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In Memory of Leon Watkins

MAY 30TH 2018 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Leon Watkins

Leon Watkins of Puxico, formerly of Essex, son of the late William Harrison and Treecie Lorene Kirtley Watkins, was born in Morehouse, on January 3, 1944, and passed away at his home in Puxico on May 28, 2018, at the age of 74 years, 4 months and 25 days.

Leon had lived in Essex before moving to Puxico three years ago. He had worked as a fabricator at Kelpro in Salcedo, attended Duck Creek Baptist Church and enjoyed, fishing, hunting, cooking and promoting fundraisers for area needs.

On May 31, 1963, he was married to Patricia Corrine Chism in Catron, Missouri.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia Watkins of Puxico, two daughters, Diana Devore of Swinton, Mellody Wheatley of Puxico; adopted son & wife, Buck & Jessica Cruse of Puxico; five grandchildren & spouses, Jennifer & Mark Newell and Jessica Steele all of Dexter, Roger & Taylor Cochran II of Cape Girardeau, Alanna Newman of Poplar Bluff, Hunter Wheatley of Puxico; ten great grandchildren; three brothers, Robert Watkins of Essex, Billy Watkins of Gideon, Rocky Watkins of Kansas; three sisters, Shirlene Miller of Kansas City, Ellen Buck of Kentucky, and Pat Johnson of Gideon. Other relatives and many friends also survive. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by one son, Lanny Watkins and three brothers.

Friends may visit on Friday, June 1, 2018, after 10:00 a.m. until time of services at 12:00 p.m. at the Duck Creek Baptist Church near Puxico with Bro. Buck Cruse of Puxico officiating.

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

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In Memory of Evert Ralph Brown

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Evert “Ralph” Brown son of the late Joy Brown and Anna Blanche Fearn Brown was born in Powe, Missouri on June, 21, 1925 and departed this life at Ridgeview Nursing Center in Malden, Missouri on May 27, 2018 at the age of 92.

Mr. Brown was a Veteran of the United States Army, and was a farmer. He was a member of Malden American Legion and also the NRA, and was a member of Bethany General Baptist Church of Rural Campbell, Missouri.

He was united in marriage to Helen Green. She preceded her husband in Death.

Survivors include one brother, Clifford Ray Brown of Bernie, Missouri; by one niece, Sonja Mays of Bernie, Missouri; also by other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death other than by his parents and his wife, by two sisters, Dora L. Nelson and Grace Louise Asbell.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in BERNIE, Missouri, Thursday, May 31, 2018 from 10:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. Funeral services will then be conducted at 11:00 A.M. Thursday, May 31, 2018 in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Bernie with Rev. Bryan Johnson officiating. Interment will follow in Bernie Cemetery. Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in charge of all arrangements.

In Lieu of Flowers Memorials may be made to:

Stoddard County Children's Home

Memorial Tribute Fund

P.O. Box 164

Dexter, Missouri 63841

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In Memory of Thakorbhai Patel

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In Memory of Thakorbhai Patel

Thakorbhai M. Patel, son of the late Maganbhai Patel and Gangaben Patel was born on February 16, 1943 in India and departed this life on May 23, 2018 at Southeast Health Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 75 years.

Mr. Patel was a farmer and lived in Dexter, Missouri.

In 1965, he was united in marriage to Bhanuben Patel in India. Mrs. Patel survives of the home.

Besides his wife, he is survived by one son, Kiritkumar Patel of Dexter, Missouri; by two daughters, Sonal Desai of Greenville, Mississippi and Dharmistha Patel of Charleston, Missouri; by five grandchildren, Honey Patel, Nidli Patel, Tanay Patel, Raj Patel, Krupa Desai and Bhumi Desai.

A prayer will be conducted on Thursday, May 24, 2018 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter. A prayer will be conducted on Friday, May 25, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to CRY AMERICA (Child Rights and You America, Inc) at this website america.cry.org.

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In Memory of Debra Ann Harlan

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In Memory of Debra Ann Harlan

Debra Ann Harlan of Grayridge, daughter of the late James Eugene and Naomi Joyce Ross Dougherty, was born on January 6, 1959, in St. Louis, Missouri and passed away at her home in Grayridge, Missouri on May 24, 2018, at the age of 59 years, 4 months and 18 days.

She had worked as a custodian at the Jackson Schools and moved to Grayridge over thirty years. She enjoyed fishing, dogs and spending time with her grandkids.

On August 4, 1989, she married Michael Harlan in Essex, Missouri.

Surviving are her husband, Michael Harlan of Grayridge; one son, Tommy J. Harlan of Essex; three daughters & husbands, Melody & Justin Davis of Essex, Diane Bardol of Jackson, Deedra & Austin Gardner of Phoenix, Arizona; daughter-in-law, Monika Harlan; ten grandchildren, James, Trevor and Tyler Chaffin, Jacob and wife, Jasmine and Josh Kidd, Kailiegh, Breyndley, Conner, Abbey and Lacey Gardner; one great grandchild, Jaxton Kidd; two brothers, Larry Dougherty of Perryville, Larry Carr of Tennessee; three sisters, Toni Parham of St. Louis, Eva Warren and Rhonda Caldwell both of Oklahoma,

two sisters-in-law, Lynn Dougherty of Marietta, Oklahoma and Deb Dougherty of St. Louis. Other relatives and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by one son, Michael T. Harlan; and two brothers, Timothy and Terry Dougherty.

A celebration of life will be held at the home in Grayridge on Sunday, May 27, 2018, at 3:00 p.m.

Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of James Hancock

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[In Memory of James Hancock](#)

James Hancock, 75 of Malden, passed away on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at his residence in Malden, Missouri.

James Hancock, the son of James and Mossie Churchill Hancock, was born on Thursday, April 1, 1943 in Dell, Arkansas.

He was the owner and operator of NAPA Auto Parts in Malden for 14 years and a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Malden. James served in the U S Army from August 1966 tru August 1968.

On July 21, 2006 in Piggott, Arkansas he was united in marriage to Bonnie Loyd. She survives.

Other survivors include one daughter, Lori Casselberry and husband David of Malden; two step-sons, David Mitchem and wife Beth of Malden and Scott Mitchem and wife Becky of Bowling Green, Missouri; one grandson, Dustin Casselberry and wife Morgin of Malden; one step grandson, Brandon Marlow and wife Lizzie of Dexter; two great grandchildren, Kaylee & Raegin Casselberry of Malden; one step grandchild, Addison Marlow of Dexter; one sister, Betty Fitch and five brothers, Freddy, Bill, Jimmy, Gilbert & Bobby Hancock..

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Jean & Janice

A memorial service will be held 10 a.m., Friday, May 25, 2018 at the Landess Funeral Home in Malden with Pastor Jonathan Ross officiating.

Interment with military honors will be at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

At the request of the family NAPA Auto Parts Store photo was used for the photo with the obituary.

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