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In Memory of Phyllis Marie (Traw) Rushing

DECEMBER 26TH 2019 BY DEE LOFLIN

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Phyllis Marie (Traw) Rushing, 72, died on December 24, 2019 at her home in Sikeston, Missouri. She was born on February 13, 1947, in Essex, Missouri, to the late Eugene and Marie (Holland) Traw. She was a long-time resident of Dexter, Missouri, Pulaski, Tennessee, and Sikeston, Missouri.

Mrs. Rushing was employed for many years by Southeast Missouri Transportation Service, where she met and married her husband, William D. Rushing, who preceded her in death. She is also preceded in death by her sister, Helen Louise McCain and her grandson, Caleb Rushing of Forisell, Missouri.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Ronald E. Burch Jr. and Martha of Sikeston, Missouri; by two step-sons, William M. Rushing of Dexter, Missouri and Robert R. Rushing of Lamar, Missouri; by two sisters, Reda Wilson and Fay Hubbert, both of Sikeston, Missouri; by her brother and sister-in-law, Larry Traw and Diane of Sikeston, Missouri; by two grandsons, Shawn Furgerson and Aaron Burch; by many nieces, nephews and friends; and by one dear high school best friend, Sharon Giesler of Bloomfield, Missouri.

A Memorial Service will be conducted at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri on Friday, January 3, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

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

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Verneese C. Walls, daughter of the late Vernon Cox and Martha Causey Cox, was born in McNairy County, Tennessee on December 28, 1929 and departed this life at Winchester Place in Bernie, Missouri on December 22, 2019 at the age of 89.

Mrs. Walls was a homemaker and was a member of First Baptist Church and New Covenant Crusade both of Dexter.

She was united in marriage to Lloyd G. Walls in Florence, Alabama on November 20, 1963. Mr. Walls preceded his wife in death on January 5, 1980.

Other survivors include one daughter, Cindy Perkins & husband Tyler of Bernie, Missouri; by three grandchildren, Dylan Perkins, Garrett Perkins & wife Amber and Evan Perkins; by one Great-grandson, Simon Elias Perkins; by one brother, Dennis Cox & wife

Margaret of Dexter, Missouri; also by other relatives and friends.

Graveside services will be conducted on Thursday, December 26, 2019 at Chalk Bluff Cemetery, Rural Dexter, Missouri starting at 3:00 P.M.

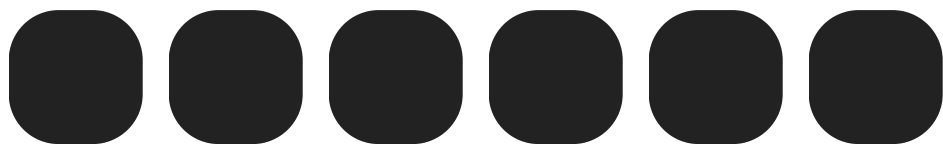
Interment will follow. Memorials may be made to Stoddard County Children's Home or 18 Fore Life.

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

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In Memory of Gayle Meritt

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Gayle Meritt, daughter of the late Clarence Ott and Pearl Kifer Ott, was born on March 26, 1938 in Rural Bernie, Missouri and departed this life on December 22, 2019 at her residence in Essex, Missouri at the age of 81 years.

Mrs. Meritt was a member of the Olive Branch General Baptist Church and a Homemaker.

On July 25, 1958, in Circle City, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Tom Meritt. Mr. Meritt survives of their home in Essex.

In addition to her husband, Tom, she is survived by her son, Darin Meritt and wife Leslie of Dexter; by her sister-in-law, Joan Peters of Dexter; by her granddaughter, Victoria Meritt; by her caregiver and friend, Denise Hill; and by several nieces, nephews, relatives and close friends.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Geraldine Norman.

A Graveside Service will be conducted at Chalk Bluff Cemetery on Saturday, December 28, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Dudley Hamilton officiating.

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

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In Memory of Marian Susan Allen

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Marian Susan Allen, daughter of the late Fred and Agnes Fortman, was born on July 16, 1954 in Glennonville, Missouri and departed this life on December 21, 2019 at Frontier Health and Rehabilitation in St. Charles, Missouri at the age of 65 years.

Mrs. Allen was of the Catholic faith. She was a Homemaker and Babysitter.

She is survived by her son, Garrett Allen and wife Whitney of St. Charles, Missouri; by seven brothers, Leo Fortman of Phoenix, Arizona, Paul Fortman of Farmington, Missouri, Fred Fortman Jr. of Wappapello, Missouri, Bernard Fortman of Troy, Missouri, William Fortman of Dexter, Missouri, Richard Fortman of Campbell, Missouri, and Jim Fortman of Chester, Illinois; and by three sisters, Agnes Altmeyer of Evansville, Indiana, Bernadine Fortman of Glennonville, Missouri, and Cecilia Fortman of St. Peters, Missouri.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Angela Allen-Scroggins; and by her sister, Virginia Pentecost.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, December 27, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

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In Memory of Floyd “Billy” Moore

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Floyd “Billy” Moore, son of the late Raymond Moore and Gladys Markham Moore, was born on October 27, 1928 in Pontiac, Michigan and departed this life on December 19, 2019 at his residence in Essex, Missouri at the age of 91 years.

Mr. Moore owned Moore Appliance Repair in St. Louis, Missouri, retiring in 1975. He enjoyed working on classic cars and was a handyman for the community of Essex.

On December 7, 1959, in St. Louis, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Janet Evers. Mrs. Moore survives of their home in Essex.

In addition to his wife, Janet, he is survived by his son, Dale Moore and wife Candy of Dexter; by his daughter Kathy Steward and husband Randy of Essex; by three sisters, Sharon Tilley of Essex, Patricia Tilley and husband Kenneth of Van Buren, and Joann Thornton of Warrenton; by three grandchildren, Dana Pope of Essex, Robert Pope of Essex and Brandon Moore of Poplar Bluff; by eight great-grandchildren, Blake Racca, Alexis Spratt, Alyssa Mayabb, Mason McCoy, Madison McCoy, Jadan Pope, Makayla Pope, Guage Pope; by four half-brothers, James, Sam, Dale and Eddie; and by three half-sisters, Faye, Wanda and Brenda.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Bob Moore and Dale Moore; and by five sisters, Marilyn Boehner, Maxine Hester, Joyce Kazban, Virginia

Franks and Linda Hopkins.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, December 22, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Sunday, December 22, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Ray Rowland officiating. Interment will follow in the Armstead Dowdy Cemetery.

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

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