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In Memory of Janice M. Cox

JANUARY 29TH 2019 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Janice M. Cox

Janice M. Cox, daughter of the late Milburn Harris and Dessie Morrison Harris was born on February 10, 1937 in Sikeston, Missouri and departed this life on January 28, 2019 at her residence near Dexter, Missouri at the age of 81 years.

Mrs. Cox was a retired school teacher and had taught in the Bernie Public School System and the Dexter Public School System for 40 years. She was of the Baptist Faith and was a resident of rural Dexter.

She was united in marriage to Rodgie Cox in Dexter, Missouri. Mr. Cox survives of the home in Dexter.

Besides her husband, she was survived by, one son, Ronald W. Cox and wife Laura Leigh Rampey of Miami, Florida; one sister, Linda Harris of Portageville, Missouri.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, January 31, 2019 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm.

Funeral service will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel at 2:00 PM on Thursday, January 31, 2019. Interment will follow in the Chalk Bluff Cemetery.

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

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In Memory of Elmer Harry Pryor

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In Memory of Elmer Harry Pryor

Elmer Harry Pryor, son of the late Elmer Harry Pryor, Sr. and Veda Medling Pryor was born on September 4, 1946 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and departed this life on January 26, 2019 at his residence in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 72 years.

Mr. Pryor was a veteran of the United States Navy, a retired Engineer, and a bus driver for the Stoddard County ARC.

Mr. Pryor was united in marriage to Barbara Bilderback on June 3, 1967 in Anna, Illinois. Mrs. Pryor survives of their home in Dexter.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Michelle Ellis of Indianapolis, Indiana and Jennifer McQueen, Great Falls, Montana; two sisters, Janet Schildknecht of Anna, Illinois and Barbara Cooper of Waco, Texas; by three grandchildren, Daniel Pryor,

Rhianon Pryor and Lesile McQueen.

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

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In Memory of Wilson Frank

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In Memory of Wilson Frank

Wilson Frank, son of the late John Adolf Frank and Freida Findley was born on March 22, 1943 in Dexter, Missouri and departed this life on January 26, 2019 at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Missouri at the age of 75 years.

Mr. Frank was a Veteran of the United States Army. He had worked at Fleming for twenty years and had retired from Holloway Distributing. He was a member of the Sadler

Chapel United Methodist Church, and was a resident of Dexter.

On August 2, 1969 he was united in marriage to Patricia Oliver in Essex. Mrs. Frank survives of their home in Dexter.

Besides his wife he is survived by three daughters, Deanna and husband Bill Kidd of Branson, Missouri, Amy and husband Aaron Grobe of Dexter and Christi Carrillo of Dexter; by two sisters, Lavonia Ann Green of Hazelwood, Missouri and Verna Frank Clepper of Kirkwood, Missouri and by six grandchildren, Jacob Kidd, Sierra Kidd, Emily Grobe, Evan Grobe, Blake Carrillo and Kati Carrillo.

Friends may visit at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services will then be conducted on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with Rev. David Fowler officiating.

Interment will follow at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield with full Military Honors.

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

In lieu of flowers the family requests all memorials be made to the Sadler Chapel United Methodist Church c/o Laura Robinson, 918 West Grant St., Dexter, Missouri 63841.

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In Memory of Kenny McGuire

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In Memory of Kenny McGuire

Kenny McGuire, son of the late Hubert McGuire and Oble Fenton McGuire was born on February 8, 1933 in Zion, Arkansas and departed this life on January 23, 2019 at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Missouri at the age of 85.

Mr. McGuire was the owner and operator of Kerr McGee Shell Station in Dexter for many years. He was a Veteran of the United States Army, member of the Grace Fellowship Church in Dexter, and a resident of Dexter.

On October 1, 1960 he was united in marriage to Louise Sewell in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky. Mrs. McGuire survives of the home in Dexter.

Besides his wife, survivors include one son, James McGuire of Dexter, three brothers, Charles McGuire of Columbus, Indiana, B.A. McGuire and Raymond McGuire both of Dexter, three sisters, Barbara Fulford of Dexter, Susie Sewell and Sharon Asbell both of Franklin, Indiana, also by five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Johnny Allan McGuire.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from 1:00 until 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, January 26, 2019.

Funeral services will then be conducted on Saturday at 2:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with Pastor Bonnie Cannell officiating.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

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In Memory of Stephen Bradley Ritter,

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Stephen Bradley Ritter, 57, better known as "Bubby," of Advance transitioned to his heavenly home, surrounded by his family and holding his mother's hand, Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

Bubby was born Dec. 9, 1961, in Advance to Carl "Pete" Ritter Sr and Carolyn Shell Ritter.

Bubby was a "miracle" baby with special needs and doctors predicting he would not live beyond the age of 5. Having a strong will to live, Bubby's uplifting spirit and the call of God on his life multiplied those years. Bubby's passions in life were Jesus, family/friends, food, music and sports. Bubby accepted Jesus as his savior at a young age and served Him joyfully all his life. He often witnessed to others about the goodness of God and never

hesitated to tell his friends and family, and even strangers, to get right with God. He was a member of Bethel General Baptist Church.

Bubby never forgot a kindness shown to him. He was loved by so many, and he returned that love with a divine purity. He forever loved Mrs. Sophie True, his homeschool teacher, he was devoted to his Granny Ritter and spent most nights with her in her little house across the street. He said he was there to take care of her and after they were in bed, she would always ask him to get her a Sprite. Bubby loved eating and his mother always made his favorites -- mac 'n cheese, chicken 'n dumplings, polish sausage and sauerkraut, gravy and biscuits and, of course, a big ole "baloney" sandwich.

Bubby loved music. He loved listening to Gospel and Country on the radio. He ministered to so many friends when singing "How Great Thou Art" and "Hallelujah Square."

Bubby loved sports -- basketball, baseball and hockey. His dad was a basketball coach, and Bubby attended every game, winning the hearts of the fans throughout Southeast Missouri. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan and followed the St. Louis Blues and the Three Rivers Raiders on television and his trusty radio. His favorite sports announcer was Rusty Hendricks.

We are sure Bubby is now marveling over his new heavenly body and singing with Granny Ritter and Grandma Lyla and many other friends in The Hallelujah Square.

Bubby was blessed with an older brother, Carl Ritter Jr.; sister-in-law Angie Ritter; a nephew, Jared Ritter, and wife Jaime; a niece, Kacie Ritter-Patton; two great-nephews, Jerron Patton and Pacey Gerler; and two great-nieces, Blakley Ritter and Karter Patton, all of Cape Girardeau.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Morgan Funeral Home in Advance.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home, with the Rev. Fred Ritter and Rev. Ray Placher officiating. Burial will follow at Morgan Memorial Park in Advance.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to 18 Fore Life.

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