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In Memory of Darrell Eugene Zimmerman

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In Memory of Darrell Eugene Zimmerman

Darrell Eugene Zimmerman, son of Pansy Leona Raybron Zimmerman and the late Melvin Eugene Zimmerman, was born in Bernie, Missouri on September 8, 1948 and departed this life at his residence in Bernie, Missouri on March 14, 2020 at the age of 71.

Mr. Zimmerman was retired from Union Pacific Railroad after 32 years. He was a member of Bernie Church of Christ.

He was united in marriage to Loretta Lois Goldman in Hillsboro, Illinois on January 27, 1968. Mrs. Zimmerman survives in their home in Bernie.

Other survivors include his wife, Loretta Zimmerman of Bernie, Mo.; by his mother Pansy Zimmerman of Bernie, Mo.; by one daughter, Tiffany Massingill & husband Chad of Dexter, Mo.; by one brother, Mike Zimmerman of Metropolis, Illinois; by two sisters, Sharon Durham & husband Kenneth of Bernie, Mo. And Judy Watkins of Ludowici, Georgia; by six grandchildren, Christin Sitzes & fiancé Cody Drummond, Olivia Sitzes, Joshua Sitzes, Kristen Davis & husband Chris, Lauren Hunsaker & husband Dalton and Brad Massingill & wife Izzy; by three great-grandchildren, Amelia Hunsaker, Krislyn Davis and Braxton Massingill; also by other relatives and many friends. He was preceded in death other than by his father, by one son, Danny Zimmerman; by one brother, Roger Zimmerman.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Monday, March 16, 2020 from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday afternoon March 17, 2020 at 1:00 P.M. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel in Bernie.

Stan Dauck officiating.

Interment will follow in Bernie Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home of Bernie in charge of all arrangements.

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In Memory of Elmer E. Wilson

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In Memory of Elmer E. Wilson

Elmer E. Wilson, son of the late Earl Wilson and Emmer Stewart Wilson, was born on May 3, 1922 near Bloomfield, Missouri and departed this life on March 13, 2020 at

Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter Missouri at the age of 97 years.

Mr. Wilson was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in World War II. He retired from the United States Postal Service in 1973, after 22 years of service. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Dexter and a resident of Dexter. Elmer was a member and past master of the Dexter Masonic Lodge #532 and he was a 33^o Scottish Rite Mason. He was a member of the Dexter American Legion Kenady-Hanks Post #59, the Disabled American Veterans in Dexter, and the Veterans of Foreign War in Puxico. He was a member of the Dexter Chapter #311, Order of the Eastern Star. He was a member of the Crossroads Scottish Rite in Dexter, Capaha Scottish Rite in Cape Girardeau, High Twelve in Jackson and the Moolah Shrine in St. Louis.

On October 5, 1945, in St. Louis, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Virgie G. Asbell. Mrs. Wilson preceded him in death on March 4, 2015.

He is survived by his grandson, Christopher Wilson and wife Kristi; by two brothers, R. D. Wilson of Mesa, Arizona and David Wilson of Dexter, Missouri; by three sisters, Veda Wilson of Memphis, Tennessee, Sara Williams of Florissant, Missouri, and Betty Lou Howard of South Haven, Mississippi; and by his great-granddaughter, Samantha Wilson.

Other than by his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Lawrence E. Wilson; by his daughter, Karen Lynn Wilson-Wariath; by his great-grandson, Michael Wilson; by three brothers, Amos Wilson, Oshal Wilson, and Harold Wilson; and by two sisters, Elizabeth Cassoutt and Thelma Wilson.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, March 16, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A Rose Croix service will be conducted on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Terryl Almond officiating.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

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

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In Memory of Rex Edward Keller

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In Memory of Rex Edward Keller

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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In Memory of Charles Ernest Hoffmann II

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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In Memory of Maurice J. Spore

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.

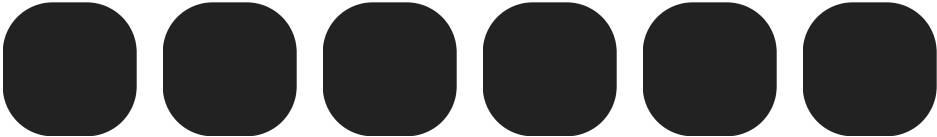
Graveside services will be conducted on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of all arrangements

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