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In Memory of Ronald DeWayne Clark

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In Memory of Ronald DeWayne Clark

Ronald DeWayne Clark, son of the late Stephen Clark and Ludie Burris Clark, was born on November 10, 1956 in Kennett, Missouri, and departed this life on October 4, 2020 at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Missouri at the age of 63 years.

Mr. Clark was a Veteran of the United States Army; serving in a nuclear artillery unit, in the Cold War, along the Soviet Border. He was a former manager for the Dollar Store and a resident of Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

On October 15, 1988, in Bell City, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Sandra Ritchie. Mrs. Clark survives of their home in Poplar Bluff.

In addition to his wife Sandra, he is survived by his son, Brandon Clark of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; by his daughter, Jessica Bencivenga of Crestview, Florida; by his sister, Kathy Lippencott of Green Valley, Arizona; and by his granddaughter, Sadie Harrison.

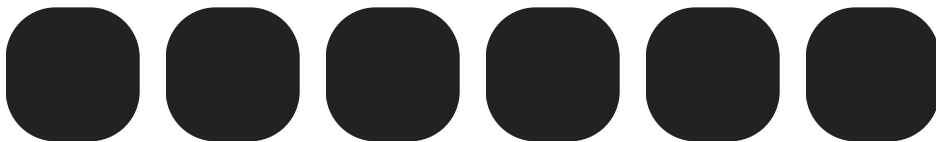
Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers, Gene Clark, Jim Clark, Marvin Truman Clark, Ray Clark and Richard Clark; and by six sisters, Betty Dillion, Carolyn Lacy, and four in infancy.

Graveside services will be conducted in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield on Friday, October 16, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. with full military honors.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Bonnie Jo Gibbs

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[In Memory of Bonnie Jo Gibbs](#)

Bonnie Jo Gibbs, daughter of the late Hugh Lay and Kathryn McRoy Lay, was born on July 8, 1941 in Bell City, Missouri, and departed this life on October 4, 2020 at West Ridge Place Assisted Living in Sikeston, Missouri, at the age of 79 years.

Mrs. Gibbs was a member of the First General Baptist Church in Bloomfield, Missouri. She was a homemaker and a resident of Bloomfield.

In January of 1965, in Circle City, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Roger Lee Gibbs.

She is survived by her husband, Roger Gibbs of Bloomfield; by her son, Brett Gibbs of Bloomfield; by two daughters, Amber Duvall and husband Lloyd of Pevely and Ginger Gibbs of St. Louis; by two sisters, Sharon Jones of Sikeston and Debbie Parks of Dexter;

by her grandson, Ryan Duvall; and by many nieces and nephews. Bonnie was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Patsy Griffin.

A memorial service will be conducted at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Steve Morrison officiating..

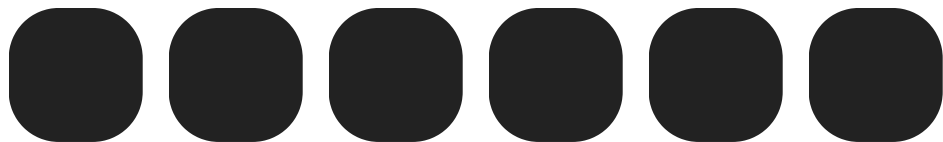
Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 9370 Olive Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63132-3253

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In Memory of Beulah Marie James Timberlake

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In Memory of Beulah Marie James Timberlake

Beulah Marie James Timberlake, daughter of the late William Lunsford and Cara Marie Jordan Lunsford Jones, was born in Advance, Missouri on January 3, 1932 and departed this life at her residence in Bernie, Missouri on October 4, 2020 at the age of 88.

Mrs. Timberlake was a homemaker and a member of River of Life Church in Dexter, Missouri.

She was united in marriage to Lester James on March 13, 1950, Mr. James preceded his wife in death on April 11, 2014. She was united in marriage to Clyde Richard Timberlake on November 26, 2016, Mr. Timberlake preceded his wife on November 8, 2019.

Other survivors include two sons, Danny James & Jayne of Dexter, Missouri and LeRoy James & Ange of Kansas City, Missouri; by three daughters, Beverly Lintz & Connie of Bernie, Missouri, Debbie Jones of Jefferson City, Missouri and Allison Williams & Stephen Wayne of Bernie, Missouri; also by several grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; also by other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death other than by her parents and her husbands, by four brothers, Eugene Lunsford, Doyle Lunsford, W.D. Lunsford and JR. Lunford.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home on Thursday, October 8, 2020 from 10:00 A.M. until 11:45 A.M.

Graveside services will be conducted in the Bernie Cemetery on Thursday, October 8, 2020 starting at 12:00 Noon. Rev. Bill Pennington officiating.

Interment will follow. Mathis Funeral Home of Bernie in charge of all arrangements.

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In Memory of MSG Loyd V. Garner

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In Memory of MSG Loyd V. Garner

MSG Loyd V. Garner, son of the late Robert A Garner and Cora Lee DeArman Garner was born on December 7, 1935 at the family farm between Pyletown and Dexter, Missouri. He was a victim of the Covid 19 pandemic, and lost his fight with this terrible disease at Missouri Veterans Home in Cape Girardeau, MO on September 29, 2020. He was surrounded by medical professionals, other veterans, the wonderful home staff, and his loving wife, Linda Wright Garner, was holding his hand. He made the comment, he had a good woman. Their patients are not alone. Let your heart be comforted, because those risking their lives love them, too. His daughter, Janet Garner Guethle, and son-in-law, Francis Guethle live in the middle of his hay field. They will miss him greatly.

Mr. Garner was a Veteran of the Missouri National Guard. He started his career in 1954, at the age of 18, as a weekend warrior with a unit that would one day become his beloved 1221st Transportation company. He was a member of the Dexter Church of Christ. He worked for C R Trotter, as a senior in high school. He graduated in 1954 from Dexter Senior High. He became a registered land surveyor, and co-owner of Trotter Associates. He served as state President of Missouri Association of Registered Land Surveyors. He enlisted full time in the MO National Guard in 1985. He went to Jefferson City for a year, and was promoted to E8. A new unit was formed, HQ 4th Combat Support Battalion Main, in Poplar Bluff. He served as operations sergeant until his retirement at age 60 in 1995. No doubt he would have stayed in if there hadn't been an age requirement.

Mr. Garner was from a family of 13 children. He is survived by Robert D Garner, Marvin A Garner, and Maxine Gillis. He was preceded in death by brothers Lester, Ivan, Hubert, Chester, Larry, and Lewis Garner. He was preceded in death by sisters, Myrl Cook, Emma Stallion, and Norma Grubbs.

Uncle Loyd was grandfather in spirit to many many children. Just ask his fishing buddies at his pond. They were all his family. This was not just Garners, there are Wrights, Kelleys, Grubbs, Menleys, Gillis, Davis, Stallion, Cook, Williams, and many other branches of his family tree. You didn't have to grow on his tree from the roots, he just grafted you on.

Loyd was the person who didn't tell you he was there if you needed something. That's right. He was the guy who got his tools, tractor, truck, food, or money and showed up at your door to fix it. You took it to Loyd, and he fixed it for you. Even with Parkinson's he had a need to do something for someone. Whether it was getting a plate for you at the reunion, or pushing your child on a ride on his walker.

Bob Garner would ask Loyd to come help "the children". Loyd never talked about it much. They were doing volunteer work and donating things to the Children's Home, Inc. which is home based in Paragould, AR. They have a farm program that provides healing therapy to families. This includes fishing, gardening, cattle, horse therapy, and other farm related activities. The family asks that donations be made specifically to the Farm Fund account at Children's Home, Inc. www.childrenshomes.org 870-239-4031.

He was also a big supporter of the Garner Family annual reunion at the Bootheel Youth Camp. For over 30 years he was one of the first ones at camp to get it ready. His greatest hope was that this tradition continued. The July Reunion was cancelled because of the Pandemic. I'm not sure he knew this. It would break his heart. Please continue to carry on his traditions at the family reunion. Grafted tree branches are welcome, also.

Covid-19 is airborne, and transferred person to person. In his honor, please protect yourself and others from giving it a host. If you had been on a Covid medical ward, you would know to take this very seriously.

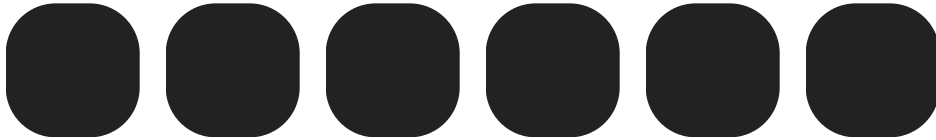
Funeral services will be conducted at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. with Jeremy Tucker officiating.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery with full military honors.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Ann Carol Messer

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In Memory of Ann Carol Messer

Ann Carol Messer, daughter of the late Glenn Ellis Mauldin and Zerah Lee Harmon Mauldin, was born on November 7, 1941 and departed this life on October 1, 2020 at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 78 years.

Mrs. Messer was a former employee of Federal Mogul in Malden, Missouri, working as a piston inspector. She attended the Bernie Nazarene Church and she was a resident of Bernie, Missouri.

She is survived by her daughter, Sheri Fulkerson of Bella Vista, Arkansas; by her sister, Ruthie Smith of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; by two grandchildren, Lindsey Henry and Ty Murray; and by six great-grandchildren, Arianna Murray, Alexis Murray, Noah Murray, October Fields, Bentley Samuels, and Hailey Wolfe.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Sam Mauldin and Loyee Mauldin; by her sister, Glenda Mays; and by her grandson, Jason Wolfe.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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