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In Memory of Juanita Bryant

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In Memory of Juanita Bryant

Juanita Bryant, daughter of the late Earnest Steele and Lela Marvel Steele, was born on April 28, 1925 in Hartman, Arkansas and departed this life on May 19, 2019 in Danville, Arkansas at the age of 94 years.

Mrs. Bryant was a former laborer for Dukane Electronics in St. Charles, Illinois.

On November 27, 1942, in Piggott, Arkansas, she was first united in marriage to Carnie Norman. Mr. Norman preceded her in death on August 15, 1985. On July 1, 1989, in Bernie, Missouri, she was then united marriage to Berbage Bryant. Mr. Bryant preceded her in death on January 5, 2015.

She is survived by her daughter, Markie Lynn Farnham of Baring Plt, Maine; by her brother, James Steele of Russellville, Arkansas; by five grandchildren, Alea Farnham, Thomas Farnham, LaDonna Gard, Trinkka Adkisson and Charlotte Smith; by six great-grandchildren, Lucy Lee, Haley, Morgan, Nolan, Nicolas and Nate; and by one-great-grandchild, Sage.

Besides her husbands and parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Harold Steele, Reginald Steele and Leon Steele and by her sister, Imogene Davis.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, May 23, 2019 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. with Rev. Tim Russell officiating.

Interment will follow in the Chalk Bluff Cemetery in Dexter.

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

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In Memory of Brenda Kay McGowan

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Brenda Kay McGowan, daughter of T.B. Harrison and Glendola Pratt Harrison was born in Kokoma, Indiana on June 20, 1953 and departed this life in the ER room of Southeast Healthcare of Stoddard County, Dexter, Missouri on May 20, 2019 at the age of 65.

Mrs. McGowan had been a Loan Officer at First State Community Bank of Malden, Missouri for over 20 Years, she was a homemaker and was of Baptist Faith.

She was united in marriage to Jan McGowan in Rural Campbell, Missouri on March 11, 2017.

Survivors include her husband, Jan McGowan of Bernie, Missouri; by one son, Joe Blume & wife Destiny of Jefferson City, Missouri; by two step-sons, Jeremy McGowan & Myra of Bernie, Missouri and Josh McGowan & Tara of Portageville, Missouri; by one brother, Roger Harrison & wife Debra of Nashville, Tennessee; by two sisters, Francis Campbell & husband Virgil of Oglesville, Missouri and Glenda Faye Riddle of Lake Wappapello, Missouri; by seven grandchildren, Mary Grace and Shyla, Jaden and Mallory, Hailey, Karsten and Oakleigh; also by other relatives and friends.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Thursday, May 23, 2019 from 12:00 Noon until 4:00 P.M.

Funeral services will then be conducted at 4:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Bernie.

Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Charge of all arrangements.

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In Memory of Irma Lea Stephens Jackson

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Irma Lea Stephens Jackson, daughter of the late Thomas Joel Stephens and Iva Mae Evans Stephens, was born on August 25, 1929 in Bloomfield, Missouri and departed this life on May 19, 2019 at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 89 years.

Mrs. Jackson lived in the Aid community, she was a homemaker and worked on the family farm with her husband Gene. She was a long-time member of Liberty Hill General Baptist Church in Aid and was currently a member of First Baptist Church in Dexter. Mrs. Jackson enjoyed sewing and working with children. She was a Sunday school teacher, taught during vacation bible school and was a girl scout leader for several years. She and Mr. Jackson enjoyed traveling, especially after retiring.

On July 21, 1945, in Bloomfield, Missouri, she was united in marriage to August Gene Jackson. Mr. Jackson survives of their home.

In addition to her husband, Gene, she is survived by two daughters, Martha Hughes and husband Joe of Jefferson City, Missouri and Joyce Kinder and husband Steve of Dexter, Missouri; by four grandchildren, Matthew Kinder and wife Sally of Dexter, Missouri, Leslie Pyle and husband Joe of Dexter, Missouri, Marianne Hughes of Jefferson City, Missouri and Melissa Hughes of Wardsville, Missouri; and by nine great-grandchildren, Hannah Whitten and husband Pierson of Wardsville, Missouri, Peyton Luebbering of Wardsville, Missouri, James and Ava Faulconer of Jefferson City, Missouri, Emily, Katie and Lucy Pyle of Dexter, Missouri, and Rachel and Rebekah Kinder of Dexter, Missouri.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Frances Price and Edna Honey and by one brother, Thomas "Bud" J. Stephens, Jr.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Rainey-

Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. with Rev. Terryl Almond officiating. Interment will follow in the Hagy Cemetery in Dexter.

Memorials may be made to:

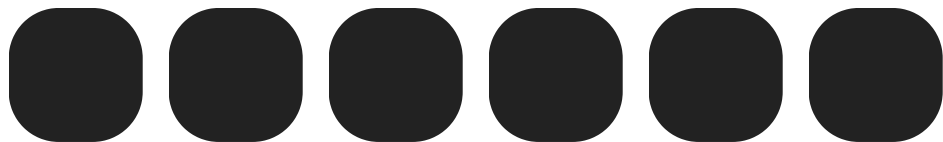
Stoddard County Children's Home,
Memorial Tribute Fund
PO Box 164, Dexter MO 63841

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In Memory of Verbia Finch

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Verbia Finch, daughter of the late Martin Chambers and Pauline Oliver Chambers, was born on February 24, 1946 in Dudley, Missouri and departed this life on May 18, 2019 at her residence in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 73 years.

Mrs. Finch was a homemaker and a resident of Dexter, Missouri.

On November 22, 1964, in Dudley, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Bobby Gene Finch. Mr. Finch preceded her in death on August 3, 2014.

She is survived by her son, Bobby Eugene Finch of Bloomfield, Missouri; by her daughter, Verbia Lee Parker of Dexter, Missouri; by her brother Thomas Wall of Augusta, Missouri; by two sisters, Martha Ann Short of Augusta, Missouri and Janis Napier of Marthasville, Missouri; by three grandchildren, Daniel Finch, Bobbi Ann Finch and David Saylor; and by four great-grandchildren, Gauge Saylor, Liberty Saylor, Bryer Saylor and Wyatt Saylor.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Carolyn Longhibler; by her grandson, David Finch; by two brothers, Norman “Buddy” Wall and William “Pat” Wall; and by her sister, Wanda Louis Wall.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., with Rev. Gary Teel officiating. Interment will follow in the Hagy Cemetery in Dexter.

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

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In Memory of Dolores Gayle

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Dolores Gayle, daughter of the late Estes E. and Hannah Isbell O’Keeffe, was born Dolores Anita O’Keeffe on July 25, 1931 in Ranger, Texas and departed this life at her home in Dexter Missouri on May 17, 2019 at the age of 87 years.

Dolores moved from Ranger to Denver City, Texas in 1939 where she attended Denver City schools until she graduated in May 1948. She was united in marriage to Ed Gayle on May 18, 1948 in Denver City, Texas. In June of 1950, Ed and Dolores put in Gayle’s Jewelry and ran it till they retired in 1994. In 2003, they moved to Dexter, Missouri, where they were members of the First Baptist Church. Dolores was also a member of Church Women United, Heartland Quilters Guild and The Golden Age Club.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Howard and DeVonna Gayle of Eastland Texas; by one daughter and son-in-law, Holly and Jay Lemons of Dexter, Missouri; by four grandchildren, Chawnda Branscome, Dustin Patterson, Joshua Gayle and Kristyn Hartmann; by six great-grandchildren, Logan Gatlin, Skye Patterson, Madilyn Patterson, Mark Gayle, Brendon Gayle and Audrey Gayle; by one great-great-granddaughter Macie Grace Gatlin and by one sister Bessie Causey of Snyder, Texas.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Ed in 2011; by her son Mark Gayle in 1982 and by her sister, Annie Pearl O’Keeffe.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, May 19, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter on Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. with Wendell Minson and Rev. Mark Smith officiating. Interment will follow in the Denver City Memorial

Cemetery in Denver City, Texas.

Memorials may be made to:

18 Fore Life c/o Scott Kruse

705 Laurie Circle, Dexter MO 63841

or

Stoddard County Children's Home, Memorial Tribute Fund

PO Box 164, Dexter MO 63841

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

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