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In Memory of Austin Varvell

JUNE 16TH 2017 BY DEE LOFLIN

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Austin Tyler Varvell of Puxico, son of Robbie and Tammy Santos Varvell, was born April 4, 1999 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and passed away at Big Baptist Health Center in Little Rock on, June 14, 2017, at the age of 18 years, 2 months and 9 days.

Austin had lived in Puxico all his life and was a member the Puxico General Baptist Church. Austin was in SCCLA & Rayni Day Miracle Club of Poplar Bluff, enjoyed watching movies, playing music and traveling.

Surviving are his parents, Robbie & Tammy Varvell of Puxico; one brother, Keith Varvell of Puxico; maternal grandparents Paul & Erlinda Berry of Hearne Texas; paternal grandfather, Ronnie Varvell of Puxico, paternal grandmother & husband, Glenda Smith & Lee of Floresville, Texas; Aunt Amy Baney, and cousins, Jessica & Abigail Baney all of Puxico. Many aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends, also survive.

Friends may call on Friday, June 16, 2017, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and at the First General Baptist Church in Puxico.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at the First General Baptist Church in Puxico, Bro. Steve Jones of Puxico officiating.

Interment will follow in the Puxico Cemetery with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Puxico in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Watkins & Sons Funeral Service, P O Box 96, Dexter, Missouri.

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In Memory of Ruby Hayes

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In Memory of Ruby Hayes

Ruby Hayes, daughter of the late Rado Godfrey and Darcas Ragland Godfrey was born on December 6, 1913 in Clinton, Arkansas and departed this life at Bloomfield Living Center on June 13, 2017 at the age of 103.

Mrs. Hayes was a member of the First General Baptist Church in Bloomfield, a former Nurse's Aide at Dexter Memorial Hospital and a resident of Bloomfield.

On September 17, 1935, she was united in marriage to Tole Hayes in Benger, Oklahoma. Mr. Hayes preceded her in death on May 19, 1972.

Survivors include two daughters, Betty Alsup and Mary Haddock both of Bloomfield, Missouri, and six sons, Robert Hayes of Lolo, Montana, Lee Hayes of Dexter, Missouri, Frank Hayes of Festus, Missouri, Jimmy Hayes, Gary Hayes, and Dean Hayes all of Bloomfield, Missouri. She is also survived by many grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and several great-great grandchildren.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Alliene King.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, June 16, 2017 from 1:00 until 2:00 P.M.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel at 2:00 P.M., with Rev. Ronnie Stevens officiating.

Interment will follow in the Hagy Cemetery in Dexter.

Arrangements are under the direction of Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter.

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In Memory of Debra Carol Smith

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Debra Carol Smith of Dexter, daughter of the late Carroll David Noland & Helen Bernice Crest Noland Payton, was born November 26, 1956, in St. Louis, Missouri and passed away at the Methodist University Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee on June 14, 2017, at the age of 60 years, 6 months and 19 days.

She had lived in the St. Louis area before moving to Southeast Missouri in 1971. She had attended the Faith Lutheran Church in Dexter. She graduated from Bloomfield High School and received her Masters Degree from Southeast Missouri State University. Debra worked for the Missouri Department of Mental Health as a case manager with the Poplar Bluff Regional Center. She enjoyed reading and spending time with her family.

Surviving are her step father, "Pop" Bobby Payton of Dexter; two daughters & spouses, Kristin & Gary Jackson of Kennett, Angela Hartline of Dexter; one son, Kyle Smith of Dexter; five grandchildren, Cameron Jackson, Madison Mullins, Abigail Jackson, Peyton Hartline, and Noah Hartline. Other relatives and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by one sister, Diana Gail Elsworth.

Friends may call on Saturday, June 17, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, services will follow at 12:00 p.m. at the funeral home with Bro. Herman Morse of Dexter officiating.

Interment will follow at the Harper Cemetery near Aid, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter 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 Truman Sanford Cato

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In Memory of Truman Sanford Cato

Truman Sanford Cato passed away on Sunday morning June 11, 2017, at Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 96.

He was born June 25, 1920, to Louis Wesley (Bud) Cato and Valley May (Hughes) Cato at Greenbrier, Missouri. He and Roma Lee Delay were married on March 1, 1946, at Cape Girardeau, Missouri. She preceded him in death on October 3, 2002, after 56 years of marriage.

He was a member of Bethel General Baptist Church where he and Roma Lee served the Lord and his church family. He taught his family to love Christ and love others both in his words and more importantly the way he lived his life.

He proudly served his country in World War II, from October 1941 to December 1945, serving in the European Theater. Truman entered combat on Omaha Beach in Normandy on June 16, 1944, (“D +10”) and earned Bronze Service Stars and a Purple Heart for his service to his county. He received a battlefield commission from General George S. Patton on June 9, 1945.

Truman began working with the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in 1954 and served as the Bollinger County Executive Director of the ASCS until his

retirement in 1983. He was also a part time farmer and served a number of terms on the Zalma School Board. He was instrumental in the formation of Cross Trails Medical Center where he served on the board of directors since its inception in 1995.

Survivors include his daughter Debra Cato Dove and husband Gene of Highlandville, Missouri; his son Edwin T. (Eddie) Cato and wife Jeannie of Dexter; four grandchildren Jaime Bernhardt and husband Mark of Republic, Missouri; Chase Ridings and wife Chelsea of Nixa, Missouri; Bailey Cato Czupryk and husband Josh of Memphis, Tennessee; Andrew Cato and Elyce Cagle of Columbia, Missouri; two great grandchildren, Faith Romalee Bernhardt and Grayson Tadeusz Czupryk.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and two brothers, Dale W. Cato and Ale C. Cato.

Friends may call on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the Morgan Funeral Home in Advance, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 15, 2017, at 10:00 AM at the Morgan Funeral Home with Bro. Jeff Roth and Bro. Ray Placher officiating.

Interment will follow in the Bollinger County Memorial Park Cemetery in Marble Hill, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Bethel General Baptist Church, Advance, Missouri.

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In Memory of Shirley Fowler

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Shirley Jean Fowler, daughter of the late Julius Parker and Mary Cathleen Adams Parker was born on September 6, 1936 in Four Oaks, North Carolina and passed away at the Mulberry Manor in Dexter on June 11, 2017 at the age of 80.

Mrs. Fowler was a member of New Bethel General Baptist Church, a home-maker and a resident of Dexter.

On January 25, 1955, she was united in marriage to Bobby G. Fowler in Smithfield, North Carolina. Mr. Fowler survives of the home in Dexter.

She is survived by two daughters, Sandy Hutchcraft and husband Tim of Dexter and Jilda Everhart and husband William of Greensboro, North Carolina; by one sister, Jilda Brown of Titusville, Florida; by two grandchildren, Chris Hutchcraft and wife Stacey and Michael Gillie and by three great-grandchildren, Hayden Hutchcraft, Grady Hutchcraft and Kayla Hutchcraft.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, June 15, 2017 from 11:00 A. M. until 1:00 P. M.

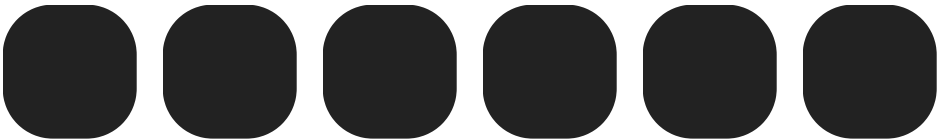
A Memorial service will then be conducted on Thursday at 1:00 P. M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with Rev. Jamie Jones officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family requests all memorials be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000 Department 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908.

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