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In Memory of Ronald Eugene Beard

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Ronald Eugene Beard, son of the late Ralph Beard and Cassie Onedia Murphy Beard, was born in Bernie, Missouri on June 8, 1944 and departed this life at St. Luke's East Hospital in Lee's Summit, Missouri on March 15, 2021 at the age of 76.

Mr. Beard had worked at Federal Mogul, had farmed, but for 30 years He and His wife had owned and operated Beard's Insurance in Bernie, Missouri. He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Bernie.

He was united in marriage to Brenda Kay Zimmerman in Bernie, Missouri on September 14, 1962. Mrs. Beard survives in their home in Clinton, Missouri.

Other survivors include one son, Bradley Ronald Beard & wife Nan of Columbia, Missouri; by one daughter, Robin Ritchie & husband Steve of Clinton, Missouri; by two brothers, Donald Beard & wife Sue of St. Louis, Missouri and Wesley Beard & wife Irene of Bernie, Missouri; by one sister, Neva Wilson of Bernie, Missouri; by three grandchildren, Miranda Curnutte of Clinton, Missouri, Landon Beard and Leam Beard both of Columbia, Missouri; by two great-grandchildren, Isaac Curnutte and Seth Curnutte. Also by other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death other than by his parents, by two brothers, Weston Beard and Kenneth Beard; by six sisters, Reva Medlin, Ruby Nunn, Mary Blevins, Audrey Hatchel, Geneva Poston and Louella Smith.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Thursday, March 18, 2021 from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. Funeral services will then be conducted at 1:00 P.M. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel in Bernie with Rev. Robert Hamm officiating. Interment will follow in Bernie Cemetery. Mathis Funeral Home of Bernie in charge of all arrangements.

Memorials may be Made to: Clinton Christian Academy, 271 West Division Road, Clinton, Missouri 64735

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In Memory of Billy Ray Gowen

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Billy Ray Gowen, 75 years old, passed away at his home in Albuquerque, New Mexico on Friday, March 12, 2021.

Billy was born and raised in Missouri. At the age of 17, Billy married his high school sweetheart, Jean Dickerson. During this time Billy also enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, serving overseas in the Vietnam War. After serving his 4-year enlistment with the Marine Corps Billy joined the United States Air Force. After serving for 20-years he retired. After he retired from the Air Force he enjoyed a 20 year career in Civil Service.

Billy is survived by his wife of nearly 59 years, Jean; his two daughters, Marla and Lisa; and his grandchildren, Ryan and Jessana. Billy is also survived by his three sisters, Wanda of Dexter, Missouri, Donna and her husband Alan of Tucson, Arizona and Paula and her husband Don of Tucson, Arizona; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Billy was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Beatrice Gowen; and brother-in-law, Charles (Wanda's husband).

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri on Thursday, March 25, 2021 from 12:00 until 1:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield with full military honors.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Frances Arlene Hester

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Frances Arlene Hester of Bloomfield, Missouri, daughter of the late Andrew "Bud" Pullum and Eunez Lashley Pullum, was born on September 5, 1942 in Lawrence, Michigan and passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on March 12, 2021.

Frances was united in marriage to Scott Bolin on December 31, 1960 and to this union five children were born. Scott preceded her in death. On September 5, 1990 Frances married Carl Hester. Carl passed away on January 22, 2016.

Mrs. Hester owned and operated the Bolin Group Home in Bloomfield for over 17 years before her retirement. She enjoyed decorating her home and creating beautiful floral arrangements. She was a devout Christian and attended services at the Olive Branch Baptist Church in Essex.

Surviving are her son and spouse: Winfield (Lisa) Bolin of Essex, Missouri, three daughters and spouses; Kim (Kenneth) Johnson of Bloomfield, Missouri Kay (James) Robbins of Bell City, Missouri, Stephanie (Terry) Robinson of Wappapello. Eleven Grandchildren; Kellie Fuwell, Kenneth Johnson, Jr., Kory Johnson, Kris Johnson, Jeff Bolin, Eric Bolin, Jesse Robbins, Heather Robinson, JR Robinson, Matthew Robinson, Dallas Robinson, Becca Bolin, Roy Johnson and Marybeth Bolin. Fifteen great-grandchildren. One brother also survives; Herman Pullum of Dexter, Missouri, and one sister Marilyn Southerland of Moscow Mills. Many nieces, nephews and a host of friends also are left to mourn her passing.

Special Mention to Rowdey, Mrs. Hester's beloved dog. He is surviving and will miss his friend and buddy.

Frances was preceded in death by her son Allen Bollin, her great-grandson Samuel Johnson, two brothers; Jeff Pullum and Leonard Pullum, one sister; Eunice "Tootsie" Hendrickson.

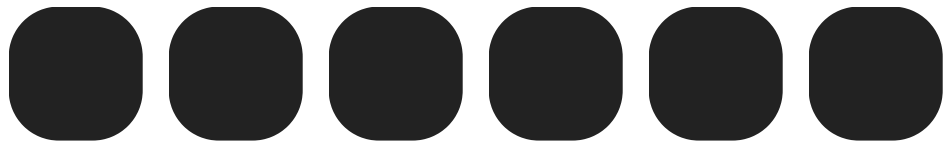
Visitation and funeral services will be held on Wednesday March 17, 2021 with visiting to begin at 5 PM till service time at 7 PM at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Bloomfield.

Interment will be a private service at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri. Watkins and Sons Funeral Service of Bloomfield in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Joe Wayne Parris

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Joe Wayne Parris, son of the late George Parris and Eva Mason Parris, was born on June 5, 1958 in St. Louis, Missouri, and departed this life on March 11, 2021 in Defiance, Missouri, at the age of 62 years.

Mr. Parris lovingly took care of his parents and brother. He was a resident of Malden, Missouri.

He is survived by three brothers, Charles Parris of Warrenton, Missouri, Glen Parris and wife Kathy of Weldon Springs, Missouri, and Steven Parris or Labadie, Missouri.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Bob Parris, David Parris, and Jerry Parris.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Bernie Cemetery.

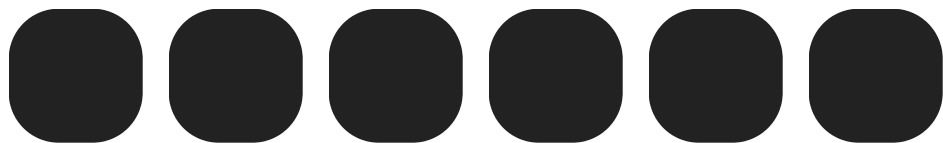
The Parris family respectfully requests that everyone wear a mask.

Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie is in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Lucas Aaron Cope

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Lucas Aaron Cope, son of James Cope and Denise Woods Cope of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, was born on March 3, 1992 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and departed this life on March 11, 2021 in Wappapello, Missouri, at the age of 29 years.

Mr. Cope was an employee of Tyson in Dexter, Missouri and a resident of Puxico, Missouri.

On October 11, 2015, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Autumn Dabbs. Mrs. Cope survives of their home in Puxico.

In addition to his wife, Autumn, and his parents, James and Denise, he is survived by his son Ronan Cope of Puxico, and by his sister, Amy Cope of Poplar Bluff.

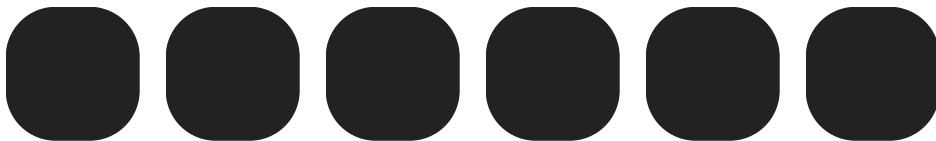
A memorial service will be planned at a later date.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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