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## In Memory of Gary Williams

NOVEMBER 07TH 2017 BY DEE LOFLIN

### In Memory of Gary Williams

Gary Charles Williams of Miner, son of the late Walter Dees Williams and Alice Delene Phillips Wilson, was born in Avert, Missouri on, November 10, 1942 and passed away at the Miner Nursing Home in Miner, Missouri on November 4, 2017, at the age of 74 years, 11 months and 25 days.

Gary considered Dexter his home and had lived in the area most of his life. He worked as a self employed auto body repairman. He had attended the Faith Family Church Church in Painton.

Surviving are three daughters & sons in law, Sally Williams & Arnold Breen of Foristell, Missouri, Allie & Jerrod Rowland of Dexter, Jennifer Williams of St. Louis; three sons & daughter in law, David Williams of Dexter, Michael Williams of Bell City, Gary, Jr. & Megan Williams of Fairbanks, Alaska; many grandchildren and great grandchildren; three sisters & brother in law, Brenda Burnett of Owosso, Michigan, Sharon & Bob McIntyre of Advance, Susie Everisto of Lake Elsinore, California. Three nieces, two nephews, other relatives and many friends also survive.

Friends may call on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter until time of services at 3:00 p.m. with the Rev. Don Jolliff of Painton officiating.

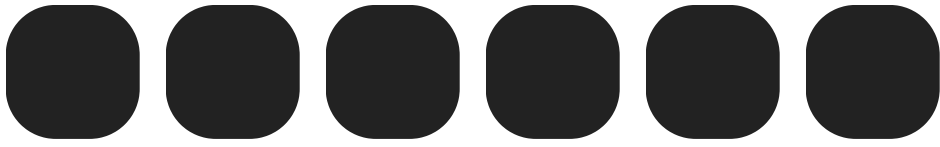
Interment will be in the Hagy Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Humane Society, 328 N. West Street, Sikeston, Missouri 63801.

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## In Memory of Carrol Chaney

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### In Memory of Carrol Chaney

Carrol Chaney, daughter of the late Dan Hanson and Erlene Abernathy Hanson, was born on May 6, 1942 in Anderson, Indiana and died on November 5, 2017 at her residence in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 75.

She was employed by the State of Missouri and was a legal secretary.

Survivors include two daughters, Cindy and Allen Wheeler and Janey Tollison, both of Dexter, Missouri; one grandson, Josey Roper, and a sister, Judy and Joe Garner of east Prairie, Missouri.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Nancy Parker.

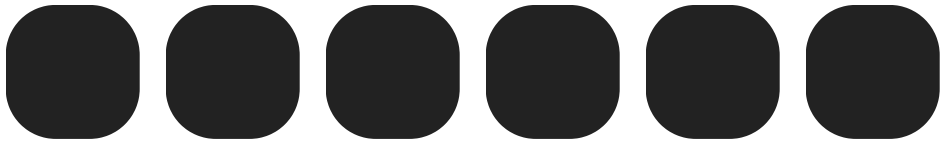
A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 2:00 PM in East Prairie at the East Prairie Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to 18 Fore Life, C/O Scott Kruse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, Mo 63841 or John Brehmer Agriculture Scholarship Fund, C/O Edward Jones, PO Box 35, Dexter, Mo 63841.

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## In Memory of Zerlene Stafford

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### In Memory of Zerlene Stafford

Zerlene Stafford, daughter of the late Zerl Langston and Edith Wallace Midgett was born on January 17, 1941 in Newport, Arkansas and departed this life on November 4, 2017 at the Landmark Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 76.

Mrs. Stafford was a homemaker and attended the Freewill Baptist Church in Malden, Missouri.

On December 27, 1957 she was united in marriage to Willie Stafford. He preceded her death on July 15, 2012.

Survivors include; one son, Randy Stafford of Dexter, Mo; by two daughters, Teresa Moriarty and husband JM "Moe" of Dexter, Mo and Diane Seiter and husband Steve of Wappapello, Mo; by one brother, Terry Midgett of Risco, Mo; by three sisters, Linda Bradley of Kennett, Mo, Darlene Rowland of Dexter, Mo and Sheila Heartling of Jackson, Mo; by three grandchildren, Travis Stafford, Trent Stafford, Emily Ward and husband Nick; by two great-grandchildren, Riley and Raigan Stafford.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Ronnie Midgett, Jimmy Midgett and Ricky Midgett.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 from 1:00 to 2:00 PM. Services will be conducted on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 2:00 PM at the

Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Elijah Allen officiating.

Memorial can be made to ALS Association, St. Louis Regional Chapter, 2258 Weldon Parkway, St. Louis, Mo 63146-3206.

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## In Loving Memory of Christopher Cokley

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Christopher D. Coley, son of Stephanie Cokley was born on May 9, 1985 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and departed this life at the St. Louis University Hospital on October 26, 2017 from complications of liver disease. Chris was 32 years old.

Survivors include his mother, Stephanie of St. Louis, MO; his grandmother Theetta Cokley of Bernie, MO; two uncles, James Cokley of Clarkston, Michigan, and Charles (Dan) Cokley of Portland, Oregon.; one aunt, Karen Burner of Bernie, MO; one uncle who was more like a father, Karen's husband Clifford Burner of Bernie and their son Shad Burner, more like a brother from Cape Girardeau, MO.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Jimmy Cokley of Bernie, one aunt, Loretta Dodd, formerly of Bernie and one uncle, Orlie (Ed) Cokley, formerly of Dayton, Ohio and so many other relatives spread throughout, too many to mention.

Chris was a 2003 graduate of Bernie High School. After graduation, he moved to Oklahoma City, where he worked as a customer service representative for a large satellite cable company. Chris joined the U.S. Air Force for one tour of duty and then moved to St. Louis in 2008, where he remained until his death.

Chris enjoyed a simple life, filled with writing, listening to music, reading, gaming and was a fan of all sports.

Chris was an official organ/tissue donor. In death, his life could go on for many.

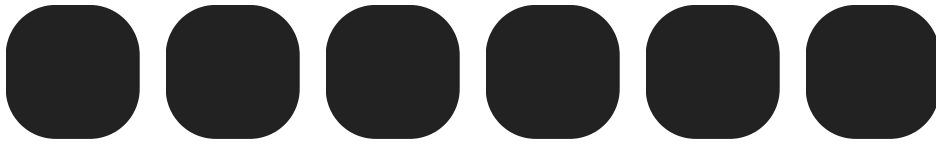
There will be no services as Chris's remains will be cremated so he can rest with his relatives at the Bernie Cemetery and spread throughout the soils of the many locations he loved.

Any memorials should be made to your organization of choice that focuses on curing alcoholism or possibly an individual you may know that is currently battling this terrible disease.

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