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In Memory of John William “Bill” Wheeler

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In Memory of John William “Bill” Wheeler

John William “Bill” Wheeler, son of the late Lawrence Wheeler and Mary White Wheeler, was born on March 25, 1927, in Centerville, Iowa and departed this life on May 17, 2020 at his residence in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 93 years.

Mr. Wheeler lived in Green City, Iowa until he was eight years of age, when his father, a Methodist minister, moved the family to St. Louis, Missouri. He attended McKinley High School and played in the High School Band.

Bill enlisted in the United States Navy and served his first tour with intentions of re-enlisting until he met the love of his life and married Anita Bell Wallen on April 17, 1948, in St. Louis, Missouri. Mrs. Wheeler preceded him in death on December 25, 2007.

Bill has been a member of the Dexter community since 1975. He was the owner of Bill Wheeler Meats. He was an active member of the Faith Lutheran Church in Dexter, where he sang in the choir and he was a lifetime member of the Dexter Lions Club.

He is survived by his son, John William Wheeler Jr. and wife Eloise of Birch Bay, Washington; by four daughters, Jo Ann Balven and husband Glenn of Wright City, Missouri, Dorothea Schmidt and husband Steven of Dexter, Missouri, Robin Jane Wheeler of Springfield, Missouri, and Tracy Craft and husband Kevin of Bernie, Missouri; by his son-in-law, Wayne Klobe of Ferguson, Missouri; by thirteen grandchildren, Jason, Christy, Raquel, Rocky, Johnathan, Stephanie, Christopher, Mary Beth, Jeremy, Nathaniel, Nena, Gannon, and Conner; and by sixteen great-grandchildren.

Other than by his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Susan Elizabeth Klobe; and by two sisters, Dorothea Bante and Betty White.

A memorial service will be planned for a later date.

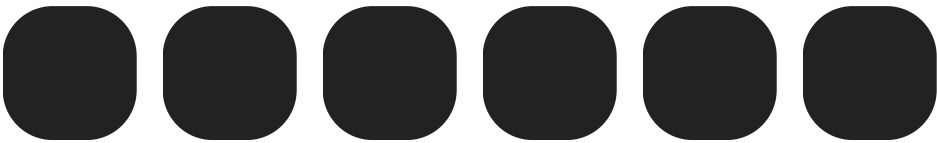
Memorials may be made in honor of Bill to the Faith Lutheran Church in Dexter or a charity of choice.

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

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In Memory of Josephine Koch Hueckel

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Josephine Koch Hueckel, daughter of the late Joseph Koch and Edith Berry Koch, was born on December 23, 1928, in Dudley, Missouri and departed this life on May 18, 2020 at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Missouri at the age of 91 years.

Mrs. Hueckel was a member of the First Christian Church in Dexter. She was a homemaker, enjoyed working on the family farm, and was a resident of rural Dexter.

She was united in marriage to Newby “Bud” Hueckel on September 3, 1949, in Piggott, Arkansas. Mr. Hueckel preceded her in death on April 24, 2009.

She is survived by two daughters, Rita Speight and husband Larry of Dexter and Mary Lynn Green of Bernie; and by two grandchildren, Sarah Moore and Dustin Ward.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sons-in-law, Steve Ward and Rod Green; by two brothers, Frank Koch and Ervel Koch; and by her sister, Violet Pickett.

A private, family only, funeral service will be conducted at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, May 21, 2020 with Rev. Mike Williams officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

Funeral services may be viewed via webcast at mathisfuneralhomes.com or on the Mathis Funeral Home Facebook page.

Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church, PO Box 295, Dexter, Missouri 63841 or the Bernie United Methodist Church, PO Box 850, Bernie, Missouri 63822.

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In Memory of Karen Ann Kruse

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In Memory of Karen Ann Kruse

Karen Ann Kruse, daughter of the late Ralph Burnett and Louise Snider Burnett, was born on July 18, 1949 in Dexter, Missouri and departed this life on May 17, 2020 at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri at the age of 70 years.

Mrs. Kruse was the former pastor of Faith Fellowship Church in Dexter. She was also a beautician and a resident of Dexter.

She was united in marriage to Jim Kruse on November 21, 2016 in Dexter, Missouri.

She is survived by her husband, Jim Kruse of Dexter, Missouri; by her son Edmond Wade Oldham of Springfield, Missouri; by two daughters, Jammie Sue Jenkins of Lubbock, Texas and Amanda Marie Oldham of Puxico, Missouri; by two brothers, Tim Burnett and wife Lisa of West Plains, Missouri and Adrian Burnett and wife Wanda of Bloomfield, Missouri; by two sisters, Sue Davidson and husband Davey of Dexter, Missouri and Kandie Funkhouser and husband Ronnie of Nashville, Tennessee; by her sister-in-law, Sherry Burnett of Dexter; by five grandchildren, Jacob Wilson, Randy Fincher, Nicholas Zerr, J. W. Simpkins, and Katlyn Hemerley; and by two great-grandchildren, Faith Hemerley and Colton Simpkins.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Dave Burnett, by her grandson, Jeffrey Swallows; and by her great-grandchild, Dacota Simpkins.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Funeral Services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Bonnie Cannell officiating.

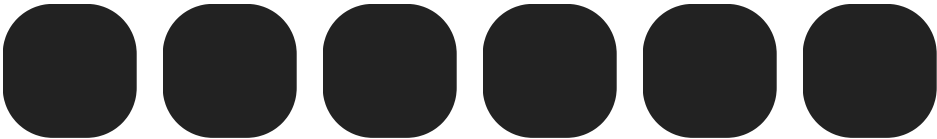
Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

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

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In Memory of Wanda Sue Vallejo

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In Memory of Wanda Sue Vallejo

Wanda Sue Vallejo, daughter of the late Dan Boone and Gracie Turner Bradley, was born on August 7, 1960, in Zion, Illinois and departed this life on May 16, 2020 at St. Louis University Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri at the age of 59 years.

Mrs. Vallejo was a former certified nursing assistant for Gideon Care Center and a homemaker. She was a member of St. Cecilia’s Parish Catholic Church in Kennett and a resident of Holcomb, Missouri. She loved raising her children and grandchildren.

She was united in marriage to Javier Vallejo on March 10, 2007, in Holcomb, Missouri.

She is survived by her husband, Javier Vallejo of Holcomb; by her son, Ronnie Johnson of Dexter; by two daughters, Alondra Gonzalez of Holcomb and Kari Martinez of Kennett; by her sister, Cheryl Vaughn of Dexter; by seven grandchildren, Jose Martinez, Corey Martinez, Troy Martinez, Gracie Gonzalez, Emma Johnson, Jayden Johnson, and J. C. Johnson; by four great-grandchildren, Elijah Martinez, Daniel Diaz Jr., David Diaz, and Daniella Diaz.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Terry Turner and by two sisters, Judy Read and Tammy Saffell.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, May 21, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted on Friday, May 22, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Tim Russell 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 Vicki Lynn Peters

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Vicki Lynn Peters, daughter of Donald Jackson and the late Janice Warren Jackson, was born on July 10, 1967 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri and departed this life on May 16, 2020 at Southeast Health of Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 52 years.

Mrs. Peters was a former hearing instrument specialist for Miracle Ear in Sikeston. She was currently a computer tech for Comcast and a resident of Dexter.

She was united in marriage to Robert Peters on March 20, 1988, in Dexter, Missouri. Mr. Peters preceded her in death on June 28, 2009.

She is survived by her father, Donald Jackson of Pyletown; by her longtime companion, Dave Midgett; by two sons, Kale Midgett of Dexter and Shawn Midgett of Dexter; by five daughters, Lauren Peters of Kennett, Emily Peters of Dexter, Sara Midgett of Dexter, Samantha Chamberlain of Dexter, and Lacey Brown of Cape Girardeau; by her brother, Jerry Jackson of Dexter; by five grandchildren, Bryer Billingsley, Cole Midgett, Silas Kiger, Parker Chamberlain, and arriving soon, Chloe Billingsley; and by a large group of friends and family that she dearly loved.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, May 21, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. with Stan Dauck officiating.

Interment will follow in the Smith Stevenson Cemetery in Dexter.

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

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