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### In Memory of Cotus James

NOVEMBER 26TH 2018 BY DEE LOFLIN

#### In Memory of Cotus James

Cotus James, son of the late Ed James and Eva Permenta James was born on April 9, 1928 in Hornbeak, Tennessee and departed this life on November 23, 2018 surrounded by his family at his residence in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 90 years.

Mr. James was a Veteran of the United States Air Force. He was a member of the Bell City General Baptist Church and the American Legion Post #382 in Bloomfield. He was retired from the U.A.W.

On September 5, 1949 he was united in marriage to Roberta Higgins in Crowder, Missouri. Mrs. James survives in their home in Dexter.

Besides his wife, Roberta, he is survived by one son, Willis James and wife Betsy of West Branch, Michigan; two daughters, Vivian Raby of Dexter and Vanessa Montrosse and husband Carl of Roscommon, Michigan; one sister, Christine Burch of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; six grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Other than his parents, he is preceded in death by one daughter, Treeca Curd; one sister, Maxine Berry; two brothers, Jack James and Bobby James; and one grandson, Carl Raby.

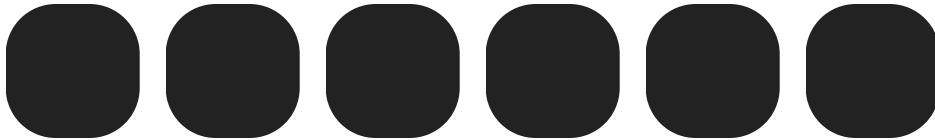
Friends may call the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 from Noon until 2:00 P.M. Funeral services will then be conducted on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 2:00 P.m. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with Rev. Bob Bradford officiating. Interment will follow in the Missouri State

Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, with Full Military Honors.

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## In Memory of James Ellis McGhee

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### In Memory of James Ellis McGhee

James Ellis McGhee of Jefferson City, Missouri, son of the late Wiley and Pansy Parmenter McGhee, was born in Bloomfield, Missouri on August 28, 1939 and passed away on November 19, 2018, in Jefferson City, Missouri, at the age of 79 years, 2 months and 22 days.

Jim had lived in Dexter before moving to Jefferson City in 1993. He had received his Juris Doctorate and was a retired attorney. He had served as a Captain in the U. S. Air Force, had served in the Missouri National Guard for thirteen years and was a member of the Concord Baptist Church in Jefferson City.

On March 6, 1993, he married Kathy Burcks in Puxico, Missouri.

Surviving are his wife, Kathy McGhee of Jefferson City, Missouri; one son, LTC Todd (Donna) McGhee, Ret. of Woodbridge, Virginia; three daughters, Kendall (John) Crail of Scott City, Shannon (Kevin) Burden of Whitewater, Ashley Usrey of Jackson; three step-children, Dan (Brandy) Haney and Rick (Stacy Blomberg) Haney of Jefferson City, John (Rachel) Haney of Holts Summitt; ten grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; one sister, Anne (Grady) Smith of Puxico; and one brother, Randy McGhee of Jefferson City. Other relatives and many friends also survive.

Friends may call on Monday, November 26, 2018, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Puxico, Missouri.

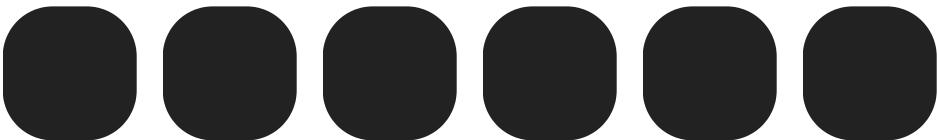
Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Puxico with Richard Lamb of Puxico officiating & Bonnie Harty of Dexter assisting.

Interment will follow in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with full military honors. Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Puxico, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

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# In Memory of Doris Faye Butler Ellis

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## In Memory of Doris Faye Butler Ellis

Doris Faye Butler Ellis, daughter of the late WE and Lillian Hamlin Butler, was born in Essex, Missouri on January 23, 1944, and passed away on November 23, 2018, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, at the age of 74 years, 10 months and 1 days.

She had lived in Dexter most of her life. She attended the Friendship Baptist Church of Dexter, Missouri.

On May 17, 1961, she was married to Clarence Dale Ellis in Stoddard County, Missouri, he preceded her in death on April 17, 2014.

Surviving are, one son and daughter in law, Ronnie & Tracyee Ellis of Dexter, Missouri; two daughters and son in law, Bonnie & Steven Smith of Dexter, Missouri, and Lesa Lafferty of Dexter, Missouri; seven grandchildren; Jayson Ellis, Jaycob Ellis, Stephanie Crain, Leigh Smith, Houston Lafferty, Emily Grobe, and Evan Grobe; four great-grandchildren; Addyson Ellis, Connor, Collin, and Rori Crain; one son in law, Aaron Grobe of Dexter; four brothers Chester Butler of Jackson, Missouri; Billy Butler of Rose Pine Louisiana; WL Butler of Gilman City, Missouri; Hershel Butler of Odessa, Missouri; one sister, Dorothy DiGirolamo, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by one brother, C.H. Butler, and two sisters, Florence Taylor, Wanda Sims, and one daughter Connie Grobe.

Visitation was held on Sunday, November 25, 2018, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services was held Monday, November 26 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel in Dexter, Missouri with the Rev. Dale Holman of Dexter, Missouri.

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

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## In Memory of Bernie Hawkey

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### In Memory of Bernie Hawkey

Bernie Lee Hawkey of Campbell, son of the late Harold Eugene and Karen Lanorah Schidler Hawkey, was born on April 8, 1962, in Rochester, Indiana and passed away at his home in Campbell on November 15, 2018 at the age of 56 years, 7 months and 7 days.

Bernie had lived in Indiana before moving to Campbell nineteen years ago. He enjoyed racing his corvette.

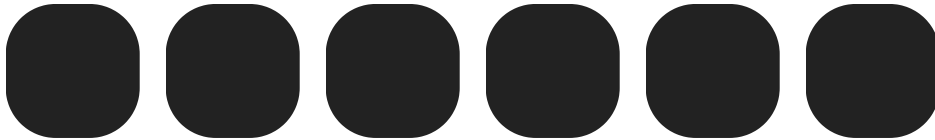
On June 9, 2001 he was married to Theresa Gill Decker in Campbell, Missouri.

Surviving are his wife, Theresa E. Hawkey of Campbell; three sons & spouses, Jody Pierce & Shelly Hart Young of Bloomfield, Dynamite & Trish Decker of Bloomfield, Justus Decker of Dexter; fifteen grandchildren; many great grandchildren; two brothers, Rodney Hawkey and Timmy Hawkey both of Indiana; one sister, Maria Bonnell of Indiana. Other relatives and friends also survive. He was preceded in death by one brother, David Hawkey.

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## In Memory of Gary Sandage

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Gary Sandage former car hauler for Jack Cooper out of Wentzville, Mo.

His passions were yard selling (buying everything he didn't need) and duck hunting (claiming ducks he never killed) and playing slots and poker that he never quite mastered how to win. But oh, how he loved it.

The grand exit happened on Thursday November 15th, 2018 at his home surrounded by all his children and friends. Gary was born January 7th, 1961 at Sikeston, Mo. to Guy and Mildred Sandage.

Though his time on this earth was too short for us, he made it worthwhile aggregating and prankster his family and friends. After 2 years of trying to convince Betty Bell to marry him, it happened July 27th, 1979. He vowed they would be in it for the long haul. It was 40 years together. He skipped out before planting the 105 tulip bulbs or hanging up his clothes. The most notable achievements happened on February 18th, 1982, July 19th 1984, and May 19th 1986 staying in the delivery room while I did all the work giving him three amazing sons.

His sons learned the joy of being a Sandage from the man whose laugh and snorting was contagious and some inappropriate times were included. Years later two teenage girls came into his life (Jennifer and Mandii McCoy) he insisted we take them in our home. Those girls weren't enough so two years he and I adopted a sibling brother and sister. Jesse and Haelie Sandage. Two years later we filled our house with one more boy (Chuck Bridges) and his two sisters (Beth and Katie Bridges).

His grandchildren were his passion, anything to get them stirred up, he loved. All 18 of them. He is survived by me (Betty) and his mother (Mildred), his brother Sam (Cheryle) Sandage, his sisters, Jackie (Wayne) McKuin and Sherry Legrand and many nieces and nephews.

He said no flowers, no tears. Spend your time with your friends and family. Buy a round of something (he didn't drink much); toast the duck hunting, yard selling, slot and poker playing great man, we loved you Gary Sandage.

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