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In Memory of Betty Kathryn Branum

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In Memory of Betty Kathryn Branum

Betty Kathryn Branum, daughter of the late Roy Bickford Woods and Elsie Dora Slayton Woods, was born in Bernie, Missouri on October 27, 1932 and departed this life at Missouri Delta Medical Center in Sikeston, Missouri on August 30, 2019 at the age of 86.

She was former owner of Tucker's Café in Bloomfield, Missouri; former cashier at Woods Supermarket of Bernie and former Dispatcher at Bernie Police Department. She was a member of Bernie United Methodist Church and a resident of Bernie.

She was united in marriage to John Wesley Branum in Bernie, Missouri on October 15, 1950. Mr. Branum preceded his wife in death on June 25, 1987.

Survivors include one son, John Branum Jr. & wife Margaret of Albion, Illinois; by three daughters, Tammy Freeman & husband Wayne of Dexter, Missouri, Linda Hill & husband Carl of Dexter, Missouri and Brenda Tilk & husband Dan of Annapolis, Missouri; by nine grandchildren, Melanie Arehart & husband Andrew, Andrea Ward & husband Mitchell, Michael Branum & wife Marie, Jessica Freeman, Alan Kelsay & wife Kelly, Michelle Mahler & husband Brandon, Jonni Hill, Patrick Tilk & wife Amie and Donovan Tilk & wife Ashleigh; also by other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death other than by her parents and her husband, by one brother, R.B. Woods; by three sisters, Maxine O'Heren, Nadine Harmon and Lorene Williams.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Monday, September 2, 2019 from 9:30 A.M. until 10:30 A.M.

Funeral Services will then be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel at 10:30 A.M. with Rev. Susan Marner-Sides and Rev. Jayne Markin officiating.

Interment will follow in the Bernie Cemetery.

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

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In Memory of William “Darryl” New

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[In Memory of William “Darryl” New](#)

William “Darryl” New passed away on Sunday, August 25, 2019 at the age of 71.

He leaves behind his wife Sharon New of Bernie, Missouri; two children, Holly Shipp, and Derik New of Malden, Missouri; six wonderful grand-children; and sisters, Kathy

Clappsaddle of Yellville, Arkansas, Brenda Busboom of Buckeye, Arizona and Jennifer Stratman of Sikeston, Missouri.

Born in 1947, to Ralph and Regina New of Malden he was the third born sibling in the family. Darryl attended Malden public school in his youth and graduated with the class of 1967. He volunteered for service in the United States Air Force at 19 and after serving in Korea and Vietnam for a few years found he had a knack as an aircraft mechanic and generally fixing broken stuff. He returned 1970 and came home to marry his wife Sharon, the love of his life for 49 years.

After many odd jobs, Darryl and his dad Ralph started “News Motorcycle Shop” where Darryl repaired motorcycles or any wheeled vehicle, and was an all-around handyman. In 1977 he joined the Missouri national guard in Bernie Missouri and served there until 1989. With the help of some friends he opened New’s Auto Salvage in 1989 and remained in business until 2018.

Following his wishes, there will be a small graveside service on Friday, August 30, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri. He will be greatly missed by his family, and friends.

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

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In Memory of Braydan Isaiah Aaron Patrick

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In Memory of Braydan Isaiah Aaron Patrick

Braydan Isaiah Aaron Patrick, 4 of Sikeston, Missouri died Sunday, August 25, 2019 at Missouri Delta Medical Center in Sikeston, Missouri. He was born July 24, 2015 in Sikeston to Lance Patrick Jr. and Searea Ann Miller.

He is survived by his mother Searea of Sikeston; his father Lance of Sikeston; a brother, Ron Johnson of Sikeston; a sister, Ann Belle Johnson of Sikeston; maternal grandmother, Christina Webb of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; maternal grandfather, Tim and Nichole Miller of Myakka City, Florida and paternal grandfather, Lance Patrick, Sr. of East Prairie, Missouri.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, June Hayes.

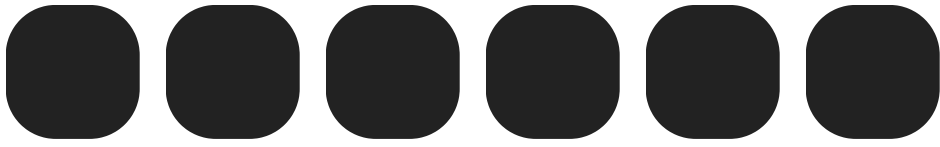
Visitation will be from 11:00 am until the time of service on Thursday, August 29, 2019 at the Amick-Burnett Funeral Chapel in Scott City.

Funeral service will be at 1:00 pm on Thursday at the chapel with Rev. Dennis Lowe officiating.

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In Memory of Yewell G. Lawrence

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In Memory of Yewell G. Lawrence

Yewell G. Lawrence, Loving husband of Sandra (nee Cowsert, deceased 2012) died peacefully in his home in Naples, FL on August 18, 2019 at age 87. He will be remembered for his keen intelligence, good character, and easy, self-deprecating sense of humor. Born in Dexter, MO on March 5, 1932 to Yewell Lawrence and Pearl White Lawrence, Yewell grew up in Bloomfield, MO with his parents and two sisters, Verna and Gerry.

He attended Missouri University after high school, enjoying new friends, accounting classes, and politics (he established Missouri University's first Young Democrats Club). A lifelong fan of the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team and a baseball player through his youth, Yewell joined Mizzou's baseball team with the hope of becoming a professional first baseman after college. Learning of this aspiration, his father, a Missouri State Senator, informed his son that he was not a good enough ball player to make a living at it and encouraged him to concentrate on his studies instead. This was useful and timely advice given that a year later Senator Yewell Lawrence died in an automobile accident. Yewell soon understood that he must leave school and return to Bloomfield to manage his family's business interests, among which were shares in the Bank of Bloomfield, a livestock feed store, and a drive-in theater. He had enjoyed learning to read a balance sheet in high school and found that he liked the challenges of building and operating a business. Years later, Yewell said that what motivated him to work hard was not his

competitiveness; it was his “great fear of going broke.” In 1957 Yewell and his business partner and brother-in-law, Lehman Godwin, opened Monarch Feed Mills next to the railroad in east Dexter. Soon becoming one of the largest employers in Dexter, Monarch bought and sold grain and manufactured their own brands of livestock feed, shipping feed to livestock farmers in 5 states and opening a second manufacturing plant in Pocahontas, Arkansas. In recognition that the company’s success was substantially due to its excellent employees, Monarch implemented the first employee profit-sharing program in Stoddard County. Yewell and Lehman sold Monarch in 1981 after 24 years in business. At age 32, Yewell had also become the president of the Bank of Bloomfield. The bank expanded under his time as president, opening branches in Essex, MO and Marble Hill, MO. The sense of community responsibility was strong in Yewell. He was one of several community leaders who raised money to build the Dexter Hospital for the residents of Stoddard County when several voting initiatives had failed. He served on the hospital board for several years. Always a staunch advocate for education and the Dexter Public School system, he served on the Dexter School Board from November 1962 to March 1972.

Despite his work and community service, Yewell always made time for family and fun. Yewell said that he had returned home “to marry the prettiest girl in the county”, Sandra J. Cowser. By 1960, Sandra and Yewell had their three children, Bud, Karen and Kelly and had made Dexter their home. A small aircraft pilot, Yewell flew his family on vacations every summer and was very proud when Sandra earned her pilot’s license, too. He and Sandra also shared an interest in sports and physical fitness. Both jogged regularly well before jogging was locally fashionable and both were accomplished tennis players and golfers. They were active members of the Stoddard County Country Club and, when it was relocated and renamed, the Hidden Trails Country Club. Love of golf and warm weather led Yewell and Sandra to spend winters in Naples, Florida. After Sandra’s death, Yewell moved to Naples full time in 2014, where he was everyone’s favorite restaurant customer and neighbor. Above his professional and civic life, he loved and valued his family. At his core a humble and dutiful man, it was for his wife, children and grandchildren that Yewell worked so hard, served so readily, and lived so honorably.

He is survived by his son Yewell (Bud) G. Lawrence, Jr. and spouse June Lawrence of Dexter, MO; daughters Karen E. Lawrence of Dexter, MO, and Kelly A. Lawrence of Fort Myers, FL; sister Geralene L. Harvey of Indianapolis, IN; brother-in-law Lehman Godwin spouse of sister Verna Dean, deceased; granddaughter Natalie Wolfe Adams and spouse Charles M. Adams of Dallas, TX; grandson Hunter Yewell Lawrence of Dexter, MO, step-granddaughter Bridgett L. Kielhofner and spouse Brandon of Kelso, MO.

Visitation service will take place at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, August 30, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Memorials may be made in honor of Yewell G. Lawrence to: Dexter Public School Foundation, c/o Laura Miller, 1031 Brown Pilot Ln, Dexter MO 63841.

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

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In Memory of Velma M. Miller Reinisch

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Velma M. Miller Reinisch, 93, entered into God's Kingdom on Thursday, August 22, 2019. She was the daughter of the late Herman and Edith King. Velma was born June 2,

1926 in Zadock, Missouri and died peacefully at TJ Samson Hospital in Glasgow, Kentucky with her family by her side.

Mrs. Velma Reinisch lived most of her life in Dexter, Missouri and St. Louis, Missouri. She returned to Dexter, Missouri, after retiring from Elder Manufacturing. She was a member of the Second General Baptist Church in Dexter, Missouri.

Survivors include two brothers, Nerman King of Bloomfield, Missouri and Mike King (Annetta) of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; two children, daughter, Milda Lynch (Ron) of Glasgow, Kentucky and son, Larry Miller (Marsha) of Warrenton, Missouri; three grandchildren, Michele McKee Richardson (Tim) of Glasgow, Kentucky, Jeffrey Miller and Shayla Miller, both of Warrenton, Missouri; three great-grandchildren, Cody Richardson, Jacob Richardson and Alex Richardson, all of Glasgow, Kentucky; and many nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husbands, Herrell Miller and John Reinisch; by her siblings, Norman King, Oma King Cagle, Blanton King, Thurman King, Wilda Mae King Arms, and Herbert King; and by one grandson, Mitchel McKee.

Visitation will be held at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri on Monday, August 26, 2019.

Private family viewing from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and public visitation is 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., with the funeral starting at 10:30 a.m.

Brother Larry Miller will be officiating the service.

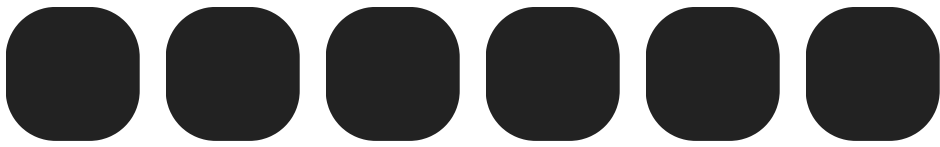
Interment will follow in the Oak Ridge Cemetery in rural Bloomfield, Missouri.

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

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