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# In Memory of August Gene Jackson

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## In Memory of August Gene Jackson

August Gene Jackson, son of the late August Franklin Jackson and Rose Parks Jackson, was born on June 29, 1927 in Aid, Missouri and departed this life on February 29, 2020 at Southeast Health of Stoddard County, in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 92 years and 8 months.

Mr. Jackson was a 1945 graduate of Bloomfield High School. Following graduation, he began working full-time on the family farm.

On July 21, 1945, he was united in marriage to Irma Lea Stephens, in Bloomfield, Missouri, and they had two daughters, Martha and Joyce. Mrs. Jackson preceded him in death on May 19, 2019. They were married for 73 years.

Mr. Jackson lived in the Aid community where he and Mrs. Jackson enjoyed farming together. He was a long-time member of Liberty Hill General Baptist Church in Aid, where he had served as a deacon and in various other positions throughout the years. He especially enjoyed teaching Sunday School. Currently, he was a member of First Baptist Church in Dexter.

During his earlier years of farming, Mr. Jackson served as treasurer on the Board of Supervisors of the Stoddard County Soil and Water Conservation District. He and his family enjoyed traveling to summer conferences across the state and meeting other farm families.

In retirement, he and Mrs. Jackson enjoyed traveling across the country, often taking grandchildren with them. Mr. Jackson joined Gideons International and he and Irma were active members for several years; visiting churches, attending camp meetings, and traveling to a few national conferences.

He is survived by two daughters, Martha Hughes and husband Joe of Jefferson City, Missouri and Joyce Kinder and husband Steve of Dexter, Missouri; by four grandchildren, Matthew Kinder and wife Sally of Dexter, Missouri, Leslie Pyle and husband Joe of Dexter, Missouri, Marianne Hughes of Jefferson City, Missouri, and Melissa Hughes of Wardsville, Missouri; and by nine great-grandchildren, Hannah Whitten and husband Pierson of Wardsville, Missouri, Peyton Luebbering of Wardsville, Missouri, James and Ava Faulconer of Jefferson City, Missouri, Emily, Katie and Lucy Pyle of Dexter, Missouri, and Rachel and Rebekah Kinder of Dexter, Missouri.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. with Rev. Rick Roberts officiating.

Interment will follow in the Hagy Cemetery in Dexter.

Memorials may be made to:

The Gideons International

PO Box 97251, Washington, DC 20090-7251

or

Stoddard County Children's Home

Memorial Tribute Fund

PO Box 164, Dexter MO 63841

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

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## In Memory of Roy “Sparky” David Lewis

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### In Memory of Roy “Sparky” David Lewis

Roy “Sparky” David Lewis, 88, of Bell City, MO, passed away February 29, 2020 at his home. He was born October 5, 1931 in Bell City, the son of Jeff and Gertie DeLay Lewis.

Sparky had worked as a parts manager at DeLay Brothers Implement in Bell City. He had also worker as a union laborer through the Local #1104. In his later years he often baled hay with Leamond Tropf. He was an avid gardener, growing huge vegetables. He loved working in his yard, especially mowing with his zero turn mower. He always enjoyed going to the coffee shop to talk with his friends.

He was a Veteran of the U.S. Air Force serving in the Korean War. In September of 2018 he went on the Veterans Honor Tour of Washington, DC.

Sparky and Dorothy Gromer were united in marriage on December 17, 1953 at Swinton, Mo and she survives of the home.

Other survivors include: his wife, Dorthy Lewis; two sons, David (Betty) Lewis of Bell City and Scotty (Ruth Ann) Lewis of Greenbrier; two daughters, Marsha (Mike) Brown of

Nashville, TN and Daronda (Donald) Stovall of Bell City; four grandsons, Josh (Lindsey) Stovall of Bell City, Ryan (Christina) Lewis of Bell City, Jared (Victoria) Brown of Oklahoma City, OK and Josiah (Ashtyn) Stovall of Swinton; three granddaughters, Kara (Michael) Britton of Nashville, TN, Becky (Charlie) Probst of Greenbrier and Crystal Gunn of Meridian, MS; 14 great-grandchildren, Isabella, Emery, Waylon, Carson, Conner, Jackson, Derek, Zack, Braylon, DeLaney, Camden, Andrew, Carolina and Parker; a great-granddaughter to arrive in June; a brother, Odis (Ann) Lewis of Poplar Bluff; a sister, Janette (Hollis) Patterson of Jackson, MO and also many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his big brother, Herbert Lewis in November of 1977.

Visitation will be held on Monday March 2, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Morgan Funeral Home in Advance.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday March 3, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the chapel with Rev. Sue Welborn officiating.

Burial will follow at Morgan Memorial Park in Advance with full Military Rites.

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# In Memory of David Eldon Stafford

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## In Memory of David Eldon Stafford

David Eldon Stafford, son of the late Thomas Allen Stafford and Minnie Bell Allen Stafford, was born on October 12, 1912, in Stoddard County, Missouri and departed this life on February 26, 2020 at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 107 years.

Mr. Stafford was the former postmaster in Essex, Missouri and a resident of Essex. He was a member of the Olive Branch General Baptist Church in Essex and a 60-year member of the Masonic Lodge in Bloomfield, Missouri.

On September 30, 1940, in Stoddard County, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Lillie Venetia Pullum. Mrs. Stafford preceded him in death on November 3, 1996.

He is survived by his daughter, Janet Karam and husband Michael of Memphis, Tennessee; and by his granddaughter, Kathryn Karam.

He was preceded in death by his parents; by twin infant sons; by four brothers, Thomas Stafford, Olan Stafford, Blaine Stafford, and Hurley Stafford; by two sisters, Lola Reynolds and Odessa Gibbs; and by his granddaughter, Carla Karam.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, March 1, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. James Malloy officiating.

Interment will follow in the Essex Cemetery.

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

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## In Memory of Gerald E. Jackson

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Gerald E. Jackson, 93, was born in Aid, MO on September 13, 1926 to Oscar (Lon) Jackson and Jessie (Parks) Jackson and departed this life on February 27, 2020 at Cypress Point Nursing Home in Dexter, MO.

Gerald was born, lived and farmed in the Aid community until he retired at the age of 65. He attended school in Aid until the 8th grade at which time the school was consolidated with Bloomfield, ultimately graduating from Bloomfield High School in 1944. Gerald was united in marriage to Wanda (Woolard) Jackson on May 18, 1946, in Piggott, Arkansas. Wanda preceded him in death on September 25, 2015.

Gerald was devoted in raising their four children, and later enjoyed attending many school activities in support of his grandchildren. He took great pride in his dairy and row-crop farming operation. Gerald loved to play traveling baseball throughout southeast Missouri in his younger years and later became well-known for his expertise for pitching

horseshoes and playing checkers. He served two terms on the Bloomfield R-XIV Board of Education and was proud of the fact that his children graduated from college. Upon retiring from farming, Gerald and Wanda moved to Dexter in 1991. Gerald was a former member of the Liberty Hill General Baptist Church, Aid, MO and current member of Risen Church in Dexter, MO.

He is survived by his daughter, Barbara Duckworth (Clinton), Dexter, MO; his sons, Ken Jackson (Jamie), Dexter, MO, and Mark Jackson (Kim), Bloomfield, MO; nine grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by one sister, Pauline Gaskins, of Dexter, MO and one sister-in-law, Jean Jackson of Dexter, MO.

Gerald was preceded in death by his wife, Wanda, of 69 years; his parents and stepmother, Nora Shrum Jackson; one brother, Farrell Jackson; one sister, Geraldine Pelat; and a son, Ron Jackson.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 1 from Noon to 1:30 pm with the funeral immediately following at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, MO.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Harper Cemetery, c/o Elvin Kingree, 11399 County Road 420, Dudley, MO 63936, or a charity of your choice.

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

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# In Memory of Calvin Ray Sandlin

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## In Memory of Calvin Ray Sandlin

Calvin Ray Sandlin, son of the late Fieldin Floyd Sandlin and Dorothy Rice Sandlin was born on April 17, 1965 in Malden, Missouri and departed this life on February 21, 2020 at the Alton Memorial Hospital in Alton, Illinois at the age of 54.

Mr. Sandlin was a truck driver and a resident of Dexter. He was a member of the Broseley Church of Christ and was baptized there when he was younger. He enjoyed to fish and hunt, and work his hunting dogs.

On April 13, 1991 he was united in marriage to Christine Casey in Dexter, Missouri. Mrs. Sandlin survives of their residence in Dexter.

Besides his wife he is survived by three sons, Dylan Sandlin of Dexter, Quentin Sandlin of Dexter and Aaron Sandlin of Dexter; by one daughter, Linda Kirkpatrick of Bernie; by two grandchildren, Larissa Throckmorton and Colton "Lane" Grigery; by four brothers, Raymond Sandlin of Poplar Bluff, Melvin Sandlin of Bernie, Larry Sandlin of Bloomfield, Winford Whitaker of Dudley; by six sisters, Ollie Gaultney of North Carolina, Melba Bryant, Mary Dugger, and Darlene Parks of Dudley, Faye Gee of Dexter and Rebecca Rhodes of Poplar Bluff; by a special sister in law who helped raise him, Verna Sandlin of Qulin, and by several nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by six brothers, Fieldin Floyd "Sonny" Sandlin, Loyd Sandlin, Charles Floyd Sandlin, Fred Dillinger, Cecil Whitaker and Lorenzo Sandlin and by two sisters, Bonnie Birchfield and Lela Ester Sandlin.

Visitation will be conducted at the Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, February 28, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with Rev. Tim Russell officiating.

Interment will follow in the Brown Chapel Cemetery.

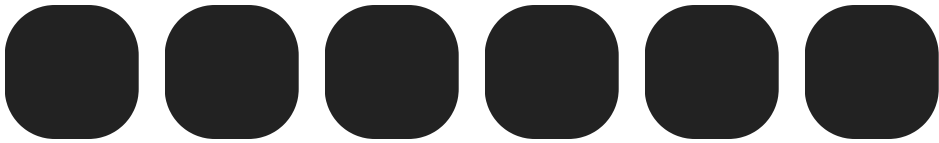


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