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In Memory of James Kenneth Beacham

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James Kenneth Beacham, 81

It is with sadness we announce the passing of our beloved father. Known as Ken to his friends and Kenny to his family, he entered the world as the third child of George O. Beacham and Annie Lucille Wilson. He learned the ethic of hard work as he grew up on a farm with a brother, two sisters and nearby cousins. Later a third sister joined the family as he was finishing High School. He married the love of his life, Jerris Rhea Pelts in 1958, whom God called home 14 years ago.

They were blessed with four well-loved children who survive, Timothy Alan (Cathy) Memphis, TN, Scott Dean (Annette) Jacksonville, FL, Kenneth Wayne (Susan) Milan, TN and Jani Michelle Beacham (Jeff Scheutter) Nashville, TN. He is also survived by a brother Verlan (Hazel) Bernie, MO and three sisters, Mary Frances Farmer (Donald) Bernie, MO, Jeanice Tanner (Dale) Williamsville, MO, Andrea Beacham (Larry Loeppke) Alicante, Spain, 6 grandchildren Christopher Miller, Kelli Beacham, Brett Beacham, Katie Beacham, Peyton Beacham, Sara Beacham, and 3 great-grandchildren. He is also predeceased by wife Betty Peevyhouse.

He met thousands of people as a greeter at Englewood Baptist Church for over 30 years. He loved to hunt and fish in his youth and early adulthood. He always wanted to be busy making something out of a pile of components, or making something better by repair or restoration. In his “retirement” years, he made wooden clocks of various designs. He loved to use American hardwoods and made forays into the countryside in search of small

sawmills to select the finest stock. He was known for a warm smile and greeting, whether at the grocery or in line somewhere. Even in retirement, Dad worked part-time with those he considered his extended family at West Tennessee Bone & Joint. He managed to squeeze in a few minutes to drive the back roads of Madison County with the top down in his red convertible.

Like so many other families in 2020, and in consideration for the health of those he counted as friends and extended family, we will conduct a small service for family-only with a livestream for those that cannot attend (see funeral home website for details). Additionally, friends may wish to participate in a “drive-through” celebration under the portico at George A. Smith and Sons Funeral Home, 2812 North Highland, Jackson. Please line up beginning 3 PM, Tuesday, December 15, 2020. Private interment service in Dunklin Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, you may honor Dad with a donation to the charity of your choice.

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In Memory of Patricia S. Adkins

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Patricia S. Adkins, daughter of the late Edgar Palmer and Pearl Swan Palmer, was born on November 22 1954 in Bernie, Missouri, and departed this life on December 10, 2020 at her residence in Dexter, Missouri.

Mrs. Adkins was a former graphic artist for Craftmasters' in Sikeston and BA Promotions in Dexter. She attended the First Church of God in Dexter.

On December 28, 1974, in Bernie, Missouri, she was united in married to Kenneth Adkins, whom she loved and adored. Mr. Adkins preceded her in death on May 27, 2017.

Patty was a friendly, vibrant, and caring person who loved people. She loved playing board games, jigsaw puzzles, word games and family get togethers, but most of all she loved telling others about God's love and blessings on her life.

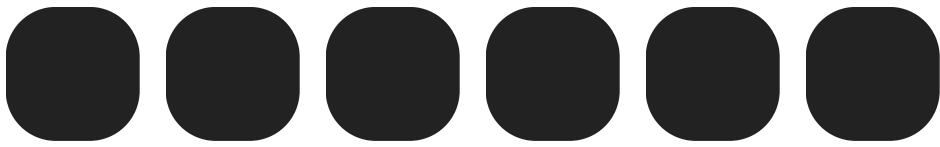
She is survived by her daughter, Kendra Cornman and husband Robert of Poplar Bluff; by four brothers, Michael Gerald Palmer of Crestwood, Theron Ray Palmer of Sikeston, Roger Dean Palmer of High Ridge, and Douglas Arnold Palmer of Jackson; by two sisters, Ann Audette Bratburg of Farmington and Mary Kay McGhee of Dexter; and by numerous nieces and nephews, other family members and dear friends.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her brother Brian Kent Palmer, and by two sisters, Sheryl Arlene Dinkins and Donna Gaye Botsch.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, December 14, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 10:30 am with Rev. Leonard Madigan officiating. Interment will follow in Bernie Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Elizabeth “Betsy” Ann Mais Hierholzer

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In Memory of Elizabeth “Betsy” Ann Mais Hierholzer

Elizabeth “Betsy” Ann Mais Hierholzer, daughter of the late Alexander J. Mais and Anna C. Schatz Mais, was born on April 6, 1927 in Verona, Missouri, and departed this life on December 9, 2020 at Mulberry Manor in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 93 years.

Mrs. Hierholzer was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dexter. She enjoyed volunteering as a tax preparer at the senior center in Aurora, Missouri. She was a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary in Aurora and the Holy Trinity Council of Catholic Women. She enjoyed needle point, cross stitch, sewing, and knitting. She lovingly cared for her husband, brother, and sister in their final days.

On July 23, 1947, in Verona, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Joseph F. Hierholzer. Mr. Hierholzer preceded her in death in January of 1997.

She is survived by two daughters, Mary Ann Taylor and husband Steve of Dexter, Missouri and Rebecca Hierholzer, MD and husband Jerry Negus of Leawood, Kansas; by three brothers, Joseph E. Mais of Phoenix, Arizona, James H. Mais and wife Fran of Green Valley, Arizona, and Charles S. Mais of Overland Park, Kansas; by two sisters, Carol White and husband Joe of Chester, Virginia and Virginia Mais of Aurora, Missouri; and by her grandson, Dr. Mack Taylor of Dexter, Missouri.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, John B. Mais and Raymond A. Mais; and by her sister, Mary Louise Crafton.

A funeral mass will be conducted at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dexter, Missouri on Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. with Father William Hennecke Jr. officiating. Interment will follow on Saturday, December 19, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Aurora, Missouri.

Memorials may be made to COVERSA (Collection of Victim Evidence Regarding Sexual Assault), 1317 West 13th Terrace Level 3A, Kansas City, Missouri 64102 or SEMO Health Network 6724 Hwy 77, Benton, Missouri 63736.

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In Memory of Weldon Reed Jones

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In Memory of Weldon Reed Jones

Weldon Reed Jones, son of the late James Jones and Cora Canady Jones, was born on June 21, 1926 in Bloomfield, Missouri, and departed this life on December 7, 2020 at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 94 years.

Mr. Jones was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving in World War II and he was a former employee of the City of Dexter. He was of the General Baptist faith and a loving, Christian father. He was a talented musician and gospel singer. He loved to talk about God, tell jokes and spend time with family and friends. While staying with his son, he attended Johnson Road General Baptist Church in Granite City, Illinois, and he loved all the people there.

On December 27, 1945 in Piggott, Arkansas, he was united in marriage to Louise Mae Kinser. Mrs. Jones preceded him in death on June 30, 2018.

He is survived by three sons, Cleatus Jones and wife Sue of Troy, Illinois, Weldon Jones and wife Bunny of Bloomfield, Missouri, and Don Jones and wife Sheila of Dexter, Missouri; by two daughters, Linda Kayler and husband Johnny of Dexter, Missouri and Cathy Chesnutt and husband Richard of Worden, Illinois; and by thirteen grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and five great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and by his granddaughter, Angela Kayler.

Graveside services will be held at Walker Cemetery in rural Bloomfield on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Tim Russell officiating.

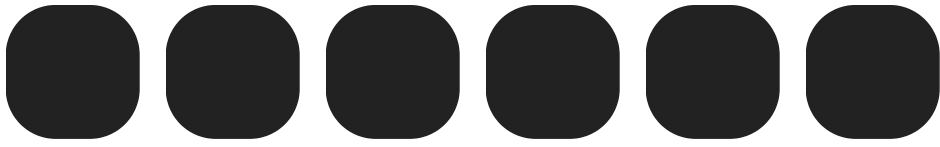
Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, PO Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023.

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In Memory of Michael (Mike) Mullen Clippard

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In Memory of Michael (Mike) Mullen Clippard

Michael (Mike) Mullen Clippard, was born on October 20, 1946 at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and departed this life on December 8, 2020 at Missouri Baptist Medical Center in St. Louis, Missouri, from complications of Covid-19.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Gail Clippard; by two sons Dr. Michael Clippard (Cathy) and Brandon Clippard; by two grandchildren, Anna Clippard and William Clippard; by his brother James Clippard (Faye); and by special friends Brian, Mandy, Emma, and Addie Crow. He is preceded in death by his parents, Wallis and Hazel Clippard; and by his brother, Joseph Clippard.

Mike graduated from Ouachita University in 1968 with a Bachelor of Music Education and furthered his music education at Arkansas State University by obtaining a Masters of Music Education degree. He started his teaching career in Clarendon, Arkansas where he led the high school band program for three years. He then moved to Dexter, Missouri to teach high school music at his Alma Mater. He was initially assistant band director under life-long music mentor and friend Mr. Howard Jones. "Mr. C", as he was commonly referred to by his students, retired after 31 years of teaching music education and leading the high school band program at Dexter High School.

Mike enjoyed many different hobbies including camping, hunting, fishing, and water skiing. During his retirement years, he became a skilled woodcarver, enjoying Native

American folklore and was a proud member of the Crowley Ridge Black Powder Club. Mike and Gail enjoyed many trips to Branson, Missouri. He also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, Anna and William. Mike never met a stranger and was a friend to everyone. He was a longstanding member of First Baptist Church in Dexter, Missouri, where he served as a Sunday School teacher and Deacon.

Visitation will be held at First Baptist Church in Dexter on Friday, December 11, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted at 12:00 p.m. with Rev. Don Kennedy officiating. Graveside services and Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery with Rev. Mark Smith officiating.

The Clippard family respectfully requests that everyone practice social distancing and wear a mask during the visitation and funeral services.

Memorials may be made to the Dexter Public School Foundation, c/o Mike Clippard/Dexter High School Band Program, 1031 Brown Pilot Lane, Dexter Missouri 63841.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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