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# In Memory of Virginia Lee Summers

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## In Memory of Virginia Lee Summers

Virginia Lee Summers, daughter of the late Phillip Dees and Josie Myers Dees was born on November 3, 1943 in Chaffee, Missouri and departed this life on June 2, 2018 at the Sikeston Convalescent Center at the age of 74.

Mrs. Summers was a home-maker, member of the Gospel Assembly Church in Dexter and was a resident of Dexter.

She was united in marriage to Bill Summers on October 27, 1961 in Dexter. Mr. Summers preceded her in death on January 23, 2014.

She is survived by one son, Greg Summers of Dexter; by one daughter, Gina and husband Jerry Elder of Republic, Missouri; by three grandchildren, Nena and husband Eric Shanafelt, Logan Elder and Chase Elder.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Paul Dees and by two sisters, Ruth Ann Scott and Eunice Busby.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. (NOON).

A short memorial service will be conducted on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at Noon in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter.

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## In Memory of Crystal Dawn Riddle

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Crystal Dawn Ward Riddle, 29 of rural Bernie, Mo passed into eternity in the arms of Jesus on May 29, 2018, after a short struggle with cancer.

Crystal was born on July 27, 1988 in Rhylander, Wisconsin to Joseph Paul Ward and Carolyn Faye Hayes. She is survived by her parents and her step-father, Donald R. Hayes.

On May 14, 2009, Crystal was united in marriage to Jordan Lee Riddle in Corning, Arkansas. The highlight of Crystal's life was when their daughter, Faith Elizabeth Riddle, was born on December 10, 2010, who is now 7 years of age.

Crystal is survived by her husband, Jordan; her daughter Faith; her step-son Noah L. Riddle of Dexter; her mother, father, and step-father; two brothers, Bobbie Ward and Gary Ward; two half-sisters, Samantha Ward and Sara Ward; four step-sisters, Sandra Bryant, Angie Sweeza, Amy Gonzalez and Deana Embrey; by her maternal grandmother, Joyce Faye Trout; by her maternal step-grandmother, Josephine Trout of Malden; by father-in-law and mother-in-law, Jeff and Charlotte Riddle of Dexter; by her special niece, Rae-Ann. Many uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends mourn her passing and will miss her dearly.

Crystal was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Dean Trout; paternal grandfather, Bobbie Ward and paternal grandmother, Kathy Ward.

Visitation will be on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at the Lighthouse Christian Church in Dexter from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Services will be conducted at 1:00 PM on Saturday at the Lighthouse Christian Church. Interment will follow at the Dexter Cemetery.

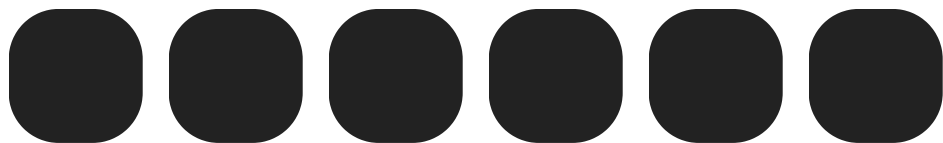
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## In Memory of Maggie Howell

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### In Memory of Maggie Howell

Maggie M. Howell, daughter of the late George Hugh Shelton and Cora Mae Harnbarger Shelton was born on May 7, 1918 in Piggott, Arkansas and departed this life on May 31, 2018 at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau at the age of 100 years.

Mrs. Howell was a former store clerk for Stovall's Department Store in Dexter and also was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dexter.

On July 2, 1966, she was united in marriage to Wilson Howell in Dexter. Mr. Howell preceded her in death in 1983.

Survivors include; two sons, Jerry Wayne Barks and Daniel Bruce Barks both of Dexter; by two daughters, Peggy Laird of Wappapello and Rosetta (Rosie) Robertson of Dexter; by twenty-one grandchildren, bunch of great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Besides his parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sons, Ronnie Lee Barks at infancy and George Oliver Barks; by three daughters, Elizabeth Ann Barks at infancy, Betty Tanner and Rita Jones; by one sister, Virgie Neal; by two brothers, Claude Shelton and Matthew Shelton; by two half-brothers, Orville Glass and Phillip McDaniel.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home on Sunday, June 3, 2018 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM.

Services will be conducted on Monday, June 4, 2018 at 1:00 PM in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Kenneth Biggs officiating. Interment will follow at the

Armstead Dowdy Cemetery.

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

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## In Memory of Deborah Joann Ferguson

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### In Memory of Deborah Joann Ferguson

Deborah Joann Ferguson, daughter of Bill McClain of Dexter, Mo and Barbara Russell of Park Hills, Mo was born on March 14, 1969 in Hammond, Indiana and departed this life on May 30, 2018 at Evelyn's House in Creve Coeur, Mo at the age of 49 years.

Deborah was the manager of Babs RV Park in Fenton, Mo and was a resident of Fenton, Mo.

On May 21, 1999 she was united in marriage to James Ferguson in Brownwood, Mo. Mr. Ferguson survives of the home in Fenton, Mo.

Besides her parents and husband, she is survived by one son, Donnie McClain (Beth) of Dexter, Mo; by one daughter, Sarah Schaefer of Fenton, Mo; by two step-sons, Dustin Ferguson of Bernie, Mo and Eric (Ashli) Ferguson of Malden, Mo; by one step-daughter, Shonda Ferguson of Bernie, Mo; by six brothers, Mark McClain (Brenda) of Bismarck, Mo, Dale Reetz (Amiee) of Poplar Bluff, Mo, Jeffrey McClain of Bernie, Mo, Daniel Slavings (Brenda) of Dexter, Mo, Robert Slavings (Beth) of Bernie, Mo and Bobby Slavings (Teresa) of Dexter, Mo; by four sisters, Barbara Brown (Randy) of Jefferson City, Mo, Michelle Waters (Christopher) of Malden, Mo, Tracy Smith (Joseph) of Chaffee, Mo and Melissa McClain of Bernie, Mo; by eight grandchildren, Landen McClain, Madison McClain, Kinsley Schaefer, Joslyne McGowan, Justyse McGowan, Jayla McGowan, Branton Ferguson and Breyson Ferguson.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Billy McClain and one sister, Carol McClain.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, June 3, 2018 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Funeral services will be conducted on Sunday at 2:00 PM in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel.

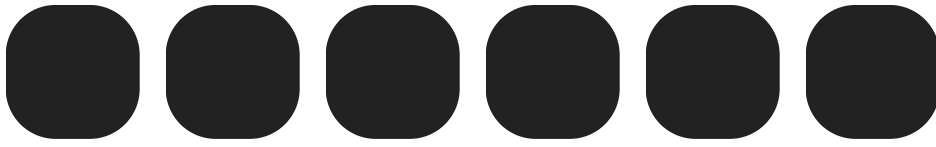
Interment will follow at the Dexter Cemetery.

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

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## In Memory of Leon Watkins

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### 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, Melody 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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