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In Memory of Mary Ellen Blankenship

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Mary Ellen Blankenship, daughter of the late Deloyce Robinson and Mary Grace Carter Robinson was born on January 5, 1930 in Knoble, Arkansas and departed this life on Monday April 8, 2019 at her residence in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 89 years.

Mrs. Blankenship was a member of the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Dexter, graduated from Dexter High School in 1947 and attended Poplar Bluff Business College. Mary Ellen was the Executive Director Dexter Chamber of Commerce for 18 years, Dexter City Clerk for five years, and a resident of Dexter.

On December 19, 1947 she was united in marriage to Robert (BOB) W. Blankenship in Dexter, Missouri. Mr. Blankenship preceded her in death on May 2, 2005.

Survives include one son, Robert Scott Blankenship (Jana) of Dexter; one, daughter-in-law, Kaye Blankenship Taylor of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; by one brother, Jamie Robinson of Dexter; by two sisters, Ann Smyth (Jim) of Dexter and June Horton (John) of Alabama; also by four grandchildren, Matt Blankenship, Wes Blankenship (Brandy), Jordan Blankenship Boyer (Cody), and Jessica Blankenship; and by one great-grandchild, Madison Lane Blankenship.

Besides her husband and parents, she is preceded in death by one son, Richard (Rick) Blankenship, one grandson, Tommy Blankenship, two brothers, Tommy Robinson and Carter Robinson.

Visitation will be held at the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Dexter on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

A Memorial service will then be conducted on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Mike Williams officiating and Rev. Elijah Allen assisting.

Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri.

Memorials can be made to the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ, 224 East Stoddard Street, Dexter, Missouri 63841.

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

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In Memory of Laura Nan Ross

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Laura Nan Ross was born on September 25, 1926 in Kinder, MO to Asa and Ada Kelley Clodfelter. She passed away on April 5, 2019 in Cape Girardeau, MO at the age of 92.

She was one of 8 brothers and sisters and grew up in a loving family on a farm outside Bloomfield. Laura was named after her two grandmothers, who she never knew as they died at an early age.

Laura Nan was married to Don Kendall Ross on May 28, 1948. Don & Laura made their home in Bloomfield. Don preceded her in death, passing away on June 12, 1998, shortly after they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were proud parents of three children. Their first daughter, Patricia Nan Marion, passed away in June 2017.

Laura Nan is survived by two of her children: Peggy LaDon Milner (Brent) of Pacific, MO, and Don Kelley Ross (Leslie) of Camdenton, MO, as well as her son-in-law Paul Marion of Mountain Home, AR.

She also leaves great memories with her 7 grandchildren: Julie Marion Haney (Sam), Tracy Milner Pitts (John), Jason Paul Marion (Tracey), Kelley Milner Elliott (Steve), Justin Ross (Alexandra), Gavin Summers, and Greyson Ross. She loved children, and many of her joys in the last several years came from the seven “great-grands” – Hayden, Drew, Maddox, Ada, Beckett, Aiden, and Owen. She is also survived by several special nieces and nephews, and by her special helper and friend John Bruce.

Laura Nan was the last survivor of the Clodfelter children, and was preceded in death by her sisters Ruth Hamlin and Mary Helsley, and her brothers Kelley Ward Clodfelter, Tony Clodfelter, Ray Clodfelter, John Clodfelter, and Amos Clodfelter.

Laura Nan was a faithful member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Bloomfield for over 60 years. She worked in the Nursery for many years and was active in the United Methodist Women organization. She had a special love for children and cared deeply about the elderly. Her many cards and letters will be missed by many. She loved her Cardinals, and her bridge club group. She was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels. She was a 1944 Graduate of Bloomfield Senior High School.

Prior to having children, she worked for the County Recorder of Deeds, the social security office, and as secretary to Attorney M. Walker Cooper.

After her children were grown, she went back to work for the Bloomfield R-14 School District, but her primary role and most important, would always be “just” as a housewife and mother.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, April 7, 2019 from 5:30 P.M. until 7:30 P.M. Funeral services will then be conducted on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Pastor Alice Fowler and Rev. Ron Dunivan officiating. Interment will follow in the Bloomfield Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to: Trinity United Methodist Church, 704 West Missouri Street, Bloomfield, Missouri 63825 and Bloomfield Area Nutrition Center, 609 North Delaware Street, Bloomfield, Missouri 63825.

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In Memory of Steven Edward Morris

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In Memory of Steven Edward Morris

Steven Edward Morris, age 67 of Poplar Bluff, Missouri passed away peacefully in his sleep on March 29, 2019. Steve was born on September 17, 1951 in St. Louis, Missouri to the late Orville and May(Schilinger) Morris.

He is survived by two brothers, Gary Morris of Poplar Bluff and Kevin Morris of Azel, Texas. Also surviving are six nieces, Tammy (Morris) Toomey, Jessica Morris, Devon Morris, Danielle Morris, Heather Morris and Lyndsi(Morris) Murphy, four nephews, Derek Morris, Kyle Morris, Mack Morris and Caleb Morris, ten great nieces and nine great nephews.

Steve was loved and called Dad by two boys, Charles Ellis of Poplar Bluff and Curtis Coleman of Puxico, and two girls, Misty Ellis of Wappapello and Stephanie Savat of Poplar Bluff. He was called Grandpa by 3 boys, Ethan Ellis, Gavin Ellis, Tristyn Savat and three girls LeAnne Ellis, Violet Coleman and Macey Savat.

Steve lived life to the fullest. He enjoyed motorcycle riding, camping, computer games, cookouts and time with family and friends.

Steve was a Vietnam vet and spent his life after the service helping others; First as an EMT, then as a paramedic, he then retired as a registered nurse.

Steve is being cremated with White-Sanders Funeral Home in charge of the arrangements.

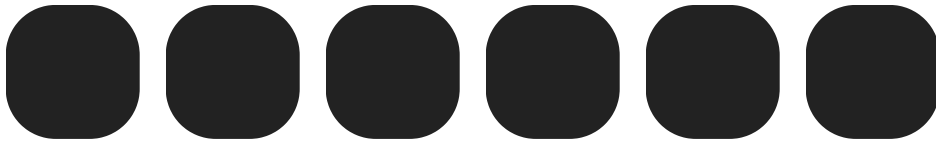
A celebration of life will take place at the Silver Mines in Fredericktown, Missouri. Exact date and time are pending.

For further information on services contact Teresa Morris at 573-321-0150

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In Memory of Bobby Lee Earnest

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Bobby Lee Earnest, son of the late John Earnest and Siller Stephens Earnest, was born on March 17, 1954 in Memphis, Tennessee and departed this life on April 3, 2019 at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 65 years.

Mr. Earnest was a veteran of the United States Army. He was a retired route salesman for Frito Lay. He was a member of the Church of Christ in Dexter, Missouri. Nothing was more important to Bobby than his family and church family. He always took care of them and was the hardest working man they knew. He was respected by everyone he came in contact with, and loved by all.

On May 6, 1971 in Peach Orchard, Arkansas, he was united in marriage to Linda Catt. Mrs. Earnest survives of their home in Dexter. Their marriage lasted forty-seven years, built on faith, family and love.

In addition to his wife, Linda, he is survived by two sons, Randy Earnest and his wife Ginger of Jackson, Missouri and Wade Earnest and his wife Brandy of Dexter, Missouri; by one daughter, Sheila O'Shea of Matthews, Missouri; by two sisters, Betty Caldwell of Corning Arkansas and Gladys Hoag and her husband Alan, of Corning, Arkansas; by nine grandchildren, Gatan Earnest, Kyler Earnest, Jonathan Earnest, Connor Earnest, Kenadi Earnest, Ethan Spraggs, Mary Spraggs, Micaela O'Shea and Miah O'Shea.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Jerry Earnest.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, April 5, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Funeral Services will then be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter at 2:00 p.m. with Jeremy Tucker and Clyde Jacques officiating.

Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery at Bloomfield.

Memorials may be made to St. Louis Children's Hospital – Renal Department, PO Box 500522, St. Louis Missouri 63150-0522

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

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In Memory of Genevie Gaines

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Genevie Gaines, daughter of the late Clarence Robinson and Eunice Sneed Robinson Hume, was born on September 6, 1925 in Sikeston, Missouri and departed this life on April 2, 2019 at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing Center in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 93 years.

Mrs. Gaines was an educator for 28 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Dexter.

On May 22, 1944 in Piggott Arkansas she was united in marriage to Carl Gaines. Mr. Gaines preceded her in death on September 8, 1998.

She is survived by four daughters, Melinda Dixon of Dexter, Missouri, Elinor Gaines of St. Louis, Missouri, Nancy Bonnett of Durango, Colorado, Pam Runyan and her husband Jesse of Gurdon, Arkansas; by five grandchildren, Dr. Nancy (John) Langley, Cathy (Dr. Michael) Clippard, John (Lecia) Dixon, Jennifer Runyan, and Kelly (Donny) Benson; by eight great-grandchildren, Sarah Catherine Langley, Noah Joseph Langley, Anna Catherine Clippard, William Andrew Clippard, Eli Jacob Michael Dixon, Owen Lane Dixon, Sally Joann Benson, and Jeffrey Sebastian Benson.

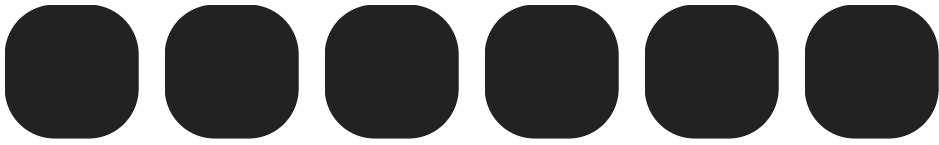
Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Virginia Crane and Colleen Brown; and by one son-in-law, Clyde Dixon.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter on Sunday, April 7, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Graveside services will then be conducted at the Dexter Cemetery on Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

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