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In Memory of Clark Atchison

JUNE 22ND 2018 BY DEE LOFLIN

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Ellis “Clark” Atchison , 21, son, brother and friend to all, went to be with the Lord on June 19, 2018 in Sikeston, Missouri.

Visitation will be on Saturday, June 23 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Life Church, 951 South Kingshighway, Sikeston, Missouri with funeral services to follow at 1:00 pm.

Interment will be at Forest Hills Memorial Gardens in Morley, Missouri.

Clark was born in Sikeston, Missouri on February 3, 1997 to his loving parents, Charles and Dana Atchison.

He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law Nichole and Allen Blanton along with their children Kennedy and Sam of Cary, North Carolina; his brother and sister-in-law E.C. and Lisa Atchison of Houston, Texas; and sister and brother-in-law Laura and Jeb Thompson along with their children Louis and Jeb Jr. of San Diego, California. He is also survived by a long list of beloved aunts, uncles, grandmother, and cousins.

Clark graduated from Sikeston High School in 2015 with honors (3.5 GPA with Gold Service Cord), played on the varsity soccer and golf teams, and, following graduation, enrolled at the University of Missouri in Columbia where he was a member of the FarmHouse International Fraternity. He enjoyed ski trips, concerts, playing guitar, spending time with family and friends, and playing with his dog Buck.

As a loving classmate said, “We lost one of the most kindhearted people in our class! He was always the most fun and uplifting person in the room with the biggest smile on his face and the most contagious laugh that the whole room could hear!” He was an extremely loving person and loved by all. To say Clark will be missed is an understatement. His heart, his laughter, his warmth will live on in everyone who knew and loved him. “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, has quickened us together with Christ (by grace you are saved), and has raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.” —Ephesians 2:4-6, 21st Century King James Version “The Spirit of God, Who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, He will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.” —Romans 8:11, New Living Translation.

Pallbearers: Cody Rodgers, Audie Hay, Chase Gaines, Treyton Fitzgerald, Ben Stallings, Seth Williams, Layton Jones and Blake Below.

Honorary Pallbearers: E.C. Atchison III, Jeb Stewart Thompson, Gabe Wheeler, Edward McClain, Court Story and Joe Henggeler.

Memorial Donations to:

Life Church 951 S. Kingshighway Sikeston, MO 63801 and

Spread Hope Now 915 S. Kingshighway Sikeston, MO 63801

Visitation will be from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm on June 23, 2018 at LIFE CHURCH, 951 South Kingshighway, Sikeston, MO. Funeral will begin at 1 p.m.

Nunnelee Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Johnny Keith Ranberger

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Johnny Keith “Butter” Ranberger, son of the late Johnny Franklin Ranberger and Norma Jean Orr Ranberger Lowery, was born in Kennett, Missouri on August 31, 1964 and departed this life at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri on June 20, 2018 at the age of 53.

Mr. Ranberger was the manager of Napa Auto Parts-Alsup Auto Supply of Dexter, Missouri and was a resident of Bernie.

Survivors include two sons, Zachary Keith Ranberger and Jacob Logan Ranberger both of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; by two daughters, Victoria Johnna Ranberger of Poplar Bluff, Missouri and Alexis Paton Ranberger of Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri; by one sister, Johnna Joy Ranberger Edwards & husband Calvin of Bloomfield, Missouri; by one grandson, Lincoln Ranberger, who is due to arrive in August, 2018; also by other relatives and friends.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Sunday, June 24, 2018 from 2:00 P.M. until 3:45 P.M.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 3:45 P. M. with Rev. Don Wells Officiating.

Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Charge of all arrangements.

In Lieu of Flowers, Memorials may be made to: Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home

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In Memory of Edna Lee Hester

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Edna Lee Hester, daughter of the late George Buchanan and Ethel McKeller, was born in Tupelo, Mississippi on October 16, 1942 and the Lord called her name on June 17, 2018, at the age of 75. The Angels quickly assembled to begin preparation for her homecoming. God drew her breath and Momma peacefully closed her eyes, surrendering unto our Lord, Jesus Christ. The trumpets sounded, the gates opened and Momma fell into Jesus' arms and was welcomed to her final home.

Our Mother had lived most of her life in Southeast Missouri. On November 13, 1967 she was blessed in holy matrimony to Lee Arthur "Pops" Hester, Sr. in Baker, Missouri.

Surviving are 3 daughters; Delois (Ronnie) McComb of Poplar Bluff, MO, Vanessa Renee (Rosalito) Gutierrez of Memphis, TN, Candice Kay (Dale) Kilgore of Poplar Bluff, MO, two nieces whom she raised as daughters, Tennille Pendleton of Poplar Bluff, MO, Trina (Jeff) McKeller of Clarksville, TN. 4 Sons; Ronney R. (Yvette) Hester, Sr. of Helendale, CA, Dewayne Hester of Poplar Bluff, MO, Terry (Sandra) Hester, Sr. of Huntsville, AL, Eric (Rose Maria) Hester, Sr. of Tampa, FL. One Nephew who she raised as a son, Ronnie L. (Sophia) Buchanan of Poplar Bluff, MO, 3 sisters; Dessie M. Knight, Shirley Buchanan, Pearl Jenning, and 1 brother, David Stewart. Mother was preceded in death by her husband, Lee Arthur Hester, Sr., her parents, 2 infant children, and 6 sisters; Jerline Jacobs, Julia Buchanan, and Roberta Rowe, Pam Weatherby, Sandra Buchanan, Georgia Buchanan, and two brothers, Charles Buchanan and Herman McKeller Sr.

Mother departed this life with 28 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren. Our Mother was truly a great woman as she helped raised 2 siblings and many nieces and nephews. She would help anyone in need without any questions being asked. As the Mayor of the Pennermon community in Essex, MO, she ensured it was thriving and received all the enhancements a small community deserved.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, June 23, 2018, after 1:00 p.m. at the Mt. Calvary Power House in Poplar Bluff, Missouri until time for services at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Ronnie Webb of Poplar Bluff officiating.

Interment will be on Monday June 25, 2018 at 10:00 am in the Missouri Veteran's Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Louise Ellis

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In Memory of Louise Ellis

Louise Ellis of Edwardsville, Illinois, formally of Bernie, the daughter of the late and Bennett, was born on December 4, 1927, and passed away at the Rosewood Care Center on June 19, 2018, at the age of 90 years, 6 months and 15 days.

Visitation will be on Thursday, June 21, 2018, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, June 22, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. in the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter, Missouri with the Rev. officiating.

Burial will be in the Bernie Cemetery in Bernie with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Gregory Wayne Sells

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Gregory Wayne Sells, son of Doyle Ray Sells and JoAnn Gateley Sells both of Mobile, Alabama was born on September 14, 1971 in St. Louis, Missouri and departed this life on June 17, 2018 in Mobile, Alabama at the age of forty-six.

Mr. Sells was a 1990 graduate of Dexter High School and a 2011 graduate of the Culinary Institute of Virginia College. Mr. Sells was a manager at McDonalds and was a former resident of Dexter currently living in Mobile, Alabama. Mr. Sells was a lover of music and a self-taught guitarist. His biggest joy in life where his two children Jude and Lucy.

Besides his parents he is survived by one son, Jude Sells of Hawaii and by one daughter, Lucy Sells of Hawaii; by one brother, Tim Sells of Mobile, Alabama and by one sister, Lori Polyak of Flower Mound, Texas.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, June 22, 2018 from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, June 23, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with Rev. Kevin McAnulty officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

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