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In Memory of Elenora Louise West

APRIL 19TH 2020 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Elenora Louise West

Elenora Louise West, daughter of the late Arl and Nola Hester Hartline, was born July 21, 1938 and went home to be with her Lord, April 17, 2020 at the Crowley Ridge Nursing Center, after a lengthy illness. She was a 81 years old and a resident of Dexter.

After graduating from Bloomfield High School in 1956, she married her high school sweetheart, Charles Leon West. Elenora was a member of the First General Baptist Church in Dexter, she was a wonderful Christian lady and was active in church until her illness.

During their marriage they lived in Malden, where Elenora worked for Artimis Manufacturing, after that she worked for her Uncle Archie at Hester Packing Company in Bernie. Her and Charles owned and operated Wilcoxsons Furniture in Malden and later Dexter. They also owned Wes-teete Shoes formerly known as Kestners Shoes, adding shoes, etc. later.

She is survived by her loving husband, Charles, of 64 years; by two sons, who were the light of her life, Kerry West and wife Sharon of Frisco, Texas and Kevin West of Dexter; and by one sister, Gertie Hartline Rodgers and family of Warrensburg, Missouri. She also was greatly loved by her West sister-in-Laws, Donna and Verna; and her nieces and nephews. Other family and friends survive her passing.

A private, family only, funeral service will be conducted at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on April 21, 2020. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

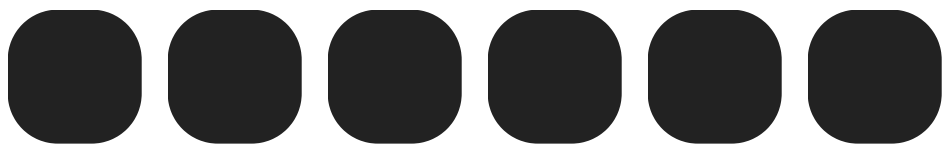
Memorials in her honor may be made to the organization or charity of choice.

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

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In Memory of Pansy Pauline Kleffer Link Darby

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In Memory of Pansy Pauline Kleffer Link Darby

Pansy Pauline Kleffer Link Darby, daughter of the late George Martin Kleffer and Lozettie Patterson Kleffer, was born on March 23, 1927 in Clewiston, Florida and was called to heaven on April 17, 2020 at Bloomfield Living Center in Bloomfield, Missouri at the age of 93 years.

Pansy was first united in marriage to Vader L. Link on August 28, 1951 in Essex, Missouri. She was a dedicated farm wife for 52 years before Vader preceded her in death on November 14, 2001. She did everything from keeping track of cows, calves, feed, or whatever was needed on a family owned farm.

Pansy worked a few jobs outside the home but her most important job was being a mom. She raised a lady who learned so much about being loving, caring and giving through life no matter what was thrown at her. Pansy always instilled the belief of being kind and thoughtful to others no matter what.

Later in life she became a wife again to James. L. Darby on January 18, 2003 in Bloomfield, Missouri. They enjoyed camping, going to dinner, playing dominoes and became involved with their Church until health forced her to step back. Mr. Darby survives of their home in Dexter.

Pansy loved to make different things for loved ones, like crocheting everything from blankets to potholders. She always kept her faith with reading the bible, studying the Sunday school lesson, and always with Prayer.

Pansy professed faith in Jesus Christ at the early age of 13. She attended New Bethel General Baptist Church in Dexter and was a resident of Dexter.

In addition to her husband, James, she is survived by her daughter, Brenda Gaines of Dexter; by three grandchildren, David Alberson of Jackson, Kelli J Channell of Dexter, and Ashleigh J. Briscoe of Inola, Oklahoma; by her step-son, Jerry Darby of Malden; by her step-daughter, Paula Holekamp and husband Richard of Jackson; by ten great-grandchildren; and by two great-great-grandchildren; as well as many other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her first husband; by her parents; by her brother, Charles Sonny Kleffer; and by three sisters, Georgia Zipse, Maxine Davenport, and Dorothy Baker.

A private, family only, funeral service will be conducted at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, April 20, 2020 with Rev. Jerry Darby officiating. Interment will follow in the Essex Cemetery.

Funeral services may be viewed via webcast at mathisfuneralhomes.com or on the Mathis Funeral Home Facebook page. Expressions of sympathy, honoring Mrs. Darby, will be accepted at the funeral home.

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

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In Memory of Ilene E. Worth

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In Memory of Ilene E. Worth

Ilene E. Worth, daughter of the late Arthur Lee Smith and Elma Rogers Smith, was born on April 8, 1932 in Essex, Missouri and departed this life on April 17, 2020 at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 88 years.

Mrs. Worth was a former bookkeeper for Malone & Hyde in Sikeston, Missouri. She was a member of the Olive Branch General Baptist Church in Essex and the Essex Order of the Eastern Star. Also, she and her husband were pastors of numerous General Baptist Churches in the area.

She was united in marriage to Rev. Willis Henry Worth on October 17, 1948 in Bloomfield, Missouri. Rev. Worth preceded her in death on June 16, 2016.

She is survived by her son, Eugene Worth Jr. of Morehouse; by three daughters, Pamela J. Dowdy of Dexter, Teresa Worth of Dexter and Sandra Nicole Worth of Sikeston; by her sister, Irene Jordan of Dexter; by eight grandchildren, Amy Beth Dowdy, Matthew Dowdy, LaTisha Ivy, Heather Annesser, Shawn Goodman, Jessie Sanders, Lee Bloomfield III and Hannah Worth; by twenty-one great-grandchildren; by eight great-great-grandchildren; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Robert Smith, Carl Smith, Louie Smith and Arthur Lee Smith.

A private, family only, funeral service will be conducted at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, April 20, 2020. Interment will follow in Essex Cemetery.

Funeral services may be viewed via webcast at mathisfuneralhomes.com or on the Mathis Funeral Home Facebook page. Expressions of sympathy, honoring Mrs. Worth, will be accepted at the funeral home.

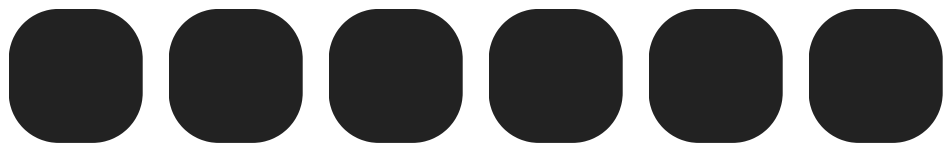
Memorials may be made to the Stars and Stripes Museum, 17377 Stars and Stripes Way, Bloomfield, MO 63825

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

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In Memory of Pauline Jackson Gaskins

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In Memory of Pauline Jackson Gaskins

Pauline Jackson Gaskins, daughter of the late Lon Jackson and Jessie Gertrude Parks Jackson, was born on December 27, 1928 in Aid, Missouri and departed this life on April 16, 2020 at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing in Dexter, Missouri and the age of 91 years.

Mrs. Gaskins was a member of Liberty Hill General Baptist Church in Aid and a homemaker.

On May 24, 1952, she was first united in marriage to George Kotoff. Mr. Kotoff preceded her in death on September 22, 2005. She was then united in marriage to Cleo Gaskins. Mr. Gaskins preceded her in death on August 14, 2018.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Jean Jackson; and by several nieces and nephews.

Other than by her husbands and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Gerald Jackson and Farrell Jackson; and by her sister, Geraldine Jackson-Pelat.

A private, family only, graveside service will be conducted at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield on Wednesday, April 22, 2020.

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

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In Memory of Flossie Lee Craft

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In Memory of Flossie Lee Craft

Flossie Lee Craft, daughter of the late Oscar Turner and Bertha Mae Stevens Turner, was born on June 9, 1935 in Lilbourn, Missouri and departed this life on April 15, 2020 at her residence in Bernie, Missouri at the age of 84 years.

Mrs. Craft was a homemaker and of the Baptist faith.

She was united in marriage to Leon Craft in Hernando, Mississippi. Mr. Craft preceded her in death on November 7, 1964.

She is survived by six sons, David Craft of Dexter, Billy Craft of Bernie, Danny Craft of Bernie, Robert Craft of Bernie, Mike Craft of Kennett, and Keith Craft of Dexter; by five daughters, Linda Strickland of Puxico, Patricia Riddell of Malden, Marilyn Rushing of Dexter, Marlene Craft of Bernie, and Kayeela Sugg of Dexter; and by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A private, family-only, funeral service will be conducted at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, April 17, 2020 with Rev. Callum Reavey officiating. Interment will follow in the Bethany Cemetery.

Funeral services may be viewed via webcast at mathisfuneralhomes.com or on the Mathis Funeral Home Facebook page. Expressions of sympathy honoring Mrs. Craft will be accepted at the funeral home.

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

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