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### In Memory of Bonnie Roper

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#### In Memory of Bonnie Roper

Bonnie S. Roper, daughter of the late Louis Elbert and Anna Lee Holland Hankins, was born in St. Louis, Missouri on January 11, 1940, and passed away at the Bloomfield Living Center in Bloomfield on May 12, 2018, at the age of 78 years, 4 months and 1 day.

Bonnie had spent her childhood in Gleason, Tennessee and moved to Bloomfield in 1987. She attended Walker Mt. Zion General Baptist Church and enjoyed crocheting and sewing.

She was first married to Bob D. Sanders on May 18, 1957, in St. Louis, He preceded her in death. On, June 18, 1989, she was married to Olen “Bo” Roper in Bloomfield, Missouri. He preceded her in death on March 6, 2016.

Surviving are two daughters & husbands, Lisa & Bobby Bemister of Bloomfield, Kim & Ron Keeney of Van Buren; one son & wife, Johnny & Christy Sanders of Van Buren; one step-son and wife, Tony and Tonya Roper of Dexter, Missouri, one step-daughter and husband, Catrina and Terry Dawson of Dexter; five grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; eight great grandchildren, and several step-great grandchildren; one sister & husband, Sandy & Tom Wehner of Sullivan. Other relatives and many friends also survive. She was preceded in death by one sister, Margaret Price and several step-siblings.

Friends may call on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home in Bloomfield, Missouri.

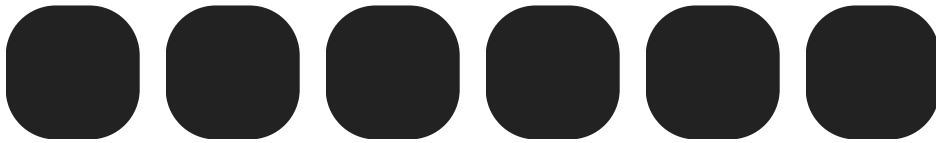
Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the Chiles-Cooper Funeral Chapel in Bloomfield, Missouri.

Interment will follow in the Walker Cemetery near Bloomfield, Missouri with Chiles-Cooper Funeral Home of Bloomfield, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

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## In Memory of Carrol Hagy

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Carrol Leroy Hagy of Dexter, the son of the late Carl Freeman and Dora Irene McFarlen Hagy, was born in Dexter, Missouri on September 6, 1939, and passed away at the Poplar Bluff Reginal Medical Center on May 6, 2018, at the age of 78 years and 8 months.

Mr. Hagy had lived in Michigan and St. Louis before returning to the Dudley and Dexter areas. He had worked as a welder and maintenance man and had attended the Dudley Community Church. He loved recycling cans and copper and spending time with his dog, Jake.

On March 15, 1986, he was married to Patsy Gale Cole in Wyoming, Michigan. She survived, but passed away on May 7, 2018.

Surviving are one son, Joseph Leroy Hagy of Wyoming, Michigan; two daughters & son-in-law, Rose Irene & Linnie Andrew Rulo of Benton and Ruth Annette Hagy of Dexter; fourteen grandchildren; thirty-two great grandchildren; two brothers, Cecil Hagy of Grand Rapids, Michigan and Vernon Hagy of Covington, Tennessee. Other relatives and friends also survive. He was preceded in death by one son, Steven Douglas Hagy; three grandchildren; one great grandchild; four sisters, Annabelle Aileen Borders, Alta May Denny, Alice Faye Williamson, Edith Lorene Hagy; and five brothers, Archie, Roy, Paul, Ollie and Harold Hagy.

Joint visitation with his wife will be on Thursday, May 10, 2018, after 11:30 a.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Joint funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. in the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter, Missouri with the Rev. Earl Hagy of St. Louis and Rev. Ray Rowland of Dexter officiating.

Burial will be in the Caroline-Dowdy Cemetery near Dexter with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the family, c/o Watkins & Sons Funeral Service, P O Box 96, Dexter, MO 63841

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## In Memory of Patsy Hagy

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### In Memory of Patsy Hagy

Patsy Hagy of Dexter, the daughter of the late Jack Daniel and Minnie Dorothy Myer Fletcher, was born in Leachville, Arkansas on August 23, 1935, and passed away at the Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau on May 7, 2018, at the age of 82 years, 8 months and 14 days.

Mrs. Hagy had lived in Michigan and St. Louis before returning to the Dudley and Dexter areas. She had attended the Dudley Community Church. She enjoyed puppies and cats.

On March 15, 1986, she was married to Carrol Leroy Hagy in Wyoming, Michigan.

Surviving are two sons, Billy Don Cole of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Donald Gene Cole of Dexter; two daughters, Sharon Reynolds of Waynesboro, Tennessee, Donna Girtman Cole of Clarkton; seven grandchildren; five great grandchildren; one brother, Gerald Fletcher of Jonesboro, Arkansas; and one sister, Melba Clark of Lilbourn. Other relatives and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by one son, Bobby Cole; one brother, one sister and her first husband, Carl Cole of Boynton, Oklahoma.

Joint visitation with her husband will be on Thursday, May 10, 2018, after 11:30 a.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Joint funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. in the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter, Missouri with the Rev. Earl Hagy of St. Louis and Rev. Ray Rowland of Dexter officiating.

Burial will be in the Caroline-Dowdy Cemetery near Dexter with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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## In Memory of Jewel Bessie Williams

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Jewel Bessie Williams, daughter of the late Edward Franklin and Malinda Mae Smith Niswonger, was born in Clay County, Arkansas on February 19, 1927, and passed away at the Missouri Delta Medical Center in Sikeston on May 3, 2018, at the age of 91 years, 2 months and 14 days.

Mrs. Williams had lived in the Catron and Lilbourn area most of her life. She was a member of the Catron Baptist Church in Catron. She enjoyed .

On December 12, 1948, she was married to Vearl Lee Williams in Bloomfield, Missouri. He preceded her in death on August 21, 1990.

Surviving are four daughters, Malinda Lawson of Howardville, Betty Williams of Lilbourn, Bonnie Williams of Marston, Karen Harding of New Port News, Virginia; six sons, Billy Williams of Sikeston, Earl Williams of Tampa, Florida, Freddie Williams of Marston, Michael Williams of Kewanee, Tommy Williams of Catron; numerous grandchildren; numerous great grandchildren; numerous great great grandchildren; one brother, Curtis Niswonger. Other family and friends also survive.

She was preceded in death by sons, Kenneth, Curtis and Johnny Williams; and daughter, Brenda Williams; siblings, Ivie, Ralph, Irine and Billy J. Niswonger.

Visitation was held on Monday, May 7 , 2018, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter, Missouri with the Rev. Travis Lambert of Lilbourn, Missouri officiating.

Interment followed at the Mounds Cemetery near New Madrid, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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## In Memory of Melba Jean Atherton

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### In Memory of Melba Jean Atherton

Melba Jean Brown Smith Atherton, daughter of the late Ewing Lawrence Brown and Pearl Lane Brown was born on October 26, 1927 in Dexter, Missouri and departed this life on May 8, 2018 at the Cypress Point Skilled Nursing Center in Dexter at the age 90 years.

Mrs. Atherton was the head cook in the lunch room at the Dexter High School and Middle School in Dexter. She had been a member of the First Baptist Church of Dexter since 1947 and was active in the choir for 40 years.

On April 12, 1952, she was united in marriage to Arvel Smith and with this marriage was a union of one son. Arvel passed in August of 1977. On July 1, 1983 she was united in marriage to Pete Atherton in Dexter, Missouri. Mr. Atherton preceded her in death in March, 2008.

She is survived by one son, David Smith of Dexter, Missouri; by two sisters, Glenda Holder of Dexter and Lois Teets of Bernie; one step-son, Ron Atherton of Dexter, Missouri; by three step-daughters, Judy Lincoln of Eldon, Missouri, Patty Green of Springfield, Missouri and Norma Crane of Lake of the Ozarks; by sister-in-law Merle Taylor; by many nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Junior Brown and Marvin Brown, Dean Brown and Elvis Brown; by three sisters, Helen Taylor, Wilma Renfro and Thelma Stevens.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, May 10, 2018 from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 1:30 PM in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Greg McGhee officiating.

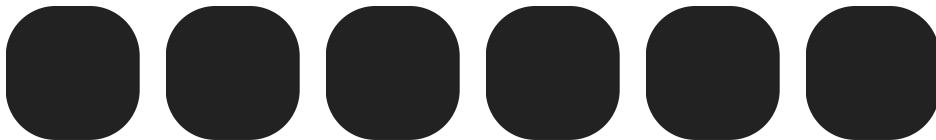
Interment will follow at the Dexter Cemetery.

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

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