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## In Memory of Thelma A. Niehaus

OCTOBER 27TH 2020 BY DEE LOFLIN

### In Memory of Thelma A. Niehaus

Thelma A. Niehaus left this world to meet with her Lord and Savior Saturday October 24, 2020 at St Francis in Cape Girardeau with her son and his wife by her side. Thelma was born to Elmer C. and Maudie Schrader Ludwig in Risco MO on February 1, 1940. She was one of twelve beautiful children. She grew up and graduated from Risco High School and attended two years at SEMO University.

She married Thomas Shaughnessy and from that union Paul Stephen was born. They later divorced. She married Walter Niehaus on July 27, 1968. Walter adopted Paul as his own.

She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Dexter MO. Although she was unable to get to church these past five years due to her health, she loved listening to or watching the Lutheran Hour.

Anyone who knew Thelma knew she wasn't afraid of a little hard work (in fact she wasn't afraid of much of anything). She spent many years farming with her family and enjoyed every minute of it.

Sweet, sweet Thelma had a heart the size of the moon and always gave more than she ever received. God gave her a gift of feeding those around her whether it was with food, sharing Jesus or her love. She wanted everyone happy. Of course, she never knew a stranger. If she didn't know you, she probably knew someone who did. She touched people with her generosity and passion for life!

But there was nothing in this life she loved more than her son, her pride and joy, Paul Niehaus. And he loved her too! She was an amazing Mother, Grandma and Great Grandma. All of her grandchildren and great grandchildren cherished their Grandma Thelma. Their one-of-a-kind Grandma could put a smile on their faces with the silly stories she'd tell them over and over again.

Our Sweet Thelma is survived by her son Paul and his wife Glenda Niehaus. Four granddaughters April (Sam) Craig, Ashlee (TJ) Ringling, Kortnee (Sam) Goodman and Hayley Niehaus. Her grandson Hunter Niehaus. Five great grandsons, Colten, Kyle and Corey Craig and Peyton and Kelan Ringling. Five great granddaughters Emma Ringling, Kaylee and Gracee Pulsipher (Goodman), Ember and Elyssa Craig. Two sisters Norma (Ed) Macon, Georgianna Ludwig. Her brother Arlin Ludwig. One sister in law Marilyn (Jeanette) Ludwig. And numerous nieces and nephews.

Thelma was preceded in death by her husband Walter, her parents Elmer and Maudie Ludwig, her in laws Henry and Sophia Niehaus, siblings Elmer Jr. Ludwig, Maxine Goodwin, Schrader Ludwig, Anna Joyce, Robert (Bob) Ludwig, Norman (Sonny) Ludwig and one other brother and sister who both died at birth.

We'd like to thank the amazing people at Central Gardens in Dexter for the care they provided our Thelma for the past five years. We also thank the doctors and nurses at St Francis for taking great care of her the last week of her life. Thank you! You'll never know how much we appreciate all of you.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, November 1, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel on Sunday, November 1, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. with Pastor Justin Sponaugle officiating.

Family, Friends and others whose lives Thelma touched are invited to reminisce, grieve and support one another.

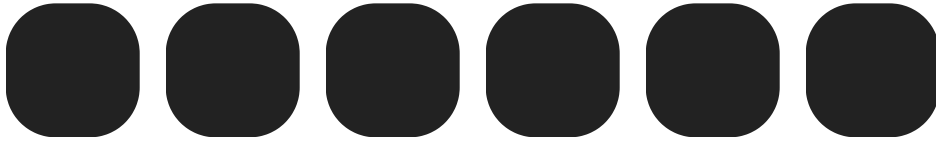
Burial will follow in the Hagy Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to a local charity or church of your choice.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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## In Memory of Diane Cluck

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### In Memory of Diane Cluck

Diane Cluck, daughter of Kay Miller Sontag and the late Floyd William Penny, was born on January 25, 1961 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and departed this life on October 21, 2020 at her residence in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 59 years.

Mrs. Cluck was of the Pentecostal faith and she was a homemaker.

She is survived by her mother, Kay Sontag of Dexter; by her son, Justin Cluck of Bernie; by two daughters, Amanda Morlan of Dexter and Erica Miller of Dexter; by two brothers, Walter Sontag of Dexter and Michael Sontag of St. Louis; and by eleven grandchildren.

Other than by her father, she was preceded in death by her brother, Randy Jany; and by her sister, Kristie Jany.

A memorial service will be conducted at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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## In Memory of Melvin J. Lewis

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Melvin J. Lewis, son of the late Homer Lewis and Irene Rector Lewis, was born on September 4, 1945 in Dexter, Missouri, and departed this life on October 22, 2020 at his residence in Broseley, Missouri, at the age of 75 years.

Mr. Lewis was a veteran of the United States Army. He was a former over the road truck driver for various companies.

He is survived by one son, Steven Lewis of New Madrid, Missouri; by four daughters, Rene Garcia of Southaven, Mississippi, Kristi Reed of Dexter, Missouri, Kelly Dunlap of Tennessee, and Sheila Renee Lewis; by three sisters, Blanche Sturgeon of Charleston, Missouri, Carolyn Patterson of Broseley, Missouri, and Wilma Lee Haley of Charleston, Missouri; and by nine grandchildren.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Katie Dunlap Perry; by six brothers, Frank Lewis, Ed Lewis, Emmett Lewis, Norman Lewis, Virgil Lewis, and Orville Lewis; and by three sisters, Lola Henson, Mary Duncan, and Ann Belle Harp.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, October 26, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. until 1:45 p.m.

Graveside services will then be conducted at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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# In Memory of June Faye Mathis

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## In Memory of June Faye Mathis

June Faye Mathis, daughter of the late John H. Lawrence and Chloe Robling Lawrence, was born on June 10, 1937 in Grayridge, Missouri, and departed this life on October 21, 2020 in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 83 years.

Mrs. Mathis formerly worked in retail sales for Stovall's Department Store and as manager of the Dexter Cato's store. She attended the First United Methodist Church in Dexter and was a resident of Dexter.

On October 31, 1953, in Sikeston, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Vernon Mathis. Mr. Mathis survives of their home in Dexter.

In addition to her husband Vernon, she is survived by two sons, David Mathis and wife Cathy of Wappapello, and Greg Mathis and wife Lisa of Dexter; by seven grandchildren, Ambre Curran, Eric Lawrence Mathis, Lauren June Starks, Aaron Mathis, Hannah Hindman, Hunter Mathis, and Elijah Mathis; and by nine great-grandchildren, Zach Curran, Jacob Curran, Madalyn Lockhart, Colton Starks, Camden Starks, Maurice Davis, Taylor Ward, Harper Mathis, and Blake Mathis.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, John Scott Mathis; by her brother, Jimmie Lawrence; and by her great-grandson, Xaiden Starks.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, October 25, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

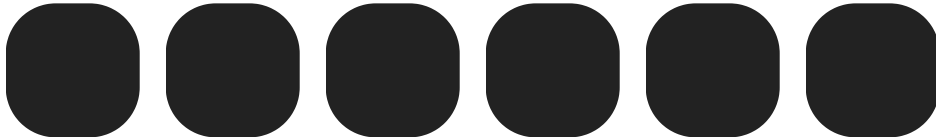
Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel on Sunday, October 25, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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## In Memory of Lois Alma Wiggs Roberts

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### In Memory of Lois Alma Wiggs Roberts

Lois Alma Wiggs Roberts, daughter of the late Odus Wiggs and Myrl Blackman Wiggs, was born on October 20, 1923, near Bernie, Missouri, and departed this life on October 19, 2020 at Winchester Nursing Center in Bernie, at the age of 96 years.

Mrs. Roberts was a former employee of Elder Manufacturing in Bloomfield, for 20 years, working as a machine operator, and she helped her husband on the family farm. Lois was a member of Liberty Hill General Baptist Church in Aid for 65 years, she played piano for the Aid Quartette for over 15 years, and sang with the Senior Choir of Dexter.

On July 22, 1940, in Bernie, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Paul Thomas Roberts, and to this union four children were born. Mr. Roberts preceded her in death on October 26, 2007.

She is survived by her son, Rick Roberts and wife Ramona of Essex, Missouri; by her daughter, Pauletta Fleeman of Alvin, Texas; by her brother, J. D. Wiggs of Springfield, Missouri; and by eight grandchildren, twenty-nine great-grandchildren, and fifteen great-great-grandchildren.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her son, baby Jerry Thomas Roberts; by her daughter, Shelby Jean McKay; by two sons-in-law, Leon McKay and James Fleeman; by three brothers, John Wiggs, Rev. Glen Wiggs, and Chalmer Wiggs; by two sisters, Naomi Stewart and Dorris Dorris; and by four grandchildren, Annette Warren, Carrie Cloyd, Jerry McKay and Jeremy Fleeman.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, October 23, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel on Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Ron Williams officiating.

Interment will follow in the Bloomfield Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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