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# In Memory of Reva Lee (Shearon) Bean

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Reva Lee (Shearon) Bean, 95, of Dexter, MO passed away peacefully on Friday, November 23, 2018, at River Bluff Nursing Home in Loves Park, Illinois. She was born June 18, 1923, in Frisco, MO, the daughter of Terry and Opal (Joseph) Shearon. She had one younger sister, Wantona Margaret, who tragically died in a train accident in 1941. Reva married Wallace Gayle Bean of Dexter, MO on November 23, 1939.

Gayle Bean passed away in Rockford on May 19, 2014 and is buried in Dexter Cemetery.

Reva grew up on a farm outside of Frisco during the Great Depression and attended high school at Dexter High. When she was 14 years old, she met the love of her life, Wallace Gayle Bean, at a box supper. Both came with a friend and became partners for the cake walk. When Gayle's friend won, the four went to Gayle's car and ate the cake together. Reva was impressed that he was so handsome and had a car. Gayle thought Reva was beautiful. The next day, Gayle sent a note with his younger sister Ruth who was the same age as Reva. That began a love story that lasted 80 years.

Two years later, at ages 16 and 19, Reva and Gayle Bean married in Piggott, AR on November 23, 1939. It was Thanksgiving Day, and the two eloped across the state border, because Reva's father Terry wouldn't sign for his daughter to marry under age. Two kids, full of hope and love, exchanged vows on that day, 1939.

In the following years, they lived through World War II where Gayle was wounded in France. He survived the Normandy Invasion and later liberated the concentration camps. Reva did her part for the war by being a Rosie the Riveter, working on airplane wings in a

factory in Detroit.

They moved to Detroit five years after the war for work and built a wonderful life in Trenton, Michigan for almost 35 years. They raised their daughter Gale Lee and welcomed their granddaughter Lara Catherine into their home and hearts. Reva and Gayle gave Gale Lee and Lara all the love, care, and training in the Lord's ways that they needed for life.

After Gayle retired, they returned to Dexter in the 1980's to care for Reva's parents and stayed for the duration of their active lives. They enjoyed traveling with their Airstream trailer, forming many happy memories and loving people along the way.

Reva's and Gayle's last seven years were difficult, but they persevered in the same way they did during the Great Depression and the War - with a love for God and others, and with a joyful heart that longed for heaven. Gayle preceded Reva in death in 2014, leaving her home but not her heart.

Exactly 79 years after they married, on November 23, 2018, Reva passed away, entering heaven and rejoining her love for eternity.

Reva is survived by her daughter, Gale Lee (James) Blechschmidt; her granddaughter, Lara Catherine Helmling; her grandson, Matthew Louis (Katherine) Blechschmidt, and her great-grandson, Lliam Lake Leosh. She is predeceased by her husband of 74 years, Wallace Gayle, her parents, and her sister, Wantona Margaret Shearon.

Visitation and gravesite services will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2018, at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home, Dexter MO.

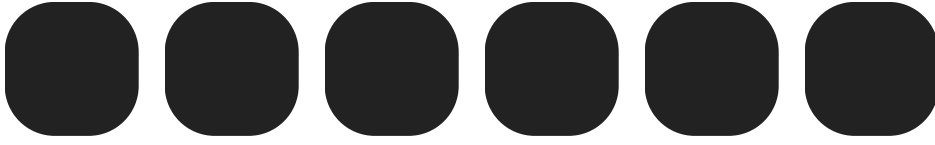
Visitation will be from 9:00-10:00 A.M., followed by the gravesite service at Dexter Cemetery, Dexter, MO.

Share online condolences at [www.fitzgeraldfh.com](http://www.fitzgeraldfh.com).

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## In Memory of Wilda Mae Armes

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### In Memory of Wilda Mae Armes

Wilda Mae Armes, daughter of the late Herman King and Edith Proffer King was born on November 15, 1928 in Swinton, Missouri and departed this life on November 23, 2018 in St. Louis, Missouri at the age of 90 years.

Mrs. Armes was a member of the First General Baptist Church in Bloomfield. She enjoyed flower gardening and volunteering at her church. She had worked at Elders Manufacturing and Purolator in Dexter.

She is survived by, one daughter, Ronda Burchard and husband Steve of St. Louis; two brothers, Nerman King of Bloomfield and Michael King of Poplar Bluff; one sister, Velma Reinisch of Bowling Green, Kentucky; two grandchildren, Jeremy Swindell and Stephanie Monroe both of Dexter; three great-grandchildren, Jarred Swindell, Jiles Monroe, and Mylan Monroe.

Besides her parents, she is preceded in death by Charles Junior Swindell, her husband and father of David Swindell and by Robert Poeppelmeyer, her husband and father of Ronda Burchard; one son, David Swindell; four brothers, Therman King, Blanton King, Herbert King, and Norman King; and one sister, Oma Cagle.

Friends may call the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, November 26, 2018 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM.

Funeral Services will be conducted on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 10:30 A.M. in Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter with Stan Durham officiating.

Interment will follow in the Oak Ridge Cemetery.

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## In Memory of Cotus James

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## 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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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 Summit; 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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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 will be in the Bernie Cemetery in Bernie, Missouri with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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