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In Memory of Harold Gene Belcher, Jr.

JANUARY 21ST 2018 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Harold Gene Belcher, Jr.

Harold Gene Belcher Jr., son of the late Harold Belcher Sr. and Mildred McCormick Belcher was born in Poplar Bluff, Missouri on August 31, 1947. He departed this life at his residence in Dexter, Missouri surrounded by his loved ones on January 21, 2018 at the age of 70 years.

Harold was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dexter.

He proudly served in the Vietnam War and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign War. He enjoyed playing guitar and keyboard, singing and writing music. He was an avid movie and music collector. Harold's great strength and trust in the Lord helped him overcome many obstacles in his life.

Survivors include two brothers, Bruce Belcher(Donna Roberts Belcher) of Dexter and Phillip Belcher(Pamela Snider Belcher) of Malden; by one sister, Debora Belcher Harris(Ed Harris) of Middle Brook, Missouri and by several nieces and nephews and numerous relatives.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Donna Sue Parks Belcher.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 from 5:00 P. M. until 7:00 P. M.

Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel at 10:30 A. M. with Rev. Mark Smith officiating.

Interment will follow in the Rock Point Cemetery in rural Bloomfield.

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In Memory of Linda Faye Milam

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Linda Faye Milam, daughter of Audrey Faye Hensley and the late Dason Floyd Hensley was born July 6, 1958 in Harrison, Arkansas and gained her Angel Wings January 19, 2018 at her home in Bloomfield, Missouri surrounded by family.

Linda was a proud wife, mother, Grannie and friend to so many. She was a Registered Nurse and loved her work as Nurse at Dexter High School where her two grandbabies

attended.

She is survived by her mother Audrey Hensley of Harrison, Arkansas; by her loving husband, Gary V. Milam of Bloomfield, Missouri; by one son, Brad V. Milam and daughter-in-law Emily Milam; by grandson, Dason James Milam; by granddaughter, Olivia Grace Milam, all of Dexter; She leaves behind brothers David(Sue) Hensley and Jeff Hensley of Harrison, Arkansas, and Steve(Coeta) Hensley of Valley Springs, Arkansas; sisters, Brenda(Larry)Wheeler of Hot Springs, Arkansas, Sheron(Kyle) Sisco of Western Grove, Arkansas and Alisa Morris of Harrison, Arkansas; by brothers-in-law Mike(Melissa) Milam of New Madrid, Missouri and Tom(Sandy) Milam of Portageville, Missouri; and by sister-in-law Patricia(Tom) Drummond of Fenton, Missouri. She would also want mentioned her beloved puppy, Sparky.

She was preceded in death by her daddy, Dason Floyd Hensley, her father-in-law, James David (JD) Milam and her mother-in-law, Nellie Milam.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter Monday, January 22, 2018 from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel at 2:00 P.M. with Brother Tom McCanless officiating. Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veteran Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Linda would ask that you consider supporting organizations that were dear to her: Larry and Kathy Jones Family H.O.P.E. Campaign, P. O. Box 1785, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701, 18 Fore Life, C/O Scott Kruse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, MO 63841 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN. 38105-9959.

There is a Memorial Scholarship being organized in honor of Linda. Donations may be made to the Dexter R-11 Schools, Linda Milam Scholarship, C/O Laura Miller, 1031 Brown Pilot Road, Dexter, MO 63841.

Gary, Brad, Emily, Dason and Grace would like to thank the students, faculty and staff of Dexter High School for the love and support throughout Linda's strong fight with cancer. Also, the family would like to thank the nurses, staff and doctors of SoutheastHEALTH Cancer Center.

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In Memory of Lois J. Wilson

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In Memory of Lois J. Wilson

Lois J. Wilson of Dexter, daughter of the late Elmer T. and Henrietta Owens Hammonds, was born on February 12, 1932, in Bernie, Missouri and passed away at the Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter, Missouri on January 18, 2018, at the age of 85 years, 11 months and 6 days.

She had lived in St. Charles, Illinois until she retired and moved to Dexter. She was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Dexter.

Surviving are one son, Alfred Wilson of Dexter, Missouri; one daughter, Dedee Webb of Dexter, Missouri; nine grandchildren; and ten great grandchildren. Other relatives and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by one son, Gerald Wilson and two brothers, Billy & Rupert Hammonds.

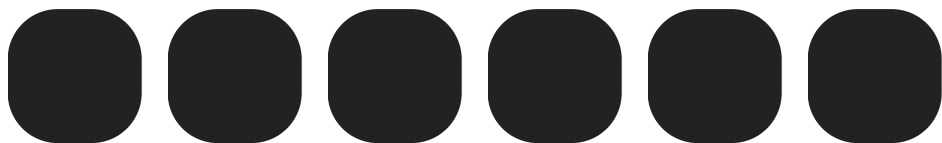
Visitations may be made on Tuesday, January 23, 2017, after 12:00 p.m. until time for services at 1:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter, Rev. Mike Kohlbaker of Dexter will officiate.

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

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In Memory of Elva Juanita King

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Elva Juanita King of Puxico, Mo, daughter of the late Virgil Henry and Ora Louise Patterson Cookson, was born on April 25, 1930 in the Rockwell area near Puxico and passed away at the St Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau on January 18, 2018, at the age of 87 years, 8 months and 24 days.

Mrs. King had lived most of her life in Puxico. She was a former member of the Brown General Baptist Church near Puxico and was of the General Baptist Faith. She was a 50 year member of the Eastern Star, the Puhicah Club and a former member of Puxico Country Squares.

She loved quilting, country western music, square dancing, traveling, visiting her children, crocheting, cooking, flowers, gardening, making jewelry, playing cards, looking at pictures, watching Wheel of Fortune, eating ice cream, going to Walmart, going to flea markets and talking to her children every night. She was famous for her German Chocolate Cake, her Strawberry Shortbread, and her amazing Sweet Potatoes. She was an angel and a guiding light to her family. She nourished everyone around her with faith, love, and kindness. She loved nothing better than to have her family home and surrounding her, visiting with each other, sharing stories, and cooking together. She loved her family more than anything, they were her world. She will be remembered as a bright and shining light to all who knew her.

On September 3, 1948, she was married to Wilfred Wm. "Bill" King in Piggott, Arkansas and was married 56 years. He preceded her in death on May 5, 2005.

She is survived by three sons & wives: Jim King & special friend, Linda Fox of Poplar Bluff, Steve & Robyn King of Clarksville, Ohio, Randy & Linda King of Puxico; one daughter & husband, Judy & Rick Corwin of Eldon, Missouri; grandchildren & spouses, Amber (Shannon), Chad (Jessi), Todd (Staci), Jamie (Joy), Teresha (Eric) Jerri, Kylee (Kyle), Mekenzie (Ryan), Kirsten (Jeremy), Cory (Karen), Bethany (Kyle), Cacie (Tyler), Brock (Monique), Chantel (Jacob): great grandchildren, Kellin, Karina, Kayson, Karson, Sabrina, Ainsley, Sloane, Tucker, Rile, Taylor, Gage, Addisyn, Kyndel, Makayla, Braylee, Kember, Oscar, Isabel, Kate, Rustin, Cale, Adele, Camilla, Ada, Camden, Kingston; three brothers and wife, Junior Cookson of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Jerry Cookson, Larry & Judy Cookson all of Puxico; one sister and husband, Syble & Bob Buttry of Wappapello; two brothers-in-law, Don Bates of Wappapello and Neal Holloway of Puxico. Nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by her siblings Melba (Cookson) Walker, JA Cookson, Jean (Cookson) Holloway, Ada (Cookson) Bates.

Friends may call after 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 21, 2018, at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Puxico.

Funeral services will be held on Monday January 22, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. in the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Puxico with Art Norris of Puxico officiating.

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

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In Memory of Walter Marsh Watkins

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Walter Marsh Watkins of Dexter, son of the late Earl L. and Eunice Ellene Marsh Watkins, was born in Cash, Arkansas on September 10, 1928, and passed away at the Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter on January 18, 2018, at the age of 89 years, 4 months and 8 days.

Marsh had lived in Cash, Arkansas until he moved to Missouri. On July 9, 1946, he married Bobbie Lucius and she passed away on November 6, 1964. He owned and operated Watkins & Sons Funeral Home until his health forced him to retire. He was a member of the Dexter Rotary Club, enjoyed Cardinals baseball, and fishing with his friends. On March 10, 1983, he married Dixie White and she passed away on February 11, 2016.

Surviving are one son, Mike (Angela) Watkins of Dexter, Missouri; step-sons, Joel (Jamie) Dodd of Benicia, California, Brian (Cheryl) Dodd of Bernie, Missouri; 11 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; one brother, Ike Watkins of Dexter, Missouri. Other relatives and many friends also survive. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two wives, Bobbie Watkins and Dixie Watkins, four sons, Bill, Rick, Rob, and John Kevin Watkins and step-daughter Kim Morgan.

Friends may call on Saturday, January 20, 2018, from 10:00 am to 1:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the Watkins and Sons Chapel in Dexter, Missouri.

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

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