2017, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter.

Memorial services will be held on Friday, June 2, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at the Watkins and Sons Chapel in Dexter, Missouri.

Memorials may be made to Watkins and Sons Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses.

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## In Memory of David Edward Hunsaker

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David Edward Hunsaker, the son of the late Rev. John David Hunsaker and Mildred Irene Hunsaker, was born in Dexter, Missouri on the 19th of June, 1954 and entered eternal life in his home, surrounded by family, on the 29th of May, 2017 at the age of 62 years 11 months and 10 days.

David had lived in the Dexter and Bloomfield communities all his life.

He was an aircraft mechanic for the United States Air Force from July of 1972 to May of 1974. He was employed by Arvin Automotive for twenty-four and one half years as a welder and millwright.

He was an avid fisherman, hunter, and outdoorsman. He was an artist who enjoyed carving, painting, and playing the dulcimer. He was a history enthusiast, storyteller, and blacksmith who loved attending black powder rendezvous. He was truly a Jack-of-all-Trades who loved his grandchildren dearly.

On the 2nd of January, 1976, he was united in marriage to Patty Eakes and to this union two children were born.

Surviving are his wife, Patty Hunsaker of Avert, Missouri; one son, Benjamin Hunsaker (Dusty Erickson) of Raytown, Missouri; one daughter, Olivia Price (Matthew Price) of Ellsinore, Missouri; five grandchildren Abigail, Elias, Gideon, Moriah, and Ezra Price; two sisters Joyce Williams (Ralph) of Campbell, Missouri and Janice Williamson (Mike) of Sedgwick, Kansas; many nieces and nephews; and other family and friends who mourn his passing. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister Barbara Cahow, and nephew John Cahow.

Friends may call at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter after 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, the 1st day of June.

Funeral services will be held Friday the 2nd of June at 11:00 a.m. at the Watkins and Sons Chapel in Dexter with Rev. Steve Tippen and Rev. Rick Roberts officiating.

Internment will be at the Dexter City Cemetery.

Watkins & Sons Funeral Service - 573-624-3548  
[www.watkinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.watkinsfuneralhome.com)

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## In Memory of Bessie Evelyn Bridges

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### In Memory of Bessie Evelyn Bridges

Bessie Evelyn Bridges of Puxico, daughter of the late Benjamin Franklin and Clara Chasteen Hill, was born February 22, 1927, in Bloomfield, Missouri and passed away at the Oakdale Care Center in Poplar Bluff on May 29, 2017, at the age of 90 years, 3 months and 7 days.

She had lived in Southeast Missouri all of her life and in Puxico for many years. She was a member of the Corinth General Baptist Church near Puxico and enjoyed being outdoors and her flowers.

On September 21, 1945, she married Vernon Edward Bridges. He preceded her in death on March 3, 1987.

Surviving are one daughter & husband, Donna & Harold Bailey of St. Charles; three sons & wives, Mike Bridges of Poplar Bluff, Kent & Nancy Bridges of Puxico, Bruce & Sheila Bridges of Evansville, Indiana, seven grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren. Other relatives and friends also survive. She was preceded in death one brother, Bill Hill and one sister, Josephine Lee.

Friends may call on Friday, June 2, 2017, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Puxico, services will follow at 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Jimmy Clark of Puxico officiating.

Interment will follow at the Rock Hill Cemetery near Puxico, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.watkinsfuneralhome.com](http://www.watkinsfuneralhome.com)  
**Watkins & Sons Funeral Service**  
info@watkinsfuneralhome.com or phone 573 624 3548

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