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In Memory of William "Bill" Ray Francis Sr.

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In Memory of William "Bill" Ray Francis Sr.

William "Bill" Ray Francis Sr., son of the late Joe Francis and Mable Joseph Francis, was born on March 31, 1938 in Pontiac, Michigan, and departed this life on June 17, 2020 at Bethesda Dilworth Skilled Nursing in St. Louis, Missouri, at the age of 82 years.

Mr. Francis was a veteran of the United States Army Reserves and the United States Air Force. He owned and operated a motorcycle shop and auto body repair shop; and he was an auto body repairman and mechanic. In later years, he loved working on boats.

He was united in marriage to Joyce Lee Creed in 1958, together they had five children and a lifetime companionship.

He is survived by his daughter, Joy Shaw of Edwardsville, Illinois; by four sons, William "Bill" Francis Jr. of St. Louis, Missouri, Richard Francis of St. Charles, Missouri, Steven Francis of St. Charles, Missouri, and Kenny Francis of St. Louis, Missouri; by his brother, Don Francis of Jacksonville, Florida; by his sister, Ruth Avery of Essex, Missouri; by fifteen grandchildren; and by seventeen great-grandchildren.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Vernon Francis.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, June 22, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Essex Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Stoddard County Honor Guard, PO Box 323, Bloomfield, Missouri 63825 or Stray Rescue of St. Louis, 2320 Pine Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63103.

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

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In Memory of Helen Margaret Chasteen

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Helen Margaret Chasteen, daughter of the late William Fields and Lydia Akers Fields, was born on December 5, 1927 in Malden, Missouri, and departed this life on June 17, 2020 at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 92 years.

Mrs. Chasteen was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Dexter. She was a homemaker and a resident of Dexter. She enjoyed working in her garden and canning her fresh produce. Together she and Gene enjoyed the St. Louis Cardinal games.

She was united in marriage to Gene Chasteen on February 11, 1950 in Piggott, Arkansas. Mr. Chasteen preceded her in death on December 16, 2016.

She is survived by four sons, Mike Chasteen (Brenda) of Sikeston, Keith Chasteen (Kristi) of Dexter, Scott Chasteen of Dexter, and Brad Chasteen (Jennifer) of Dexter; by two daughters, Laura Robinson (Norman) of Dexter and Beth Baker (Doug Cooper) of Dexter; by thirteen grandchildren Candice Jackson, Brian Robinson, Lindsay Jones, Emily Galloway, Whitney Smith, Drew Chasteen, Lacey Ritch, Madisson Riddle, Will Baker, Jessica Holder, Paige Chasteen, Tyler Chasteen, and Sophia Chasteen; and by eight great-grandchildren, Kaylea Chasteen, Emma Chasteen, Cooper Jackson, Marley Galloway, Zoe Jones, Lincoln Jones, Grayson Ritch, and Willow Smith.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by five brothers, Rayburn Fields, J. W. Fields, Sonny Fields, Donald Fields, and Jerry Fields; and by four sisters, Mary Lou Zissou, Wilma Shroy, Mildred Zelezic, and Ruby Mantia.

A private graveside service will be conducted Monday, June 22, 2020 in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

Memorials may be made to C.L.A.S.S. (Communities Loving and Supporting Students), 807 Bent Creek Estates, Dexter, Missouri 63841.

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

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In Memory of Peggy Louise Harris

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In Memory of Peggy Louise Harris

Peggy Louise Harris, of Florence, Alabama, formerly of Bloomfield, Missouri, was born February 10, 1930 in St. Louis, Missouri, and departed this life on Wednesday June 17, 2020 at North Alabama Medical Center at the age of 90 years, after a brief illness.

She married Billy Ferrell Harris on September 21, 1946 and he preceded her in death.

She was a member of First General Baptist Church in Bloomfield, Missouri, where she served as Sunday School Class treasurer and was on the food committee for several years until she moved to Alabama to be close to her son Donnie and his family. After moving to Florence, Alabama, almost 10 years ago, she became an active member of Forest Hills Baptist Church and served on the food committee. She enjoyed taking care of people especially her grandchildren, great grandchildren and a girl by the name of Abby Jerrell whom she cared for and loved like a granddaughter. She also enjoyed taking care of her roses. Mrs. Harris went to Beauty School in 1968, opened and operated her own salon until she retired on December 13, 1997.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Harris was preceded in death by her parents, Arbie and Nola Douglas; in-laws, Ernest and Minty Harris; son, Donald F. Harris; granddaughter, Shawna Harris; and brother, Bobby Douglas.

Mrs. Harris is survived by her son, Larry Harris of Hudson, Florida; by her daughter-inlaw, Leta Harris of Florence, Alabama; by three granddaughters, April Bearden of Florence, Alabama, Lora Ralston of Bristow, Oklahoma, and Heather Harris of Hudson, Florida; by her grandson, Jeremy Harris and wife Megan of Florence, Alabama; by five great-grandchildren, Ty and Dylan Ralston of Bristow, Oklahoma, Chelsie Harris of Hudson, Florida, Paisley Harris of Florence, Alabama, and Kennedy Bush of Florence, Alabama; and by her great-grandson, Alex Harris of Hudson, Florida.

A special thanks to the ICU nurses, Palliative Care nurses, and Dr. Lyman Mitchell of NAMC for all they did.

Visitation will be Saturday, June 20, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Greenview Funeral Home in Florence, Alabama.

Funeral services will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with Brother Rich Hardeman officiating.

Graveside services will be conducted on Sunday June 21, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in Bloomfield Cemetery, in Bloomfield, Missouri, with Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri, in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Estell Cook

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Estell Cook, daughter of the late Roscoe Manes and Ruby Smith Manes, was born in Yeal County, Arkansas on January 3, 1940 and departed this life at Gideon Care Center in Gideon, Missouri on June 17, 2020 at the age of 80.

Mrs. Cook was a homemaker and was a resident of Malden, Missouri.

She was united in marriage to Frank Cook in Blytheville, Arkansas on July 6, 1954. Mr. Cook survives in their home in Malden.

Other survives include three sons, James H. Cook & wife Georgia of Sikeston, Missouri, Robert E. Cook & wife Mona of New Madrid, Missouri and Paul T. Cook & wife Kim of Malden, Missouri; by one daughter, Linda F. Fowler & husband John of Modesto, California; by four brothers, Benjamin Manes & wife Kay and Charles Manes and & wife Pat all of Malden, Missouri, Gordon Manes & wife Pamela of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Danny Manes & wife Barbara of Farmington, Missouri; by one sister, Pauline Chase & husband Steve of Medford, Oregon; by twelve grandchildren, nineteen greatgrandchildren and three great-grandchildren; also by other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death other than by her parents by two daughters in infancy, Brenda Cook and Sue Cook; also by three brothers, Herbert Manes, Jackie Manes and James Manes; and by one sister, Willie Cook.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel at 12:00 P.M. with Rev. Chad Bles officiating. Interment will follow in Bernie Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home of Bernie in charge of all arrangements.

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In Memory of Sheena Lenett Hooper,

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Sheena Lenett Hooper, daughter of Nelvia Rainey Donaldson and the late Andrew Donaldson, was born in Cleveland, Ohio on September 21, 1983 and departed this life at her residence In Parma, Missouri on June 14, 2020 at the age of 36.

Mrs. Hooper was a CNA and had worked at Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland Ohio and also at Metro Health Medical Center in Cleveland. She was very musical and could play anything she picked up. She was a member of Bread of Life Ministries of Parma, Missouri.

She was united in marriage to Antonio T. Hooper in Cleveland, Ohio on August 1, 2009. Mr. Hooper survives in their home in Parma.

Other Survivors include her mother, Nelvia Donaldson; by two sons, Jordan Emmanuel Hooper and Josiah Benjamin Hooper both of Parma, Missouri; by one daughter, Serenity Andrea Hooper of Parma, Missouri; by two sisters, Latisha Yvonne Bobo of Parma, Missouri and Nelsie Mae Donaldson of Malden, Missouri; also by other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death other than by her father, by one sister, Andrea Densie Donaldson in 1981.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Monday, June 22, 2020 from 11:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M.

Funeral services will then be conducted at 12:00 Noon in the Mathis Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Macedonia Cemetery in Malden, Missouri.

Mathis Funeral Home in charge of all arrangements.

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