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In Memory of Beulah Mercer

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Beulah Mercer, daughter of the late Ollie Lee Richardson and Mary Idell Lee Richardson, was born on July 3, 1937 in Fletcher, Arkansas and departed this life on July 10, 2019 at Hunter Acres Caring Center in Sikeston, Missouri at the age of 82 years.

Mrs. Mercer was a former supervisor for Paramount Headwear and she was a personal caregiver for the elderly for Caring Hearts. She attended the First Assembly of God Church in Dexter and was a resident of Dexter.

On October 1, 1956, she was united in marriage to Jerry Mercer.

She is survived by her daughter, Debra Robinson and husband Paul of Dexter, Missouri; by two brothers, Phil Richardson of Poplar Bluff, Missouri and Leonard Richardson of Blytheville, Arkansas; by one grandson, Jay Roberts of Jackson, Tennessee; and by one great-grandson, Jacob.

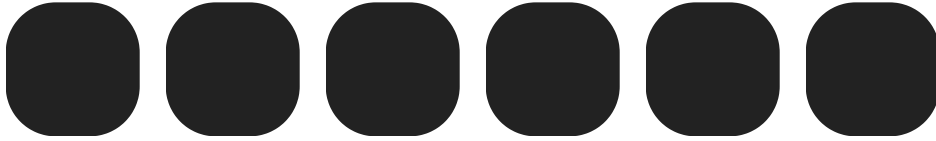
Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Conrad Richardson, Herbert Richardson and Ernie Richardson; and by two sisters, Louise Chesser and Wilma Dych.

A memorial service will be conducted at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, July 14, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Jamie Jones officiating.

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

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In Memory of Carol Crosser Blue

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Carol Crosser Blue died on July 9, 2019 at Chateau Girardeau in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. She was 93. Carol was born November 7, 1925, the daughter of Katharine Buck Crosser and John Crosser. She was married to William Keith Blue. Carol was educated in the Bloomfield Schools, Missouri University and Southeast Missouri State University. Prior to moving to Cape Girardeau, she resided in Bloomfield.

In her youth, Carol was employed in the family business, Buck Store Company. She was a substitute teacher in Bloomfield from 1954 until 1961 when she began her career with the Division of Family Service. She retired as a District Manager of Children's Services. Following her retirement in 1986, she served eight years in Bloomfield city government serving as alderman (Mayor Pro Tem), and as Mayor. She served on the Stoddard County 911 Advisory Board, and the Stoddard County Solid Waste Management Committee. She

was named Woman of the Year by the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce as a result of her efforts in emergency management, having been instrumental in arranging the street names and house numbers systematically, providing educational seminars on earthquake preparedness, and preparing the city's Emergency Management Plan. She spent many hours serving the schools, the community and various charitable organizations as a volunteer.

In Cape Girardeau, Carol was president of the Chateau Girardeau Resident's Council, chairman of the Chateau's Foundation Advisory Committee, and served on the Board of Directors of the Chateau. As a volunteer, she took care of the birds in the Health Center and Assisted Living aviaries. She helped with the care of Buddy, the Health Center's Golden Retriever. She was a member of the Quest Club.

Carol is survived by her daughter, Bonnie Blue and by two grandchildren, David Worley and Elizabeth Worley.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, July 13, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Memorial services will then be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Sue Welborn officiating. Burial will be in the Bloomfield Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Chateau Girardeau Foundation, 3120 Independence Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri 63703 or the Stars and Stripes Museum, 17377 Stars and Stripes Way, Bloomfield, MO 63825.

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

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In Memory of Betty Ruth (Evans) Dixon

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In Memory of Betty Ruth (Evans) Dixon

Betty Ruth (Evans) Dixon, daughter of the late Louis Wiley Evans and Laura Geneva (Davis) Evans of Bloomfield, Missouri, was born on September 20, 1941, in Dexter. She entered eternal life with our God the Father and Lord Jesus Christ on July 3, 2019. She passed at the Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis at the age of 77, surrounded by her family, held with love, and lifted in prayer as she ascended to Heaven.

Mrs. Dixon devoted her life to serving God, loving her family, serving and helping those in need, and giving smiles to all she met. She was a devoted member of the Cape County Cowboy Church in Oak Ridge, Missouri, where she found many friends and celebrated her Christian faith.

After her graduation from Bloomfield High School, she attended the Missouri Baptist School of Nursing. She became a Registered Nurse and lifelong health care professional, further enabled by Emergency Medical Technician training. Her love of others, caring soul, and medical expertise allowed her to provide health care, education, and loving support to many throughout southeast Missouri. Mrs. Dixon's professional experiences included service as the district nurse for the Richland School District in Essex, and as the plant nurse for Procter and Gamble in Cape Girardeau.

She was a passionate lifelong learner, always immersing herself in history and reading. Travel and discovery were her passions, and she was always ready for long road trips with

no specific destination. She couldn't pass a national or state park without stopping to enjoy the trees, wildlife, quiet, and a picnic. When not traveling with her soul mate and husband, she was best remembered sitting on her back porch, giving pats to a basset hound at her feet.

Mrs. Dixon was united in marriage, love, and faith to Kenneth Dixon, formerly of Dexter, Missouri, in West Plains, Missouri, on December 26, 1959. He preceded her in death on September 28, 2017, and is now reunited with her in Heaven. She is survived by two loving children, who regarded their mother as a romantic soul, enabler of dreams, and lifelong protector of her family: Kendra and her husband Tim Ward of Jackson, and Kevin and his wife Laurie (Dockins) Dixon of Chesterfield, Missouri. Her family celebrates her beautiful life, giving heart, gentle nature, and a lifetime of wonderful memories.

She had five grandchildren, who adored her and were embraced by her love: Brittany (Ward) Mathis, Justin Ward, Evan Ward, Sydney Dixon, and Olivia Dixon. In addition to her grandchildren, she enjoyed giving warm smiles and long hugs to three great-grandchildren: Harper Mathis, Blake Mathis and Gabriel Ward.

Mrs. Dixon is survived by her brother, Robert Evans of Pasadena, California, and her sister Barbara Evans of Bloomfield, Missouri. She is also survived by her brother-in-law, Bob Dixon, of Springfield, Missouri. She was a loving daughter-in-law to the late Clyde and Mae (McKee) Dixon of Dexter, and sister-in-law to the late Clyde Dixon and Darrell Dixon of Dexter.

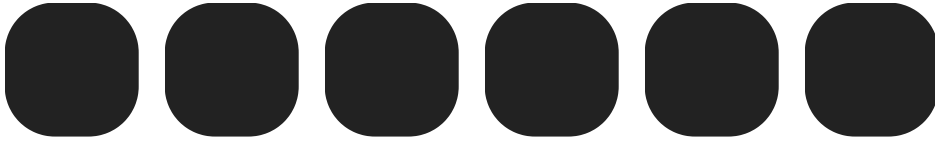
Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, July 8, from 12:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M. A Celebration of Life service will begin at 2:00 P.M. with Rev. Jim Matthews officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

The family requests memorials be made to the American Lung Association, which can be reached via www.lung.org, and the Cape County Cowboy Church, 220 Orchid Lane, Oak Ridge, Missouri 63769.

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In Memory of Dorothy M. Pullam

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In Memory of Dorothy M. Pullam

Dorothy M. Pullam, of Aurora, Colorado, formerly of Dexter, was born in Bloomfield, on December 21, 1933 and passed away at her home in Aurora, Colorado on June 27, 2019, at the age of 85 years, 6 months and 6 days.

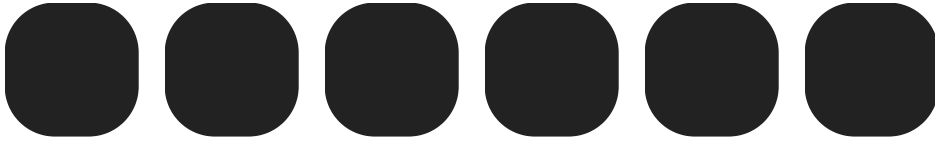
Visitation will be held on Friday, July 5, 2019 after 10 a.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter until time of services at 1 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Chapel with the Rev. Mike Kohlbaker of Dexter officiating.

Interment will follow in the Hagy Cemetery in Dexter with Watkins & Sons Funeral Service in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Charlotta L. “Lottie Lou” McMullin

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In Memory of Charlotta L. “Lottie Lou” McMullin

Charlotta L. “Lottie Lou” McMullin, age 88, of Breese, IL, died at 9:45 p.m. Saturday, June 29, 2019 at her residence.

She was born June 7, 1931 in Memphis, TN, the daughter of the late Clifton R. and Ruth (Polen) Mason.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin McMullin, whom she married November 17, 1950; a daughter, Marian McMullin; two sisters: Mable Cooper and Carrie Morton; and a brother, David “Murray” Mason.

Mrs. McMullin is survived by two children: Debora (Jim) Riddle of Breese, IL and Dennis McMullin of Dexter, MO; three grandchildren: Angela (Christopher) Herndon, Daniel (Amanda) Riddle, Mariah McMullin (fiancé, Mike Nely); six great-grandchildren: Benjamin and Jack Herndon, Riley, Samantha and Lincoln Riddle; and Abel Nely; a brother, C.R. Mason of Dexter, MO; and many nieces, nephews, great- nieces and great-nephews.

Edwin and Lottie owned and operated McMullin Excavating Co. She was a volunteer (Pink Lady) at Dexter Memorial Hospital in Dexter, MO. After moving to Breese, she enjoyed living at the Villas of St. James and participating in all of the activities. Her hobby was cross-stitching and making quilts for her grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, July 7, 2019 at the Villas of St. James in Breese, IL. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at Dexter Cemetery in Dexter, MO, with a luncheon to follow at the First Christian Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois or to Zion United Church of Christ in New Baden, IL.

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

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