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In Memory of Bonnie June Johns Taylor

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Bonnie June Johns Taylor, lifelong resident of Puxico, passed away at the age of 71 on February 3, 2019 at her home surrounded by the people she was most proud of in her life, her family. She was born to Vernon and Jessamine “Tiny” Johns on June 27, 1947. On August 13, 1966, she married her High School sweetheart, Chester Dale Taylor at Brown General Baptist Church. Bonnie joined the church when she was 16 years old giving her a membership of 56 years.

Bonnie graduated from Puxico High School in 1965. She attended Southeast Missouri State University and Three Rivers Community College accumulating 63 college hours. She worked as a loan secretary and teller for First Midwest Bank of Poplar Bluff for twelve years in Puxico and served as Assistant Manager of their Wal-Mart facility in Poplar Bluff for five years. In 1995 she left the bank and went to work at the Puxico Elementary Schools first as a Title 1 A. In Puxico Schools early years of joining the computer age, in 1999 she was transferred to the Elementary Computer Lab. There she helped pioneer students in Kindergarten through Fifth grade on how to operate a computer.

Even though she hated deserting Sophomore grandson Wyatt and 6th grade granddaughter, Alivia, Bonnie retired after 17 years from Puxico Schools in May 2012, the same year as grandson Dustin graduated from Puxico High School. Occasionally in her retirement she was privileged to baby sit her first great granddaughter, Rylee Kay, fathered by Bonnie’s first grandson, Scott Taylor. Rylee joined a fifth generation of firsts for her great-great grandmother, Tiny Johns. Bonnie being the first daughter of Tiny

Johns, Bonnie's son David being Tiny's first grandson, his son Scott being Tiny's first great grandson and Rylee being the fifth generation and first great –great granddaughter of Tiny.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Dale Taylor of Puxico; two sons and daughters-in-law: Davin and Anna (Reddick) Taylor and Matt & Janell Taylor of Puxico; nine grandchildren: Scott and Heather Taylor of Poplar Bluff, Dustin Taylor and Daniel Danielle, Wyatt Taylor and Jayna Little and Alivia Taylor, Cody and Ashley Swain of Puxico; four great grandchildren: Rylee Kay and Mallie Jo Taylor of Poplar Bluff and Westin Swain and Kimber Rae Taylor of Puxico: Her mother Tiny Johns of Puxico; two sisters: Patti McLean and husband Rick of Puxico and Darlene Johns of Cape Girardeau; two brothers: Larry Johns and wife Debbie of Fruitland and Kevin Johns and wife Janet of Dudley; a special "big brother" Jim Oliver of Puxico; two special sisters: Norma Sifford Sheets of Versailles, IN and Margaret Sifford Binford of Puxico; her auction buddy Rosa Lee Fick of Grand Chain, IL., who she knew when their husbands were in the Marine Corp stationed in Camp LeJeune, North Carolina; her brother-in-law and sisters-in-law: Joyce Hargrove of St. Ann, MO, Mary Taylor of Dudley, Jo Piel of Maryland Heights, MO and Terry and Carolyn Taylor of Dexter as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and a host of friends to mourn her passing.

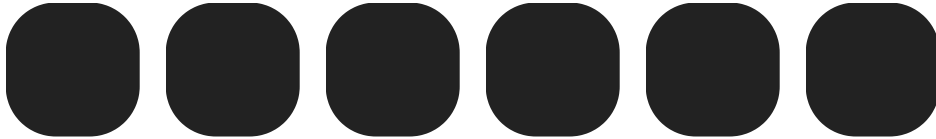
Bonnie was preceded in death by her father: Vernon Johns; one brother: Glendon Johns, who died when he was nine years old and Bonnie was six; her paternal grandparents Harry and Vallie Revelle Johns; maternal grandparents: Ira and Laycofa Wilfong tucker; and three brothers-in-law: Don Hargrove, Richard Piel and Ferral Taylor.

Visitation will begin at White-Sanders Funeral Home in Fisk on Tuesday at 6:00 pm with a memorial service conducted by the Puxico Auxiliary Post 7822 and visitation following. Funeral services will be on Wednesday at 11:00 AM at the Brown General Baptist Church at Puxico with Rev. Ray Placher and Rev. John Buttry officiating. Burial will be in the Brown Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Bonnie had requested donations for the Brown Cemetery Fund for care and upkeep. Bonnie had been the Secretary/Treasurer since the early 1980's. Donations for the Brown Cemetery Fund may be mailed to First Midwest Bank, Attention Fayette Moss, P.O. Box 158 Puxico, MO 63960 or the Puxico Auxiliary Post 7822 Scholarship Fund(Bonnie Taylor Scholarship) % President Patti McLean, P.O. Box 212, Puxico, MO 63960. Condolences: www.whitesandersfuneralhome.com

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In Memory of Lucille Mealer

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Lucille Mealer, age 75, of Puxico, MO, died Sunday, February 03, 2019 at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center, in Poplar Bluff, MO. Mrs. Mealer was born October 27, 1943 in Broseley, MO, daughter of the late Roy and Stella Kelm.

On November 2, 1970 she married Charles Edward Mealer. He preceded her in death on March 31, 2009. She is survived by two sisters: Elnora Gardner of Dudley and Rose Cook of Saint Louis, MO and many nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by four brothers: Louis, Hanley, Rollie and Melvin Kelm and one sister: Hilda McKinney. Visitation will begin at 2:00 PM on Wednesday,

February 06, 2019 at White-Sanders Funeral Home, Fisk.

Funeral services will be at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, February 06, 2019 at White-Sanders Funeral Home in Fisk with officiating.

Burial will be in Brown Chapel Cemetery at Broseley, Missouri

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In Memory of Katie Lynn Parsley

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Katie Lynn Parsley, 39 of Puxico, Missouri, left this earth for her heavenly home on Monday, February 4, 2019.

Katie is survived by parents Edward and Peggy Parsley, fiance Michael Keena, sisters Kathy (Clay) Faries, and Kendall (Mitchell) Tilley, all of Puxico. She also leaves behind her beloved nieces and nephews Allison, Molly, and Landon Faries and Sadie, Elijah, and Sara Tilley of Puxico; and Grandmother Doris Thompson of Dexter, Missouri, as well as several aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Katie was preceded in death by grandparents Donald and Mary Lou Parsley of Puxico, and Gilbert Thompson of Dexter, Missouri.

Katie was a member of Duck Creek Baptist Church and was known for her love of the Lord. Often labeled as a “beautiful soul,” Katie loved Jesus, her family- especially her nieces and nephews, decorating for the holidays, and listening to gospel music. Today Katie would want us to celebrate her life and legacy of her joy of loving the Lord.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 7, 2019 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the Duck Creek Baptist Church in Puxico, Mo. A funeral will be conducted on Friday, February 8, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the Duck Creek Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be given to the American Juvenile Diabetes Association.

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

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In Memory of Robert Kevin Flowers

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Robert Kevin Flowers, son of the late Bill Flowers and Jane Averett Flowers, was born November 3, 1962, in Sikeston, Missouri, and departed this life on February 2, 2019, at Saint Louis University Hospital after a three-and-a-half-year battle against multiple myeloma.

A lifelong resident of Dexter, Missouri, Kevin was involved in many activities including FFA and multiple sports. In particular he enjoyed playing football and was recognized as a member of the All Conference team his senior year. Kevin went on to attend Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas and then Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Kevin graduated college in May of 1985 with a Bachelors of Science in Agriculture.

On July 28, 1984, Kevin was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart, Kelly O'Daniell, at the Dexter Church of Christ. Mrs. Flowers survives of the home. In addition to his wife, Kevin is survived by two daughters, Aleshia Eftink and husband Nathan Eftink of Kelso, Missouri, and Delaney Flowers of Dexter, Missouri. Kevin is also survived by one grandson, John Robert Eftink, also of Kelso. Furthermore, Kevin is survived by two brothers, Stanley Flowers and wife, Sue Flowers of Dexter, Missouri, and Timothy Flowers and wife Kimberly Flowers of Dexter, Missouri. He is also survived by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and other family members.

Besides his family, Kevin was most proud of Flowers Fish Farm. As a young boy, Kevin developed his love for aquaculture and always aspired to work beside his father, Bill Flowers. Through his hard work and dedication, Kevin was instrumental in transforming the farm from the 75 water acres of his youth to 425 acres, making it one of the largest catfish farms in the Midwest. Kevin was a member and past president of the Missouri Aquaculture Association as well as the Missouri Aquaculture Council. He was held with high regard in aquaculture community for his years of experience and wealth of knowledge.

Kevin was a man of great faith and impacted many by providing a wonderful Christian example of love, humility, and selfless generosity. He was a lifelong member of the Dexter Church of Christ. As a child he attended Bootheel Youth Camp and supported its mission spiritually and financially. He also proudly served as a past member of its board. Kevin was a loving husband and father as well as a loyal and supportive friend. He was always ready with a soft smile, kind words of encouragement, and bear hugs, whether you knew you wanted them or not. Kevin also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and visiting the family cabin. He loved playing cards, marbles, board games, and completing puzzles. Regardless of the activity, he was always excited to spend time with family and friends.

In celebration of his life, friends may visit the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at the Dexter Church of Christ beginning at 10:30 AM.

Mr. Jeremy Tucker will be officiating.

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In Memory of Ruby Lee Poor

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Ruby Lee Poor, age 78, a resident of Sikeston, MO, formerly of East Prairie, MO, died Thursday, January 31, 2019 at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, MO. Born February 29, 1940, in Columbus, KY, to the late Lecile and Mary Hilliard Poor, she was a homemaker and member of Cape First Church of Sikeston.

She is survived by one son, Chris Johnston of Fruitland, MO; two daughters, Diana Freeman of Dexter, MO and Tuesday Achter of Matthews, MO; and one sister, Leartrice Orendoff of Jackson, MO. Also surviving are eight grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by six brothers, Jimmy Poor, James Poor, Otis Powell, Milburn Powell, Amiel Powell and Dempsey Powell; and three sisters, Gale Nelson, Flo Welch and Imo Cooper.

A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. on Sunday, February 3, 2019 at New Beginnings Church in East Prairie.

Shelby Funeral Home of East Prairie is in charge of arrangements.

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