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In Memory of Betty June Bippus Hester

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Betty June Bippus Hester, daughter of the late Cecil Bippus and Lottie Graves Bippus, was born on February 9, 1935 in Cotton Hill, Missouri, and departed this life on August 25, 2020 in Reeds Spring, Missouri, at the age of 85 years.

Mrs. Hester was a former cook for Southwest Elementary in Dexter, Missouri and she was a member of Advance First Church in Advance, Missouri.

She was united in marriage to Donald C. Hester on January 29, 1954, in Bloomfield, Missouri. Mr. Hester preceded her in death on November 5, 1985.

She is survived by two sons, Carl F. Hester and wife Glenda of Bloomfield and Paul A. Hester and wife Kimberly of Reeds Spring; by three sisters, Virginia Bowers of Advance, Sue Clubb of Puxico, and Debbie Fisher and husband John of Dexter; by ten grandchildren, Joshua Hester and wife Rebecca of Dudley, Angela Hester of Bourbon, Laura Hester Davis and husband Ryan of Smithville, Ashley Hester and fiancé Mark McClintock of Dexter, Whitney Andrews and husband Bill of Forsyth, Justin Hester, Jeffery Davis, Jeremy Davis, Raychel Dooley, and Jimmy Kertz and wife Cassandra, all of Reeds Spring; by twenty-two great-grandchildren, Olivianna, Luke, Avalyn, Kailey, Jayden, Xander, Rebekah, Kendall, Amelia, Caroline, Emily Eyan, Emery, Ely, Lindsey, Carson, Lexi, Rheanna, Cameron, James, Noah, and Lindsay; by two great-great grandchildren, Kendall and Callie; and by many nieces, nephews, friends and family.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, August 28, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel on Friday, August 28, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. with Rev. Josh Hester officiating.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting the family with all arrangements.

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In Memory of Melvin “Buddy” Blake

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Melvin “Buddy” Blake, son of the late Melvin Blake and Myrtle Jones Blake was born in Malden, Missouri on May 17, 1941 and departed this life at his residence in Dexter, Missouri on August 26, 2020 at the age of 79.

Mr. Blake had been a line worker at IXL, Ames True Temper in Bernie, Missouri before his retirement.

He was united in marriage to Francis Lacey in New Madrid, Missouri on April 28, 1975. Mrs. Blake preceded her husband in death on April 6, 2003. He later married Faith Duemmel in 2011. Mrs. Blake survives in Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

Other survivors include one son, Kenneth Turner & wife Carol of Campbell, Missouri; by one daughter, Beth Blake of Bernie, Missouri; by one brother, Lannie Blake of Malden, Missouri; by three sisters, Shelby Fitzgerald & Eulene Edwards both of St. Louis, Missouri, also by Judy Vandergriff of the state of Texas; by six grandchildren; also by other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death other than by his parents and by his first wife, by one daughter, Lavonda Brown.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Monday, August 31, 2020 from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

Funeral Services will then be conducted at 1:00 P.M. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Bryan Johnson officiating.

Interment will follow in Bernie Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home of Bernie in charge of all arrangements.

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In Memory of Anna Lee Denson

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Anna Lee Denson, daughter of the late Harvey Knotts and Mary Hopkins Knotts, was born on July 14, 1918 in Campbell, Missouri, and departed this life on August 25, 2020 at Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 102 years.

Mrs. Denson and her husband owned and operated Denson Lumber Company in Parma, Missouri, for over 30 years. She was a member of the Dexter Church of Christ and a resident of Dexter.

She was united in marriage to Oscar D. Denson on December 31, 1936 in Kennett, Missouri. Mr. Denson preceded her in death on February 28, 2002.

She is survived by five generations, including her son Jimmy Denson and wife Barbara of Wappapello, Missouri; her daughter, Dawna Carter and husband Landall of Dexter, Missouri; her sister, Dixie Lowe of Kansas City, Missouri; five grandchildren, Kyle Carter, Summer Dunkin, Dale Denson, Shelley Hollis, and Jimmy Joe Denson; and by fourteen great-grandchildren, many great-great grandchildren, many great-great-great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers Ivan Knotts, Everett Knotts, Herbert Knotts, and Andrew Knotts; by her sister, Oletta Lowe; and by her grandson, Brian Denson.

Private funeral services will be conducted at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter with Kyle Carter officiating. Interment will follow in the Malden Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Children's Homes Inc., 5515 Walcott Road, Paragould, Arkansas 72450-3319.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting the family with arrangements.

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In Memory of Teresa Zanette Dudley

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Teresa Zanette Dudley, 63, of Dexter, Missouri, passed away Monday, August 17, 2020 at Evelyn's House in St. Louis, Missouri. She was born on January 23, 1957, in St. Louis, Missouri, to the late GH Parsons and Bonnie (Craft) Parsons.

Survivors include three daughters: Melissa (Justin) Pace of Camas, Washington, Lauren (Clinton) Curtis of Jonesboro, Arkansas, and Jamie Dudley of Dexter, Missouri; six grandchildren: Jacob Ferguson, Jillian Johnson, Ethan Pace, Gabriel Johnson, Troy Pace, and Anneliese Johnson all of Camas, Washington; and one grandchild on the way.

Teresa is preceded in death by her parents, her maternal grandparents, Reben and Zana Craft, and her paternal grandparents, James and Minnie Parsons.

Cremation has been accorded and a private graveside service will be held at Sadler Chapel Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri, at a later date.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Linda Sue Calvert

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Linda Sue Calvert, 71, of East Cape, formerly of Cairo, passed away at 3:20 AM on Friday, August 21, 2020 at her home.

Linda was born in Cairo on August 31, 1948 to John Whitehead and Patsy Dodd Whitehead. She married Edwin Calvert on December 23, 1966.

She worked as a cook at Witz's Restaurant in East Cape. She loved to play bingo, work in the yard with her flowers, and fish with Ed.

She is survived by her husband, Edwin Calvert; son, Timothy Calvert; daughters, Kimberly Rains and Jennifer Schmitt; four grandchildren, Cora, Shelby, Kaci, and Charlie; four great grandchildren, Corbin, Luke, Eli, and Parker; two great great grandchildren, Gracelyn Mae and Willa Grace; two sisters, Sharon Williams and Pam Boyd, and one brother, Tom Williams.

Linda was preceded in death by a son, Terry Calvert; her mother, Patsy Williams; father, John Whitehead; and a brother, Curtis Whitehead.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on Saturday, August 22, 2020 at Crain Funeral Home in Cairo.

Funeral services will begin at 3:00 pm on Saturday at the funeral home with Rev. Larry Potts officiating. Interment will follow at Green Lawn Memorial Gardens.

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