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In Memory of Linda Ruth Miller (Lovins)

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Linda Ruth Miller (Lovins), 75, of Bernie, Missouri, died on November 6, 2020 at Poplar Bluff Regional Hospital. Born to James “Buddy” and Ruth Nell Lovins on February 5, 1945.

She is survived by her husband Elmer Gene Miller of the home; son Michael Mason; daughter Kelly Mason; brother James “Buster” Lovins; and sister Kathy Cagle. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister Joyce Hicks. She was loved and adored by all who knew her; her nieces & nephews, in-laws, extended family, and fellow parishioners at the Bernie General Baptist Church.

Linda was owner/hairdresser at Marvin’s Headquarters in Dexter, Missouri, and Mason’s Beauty Salon in Bernie, Missouri, for many years. She was an avid gardener, musician, a huge St. Louis Cardinals fan, and fantastic cook.

A private graveside service is planned for immediate family members.

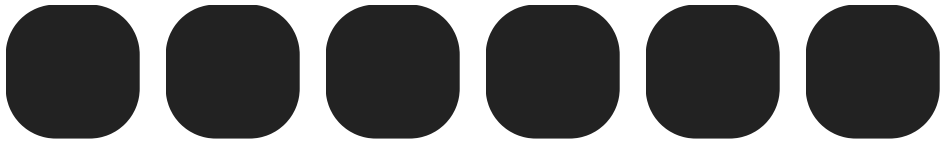
Memorials may be made in her name to the Stoddard County Children’s Home, P O Box 164, Dexter, MO 63841, in honor of her memory.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Reverend Richard “Wayne” Dismuke

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Reverend Richard “Wayne” Dismuke, son of the late Reverend R.T. Dismuke and Bernice (Ender) Dismuke, was born on February 1, 1948 and entered the gates of heaven on October 29, 2020 at the age of 72 in Franklin, Tennessee.

Before retiring, Wayne was the Senior Adult Pastor at Christ Church Nashville, and also served the congregation at First Baptist Church, Dexter, MO for 23 years as Youth Minister and Senior Pastor. Although Wayne retired from the ministry in 2015, he never stopped being a pastor. On June 9, 1973, he was united in marriage to his life and ministry partner Ann (Parks) Dismuke. Together they had two children, Scott (Dionne) Dismuke of Franklin, Tennessee and Amy Kelly (Jason) of San Diego, California.

Wayne was most proud of being a grandfather to his two grandchildren, Dyson Dismuke and Makenna Kelly. He loved his grandchildren deeply. Wayne’s passion was serving others through ministry and preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. He loved life and always looked for the humor in any situation. Wayne believed that laughter was the best medicine.

His impact on this world is immeasurable leading youth, adults and senior adults to Christ while ministering to them at youth camps, Disciple Now, Mission Trips, youth retreats, his senior adult ministry and even the local coffee shop.

Wayne loved the Lord, loved people and loved the St. Louis Cardinals, although the ladder usually caused him frustration with their lack of offensive production. He is survived by his wife, Ann, their children and his two grandchildren. He is also survived by his two sisters, Mary Gladys McCune of Eureka, MO and Carol Betts of Boise, ID, as well as many other family, friends and ministry partners.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date at the First Baptist Church in Dexter, MO.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to 18 FORE Life, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, MO 63841.

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In Memory of Steven Lloyd Triplett

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Steven Lloyd Triplett, 67, of Jena, Louisiana, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, October 31, 2020 at his home.

He was born on August 27, 1953, to the union of Lloyd and Jeanne Triplett, in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

He served his country in the United States Air Force as a medic at McDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida. He was very proud of his military service and the fact that he followed in the footsteps of his military father.

Upon discharge, he attended Hillsborough Community College where he received his Nursing Degree. He worked for the next 35 years at St. Joseph Medical Center in various capacities. He was a Life Flight nurse for 15 years. His remaining career was as an emergency room nurse and a stroke and heart nurse, prior to his retirement in 2015.

On May 8, 2010, Steve married Debby Hadley Mattison in Williamsville, Missouri.

After retirement, Steve and Debby moved to Jena, Louisiana. He fell in love with the area and the people. He loved being the “lawnman” on the property. He would spend hours working on the lawn, flowers and trees. He called it the farm and never wanted to leave it. He also loved to hunt and fish.

Steve served as Head Usher and Board Member of Sanctuary Worship Center. He loved his church and was always on hand to minister any way he could. He loved being involved in any and all ministry programs from the church.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lloyd Triplett; his brother-in-law, John Moore; and his nephew, Bradley Glover.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife Debby of the home; his daughter, Lauren (Jeremy) Burke of Tampa, Florida; two stepsons, Jason (Carissa) Mattison of Dexter, Missouri and Shawn (Jennifer) Mattison of Jacksonville, Florida; his mother, Jeanne Triplett of Dexter, Missouri; three sisters and one brother, Charlett (Kirk) Glover of Franklin, Tennessee, Sheryl (Bill) Fowler, Janet Moore, and Mike Triplett all of Dexter, Missouri; four step-grandchildren, Jason, Maggie, Ben, and Elijah Mattison; a niece; nephews; a very special family from Tampa, Florida, Kyle and Luna Wright, Hana and Landon who looked at Steve and Debby as adopted parents and grandparents; friends and extended family too numerous to name.

He was a loving father, brother, son, uncle, and friend. His home going has left a void in our hearts and lives. He will be greatly missed.

A ceremony of remembrance was held at Sanctuary Worship center on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 with Pastor Heath Harris officiating.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, November 6, 2020 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel on Friday, November 6, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. Interment will follow in Chalk Bluff Cemetery in Dexter, with full military honors.

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In Memory of Billy Gene “Sonny” Eaton

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Billy Gene “Sonny” Eaton, son of the late Albert Eaton and Lois Wilson Eaton, was born on August 9, 1934 in Essex, Missouri, and departed this life on November 5, 2020 at Cotton Point Living Center in Matthews, Missouri, at the age of 86 years.

Mr. Eaton was a veteran and retired from the United States Navy. He was a civil service firefighter, affiliated with Jehovah’s Witness faith and a resident of Dexter.

On April 5, 1956, in Union County, Mississippi, he was united in marriage to Jessie Faye Enlow. Mrs. Eaton preceded him in death on October 24, 2019.

He is survived by his sister, Virginia James and husband Lawton, of Dexter, Missouri; and by many cousins.

Other than by his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Gregory Alan Eaton; by his brother, Glen Eaton; and by two sisters, Evelyn Triplett and Ada Stacy.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, November 7, 2020 from 1:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted on Saturday, November 7, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. with Rev. Tim Russell officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery, with full military honors.

The Eaton family requests that everyone wear a mask.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Eva Pearl McNece

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Eva Pearl McNece, daughter of the late Tribble Edwards and Janie Lucille Charlton Edwards, was born in Kennett, Missouri on December 27, 1939, and departed this life at St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland, Illinois on November 5, 2020 at the age of 80.

Mrs. McNece was a homemaker and was a member of the Jehovah Witness Church.

She was united in marriage to Verl Leonard McNece in Bernie, Missouri on January 19, 1957. Mr. McNece preceded his wife in death on January 9, 2015.

Survivors include two sons, Terry McNece of Greenville, Illinois and Howard McNece & wife Johnnie of Pocahontas, Illinois; by four daughters, Kathy Myers & husband Joseph of Tuscola, Illinois, Janie Duckwitz of Effingham, Illinois, Phyllis Kruengel & husband Kenny and Shelia Yagow & husband Steve all of Altamont, Illinois; by three brothers, Jim Edwards, Ben Edwards and Jack Edwards; by one sister, Sue Davis; also by twelve grandchildren and Numerous Great-Grandchildren; also by other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death other than by her parents and her husband, by one son, Carl McNece and by four brothers.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home on Sunday, November 8, 2020 from 12:00 Noon until 1:00 P.M. Graveside services will be conducted at Bethany Cemetery, Sunday, November 8, 2020 starting at 1:30 P.M. Interment following.

Mathis Funeral Home of Bernie, Missouri in charge of all arrangements.

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