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In Memory of Austin Dale Duncan

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Austin Dale Duncan, son of Sherman Duncan of West Palm Beach, Florida and Christina Abernathy Brown of Florissant, Missouri was born on August 22, 1995 in Sikeston, Missouri and departed this life on August 30, 2019 at the Christian Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri at the age of 24.

Austin loved anything pertaining to the Dallas Cowboys football team, he memorized countless statistics and was always eager to recite them. He loved playing video games and always enjoyed reading.

Austin is survived by his father and step-mother, Sherman and Dr. Kathleen Duncan of West Palm Beach, Florida; by his mother and step-father, Christina and Avard Brown of Florissant, Missouri; by three sisters, Kristen Duncan of Batesville, Arkansas, Sierra Duncan of Essex, Missouri and Kristina Gerardi of West Palm Beach, Florida; by his maternal grandmother, Sue Bratcher of Dexter and by his paternal grandfather, Jerry Duncan of Essex, Missouri.

Friends may visit with the family on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter.

Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with Rev. Dwight Hensley officiating.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

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

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In Memory of Charles Elsworth Griffin

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Charles Elsworth Griffin, son of the late Tom and Viola Hume Griffin was born on December 11, 1932 in Essex, Missouri and departed this life on August 30, 2019 at the Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter at the age of 86.

Mr. Griffin was a Veteran of the United States Air Force, and had formerly attended the New Bethel General Baptist Church near Dexter. He had also worked as a farmer and a security guard at the Sikeston Power Plant.

Charles was united in marriage to Wanda Gowen on December 31, 1978 in Dexter. Mrs. Griffin survives of their residence in Dexter.

Besides his wife he is survived by one son, Charles Wayne Griffin and wife Mary of Albany, Georgia; by one daughter, Jean Ann Hawley and her husband Tom of Albuquerque, New Mexico; by one step-son, Lyle Allen and his wife Mindy of O'Fallon, Missouri; by one step-daughter, La Trisha Earnheart and her husband Randy of Dexter; by four brothers, Jerry and wife Carolyn Griffin of Dexter, Bobby Griffin of Dexter, Larry and wife Jeanette Griffin of Caruthersville, Missouri and Danny Griffin of Dexter; by one sister, Cathy and husband Fred Graham of Scott City, Missouri; by eleven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by one daughter, Cindy Griffin and by one sister, Joyce Chapman.

A grave-side memorial service will be conducted on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield with Rev. Lonny Mittag officiating.

Full Military Honors will be performed.

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

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In Memory of Janet Lee Sandusky

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Janet Lee Sandusky, daughter of the late Frank and Stella Baker Hensley was born on October 2, 1946 in Bexar, Arkansas and departed this life on September 1, 2019 at the Cypress Point Skilled Nursing Facility in Dexter at the age of 72.

Mrs. Sandusky was the former owner of Janet's Beauty Salon in Dexter and worked as a beautician for many years.

On April 2, 1966 she was united in marriage to Jerry Lloyd Sandusky Sr. at Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Sandusky preceded her in death on June 8, 2009.

She is survived by one daughter, Sonia Cark of Puxico, Missouri; by one daughter-in-law, Sarah Sandusky of Dexter; by three grandchildren, Sean Sandusky, Alexandra Burke and Kara Moore and by two great-grandchildren, Lance Burke and Jordan Hardin.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Jerry Lloyd "BO" Sandusky Jr. and by nine brothers and sisters.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 from 9:30 A.M. until 11:00 A.M.

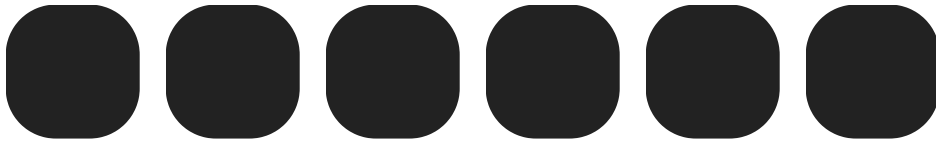
Funeral services will then be conducted on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 11:00 A.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Dale Hartle officiating.

Interment will follow in the Smith-Stevenson cemetery.

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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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