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In Memory of Ronald Wade Mays

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In Memory of Ronald Wade Mays

Ronald Wade Mays son of the late Ottis Dee Mays and Zelma Marie Venable Mays, was born in Spokane, Washington on July 25, 1953 and departed this life at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau, Missouri on March 8, 2021 at the age of 67.

Mr. Mays was a farmer and a member of Bernie Church of Christ. He really enjoyed fishing with his Brother-in-law, David Burleson.

He was united in marriage to Sonja Nelson in Bernie, Missouri on December 17, 1977. Mrs. Mays survives in their home in Bernie.

Other survivors include one son, Derek Wade Mays of Bernie, Missouri; by two brothers, Kevin Mays & wife Robin of Bernie, Missouri and Jonathan Mays & wife Ashley of Paragould, Arkansas; by one sister, Cindy Burleson & husband David of Bernie, Missouri; by one grandchild, Kinley Frields of Dexter, Missouri; also by other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death other than by his parents, by one sister, Pam Pearce.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Thursday, March 11, 2021 from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. Funeral services will then be conducted at 12:00 P.M. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel with Stan Dauck officiating. Interment will follow in the Bernie Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to:

Children's Home

5515 Walcott Road

Paragould, Arkansas 72450

Mathis Funeral Home of Bernie in charge of all arrangements

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In Memory of Bonnie Frances King-Buchanan

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In Memory of Bonnie Frances King-Buchanan

Bonnie Frances "Fran" King-Buchanan, 71, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, passed away Monday, March 8, 2021 at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau. She was born August 18, 1949, in Cape Girardeau, to the late Rev. Therman Lee King and Norma Jean Cooper

King. She was united in marriage to Dwight Buchanan in January 1967.

Fran was a graduate of Bloomfield High School and attended Metro Business College. She worked as the Office Manager for Prairie Farms Dairy, General X-Ray, and HSCA, before retiring due to health issues. She was a member of Faith Baptist Church in Morehouse. Fran loved gardening, was a great cook, and enjoyed reading her bible. She loved her family and her dog, Anna.

Loving survivors include three children, Michael Scott Buchanan of St. Louis, Missouri, Rodney (Vicky) Buchanan of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and Kathy (Jerry) Sitz of Jackson, Missouri; by nine siblings, Betty (Perry) Metcalf of Bloomfield, Missouri, Cathy (Lavon) O'Neal of Prairieville, Louisiana, Dennis (Sherry) King of Fisk, Missouri, Connie (Gary) Hattaway of Alexandria, Louisiana, Regina (Stan) Mick, Robyn Berry, Becky (Mike) Maddox, all of Dexter, Missouri, Rhonda King of Columbia, Missouri, and Randy King of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; by two grandchildren, Dalton Buchanan and Dallas Buchanan; and by many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, ex-husband, maternal and paternal grandparents; by her sister, Tanya King Robinson; and by her nephew, Chris Berry.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Funeral services to follow in the Mathis Funeral Chapel at 2:30 p.m. with Rev. Tim Russell officiating.

Interment will follow in the Oak Ridge Cemetery in rural Bloomfield.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Leon Virgil Young

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Leon Virgil Young, son of the late Howard Glen Young and Genevieve Marler Young, was born on April 22, 1938 in Campbell, Missouri, and departed this life on March 7, 2021 at his residence in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 82 years.

Mr. Young was a former small engine mechanic for Rice Hardware and he had also worked for Paramount Headwear and Morgan Furniture. He was a member of the Dexter Evangelical Free Church and the Dexter Masonic Lodge.

On April 24, 1965, in Dexter, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Virginia Staggs. Mrs. Young survives of their home in Dexter.

In addition to his wife, Virginia, he is survived by two brothers, Cleatus Young and wife Frankie of Etta, Mississippi and Howard Byron Young and wife Maxine of Piggott, Arkansas; by nine sisters, Nadine Lemarr of Campbell, Missouri, Glenda Cates and husband Lewis of Clarkton, Missouri, Mildred Brown and husband Kenny of Greenville, Missouri, Frela Wilson and husband Sam of Yellville, Arkansas, Wanda Vangilder and husband Dennis of Yellville, Arkansas, Phyllis Dye and husband Kelly of Malden, Missouri, Catherine Clement and husband LeRoy of California, Missouri, Melba Clubb and husband Tom of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and Debbie Johnson and husband Henry "Bobo" of Clarkton, Missouri; by his mother-in-law, Vera Staggs of Dexter, Missouri; and by his sister-in law, Wilma Jean Staggs of Dexter, Missouri.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Genevieve Young; by two brothers, Leslie Young and Louis Young; by his father-in-law, Lloyd Staggs; and by his brother-in-law, Harold Staggs.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Greg Stevens officiating.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the charity of choice.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Helen Joan Coffey

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Helen Joan Coffey, daughter of the late Edward Lankford and Fern Kimbrel Lankford, was born on May 1, 1934 in Essex, Missouri, and departed this life on March 5, 2021 at Dexter Living Center in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 86 years.

Mrs. Coffey was a former Licensed Practical Nurse and had also worked as a Teacher's Aide at Central Elementary in Dexter, Missouri. She enjoyed gardening and walking, and was an avid reader. Joan was a devoted mother and grandmother and expressed her love through cooking.

On January 5, 1952, in Piggott, Arkansas, she was united in marriage to Curtis Coffey. Mr. Coffey preceded her in death on August 25, 2005.

She is survived by her son, Steve Coffey of Scottsdale, Arizona; by three daughters, Patty Lambert of Dexter, Missouri, Angie Keenan (Tom) of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and Cindy Burkemper (Gary) of O'Fallon, Missouri; by three grandchildren, Mike (Jennie), Andy (Kami), and Sarah; and by four great-grandchildren, Tyler, Eli, Karsyn, and Noah.

Graveside services will be conducted at Dexter Cemetery on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Gary De Arman

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Gary De Arman, son of the late Carl De Arman and Verna Davis De Arman, was born on August 28, 1945 and departed this life on March 5, 2021 at Winchester Nursing in Bernie, Missouri, at the age of 75 years.

Mr. De Arman was a former highway patrolman with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Troop E and he was a member of the First Baptist Church in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Gary was a Harley Davidson Motorcycle enthusiast.

On February, 11, 1965, he was united in marriage to Eva Sue Gilmore in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Mrs. De Arman preceded him in death on December 6, 2018.

He is survived by two sons, Jim De Arman and his wife Kristi of Malden and Bill De Arman and his wife Jeanette of Malden; by his sister, Gladys Hopkins and her husband Herschel of Dexter; by his sister-in-law, Janet Gilmore of Poplar Bluff; by three grandchildren, Dylan De Arman, Allison De Arman and India De Arman; and by many nieces, nephews, friends, and family.

Other than by his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Pauline McAnally.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, March 7, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Brandon Spain officiating.

Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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