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Willa "Bo" Gardner of Essex, Missouri, daughter of the late William Allen and Clara Emma Lowery Neal, was born on February 22, 1925, in Manilla, Arkansas and passed away at her son's home in Ashland City, Tennessee on December 23, 2017, at the age of 92 years, 10 months and 1 day.

She had lived in the Grayridge and Essex areas most of her life. She had worked as a floral designer for 40 years at area florists. She was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She enjoyed gardening, flowers and working in her yard.

Surviving are one daughter and husband, Susan & Gene Gaines of Dexter, Missouri; four sons & wives, Jeffrey Hatfield of Advance, Missouri, Eric & Marianne Hatfield of South Bend, Indiana, Kevin Hatfield of Essex, Missouri; William & Robbie Hatfield of Ashland City, Tennessee; nine grandchildren; many great & great great grandchildren; two sisters, Joy Sue Maulding of Festus, Missouri, and Omega Lovett of Grays Lake, Illinois. Other relatives and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by one son, Mark Edward Hatfield; two grandsons, Kevin Lee Hatfield, Jr. and Mark Edward "Buck" Hatfield, Jr.; great granddaughter, Maura Peters, great great grandson, Bryson Umfleet; three brothers, Jesse, James and William Neal; two sisters, Novella Nelson and Imogene Evans.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 28, 2017, after 11:00 a.m. until time for services at 1:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter with Bishop Michael Comer officiating.

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

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