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In Memory of Juanita Holder

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Juanita Holder, 88, of Advance, Mo., passed away in her home on Friday, August 18, 2017. Juanita was married to George William "Bill/Junior" Holder from 1949 until his passing in 1997.

Juanita was born in 1929 in Advance, Mo. as the daughter of Walter "Diz" Thompson and Dortha Angeline Tropf. Juanita graduated high school in Bell City, Mo. in 1946. She then earned her teaching degree by attending Southeast Missouri State University and Arkansas State University, all the while teaching school at Bell City and Randall, Mo.

Juanita then became a business woman when she and her husband opened the "The Place" which included the roller rink and later the swimming pool on Hwy O. They also purchased a grocery store in Advance on W. Sturdivant Street.

Juanita was very active in the community beginning at a young age; she belonged to the Pleasant Hill Church and later the Advance Methodist Church where she was the pianist and choir director for over 50 years. She belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star and held many offices during her 50 years of participation including, but not limited to, Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Organist of Missouri and Missouri State Representative to the State of Wisconsin as recent as 2015/2016.

Juanita began her participation early on in the Democrat Party and belonged to the Ladies Democrat Club of Stoddard County for years where she served several terms as President, Secretary and Treasurer. She also belonged to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxillary for more than 50 years, the Arts Council of South East Missouri and the

Stoddard County Historical Society. As those who knew her will attest, Juanita was a historian herself and was always ready with an interesting story about the history of her life and her community which she held so dear.

Juanita was also dedicated to many other benevolent organizations and clubs to benefit the community, children, education and conservation and could always be counted on in a time of need. Juanita was always willing to help others when a party or event was involved from donating time, food and, of course, her music. While her family was her love, Music was her passion throughout life beginning at a very young age. She often recounted taking piano lessons during the summer at a tender age and her first guitar which her grandfather bought her at age 5.

During her life, first and foremost, Juanita Holder was a Musician who played piano and sang her way across the state of Missouri and back. Music was in her heritage and she passed this love of music on to her children, grandchildren and her great grandchildren as well as others in the community to whom she also taught to play piano. Juanita leaves a legacy of music throughout the State of Missouri and beyond that will be remembered by those who heard her play her beautiful music as a piano player, songstress and lyricist.

Juanita composed many songs about her friends, family and her times in Hawaii where she enjoyed listening to the waves roll onto the beach for hours.

Juanita was preceded in death by her husband, parents and sister. Juanita's was the matriarch of her family who was greatly loved and highly respected by those she leaves behind including four children Fara Lynn McSpadden of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Jo Nyla West and her husband Jim of Pahoia, HI; Gayle Elizabeth Cantrell and her husband Rodney of Advance, Mo.; and Ryan William Holder and his wife Terri of Pahoia, HI; 11 grandchildren Elizabeth Moore, Phoebe Roper, Autumn Demopoulos, Leah King, George "Joshua" Corbin, John McSpadden, Seth Cantrell, Aaron Cantrell, Jesse Holder, Ethan Holder, Zachary Holder, and 15 great grandchildren Morgan Roper, Nikolaos Demopoulos, Astraia Demopoulos, Ioanna Demopoulos, Allie Cantrell, Camielle Holder, Colbey Roper, Sophie Cantrell, Brendan Thornberry, Andrue King, Kaileigh King, Archie Cantrell and Avery Cantrell and many other children in the community whom she cared for in her lifetime.

Juanita will be missed by so many and her family invites all of those who knew and loved her to a memorial service being held in her honor at Pleasant Hill Church at Tilman, Mo. on Saturday, August 26, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Pleasant Hill Church which was a special place to Juanita during her lifetime including attending church as a young girl listening to her grandfather preach services, marrying her

beloved and countless years of dedication to the preservation and care of the church until her passing. In lieu of sending flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to the Pleasant Hill Church in her memory through the Bank of Advance.

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In Memory of John Franklin Morgan

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John Franklin Morgan, son of the late D. H. Morgan and Ethel Stover Morgan was born on July 24, 1932 in Braggadocio, Missouri and departed this life on August 18, 2017 at Magnolia Place Skilled Nursing in Jefferson, Texas at the age of 85.

Mr. Morgan was a Veteran in the United States Air Force. He was a former employee at First Midwest Bank in Dexter and a member of the Dexter First Baptist Church.

He was united in marriage to Dorothy Baker on December 26, 1950 in Paragould, Arkansas. She resides of the home in Texas.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Judy Lynn Murphy (Daniel), Linda Ramirez both of Jefferson, Texas and Cheryl Baker (Larry) of Richwood, Texas; by one cousin, Johnnie Mae Ramsey; by eight grandchildren, Amy Murphy, Shaun Hunter, Ryan Murphy, Stuart Murphy, Deseree Owens, Morgan Ramirez, Christina Ramirez, and Michelle Owens; eleven great-grandchildren, Ava Hunter, Cora Hunter, David Dussing, Tyler Murphy, Bennett Murphy, Logan Blume, Preston Jorgensen, Rallen Owens, Kara Owens, Weston Conwell and Wyatt Conwell.

He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Jim Morgan and Ray Morgan.

Friends may call at the Rainey Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Services will be conducted on at Rainey Mathis

Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 2:00 PM. Interment will follow at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery.

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In Memory of Debra Jaquitta Cobb

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Debra Jaquitta Cobb, daughter of the late David E. Allen and Daphna F. Batchelor Allen, was born in Bulter County, Missouri on May 25, 1955 and departed this life in Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri on August 19, 2017 at the age of 62.

Mrs. Cobb was a homemaker and was a resident of Malden.

She was united in marriage to Larry Lovon Cobb in 1970.

Survivors include her husband, Larry Cobb of Malden, Missouri; by two sons, Chad Wayne Cobb and Nick Anthony Cobb both of Malden, Missouri; by two daughters, Marquitta Lynn Glover of Elsimore, Missouri and Angela Dawn Rice of Malden, Missouri; by four brothers, Randall Allen, Neal Allen and David Allen all of Malden, Missouri and Tim Allen of Campbell, Missouri; by three sisters, Helen Lacewell and Daphna Goldsmith both of Malden, Missouri, by Carmeletta Allen of Kennett, Missouri; by ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; also by other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death other than by her parents, by one brother, Victor Allen.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Thursday, August 24, 2017 from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

Funeral services will then be conducted at 1:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Bernie.

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

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In Memory of Diane Wagner

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Diane Wagner was born on June 26, 1948 in Moro, Arkansas. She departed this life on Friday, August 18, 2017 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 69 years 1 months and 22 days.

Diane was a homemaker. She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Malden. On March 12, 1971 she was united in marriage to James Wagner in Kennett, Missouri. He survives of the home in Bernie.

Her other survivors include: two daughters Betty Ann Watson & husband, Danny of Poplar Bluff and Brenda Cowart of Malden. Two Sons: James Wagner, Jr. of Kennett and Michael Wagner & wife, Betty Jean of Bernie. Six Grandchildren 8 Great-grandchildren, one sister: Dorothy Massey & husband, David of Campbell, Missouri and five brothers: James Noble, David Noble, Avery Noble, Albert Noble & Billy Joe Noble.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 3 brothers: Edward Noble, Jackie Noble & Jerry Noble and 2 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at the First Assembly of God Church in Malden from 11-12. Funeral services will follow at 12:00 p.m. with Pastor Mark Thrasher officiating.

Interment will be in the Rosewood 1st Addition Cemetery in Malden.

Landess Funeral Home of Malden is in charge of the arrangements.

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In Memory of Mildred Berry

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Mildred Berry formerly of Essex, daughter of the late John and Ida Butler Tarpley, was born in Essex, Missouri on January 2, 1927, and passed away at the Bertrand Nursing Center in Bertrand, Missouri on August 19, 2017, at the age of 90 years, 7 months and 17 days.

She had lived in Essex most of her life before moving to Sikeston in 2008. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

On June 3, 1927, she was married to Beck Berry in New Madrid, Missouri. He preceded her in death many years ago.

Surviving are one daughter, Brenda Motches of Birmingham, Alabama; one granddaughter, Melissa Wright of Carrollton, Georgia; three great grandchildren; one sister, Helen Chad of Bertrand, Missouri. Many other relatives and friends also survive.

She was preceded in death by one grandson, Bill Ellison, Jr.

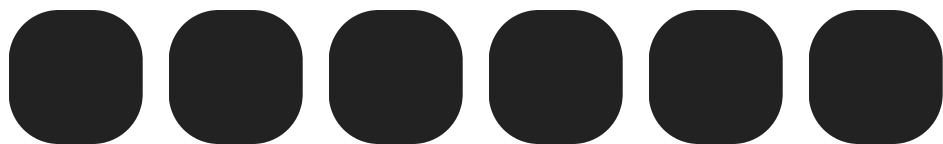
There are no services planned at this time, Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter, Missouri, in charge of arrangements.

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