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# In Memory of Ronald C. Yersak

SEPTEMBER 03RD 2019 BY DEE LOFLIN

## In Memory of Ronald C. Yersak

Ronald C. Yersak son of the late Charles G. Yersak and Josephine Shoemaker Yersak was born on July 23, 1936 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and departed this life on August 31, 2019 at the SoutheastHealth of Stoddard County Emergency Room at the age of 83.

He was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church in Malden. He attended the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Dexter. He was the owner of Ronald C. Yersak Enterprises, specializing in Economic Development, private consulting and planner in charge.

Ron was a Veteran of the United States Air Force serving during the Korean War. He was a strong supporter of the Democrat Party and was active in Local, State and National Democrat Associations.

He was united in marriage to Bonnie Evans Dierks on July 18, 1987 in Dexter. Mrs. Yersak survives of their home in Dexter.

Besides his wife, he is survived by one son, Lt. Col. Keith Yersak and wife Shannon of Warrensburg, Missouri; by two daughters, Rhonda Pautler and husband John of Concord, Massachusetts and Amy Yersak of Jefferson City, Missouri; by one step-son, Tyler Dierks of Belleville, Illinois; by one step-daughter, Kehli Rouse and husband Charles of Matthews, North Carolina and by six grandchildren, Hannah Pautler, Luke Pautler, Hope Yersak, John Yersak, Mary Charles Rouse and Lucie Rouse.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, September 6, 2019 from NOON until 2:00 P.M. Funeral services will then be conducted on Friday, September 6, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Mike Williams and Darryl Orr officiating.

The family requests all memorials be made to the Dexter Animal Shelter, c/o Dexter Police Department, 305 Cooper Street, Dexter, Missouri 63841 OR American Diabetes Association, 10820 Sunset Office Drive, Suite 220, St. Louis, Missouri 63127. Envelopes for both charities will be available at the funeral home.

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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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### In Memory of Charles Elsworth Griffin

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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### In Memory of Janet Lee Sandusky

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 Marnier-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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