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Harold Gene Williams, son of the late James B. Williams and Ethel Parrish Williams, was born on June 26, 1935, in Dexter, Missouri and departed this life on January 29, 2020 at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 84 years.

Mr. Williams graduated from Dexter High School in 1954, where he was a four-year varsity letterman in football and a member of the Dexter D-Club. In 1959, he started his trucking business. He owned and operated Williams Moving Company of Dexter and Heavy Duty Truck Lines of Bloomfield. Anyone that did business with him, knew him as a hard-working, honest man. Harold was a member of the American Moving and Storage Association. He was a member and former board member of the Independent Movers Conference. He was a member and former president of the Missouri Movers Association. He was a member and chairman of the board, until his retirement, of the Missouri Movers Risk Management Trust. Harold devoted his life to supporting his community and in 1988, he won the Daily Statesman Community Service Award. He was a member of the Dexter Kiwanis Club, Dexter Chamber of Commerce, and the Original Dexter Jaycees. He was the first president of the Dexter Community Betterment, he worked on the Planning and Zoning Committee and the Industrial Committee, and he served on the Scenic By-way Committee. He was instrumental in establishing Dexter Memorial Hospital and the Dexter Municipal Swimming Pool. Mr. Williams was an active member of First Baptist Church in Dexter and a resident of Dexter.

On June 30, 1956, in Bernie, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Elsie Odom. Mrs. Williams survives of their home in Dexter.

In addition to his wife Elsie, he is survived by his son, Rick Williams and wife Kim of Dexter, by his daughter, Vicky Busch and husband Mark of Cape Girardeau; by three grandchildren, Sarah Beard and husband Jason, Cale Williams and wife Lexi, and Meredith McLeod and husband Ross; and by five great-grandchildren, Carson, Eli, Delaney, William and Shepard.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, J. C. Williams, Sherrill Williams and Charles Williams.

Friends may call at First Baptist Church in Dexter on Saturday, February 1, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Mark Smith officiating.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

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

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