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In Memory of William Richard "Bill" Jordan

DECEMBER 24TH 2019 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of William Richard

William Richard "Bill" Jordan of Batchelor, Louisiana, son of the late Loy and Mable Irbin Jordan, was born in Morehouse, Missouri on December 22, 1939, and passed away at his home in Batchelor, Louisiana, December 18, 2019, at the age of 79 years, 11 months and 26 days.

Bill had been raised in the Morehouse and Essex Communities and had made his home in Batchelor, Louisiana for many years where he was an over the road truck driver. He enjoyed being a pilot and owned his own airplane, loved motorcycles and was an avid NASCAR fan. He has served in the U. S. Army in Vietnam.

He was first married to Ann Jordan, she preceded him in death. He later married Betty Lou Parrish.

Surviving are his wife, Betty Lou Jordan of Batchelor, Louisiana; four sons & their wives, James Dennis & Anne Adams of Central, Louisiana, Floyd D. & Dona Adams and Scott D. & Lisa Adams all of Batchelor, Louisiana, Tim & Angie Jordan of Dexter, Missouri; seventeen grandchildren; many great grandchildren; two brothers and wife; Bob Jordan, Mike & Janice Jordan all of Dexter; two sisters and husband, Glenda Evans, Deloma & John Penrose all of Dexter. Other relatives and many friends also survive. He was preceded in death by two brothers, David and Dawsey Jordan.

Visitation will be held on Monday, December 23, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Watkins & Sons Funeral Chapel in Dexter with services to follow at 12:00 p.m.

Interment will follow at the Essex Cemetery in Essex with full military honors. Watkins & Sons Funeral Service of Dexter, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Betty J. Anderson

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In Memory of Betty J. Anderson

Betty J. Anderson, daughter of the late Arthur and Elizabeth Smith Tschudin was born on April 14, 1934 in St. Louis, Missouri and departed this life on December 17, 2019 at her residence in Dexter at the age of 85.

Betty Anderson was a faithful and loving wife, mother and servant of the Lord. She became a Christian at 23 and never doubted God and who he was. She served alongside her husband Rev. Lloyd H Anderson as he pastored churches in Perkins MO, Bernie MO,

Keiser AR, Augusta AR, Gideon MO and Poplar Bluff MO. In recent years her role as a prayer warrior and caring friend had taken high-priority in her life.

On February 26, 1954 she was united in marriage to Lloyd H. Anderson in St. Louis County, Missouri. Mr. Anderson preceded her in death on August 8, 2018.

She is survived by one son, Joe and his wife Debbie of Dexter; by three daughters, Carol Anderson of Clinton, Missouri, Cheryl and husband John Peacock of Jackson, Mississippi and Jana DeGeorge of Little Rock, Arkansas; by twelve grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Dorothy Conner.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, December 20, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m.

A graveside service will be conducted on Friday, December 20, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

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

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In Memory of Orpha “Ruth” Gaines

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In Memory of Orpha “Ruth” Gaines

Orpha “Ruth” Gaines, daughter of the late Rev. Everett Earnest and Effie Caroline Mason, was born on July 28, 1944 in Carroll County, Tennessee and departed this life, unexpectedly, on December 7, 2019, while on vacation in Cozumel, Mexico at the age of 75 years.

Ruth graduated with honors from Bismarck High School, in Bismarck, Missouri in 1962. She then moved to Dexter, Missouri, the place she would eventually call home and raise her family. She attended Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. She worked at Elder’s Manufacturing, where she met her late husband Jim Alvis Gaines. The two were united in marriage on January 31, 1964, in Dexter, Missouri and went on to have two sons, James Kevin Gaines and Kenneth Wayne Gaines.

She then started what would be a successful 30+ year career in the banking industry, when she accepted a job at Southern Bank in 1977. She had a way with numbers and often prepared taxes during the season for those who needed help. She eventually retired in 2010. After her retirement, Ruth enjoyed spending time with family and friends, working in her garden, cooking and baking delicious treats from scratch, sewing and crafting, serving her church, traveling and especially spending time with her grandchildren every chance she could get.

In addition to being a dedicated and loving mother, grandmother, sister and friend, she had so much love for her church family. Ruth was a faithful member of the Southwest Church of the Nazarene since the 1960’s. She loved her church, and the relationships in Christ she formed there. She held many volunteer roles, including Treasurer and serving on the church board. Throughout her entire life, she had an unwavering faith in God, which she shared with all those who surrounded her.

Ruth is survived by two sons, James Kevin Gaines of Dexter, Missouri and Kenneth Wayne Gaines (Brenda) of Grand Island, Nebraska; by her step-daughter, Debbie Speer (Norm) of St. Louis, Missouri; by three sisters, Doris Hubbell of Jonesboro, Arkansas,

Joy Tilmon (Henry) of Bernie, Missouri, and Charlotte “Jane” Mason (Linda) of St. Louis, Missouri; by four grandchildren, Jada Rose Gaines, Lily Grace Gaines, Shane Speer and Amanda Speer; by one great-grandson, Landen Speer; by three cousins; and by twenty-four nieces and nephews, nine great nieces and nephews, and thirteen great-great nieces and nephews.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Alvis Gaines; by her parents, Rev. Everett and Effie Mason; by four sisters, Ruby Lee Hodges, Mary Helen Mason, Geraldine Bell Rowland, and Violet Fay Raines; by two brothers, Winfred Adell Mason and Earnest Frank Mason; by two half-brothers, Donald Ray and Wendell Everett; and by her granddaughter, Olivia Jane Gaines.

To know her, was to love her. Family, friend, or stranger, she showed the same love and kindness of Jesus Christ to everyone who crossed her path. Mrs. Gaines lived her life by the Golden Rule: Treat others the way you would like to be treated. She had a tender, compassionate and giving spirit, a woman of faith and was the heart and backbone of the Gaines family. She was dearly loved by so many and her legacy lives on through the lives she touched by her love and kindness.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, December 19, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter on Friday, December 20, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Ron King and Rev. Bill Burke 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 Thomas Allen Crowe

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In Memory of Thomas Allen Crowe

Thomas Allen Crowe, son of the late Cecil and Mildred Patterson Crowe was born August 20, 1928 at Powe, Missouri and passed away at the age of 91, December 14, 2019 at his home in Dexter.

Mr Crowe was united in marriage to Nadine Douglas on September 8, 1950. Mrs. Crowe survives of the home in Dexter. Besides his wife, he is survived by two children, a daughter, Terri Ann and husband Dean Bennett, and a son Michael Crowe, also of Dexter. He is also survived by one granddaughter, Shannon and husband Scott Schaefer of Columbia, Missouri, and one great granddaughter, Lillian Adele Schaefer. He was preceded in death by his brother, Bob Crowe and one sister, Carol Ann Crowe.

Mr Crowe attended school in Dexter. He served as a jet mechanic in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict. Mr Crowe then moved his family to California where he attended college. After moving back to Dexter, he began work at Citizen's Bank. He was a graduate of the Memphis School of Banking. He then managed Superior Loan Corporation in Poplar Bluff, and later moved his family to Caruthersville, Missouri where he served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for the First National Bank until his retirement. Upon retiring and relocating his family back to Dexter he performed property appraisals as an employee of First Commercial Bank and served for a period on their Board of Directors.

Mr Crowe was very active in civic and local affairs. He was in the Lions International for 30 years where he received the Outstanding Presidents award. He was on the Caruthersville Housing Authority and was Commissioner. He was a member of the American Legion, an active member and past board member of the First Baptist Church, was instrumental in getting the Special School for the Handicapped in Braggadocio, on the Urban Renewal Board. He served as the Red Cross Service to family Members contact for 16 years. He was Director of the Retail Merchants Assn for 4 years. He was also on the Missouri Community Betterment Board, Northeast Arkansas Computer Center Board. He received the Boy Scouts of America-Southeast Missouri Council Award for rendering service to his community. He was also selected as Outstanding Community Leader by the Caruthersville Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Crowe was also a yearly guest speaker at the high school on personal finance and banking.

Mr. Crowe spent his life serving his community, church, friends, and family and will be missed by all who were graced by his Christian continence and kindness.

Friends may call on Wednesday, December 18, 2019, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter with services following at 1 p.m.

Burial will be in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield with full military rites. Watkins & Sons Funeral Service in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Connie Marie Bean

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In Memory of Connie Marie Bean

Connie Marie Bean, age 81, of Jefferson City, Mo., passed away Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at home surrounded by her family.

Connie was born on September 7, 1938 in Bloomfield, the daughter of Paul Bland and Margriete Katherine (Baker) Cox. She was married on September 6, 1956 in Dexter to Willard L. Bean, who survives.

Connie grew up in Dexter, Mo. and was a 1956 graduate of Dexter High School.

Shortly after graduation, she married Willard, and began her role as a supportive military wife. She moved with him to quite a few locations until, in 1968, they made Jefferson City their permanent home. She took great pride in his service that spanned over 40 years until his retirement as a Colonel from the Missouri Army National Guard. However, her greatest accomplishment was being a mother and later a grandmother; always supporting and encouraging her children in all aspects of their lives.

Connie was a devoted housewife all her life. When her children were younger, she owned a beauty salon in Dexter. After moving to Jefferson City, she volunteered as a Girl Scout Leader at West School. One of her favorite mottos was, "Be Prepared". Connie enjoyed working with cosmetics in a few downtown retail stores and also worked as a Financial Secretary at the First Christian Church.

Connie was creative and channeled that energy different ways. She enjoyed oil painting, working with ceramics, and sewing. She especially enjoyed visiting Branson and the Fall Craft Festival. Connie was very talented and enjoyed designing and decorating five beautiful homes with her husband Willard. She also took pride in designing the landscape and personally planting everything with Willard.

Survivors include: her husband of 63 years, Willard Bean; two children, Douglas Bean (Vera DeGiorgio) of Arlington Heights, Illinois, and Terri Riley (Carey) of Jefferson City; one brother, Ronald Cox, Sr. of Branson; five grandchildren, Ryan Riley, Amanda

Riley, Kyle Riley (Gemma), Jennifer Klimala (Frank) and Nicholas Bean; a great-granddaughter, Ava Klimala; and another great-granddaughter that will be joining her family in May of 2020.

Connie was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be held at Freeman Mortuary from noon until 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 17, 2019 with her funeral service following at 1:30 p.m. in the Freeman Chapel with Celebrant Gara Loskill officiating. Graveside services and entombment will be held at the Mausoleum of Hawthorn Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital or Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Freeman Mortuary.

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