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In Memory of Patricia M Smith

JULY 27TH 2020 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Patricia M Smith

Patricia M Smith, daughter of the late Earl Cato and Nellie Estes Cato, was born on December 31, 1944 in Dexter, Missouri, and departed this life on July 25, 2020 at her residence in Bernie at the age of 75 years.

Mrs. Smith was a member of Unity Full Gospel Church in Bernie and a homemaker.

In 1960, she was first united in marriage to Harold Gregory, who preceded her in death, and to this union one son was born, Michael Gregory. In 2006, she was then united in marriage to Charles A. Smith.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Smith of Bernie; by her son, Michael Gregory (Sherry) of Bernie; by four step-sons, Chuck Smith of Perryville, Mike Smith of Advance, David Chad Smith (Jennifer) of Dexter, and Michael W. McCollough (Mary) of Dexter; by three step-daughters, Marie Oliver (Henry) of Essex, Lisa Smith of Dexter, and Kelly Edwards of Dudley; by four brothers, Earl Cato (Carolyn) of Louisiana, Richard Cato (Joan) of Tennessee, Dale Cato (Connie) of Bernie, and Clayton Cato of Bernie; by two sisters, Nancy Clay (Gary) of Seymore, Missouri and Judy Moore (Wayne Millington) of Bernie; by two granddaughters, Samantha Porter and Shawnta Walker (Joey); by three great-grandchildren, Bailey Porter, Ryker Walker, and Cypress Walker; and by several step-grandchildren.

Other than by her first husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Orville Cato and John Cato; and by her sister, Mary Duckworth.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Funeral Services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Royce Champion officiating.

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

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In Memory of Garry Dean Dorris

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Garry Dean Dorris son of the late Noah S. Dorris and Wilma Jean Whitehead Dorris, was born in Bernie, Missouri on August 27, 1946 and departed this life at Southeast Hospital

in Cape Girardeau, Missouri on July 22, 2020 at the age of 73.

Mr. Dorris was a farmer, a 50 year member of Bernie Masonic Lodge, and was of Baptist Faith having attended First Baptist Church of Bernie.

He was united in marriage to Linda Kaye Eaker in Malden, Missouri on August 26, 1972. Mrs. Dorris survives of their home in Bernie.

Other survivors include one son, Jeffrey Dean Dorris of Dexter, Missouri; by two daughters Kimberly Diane Cook & husband Paul of Malden, Missouri and Melanie Kay Riley & husband Jon of St. Charles, Missouri; by three sisters, Phyllis Mace of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Sharon New of Malden, Missouri and Bennetta Harrellson & husband James of Dexter, Missouri; by four Grandchildren, Shawn Cook & wife Emily, Shauna Cook, Kaitlyn Riley and Kyle Riley; by one Great-granddaughter, Eleanor Cook; also by other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death other than by his parents, by one brother, Jerry Dorris.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Saturday Morning, July 25, 2020 from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

Masonic Services will be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel in Bernie at 12:30 P.M. Saturday, Funeral services will then be conducted at 1:00 P.M. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Floyd Pyle & Rev. Gary Gilbert officiating.

Interment will follow in Malden Memorial Park Cemetery, Malden, Missouri. Mathis Funeral Home of Bernie in charge of all arrangements.

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In Memory of Charles Alfred Telker

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In Memory of Charles Alfred Telker

CHARLES ALFRED TELKER, age 89, of Charleston, died Friday, July 24, 2020, at the St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

He was born December 29, 1930, at St. Louis, MO, to the late John Telker and Helen Cecelia Bayus Telker. A 1948 graduate of the St. Henry High School in Charleston, he went on to study one year at Loyola University in New Orleans, LA. He then joined the U.S. Air Force and served during the Korean Conflict. Following his discharge from the U.S. Air Force, he returned to Southeast Missouri and completed his degree in biology and coaching. He then taught in Otterville, Michigan for four years before returning to Charleston where he taught 30 years in the Charleston R-1 School District. He was a member of the St. Henry Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, and the V.F.W. He had been a small engine air plane pilot, loved to hunt, fish and operate his HAM Radios.

On June 23, 1956, he married Ruth Ann Carr who survives of the home.

Also surviving are his children, Charlotte Ann Telker of Sikeston; Kenneth A. Telker of Charleston and Bruce E. Telker of Chaffee, and several cousins.

Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until funeral hour at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 28, 2020, at McMikle Funeral Home in Charleston. Rev. David Dohogne, pastor of St. Henry Catholic Church in Charleston, will officiate.

Interment will follow in the Calvary Cemetery near Charleston with full military honors.

Online condolences may be shared at www.mcmiklefuneralhome.com

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In Memory of Muriel Dirden

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In Memory of Muriel Dirden

Muriel Dirden, daughter of the late Grover Mosley and Juanita L. Webster Mosley was born on June 13, 1942 in Blytheville, Arkansas, and departed this life on July 18, 2020 at the Landmark Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 78.

Muriel was a member of the Dexter Church of Christ. She had volunteered with Thursday school and served in that capacity for many years. She enjoyed babysitting

children, and she loved and cared for each child as her own. She was a God-fearing woman, who loved reading and studying her bible. She also enjoyed listening to old Elvis albums.

She is survived by one daughter, Jeanna L. Mims and her husband Steven; by two grandchildren, Skylar Mims and Makenzie Mims; by one brother, Gerald Mosley; and by many nieces and nephews, whom she loved.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Ralph Mosley and by two sisters, Peggy Rangel and Pat Duval.

Visitation will be conducted at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, July 25, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel with Herman Morse 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 Lawrence “Fred” Hicks

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In Memory of Lawrence “Fred” Hicks

Lawrence “Fred” Hicks, son of the late Joseph Edward Hicks and Edith Cowin Hicks, was born on June 15, 1953 in Granite City, Illinois, and departed this life on July 19, 2020 at Princeton Health and Rehab Center in Princeton, Kentucky, at the age of 67 years.

Mr. Hicks grew up in Essex, Missouri. He was a former member of the Missouri Army National Guard, Unit 1221, in Dexter, Missouri, serving for 8 years. He was a former member and deacon at the Victory Temple Church in Dexter. He moved to Jackson, Missouri, where he was the former owner of Mr. Locksmith and attended the Cape County Cowboy Church.

He is survived by his son, Shawn Hicks of Princeton, Kentucky; by five brothers, Harold Hicks of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Eddie Hicks of Dexter, Missouri, Mike Hicks of Fairmont, Minnesota, Lenny Hicks of Marble Hill, Missouri, and Mark Hicks; by two sisters, Phyllis Lemons and Freda Cox, both of Dexter, Missouri; and by three grandchildren, Dalton Hicks, Blaine Hicks, and Cash Hicks, all of Princeton, Kentucky.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Darlene Busby.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, July 24, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Jim Matthews officiating. Interment will follow in the Chalk Bluff Cemetery.

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

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