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# In Memory of Lester George Bushmann Jr.

FEBRUARY 16TH 2020 BY DEE LOFLIN

#### In Memory of Lester George Bushmann Jr.

Lester George Bushmann Jr., 83, of Jefferson City, died of myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020, at his home, surrounded by his family.

The son of Lester George and Alice Ward Bushmann, Les was born on Nov. 29, 1936, in St. Louis, where he grew up and graduated from Central High School. He earned his bachelor's degree in English literature from the University of Missouri–Columbia, where he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He was married to Cynthia Fullerton Bushmann, who survives of the home.

In 1960, Les was drafted into the U.S. Army and was stationed first at Fort Benning, Ga., and then at Camp Casey in South Korea. Les served as an acting sergeant during his entire two-year tour of duty, which was extended in the Berlin Crisis of 1962. During his service in Korea, he played baseball for the U.S. Army and held the highest batting average in the league.

Les's entire professional career was spent as an association manager. He was executive director of the Missouri Police Chiefs Association (1964-1966); executive vice president of the Automotive Wholesalers Association of Missouri (1966–1975); and executive vice president of the Missouri Association of Insurance Agents (1975–1999). After his retirement in 1999, he continued lobbying part-time for the insurance agents until 2003. He earned the Certified Association Executive (CAE) designation from Michigan State University.

Les was active in several professional and civic organizations, notably the American Society for Association Executives; Independent Insurance Agents of America; American Society of Insurance Association Executives (president); Missouri Society of Association Executives (president); Rotary West (treasurer); and Cole County Jaycees, where he served as chairman of the Cole County Fair in 1970. As a lobbyist in the Missouri Legislature (1975–2003), he was instrumental in passing many laws that benefit Missouri consumers to this day. In 1987 he was named "Insurance Person of the Year" by the Missouri Association of Insurance Agents.

Les's passion was golf, and he was lucky enough to have played some of America's finest courses. The thing he loved best was playing golf on his favorite course with his friends and brother Gene at the Jefferson City Country Club. The best two days of his life were when he won the Jefferson City County Club's B-Flight Championship and when he made a hole-in-one at Redfield Golf Course in Eugene, Mo.

He loved his family. He was an avid student of history and politics, often participating in political campaigns and Democratic Party initiatives. During the early 1970s, he served as Cole County Democratic Chairman.

Les hated antiquing and any other kind of shopping.

His most redeeming quality was that he never took himself too seriously.

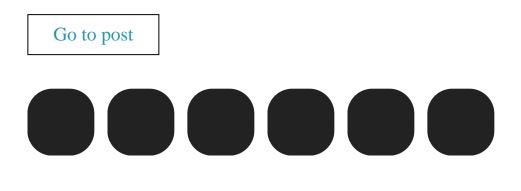
Survivors include his wife, Cynthia Bushmann; two daughters, Kate Bushmann (Tim O'Mara) of New York City and Maggie Williams (Allen Retsema) of Jefferson City; two granddaughters, Eloise O'Mara of New York City and Elise Williams of Jefferson City; three sisters, Shirley Henslee of St. Louis, Judy Heilig of Houston, Texas, and Patricia Mosby of Malvern, Ark.; one brother, Gene Bushmann of Jefferson City; and many inlaws, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Kenneth J. Bushmann, of St. Louis.

A family celebration of Les's life will be held at a later time. In lieu of flowers and other tributes, Les asked that you please donate to The Missouri Democratic Party (www.missouridemocrats.org) and vote Democratic.

The family wishes to thank Hospice Compassus for their loving guidance and care.

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# In Memory of Evans Harold "E.H." Ryan

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#### In Memory of Evans Harold "E.H." Ryan

Evans Harold "E.H." Ryan, 102, of Chaffee passed from this life Wednesday, February 13, 2020 at Auburn Place in Cape Girardeau. He was born October 30, 1917 in Harrisburg, AR, son of William Sherman and Cleo Esther Evans Ryan. He and Wanda Ryan were married February 4, 1940. Evans was an engineer on the Frisco Railroad for 37 years. During those years, he was proud of his service as the Local Chairman of his union, the UTU.

Evans was a lifelong member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church of Chaffee.

He is survived, admired, loved and missed by daughter, Carol Cannon; daughter-in-law, Judy Ryan; granddaughters Karen Cannon Brown, Kathi Cannon Stone (Tim), Lynn Ryan, Kas Ryan; grandson Chris Cannon (Pam); grandson-in-law Ron Shelton; greatgranddaughters Andrea Ryan Crawford (Tommy), Kori Brown Skidmore (Travis), Kari Stone, Caitlin Cannon Hayward (Jake), Madison Cannon, Mackenzie Cannon, Linsday Tivoli, Brittany Ryan, Amanda Ryan; great-grandsons Ryan Shelton (Jessica), Reid Shelton (Jenella), Alex Stone, Michael Ryan (Ashley); great-great-granddaughter Everly Shelton; great-great-grandsons Gage Skidmore, Miles Hayward, Merrick Hayward, and Rip Shelton.

In addition to wife, Wanda, he was preceded in death by his parents; sons John Ryan and Bob Ryan; sister Rae Davidson; brothers James, Hugh, William and Edwin; granddaughter Stacy Ryan; grandson Randall Ryan; and great-great-grandson Noah Cook and two lifelong friends, Bud Slaughter and Vopel Watkins.

Evans had a kind and loving spirit with a wonderful sense of humor. He was grateful for all the blessings he received in life and never took his relationships for granted. He maintained a positive attitude toward life, regardless of his circumstances, and never lost that positive attitude or sense of humor even to the last day of his life. He had a warm and generous heart, always taking care of those he cared about. He was hard-working and honest in all his endeavors

Evans' loves were Wanda - the greatest "catch" of his life, fishing, traveling, camping, and hunting. Hawaii, Alaska and the Bahamas were some of their favorite travel destinations. Throughout their 71 years of marriage, he and Wanda spent 32 winters as "snowbirds" in Avon Park, FL where they made many lifelong friends. Evans loved God and his family and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

For the last year of his life, Evans lived at Auburn Place Assisted Living in Cape Girardeau, where he received excellent care. The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to their staff and to the staff at Crown Hospice for their loving and compassionate care.

Visitation will be from 5-8pm on Sunday, February 16 at Amick-Burnett Funeral Chapel in Chaffee. The funeral service will be held at 10am Monday, February 17 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church of Chaffee, with Fr. Randolph G. Tochtrop officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Memorials may be made to the St. Ambrose Catholic Church of Chaffee, Mo.

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# In Memory of James W. "Pat" Jones

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In Memory of James W. "Pat" Jones

James W. "Pat" Jones of Campbell, son of the late William Calvin Jones & Nona Sibyl Murray Jones, was born in Russellville, Arkansas on March 17, 1948. James W. "Pat" Jones passed away on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at the St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 71.

James W. "Pat" Jones was retired from Federal Mogul after 37 years and was of the Baptist faith.

His survivors include: Son: Jim Jones & wife, Bonnie of Dexter.

3 sisters: Carolyn Beckham & husband, Larry of Malden, Naomi Lizenbee of Bernie & Elizabeth Sheets of Dexter.

Granddaughter: Sarah Ashley Jones of Dexter.

Great-grandson: Karson Joe Kimbrel of Dexter.

Several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son: Billy Jones, brother: Allen Jones, infant brother: Robert Ray Jones, sister: Lorraine Bryant & brother-in-law: Milt Sheets.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, February 16, 2020 from 12-2 P.M. at the Landess Funeral Home Chapel in Malden. Funeral services will follow at 2:00 P.M. with Reverend Bryan Johnson officiating.

Interment will be in the Bethany Cemetery in Campbell, Missouri.

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# In Memory of Sandra Jo Cox

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In Memory of Sandra Jo Cox

Sandra Jo Cox, 63, daughter of Earlene Berry Bailey & the late Billy Glaser Bailey, was born on July 27, 1956 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. She departed this life on Thursday, February 13, 2020, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Sandra Jo Cox was a calculus teacher at SMU in Dallas, Texas and was head of the math department & also the department chair at Highland Park High School in Dallas, Texas. She was united in marriage to Rusty Cox on July 1, 1979 in Memphis, Tennessee. He preceded her in death in September 1999.

Her survivors include:

Mother: Earlene Bailey of Malden

Sister: Lisa Dahlquist & husband, John of Laguna Niguel, California.

Two Nephews: Erik and William Dahlquist of Laguna Niguel, California

Fiancé: Dennis Demaree of Lewisville, TX

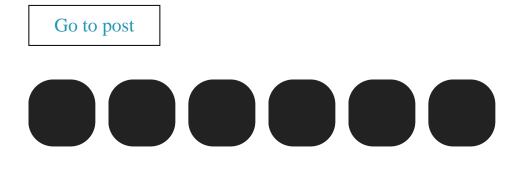
She was preceded in death by her father, Billy Glaser Bailey.

Visitation will be held on Monday, February 17, 2020 from 1-2 P.M. at the Landess Funeral Home Chapel in Malden. Funeral services will follow at 2:00 P.M. with Reverend Aulden LeBlanc officiating.

Interment will be in the Memorial Park Cemetery in Malden, Missouri.

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# In Memory of June Mozell McMullin Miller

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#### In Memory of June Mozell McMullin Miller

June Mozell McMullin Miller, youngest daughter of the late James Alberson and Laura Alice Marker Alberson, was born on May 19, 1926 in Big Ridge, Missouri and departed this life on February 11, 2020 at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 93 years.

Mrs. Miller was a former seamstress for Elder's Manufacturing in Dexter, Missouri, retiring after 46 years of service. After her retirement from Elder's, she was a caretaker and she worked as a cook for Ruth's Restaurant in Essex, where she was known for her dumplings and homemade pies. She attended Harvest Assembly of God Church in Essex and was a resident of Essex.

On October 7, 1946, in Bernie, Missouri, she was first united in marriage to Clarence Richard McMullin. Mr. McMullin preceded her in death on October 26, 1998. On February 8, 2002, in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, she was then united in marriage to Clarence Albert Miller. Mr. Miller preceded her in death on December 18, 2014.

She is survived by her daughter, June (Jerry) Clay of Dexter; by two sons, Lynn (Darla) McMullin of Essex and Glenn (Sandy) McMullin of Essex; by fifteen grandchildren, Amy (Chris) Asberry, Jay (Beckie) McMullin, David (Kelley) McMullin, Amber (Ryan) Duley, Sonya Allen, Dana (Chris) Baldwin, Katie (Joe) Sells, Glenna (Blake) Couch, Josh McMullin, Heather McMullin House, Manny McMullin, Bryan McMullin, Jera (Jimmy) Lincoln, Matt (Sherry) Clay, and Brad (Stephanie) Clay; by thirty great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren. Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Richard Dale McMullin and by fourteen brothers and sisters, George, Josh, Jimmy, Arnold, Noah, Buddy, Pearl, Pauline, Della, Mary, Rose, Hattie, Bea and one infant sister.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, February 14, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel on Friday, February 14, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. with Rev. James Malloy officiating. Interment will follow in the Essex Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Stoddard County Children's Home, PO Box 164, Dexter, MO 63841 or St Jude Childrens Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105-9959.

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