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In Memory of William Thomas “Bill” Bradshaw, Jr

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William Thomas “Bill” Bradshaw, Jr., the son of the late William Thomas and Lema Ora Dixon Bradshaw, was born March 29, 1934, in Marmaduke, AR.

On June 27, 1955, in Risco, MO, he was united in marriage to Alma Smelser. She preceded him in death on August 9, 2020.

He was an educator for numerous years, serving as both a principal and a superintendent. He also served in the United States Army.

Mr. Bradshaw died Sunday, November 15, 2020, in Cape Girardeau, MO, at the age 86 years, 7 months and 17 days.

He is survived by 2 sons, Joe Bradshaw and wife, Cindy of Cape Girardeau, MO and Jeff Bradshaw and wife, Ronda of St. Louis, MO; 6 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; 1 brother, Ben Bradshaw of Malden, MO; 1 sister, Bonnie Gunter-Allen of Little Rock, AR and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Alma Bradshaw and 1 great grandchild.

A visitation will be held Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at 10:30 A.M. at the Lynwood Baptist Church.

Funeral services will follow at 11:30 A.M., at the church, with Pastor Kevin Coffee officiating. Burial will be on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 11:00 A.M., in the

Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, MO, with military rites.

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In Memory of Karrol Lynn Howard

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Karrol Lynn Howard, daughter of Lois Busby Kratzer and the late Warren Caldwell, was born on May 26, 1965 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri and departed this life on November 14, 2020 at River Oaks Care Center in Steele, Missouri at the age of 55 years.

Mrs. Howard was a homemaker and a resident of Steele, Missouri.

She is survived by her mother, Lois Kratzer of Camdenton, Missouri; by her son Austin Bush of Advance, Missouri; by her daughter, Kandace Bush of Warrensburg, Missouri; by six grandchildren; by her companion, Tony Bell; and by several brothers and sisters.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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Daily Devotional - Wednesday, November 18, 2020 - A Life of Obedience

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John 14:23-31

As Christians, we know we should obey the Lord, because the Bible is filled with commands to do so. But not all obedience is equal, as every parent can testify. Out of love, some children willingly do what they are told, whereas others comply while filled with anger and resentment.

Jesus pointed out the correct motivation when He said, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word” (John 14:23). It’s our love for Christ that should fuel our obedience. In fact, the only reason we *can* love Him is because God first loved us (1 John 4:19). And here’s how much the Father cared about us, even before we had any interest in pleasing Him: He sent His Son to bear our sins and die in our place so that we could be forgiven. And when we receive Christ by faith, God pours His love into our heart through His Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:5).

God’s love for us and our resulting love for Christ compel us to obey Him in all things. Instead of trying harder to comply, perhaps we should ask God to give us more love for Christ—because the more we love Him, the better we can follow His voice.

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In Memory of Bruce Vancil

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Bruce Vancil, son of Doran Vancil and Wanda Jones Vancil of Dexter, Missouri, was born on December 8, 1955 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and departed this life on November 14, 2020 at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 64 years.

Mr. Vancil founded Dexter Bar-B-Que in 1983, in Dexter, Missouri. Over the next 37 years he expanded the business and opened locations in Sikeston, Cape Girardeau, Poplar Bluff, Jackson and Farmington. He was a member of Life Church in Sikeston and a resident of Dexter.

On July 29, 1979, in Dexter, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Kathy Norman. Mrs. Vancil survives of their home in Dexter.

In addition to his wife Kathy and parents, Doran and Wanda, he is survived by his son, Matthew Vancil and wife Faith Ann of Dexter; and by his sister, Angela Jones and husband Don of Dexter.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Wade Vancil and John Vancil.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, November 16, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. David Craig officiating.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

The Vancil family respectfully requests that everyone wear a mask.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38101

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Louise Ayers

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Louise Ayers, daughter of the late Henry Otto Roberts and Rhoda Samantha Flanigan Roberts, was born on February 16, 1937 in Lilbourn, Missouri, and departed this life on November 14, 2020 at Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 83 years.

Mrs. Ayers and her husband were the former owners of the Bloomfield Drive Inn in Bloomfield, Missouri. She was a member of the Liberty Hill General Baptist Church in Aid and a resident of Dexter.

On October 30, 1953, in St. Louis, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Glen Ayers. Mrs. Ayers preceded her in death on November 28, 2016.

She is survived by two daughters, Sharon Ayers of Dexter and Glenda Fortner and husband Larry of Dexter; by two brothers, Frank Roberts and Darel Roberts; by six grandchildren, Chris Fortner and wife Crystal, David Fortner and wife Jodi, John Fortner and wife Evie, Lisa Childers and husband James, Cheryl Fortner, and Hannah Fortner; and by seven great-grandchildren, Levi Fortner, Chelsea Fortner, Taryn Fortner, Kamdyn Fortner, Breanna Childers, Isabella Childers, and Dayton Fortner.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by six brothers, Otto Roberts, Glen Roberts, Harold Roberts, Carl Lee Roberts, Johnnie Roberts, and Norman Roberts; and by three sisters, Geneva Hessling, Juanita Ohminus, and Betty Sue Chitwood.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. with Rev. Joe Payne officiating.

Interment will follow in the Bloomfield Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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