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In Memory of Rex Edward Keller

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Rex Edward Keller, was born on October 10, 1923 in Sikeston, Missouri and departed this life on March 4, 2020 in Redington Shores, Florida, at the age of 96 years.

Rex grew up in Dexter, Missouri. His mother, Ola Keaton Keller, was a school teacher and taught him to value arts and education. She was a tremendous influence on his life and so, when he became a successful businessman, he used his assets to build a public library in Dexter, Missouri in memory of his mother. This happened more than 20 years ago.

Rex continued to support the library in Dexter and remained a patron throughout his life, dedicated to supporting arts and education.

In the 1940's, during World War II, Rex was one of the persons selected to work on "The Manhattan Project" in Los Alamos, New Mexico, where he, with his brother Keaton Keller, a physicist, participated in building the first atomic bomb. Rex was assigned as a bomb technician. The director of the project, Robert Oppenheimer, later wrote a letter of commendation to Rex acknowledging his excellent contribution to the project.

Following the war, Rex developed a cotton farm in Arizona and a fruit Farm in California. He later worked in the financial area.

Rex never forgot the contributions made by soldiers to protecting their country. In 2008, he built a memorial monument for fallen Dexter veterans "who made the supreme sacrifice for their country". The memorial is located in the library complex in Dexter.

Rex was married in 2009 to his wife Tatiana. They settled in Redington Shores, Florida in 2011, where they lived for the remainder of his life. He is survived by Tatiana and his step sons, Alexey and Konstantin, his daughter-in-law, Katherine and his grandchildren, Sofia and Lucas.

The original time for Mr. Keller’s memorial service has been postponed. A new date and time will be set at a later date.

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

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In Memory of Charles Ernest Hoffmann II

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Charles Ernest Hoffmann II, son of the late Ernest Hoffmann and Elsie Throwkill Hoffmann, was born on August 20, 1946 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri and departed this life on March 9, 2020 at his residence in Poplar Bluff at the age of 73 years.

Mr. Hoffmann was a veteran of the United States Navy and Army, serving in Vietnam and Desert Storm. He was a commercial contractor and carpenter and he was of the Lutheran faith.

On January 5, 2005, in Poplar Bluff, he was united in marriage to Linda Moncier. Mrs. Hoffmann survives of their home in Poplar Bluff.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, Charles Hoffmann III of Wappapello, Eric Hoffmann of Wappapello, and Clifton Hoffmann of Puxico; by his step-son, Nathan Hays of Poplar Bluff; by two step-daughters, Jamie Hays of Wappapello and Linda Mane of Poplar Bluff; by fifteen grandchildren, Michael Stanberry, Courtney Newton, Christopher Hoffmann, Blake Hoffmann, Clifton Hoffmann Jr., Seamus Hoffmann, Gavin Hays, Anna Hays, McKenna Hays, Draya Hays, Parker Hays, Zachary Jones, Denise Mane, Michael Mane, and Julian Hays; and by four great-grandchildren, Landon Stanberry, Levi Newton, Cheyenne Newton, and Jordan Stanberry.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, March 12, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

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

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In Memory of Maurice J. Spore

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Maurice J. Spore, son of the late Bill and Golden Hart Spore, was born on July 13, 1926, near Fisk, Missouri and departed this life on March 2, 2020 at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 93 years.

Mr. Spore is a veteran of the United States Army, serving in World War II as a construction engineer in the Philippines and Japan. In civilian life, he managed Sears stores in Dexter, Missouri and Memphis, Tennessee.

Maurice was a member of New Bethel Church near Dexter for more than 60 years, having served as a deacon and Sunday school superintendent.

After returning home from World War II, he was married to Miss Ruth Jackson in Pontiac, Michigan on November 6, 1948. To this union was born a son, Everette.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife Ruth of 71 years; his son, Everette and daughter-in-law Janet of Henderson, Nevada; his granddaughter, Natalie Spore of Henderson, Nevada; his grandson, Jason Spore of McDonough, Georgia; his sister, Frieda Young of Dexter, Missouri; two step-sisters, Alice Pruder of St. Louis, Missouri and Audrey Ramsey of Florissant, Missouri; and his step-brother, Jack Ross of Marshfield, Missouri

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. with Rev. Gerald Hart officiating.

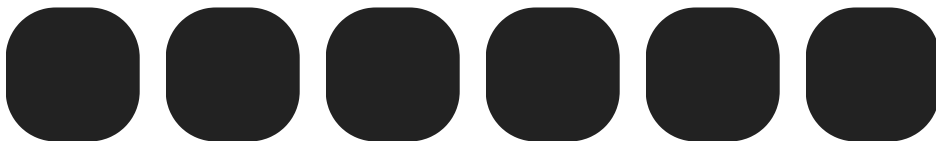
Graveside services will be conducted on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of all arrangements

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In Memory of Abigail "Abby" Cohen

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[In Memory of Abigail](#)

Abigail "Abby" Cohen 22, passed away Saturday February 29, 2020 at Missouri Delta Community Hospital in Sikeston.

She was born in Cape Girardeau, Mo. on April 15, 1997 to Stacy Linhart of East Prairie and Jama Hunt Furgerson of East Prairie.

She was office manager of Sikeston License Bureau. On April 20, 2019 in Destin Florida she married Christopher Cohen who survives of the home in Sikeston.

In addition to her husband and parents she is survived by, one brother Cooper Furgerson of East Prairie. Four sisters Alicia Backfisch, Morgan Linhart, Macey Linhart, Kayla Linhart all of East Prairie. One step brother Shawn Furgerson of Cape Girardeau. Paternal Grandparents Ernie and Linda Linhart of East Prairie. Her step mother Felicia Linhart, step father Michael Furgerson, father in law Michael Cohen, Mother in law Teresa (Travis Burger) Cohen, grand father and grandmother in law Terry and Cindy Cole. great grandmother in law Betty Cole and Mary Jo Rolwing.

Visitation will be Sunday, March 8, From 12:00 noon until time of service at 3:00 p.m. at Ponder Funeral Home in Sikeston. The Rev. Mitchell Jackson will officiate.

Interment will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Nicholas Cohen, Noah Burger, Zane Davis, Matthew Rolwing, Ryan Buttry, Johnathan Brewer.

Visitation, Sunday, March 08, 2020 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Ponder Funeral Home

Funeral Service, Sunday, March 08, 2020 2:00 PM Ponder Funeral Home

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In Memory of James Britton

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In Memory of James Britton

James Britton, son of Ruth Peters Britton and the late Ollie “Ott” Britton, was born on January 10, 1959 in Essex, Missouri and departed this life on March 1, 2020 at his residence in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 61 years.

Mr. Britton was a former employee of Brown Shoe Factory and he was a handy man for a saw mill. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dexter and the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his mother, Ruth Britton of Dexter.

Friends may call at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dexter on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 from 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

A Funeral Mass will then be conducted at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. with Father William Hennecke officiating.

Interment will follow in the Essex Cemetery.

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

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