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## In Memory of Lila Ann Marie Stucker

DECEMBER 22ND 2017 BY DEE LOFLIN

#### In Memory of Lila Ann Marie Stucker

Lila Ann Marie Stucker, daughter of Josiah William Stucker and Aurora Maria Halsey Stucker was born on December 19, 2017 at the Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center and departed this life on December 19, 2017 at the Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center.

Survivors include: her parents; one brother, Brysen Lane Stucker of Poplar Bluff, Mo; by three grandparents, Jerry and Lynn Stucker of Poplar Bluff, Mo, Terry and Tammy Kennedy of Dexter, Mo and Andrew and Melanie Halsey of Platte City, Mo; three great-grandparents, Clifford and Linda Stucker of Poplar Bluff, Mo, Don and Louise Kennedy of Dexter, Mo and Harold and Georgia Halsey of Liberty, Mo; by six aunts and three uncles.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, December 23, 2017 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM.

A memorial service will be conducted on Saturday, December 23, 2017 at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Don Kennedy officiating.

Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter in charge of all arrangements.

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## In Memory of Georgie Kay Stilts

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In Memory of Georgie Kay Stilts

Georgie Kay Stilts, 90 of Puxico died Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter.

She was born August 23, 1927 in Kinder to the late Bernie and Nora Isaac. She was married to Earl "Jr." Stilts in November of 1972. He preceded her in death along with one son, Oscar Overton and one daughter Frances Stovall,

Georgie was a member of Kinder Baptist Church and worked at Ralph Edward's Sportswear.

She enjoyed gardening as well as her family, friends and her church.

Survivors include three sons; Elroy Overton, Darrell Overton and David Hayes; 14 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren.

Friends my visit with the family Thursday December 21, 2017 at 5:00 PM in the Morgan Sifford funeral home chapel.

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 22, 2017 at 11:00 AM also at the funeral home.

Interment will immediately follow in the Puxico city Cemetery.

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# In Memory of Lucille Pratt

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In Memory of Lucille Pratt

Lucille Pratt of Dexter, daughter of the late Crit and Mary Payton, was born on July 7, 1936, in Aid, Missouri and passed away at the Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter on

December 19, 2017, at the age of 81 years, 5 months and 12 days.

She had lived in Amhurst, Ohio, Cabondale, Illinois, and California, but most of her life was spent in the Dexter area. She was of the Baptist faith.

She married Claude Pratt, in Piggott, Arkansas, he preceded her in death on September 8, 1966.

Surviving are one son and wife, Paul & Karen Pratt of Dexter, Missouri; one daughter and husband, Marilyn & Mike Mattison of Dexter, Missouri; two grandchildren; Hope McDaniel of Perryville, Missouri, Angela Freeman of Dexter, Missouri; four great grandchildren; Abbey Pratt, Hailey Pratt, Kayla Freeman, and Kaleb Freeman, all of Dexter; one brother, Bobby Payton Dexter. Other relatives and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Brenda; three sisters, Louise Marlowe, Thelma Sherman and Virginia Griffith; three brothers, Kenneth, Orval and J. C. Payton.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 20, 2017, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, December 21, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter with Rev. Gary Cooper of Swinton officiating.

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

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### In Memory of Mertie Cates

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### In Memory of Mertie Cates

Mertie G. Cates of Dexter, daughter of the late Leland Moses and Gracie Deck Linville, was born on June 2, 1920, in Bloomfield, Missouri and passed away at the Cypress Point Skilled Nursing Center in Dexter on December 18, 2017, at the age of 97 years, 6 months and 16 days.

She had lived in the Bloomfield and Dexter area all of her life. She was a member of the New Bethel General Baptist Church and enjoyed quilting, gardening, puzzles and listening to the Bible on tapes.

On June 6, 1942, she married Rev. Elmer James Cates. He preceded her in death on July 9, 1991.

Surviving are one son & wife, Keith & Linda Cates of Dexter, Missouri; one granddaughter & husband, Charity Cates & Shawn Warmack of St. Peters, Missouri; great granddaughter, Naomi Warmack of St. Peters, Missouri; one brother, Jess Linville of St. Louis, Missouri; one sister, Novella Newcomer of Bloomfield, Missouri, special friend, Keith Myers of Springfield, Missouri. Other relatives and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Joshua Cates, three brothers and two sisters.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 21, 2017, after 10:00 a.m. until time for services at 11:00 a.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter with Rev. Steve Tippen of Bloomfield officiating and Rev. Gerald Hart of Bertrand assisting.

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

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## In Memory of Colleen Phillips

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### In Memory of Colleen Phillips

Colleen Phillips, daughter of the late Sylvester Page and Ethel Johns Page was born on August 6, 1917 in Mount Vernon, Illinois and departed this life on December 19, 2017 at the Cypress Point Skilled Nursing Center in Dexter, Mo at the age of 100 years.

Colleen was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Bloomfield where she was active in the United Methodist Women. She had served on the Stoddard County Election Board for many years. She was the Past-President of the Stoddard County Historical Society and was a member of the Stoddard County Democratic Women's Club where she was honored as their Women Of The Year.

She was united in marriage to Floyd E. Phillips on September 25, 1932 in Bloomfield, Mo. Mr. Phillips preceded her in death on July 1, 1984.

Survivors include: two daughters, Rosemary Sanders (Carl) of Poplar Bluff, Mo and Veta Musgrave (Denton) of Dexter, Mo; eight grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren and twenty-seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband; two brothers, Gene Page and Virgil Page; two sisters, Leona Hewett and Evelyn DePriest.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, December 22, 2017 from 12:30 to 2:00 PM.

Services will be conducted on Friday, December 22, 2017 at 2:00 PM at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter.

Interment will follow at the Bloomfield Cemetery.

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