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In Memory of Joe Ernest Weber

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Joe Ernest Weber died July 22, 2019 at Winchester Nursing Center at the age of 89.

Born June 14, 1930 in Dexter, son of the late Ernest R. Weber and Gladys Norman Weber, he married Joyce MacDonald on May 12, 1952.

He was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church of Dexter, where he sang in the chancel choir and served as Finance Chair and in other positions within the church.

After attending Southeast Missouri State for 2 years, he entered the Air Force as a fighter pilot trainee and upon graduating flight and gunnery school he departed to Korea where he flew over 100 missions in the F-86 fighter jet. Upon returning stateside, he and his wife, Joyce MacDonald Weber, moved to Panama City, Florida, where he finished his service as a flight instructor at Tyndall Air Force Base.

After leaving the Air Force in 1955, Joe and Joyce returned to Dexter where he entered the family business with his father, Ernest, as a partner, and helped to operate and manage Weber's Ben Franklin until 2018.

He served as President of the Citizens Bank of Dexter for 14 years.

He was always civic minded and served on the City Council in the 1960's as well as the Chamber of Commerce and Airport Board. He was very proud of Dexter and was committed to promoting Dexter and making it a good place to live.

He served 16 years, from 2002-2018, as Dexter's mayor.

Joe and Joyce and other Stoddard County residents were instrumental in recruiting members and formed a chapter of the Stoddard County ARC which today, provides services for the developmentally disabled. Joe and Joyce played an important role in working to pass a Senate Bill 40 measure in the county, which provides funding for services for citizens who are developmentally disabled. He served on that board and as its President for many years.

Mr. Weber is survived by his daughter, Beth, of Dexter, another daughter, Cynthia Chesser and husband, Scott Chesser of Dexter; two grandsons, Austin and Matthew Chesser, as well as a special friend, Ann Zoll, and other relatives and many friends. His wife Joyce, preceded him in death in 2003.

Friends may call at the First United Methodist Church in Dexter on Friday, July 26, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Funeral services will follow in the First United Methodist Church in Dexter at 2:00 p.m. with Rev Larry Lawman officiating.

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

Donations to the Stoddard County ARC and the First United Methodist Church may be made in lieu of flowers.

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In Memory of Bertha Helen McKay

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In Memory of Bertha Helen McKay

Bertha Helen McKay, daughter of the late Charley Lewis Smith and BIRTHA Mae Smith, was born on June 26, 1930 in Risco, Missouri and departed this life on July 13, 2019 in Town and Country, Missouri at the age of 89 years.

Mrs. McKay was a member of the Lindenwood Christian Church in Memphis, Tennessee and she was a resident of Memphis for 50 years.

She is survived by two sons, Dale McKay (Donna) of Pflugerville, Texas and David McKay (Melissa) of St. Louis, Missouri; by her daughter, Linda McKay of St. Louis, Missouri; by her sister-in-law, Norma Smith of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; by nine grandchildren, Jarred, Justin, Jesse, Erica, Nichole, Krystle, Brittni, Zach and Jeff; and by eight great-grandchildren, Lybbie, Ameyah, Katie, RyLee, Stryder, Waylon, Gabriella and Ariel.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Charles Edward Smith, Lowell Eugene Smith and Dale Lee Smith.

A graveside service will be conducted at Hagy Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri on Saturday, July 27, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. with Brian Burke officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in memory of Bertha Helen McKay to the charity of choice.

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

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In Memory of Delvan Lloyd Rochelle

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Delvan Lloyd Rochelle, son of the late Bert Rochelle and Una Tschudin Dilallo, was born on September 23, 1928 in St. Louis, Missouri and departed this life on July 15, 2019 at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing Center in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 90 years.

Mr. Rochelle was a veteran of the United State Air Force, serving during the Korean War. After leaving the Air Force, he was a freight car inspector for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. He was an active member of Friendship Baptist Church in Dexter and a resident of Dexter.

He is survived by his cousin, Betty Anderson of Dexter, Missouri; and by his second cousins, Carol Anderson, Cheryl Peacock, Jana DeGeorge, Joe Anderson, Harold Conner, Michael Conner, Steven Conner and Donna Webb.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by his cousin, Dorothy Conner.

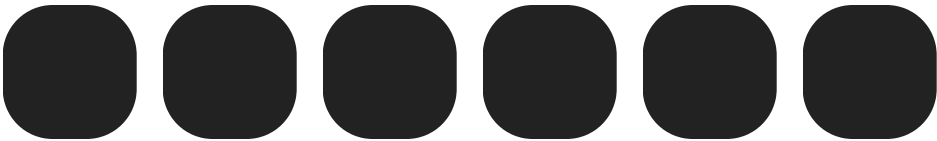
A graveside service will be conducted at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield on Friday, July 19, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Lonny Mittag officiating.

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

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In Memory of James Petit

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In Memory of James Petit

James Petit, son of the late Leonard and Natalie Flynn Petit, was born in Waterbury, Connecticut on January 14, 1930, and passed away at his home near Puxico on July 12, 2019, at the age of 89 years, 5 months and 28 days.

James had been a world traveler before making his home in Puxico. He was a veteran of the U. S. Air Force, a member of the V.F.W. Post 1991, the Disabled American Veterans and the Paragould Pilots Association.

On August 5, 2007 he was married to Josephine Williams in Kennett, Missouri.

Surviving are his wife, Josephine Petit of Puxico; one son, Steve Mobbs of Puxico; one daughter and husband, Jackie and Danny McCoy of Dexter; one grandson, Danny McCoy, Jr. of Dexter. Other relatives and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

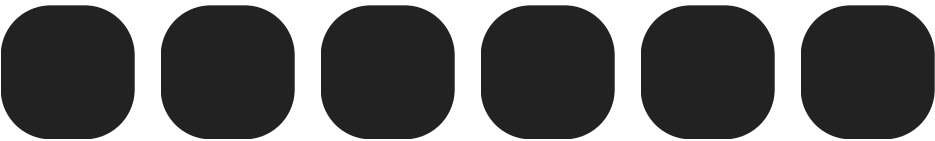
Interment will be in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery on Thursday July 18, 2019 at 1:00 pm with full military honors.

Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Puxico, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Karl Dean Wilmath

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In Memory of Karl Dean Wilmath

Karl Dean Wilmath, son of the late Edward Wilmath and Goldia Reeves Wilmath, was born on January 11, 1937 in Bloomfield, Missouri and departed this life on July 12, 2019 at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital in Jackson, Tennessee at the age of 82 years.

Mr. Wilmath was a veteran of the United States Army, retiring after 23 years of service. During his service in the Army, he was awarded the Meritorious Service medal, Army Commendation medal and Army Achievement medal. After retiring from the Army, he was a former Professor of Latin Languages and History at Lane College in Jackson, Tennessee. He was a member of American Legion Post 293 in Malden, Missouri and he was of the Catholic faith.

On October 24, 1969, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, he was united in marriage to Tiemkair Kim Dechatech. Mrs. Wilmath survives of their home in Jackson, Tennessee.

In addition to his wife, Tiemkair, he is survived by two sons, Mario Wilmath of Tucson, Arizona and Marco Wilmath of Jackson, Tennessee; by his brother, Jerry Wilmath of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; and by two sisters, Bonnie Watson and Marrine Grobe, both of Dexter, Missouri.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, William Wilmath.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 12:30 p.m.

Interment will follow in the Bernie Cemetery.

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

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