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In Memory of Bonnie Jo Jones

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In Memory of Bonnie Jo Jones

Bonnie Jo Jones, daughter of the late Marion Orr Sr. and Mabel Kincer Riggs, was born on August 28, 1952 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri and departed this life on January 20, 2020 at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis Missouri at the age of 67 years.

Mrs. Jones was a former assembler for Arvin Automotive, retiring after 25 years of service and she is a cashier for Town & Country. She was a member of the Bernie Church of Christ and a resident of Dexter, Missouri.

On September 20, 1980, in Dexter, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Steve Jones. Mr. Jones survives of their home in Dexter.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Beckie King and husband James of Sidney, Arkansas and Jessica Young and husband Josh of Dexter, Missouri.; by her brother, Junior Orr and wife Patty of Grayridge, Missouri; by four grandchildren, Shelbie King and fiancé Jordan Fryman, Alan King, Bronwen Young and Ryan Young; and by her beloved dog, Doug.

Friends may call on at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, January 23, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Friday, January 24, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. with Stan Dauck officiating. Interment will follow in the Chalk Bluff Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Church of Christ Children's Homes, Inc., 5515 Walcott Road, Paragould, Arkansas 72450.

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

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In Memory of Carolyn Kay Robinson

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Carolyn Kay Robinson of Bernie, MO passed away January 17, 2020 at St. Clare Hospital in Fenton, MO at the age of 77.

Carolyn is survived by her husband, Thomas Junior Robinson; two children, Todd Robinson of Bernie and Tonya Lyons (Dennis) of Poplar Bluff; three grandchildren, Holden Robinson (Amanda), Christie Wright (Ethan), and Craig Salsman (Mariah); three great-grandchildren, Anasten Robinson, Gabriel Robinson, and Liam Robinson; two sisters, Virginia Joiner and Marlin Durham (Don); Sister-in-law, Doris Turner; and many

nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Preceding her death were her parents, W.C. and Mamie Hillyard; mother in-law and father in-law, Thomas and Mary Sue Robinson; and her sister, Estelle White.

Carolyn was a such a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend. Carolyn was an individual who always put the needs of others before her own. Carolyn loved to cook and bake. She loved cooking for her family and providing for others in their time of need. Carolyn has owned Carolyn's Hair Salon in Bernie for several years. Most importantly, she loved her God. She was a woman of faith. For several years Carolyn enjoyed singing and playing the piano in church. Carolyn was of the Christian faith and attended Malden Assembly of God church.

Carolyn now resides in her heavenly home. If she could tell us one thing it would be to get our hearts right with God and come join her. We love you Carolyn and you will be dearly missed.

Visitation will be held on Monday, January 20, 2020 from Noon until 2:00 p.m.

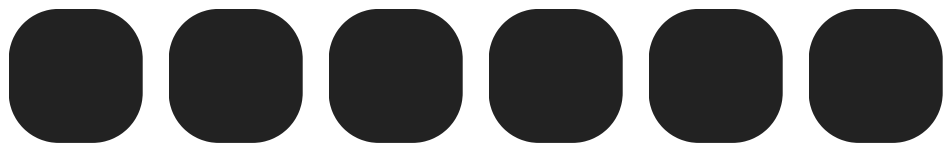
Funeral services will then be conducted on Monday, January 20, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel in Bernie with Rev. Kenneth Lambert officiating.

Interment will follow in the Bernie Cemetery.

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In Memory of Terry Lee Stickles

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Terry Lee Stickles, 64, “walked” into the gates of heaven on January 15, 2020, after a hard-fought victory that spanned many years.

Terry’s journey on this earth began on November 8, 1955, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri to the late Argil Stickles and Opal Edwards Stickles. Terry has always been a storyteller, and those closest to him can recount many amusing “big fish” stories he retold on demand. He was raised to be an honest and hardworking person, and those virtues were character traits that he carried with him throughout his life. During his Ringer Hardware days, his path crossed with the woman who he knew would become his wife...much earlier than she did. On June 9, 1978, Terry married the love of his life, Shari Higdon at St. Joe General Baptist Church in Idalia, Mo. Terry never met a stranger and was always willing to give a helping hand which helped him not only while he worked at Ringer Hardware, but also in the several years he worked for Schwan’s, and then ultimately combining his knack for sales with his love of cars by being a salesman at Autry Morlan Chevrolet. All of which also served as a platform to share his testimony and his unyielding faith. Terry became an active member of St. Joe General Baptist Church in 1978 where he served in multiple capacities including as a trustee. To his daughters, Emily and Hannah, he was always the hero and could fix and do anything in their eyes. He was a teddy bear to them and was wrapped around their fingers; his gruff nature melted any time one would say, “I love you, Daddy”.

Known as “Stick” to his friends, he could frequently be found in the company of mischief with a grin in place. Never knowing what he was up to next, one could not help but smile as well.

To cherish these memories, Terry leaves behind his wife, Shari Stickles; two daughters and their spouses, Emily and Jonathan Sipp of East Prairie, Mo and Hannah and Tim Baldwin of Dexter, Mo; four grandchildren: Anna Grace, Sarah Beth, and Jackson Cade Sipp and Brittany Baldwin; his sister, Pearl Ashley; and many other family and friends.

When Terry sauntered through those pearly gates, he was greeted by both parents and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Thomas and Jan Higdon.

Friends may call at Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, January 18, 2020 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. with Rev. Jonathan Rice officiating. Interment will follow in the Sadler Chapel Cemetery.

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

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In Memory of Ira Avery, Jr.

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Ira Avery, Jr. of Whitewater, son of late Ira, Sr. and Sophia Ann Kelly Avery, born 06/04/1923 in Clines Island and passed away in Whitewater on 01/13/2020, age 96.

He was born, raised, attended church and school at Clines Island in Stoddard County. After eighth grade he continued learning with the Civilian Conservation Corp (1939-40), and the Merchant Marines as a seaman (1941-45) based in New London, Connecticut. He share cropped his family's farm at Clines Island for forty years with the help of his wife, Jean, and four sons, actively farming until he was 91 years old. The last fourteen months of his life a special care giver looked after him at the farm he loved at Whitewater, with help from his neighbor, Greg Brawley.

On 12/22/1945, he married Wilma Jean Brown in New London, Connecticut. She preceded him in death on January 7, 2010.

Surviving are three sons, James Avery of Whitewater, Steve Avery of San Antonio, Texas, Dennis Avery of Poplar Bluff; eleven grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren; four great great grandchildren; two sisters, Mary Bizzell of Statesboro, Georgia and Nellie Thurman of St. Louis; and daughter-in-law, Ruth Avery. He was preceded in death by one son, Mike Avery, one brother, John Wes Avery, and four sisters, Gladys Dowdy, Nola Campbell, Susie Smith and Mildred Moore.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2020, after 10:00 am at the Watkins & Sons Funeral Home in Dexter with services at 11:00 am, Pastor Dalton Avery of Republic officiating.

Interment will follow at the Pleasant Grove Cemetery near Bell City with Watkins and Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of all arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.watkinsfuneralhome.com

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In Memory of Lucille Newsom

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In Memory of Lucille Newsom

Lucille Newsom, daughter of the late August Jessie Sittner and Gertrude Tuck Sittner was born on March 26, 1920 in Vanduser, Missouri and departed this life on January 12, 2020 at the Winchester Place in Bernie, Missouri at the age of 99 years.

Mrs. Newsom was a care giver and a resident of Dexter.

On May 31, 1936 she was united in marriage to Elam “Cotton” Newsom in Piggott, Arkansas. Mr. Newsom preceded her in death on May 24, 1969.

She is survived by four daughters, Elvena Martin and husband Ronnie of Dexter, Missouri, Marian Newsom of Salt Lake City, Utah, Carolyn Lucille Williams of Fenton, Missouri, and Judy Farthing and her husband Joe of Bridgeton, Missouri; by one daughter-in-law, Marilyn Newsom of Puxico, Missouri; by eleven grandchildren, Melanie, Bryce, Jeffery, Jennifer, Kimberly, Becky, Jamie, Ronnie Jr., Kelvin, Tracy and Joey.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Elam “Sonny” Newsom; and by one grandson, Corey Martin.

A Graveside service will be conducted on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at the Shain Memorial Cemetery near Fisk, Missouri.

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