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# In Memory of Iva M. Gepford

DECEMBER 08TH 2019 BY DEE LOFLIN

#### In Memory of Iva M. Gepford

Iva M. Gepford, daughter of the late George and Mattie Jackson, was born on November 30, 1935 and departed this life on Friday, December 6, 2019 at her residence in Sikeston, Missouri at the age of 84 years.

Mrs. Gepford was a former Executive Secretary for Rockwell International in California. During her tenure at Rockwell, she was honored with two Snoopy Awards for professionalism, dedication and outstanding support that greatly enhanced space flight safety and mission success. She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Sikeston, Missouri.

On October 4, 1975, in Long Beach, California, she was united in marriage to Bill Gepford. Mr. Gepford survives of their home in Sikeston, Missouri.

She was preceded in death by six brothers and two sisters.

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

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## In Memory of Vera Lorraine Almond

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Vera Lorraine Almond, daughter of the late Herman Norris and Elsie Sifford Norris, was born on December 27, 1929 in Chaffee, Missouri and departed this life on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at her residence in Bloomfield, Missouri at the age of 89 years.

Mrs. Almond was a former employee of the United States Department of Agriculture, where she worked as an Admin Program Technician. She was a long-time member of Liberty Hill General Baptist Church in Aid. She was a life-time member of the Girls Scouts where she served as a Scout Leader, she was also involved with the University of Missouri Extension Club. She was a long-time member and past president of the Stoddard County Women's Democrat Club. For many decades she served as the bookkeeper for the Harper Cemetery in Aid. She had a heart for giving and helping others. Along with her husband, Billy Lee, they were known to open up their house and dinner table to anyone, family, friend and stranger who asked for help, or if they simply saw a need, they would provide whatever they had, with no strings attached. She was an avid volunteer and gave freely of her time and talents to many causes. When it came time to watch area sporting events, you could find her in the Bloomfield Wildcats purple and gold cheering on her favorite team.

She was united in marriage to Billy Lee Almond on July 10, 1949 in Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Almond preceded her in death on May 16, 2015.

She is survived by one son, Rev. Terryl and wife Glinda Almond of Dexter; by one daughter, Dr. Donna Almond of Wappapello, Missouri; by one brother, Jimmie Norris of Acorn Ridge, Missouri; by one sister, Floella Deardorff of Dexter; by two granddaughters, Rachel Almond Lidle and husband Matt of Phoenix, Arizona and Rebekah Sims of Bloomington, Indiana and by three great-grandchildren, Harper Sims, Harrison Lidle and Deacon Sims.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Russell Norris; and by her daughter-in-law, Sherry Szczeblewski.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, on Sunday, December 8, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted on Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with her son, Rev. Terryl Almond officiating. Interment will follow in the West Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to 18 Fore Life, c/o Scott Kurse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, Missouri 63841 or Stoddard County Children's Home, PO Box 164, Dexter, Missouri 63841 or John Irvin/John Brehmer Memorial Golf Tournament, c/o Mark Guethle, 720 Saddlespur, Dexter, Missouri 63841 or to an organization of the donor's choice.

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# In Memory of Lynn Davis

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### In Memory of Lynn Davis

Lynn Davis, daughter of the late John and Virginia Bivens was born on November 8, 1962 in California and departed this life on December 2, 2019 at her residence in Dexter at the age of 57.

Mrs. Davis was an associate accountant for Tyson in Dexter having worked there for well over three decades. She enjoyed watching her children and grandchildren in their activities.

On February 24, 1982 she was united in marriage to Terry "Speedy" Davis in Dexter. Mr. Davis survives of their house in Dexter.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, Terry Davis Jr of Dexter and Chris and his wife Kristen Davis of Dexter; by two daughters, Melinda Jo McCowan of Visalia, California and Sara Davis of Dexter; and by seven grandchildren, Kelby Hill, Kylah Hill, Conner, Hill, Kailey Welch, Alexis Davis, Jaylynn Davis and Krislyn Davis.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, December 6, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted on Friday, December 6, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Dale Jones officiating. Interment will follow in the Chalk Bluff Cemetery.

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

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# In Memory of Patricia "Pat" Ann Duval

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In Memory of Patricia "Pat" Ann Duval

Patricia "Pat" Ann Duval, daughter of the late Grover Mosley and Juanita Webster Mosley, was born on June 19, 1944 in Blytheville, Arkansas and departed this life on November 28, 2019 at her residence in Friant, California at the age of 75 years.

Ms. Duval was a former bus driver for the Morgan Hill Unified School District in Morgan Hill, California.

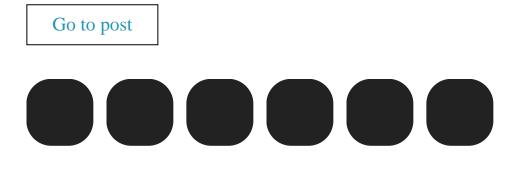
She is survived by her long-time companion, Rick Thompson of Friant, California; by her brother, Gerald Mosley of Sikeston, Missouri; by her sister, Muriel Dirden of Dexter, Missouri and by many nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Ralph Mosley and by her sister, Peggy Rangel.

Graveside services will be conducted at Dexter Cemetery on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

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

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# In Memory of Carolyn Lee Carroll

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#### In Memory of Carolyn Lee Carroll

Carolyn Lee Carroll, daughter of the late Gordon Hill and Mary Harrison Hill, was born on April 28, 1955 in Jefferson City, Missouri and departed this life on Sunday, December 1, 2019 at her residence in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 64 years.

Mrs. Carroll was a former educator within the Dexter R-XI School District for 27 years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Dexter. Carolyn enjoyed going to the beach, sailing at Kentucky Lake and spending time with her grandchildren.

On December 28, 1973, in Sikeston, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Dean Carroll. Mr. Carroll survives of their home in Dexter.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her son, Clay Carroll of Sikeston, Missouri; by her daughter, Elizabeth Albritton and husband Mike of St. Peters, Missouri; by her brother, Tom Hill and wife Lisa of Greenwood, Missouri; and by her granddaughter,

Reese Albritton.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her grandson, Drew Albritton.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, December 5, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Friends of Kids with Cancer, 16 Sunnen Drive, Suite 161, St. Louis MO 63143. This memorial was very special to the Albritton and Carroll families for all the work they did for Drew.

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