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### In Memory of Lois Jean Rutledge

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#### In Memory of Lois Jean Rutledge

Lois Jean Rutledge daughter of the late Rev. Charlie Bell and Hazel Thomas Bell, was born in Luxora, Arkansas on October 19, 1939 and departed this life at her residence in Rural Parma, Missouri on March 31, 2021 at the age of 81.

Mrs. Rutledge had worked at JC Penny in Sikeston, Missouri and was a Homemaker. She was a member of Mt. Olive MB Church at LaForge/New Madrid, Missouri.

She was united in marriage to Johnnie Myles Rutledge in New Madrid, Missouri on June 29, 1974. Mr. Rutledge survives in their home in Rural Parma, Missouri.

Other survivors include one son, Sean Rutledge & wife Lashun of Parma, Missouri; by one brother William Albert Bell & wife Vera of New Madrid, Missouri; by one sister Charlene Kelly & husband James of Chicago, Illinois; by one grandson, Myles Thomas Rutledge; also by other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death other than by her parents, by one brother, James Sylvester Bell; by two sisters, Ozella Johnson and Mary Helen Johnson; by one grandson, Thomas Joe Rutledge.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel at 12:00 P.M. Interment will follow in the Macedonia Cemetery in Malden, Missouri.

Mathis Funeral Home of Bernie in charge of all arrangements.

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## In Memory of Larry McMunn

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Larry McMunn, son of the late Vester C. “Blackie” McMunn and Lura Boyd McMunn, was born on November 11, 1936 in St. Louis, Missouri, and departed this life on March 30, 2021, at his home in Dexter, Missouri, surrounded by his loved ones, at the age of 84 years.

Mr. McMunn was a former technician in the foundry at Federal Mogul, retiring after 38 years of service.

On October 4, 1986, in rural Essex, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Sue Gibson. Mrs. McMunn survives of their home in Dexter.

In addition to his wife, Sue, he is survived by his daughter, Kelly Adams of Dexter; by three sons, Shea McMunn of Dexter, Earl Gibson of Virginia Beach, Virginia and Michael Gibson of Dexter; by two brothers, Carroll McMunn and wife Carolyn of Houston, Texas and David “Bubby” McMunn and wife Christy of Malden, Missouri; by four sisters, Phyllis Bollinger of Dexter, Missouri, Judy Blackwood and husband Don of Halls, Tennessee; LaDenna Wells and husband Chuck of Little Rock, Arkansas, and LaDonna Bennett and husband Bill of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; by four grandchildren, Lauren Neuhaus and husband Daniel, Jordi Flores and husband Jesse, and Madi Sadler and husband Nathan, all of Dexter, Missouri, and Brandon Gibson and wife Katie of Louisville, Kentucky; and by eleven great-grandchildren, Chloe Neuhaus, Owen Miller, McKendree Neuhaus, Jace Hueckel, Cade Poe, Audree Flores, Beau Flores, Knox Flores, Sophia Gibson, Luke Sadler, and Mack Sadler; and by many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by, his daughter, Tammy McMunn in infancy, by his son-in-law, Michael Adams, and by his brother-in-law, Jim Bollinger.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, April 2, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

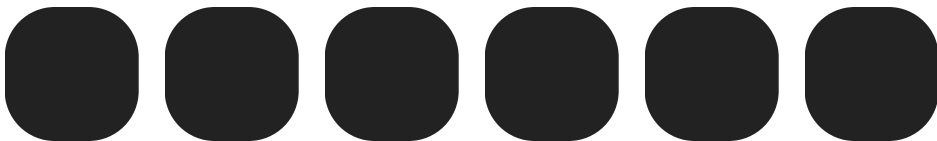
Funeral services will then be conducted on Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Mike Burk officiating. Interment will follow in the Hagy Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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## In Memory of Wanda Louise Gough

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### In Memory of Wanda Louise Gough

Wanda Louise Gough, daughter of the late Thomas and Treasa Whitehead, was born on September 22, 1927 in Dexter, Missouri, and departed this life on March 29, 2021 in Michigan, at the age of 93 years.

Graveside services will be held at Bernie Cemetery in Bernie, Missouri on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Tim Russell officiating.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is in charge of arrangements.

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# In Memory of Mary Virginia Pierce Reed

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## In Memory of Mary Virginia Pierce Reed

Mary Virginia Pierce Reed, daughter of the late Jesse Davis Pierce and Mary Alice Gamm Pierce, was born in Blytheville, Arkansas, on January 10, 1931 and departed this life on March 28, 2021 at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 89 years. Her life was not always easy, having been born one of thirteen kids to a farmer and Baptist minister. She met every trial with grace and faith throughout the years.

She would attend an ice cream social with her sister where she would meet the love of her life Wafe B. Reed. They would be united in marriage on June 2, 1950 in her parents' home in Blytheville, Arkansas. In union they had three children.

She was an adept homemaker while raising three children and later worked for four years in a shoe factory in Dexter. At night she would sew and make her children clothes. She was always ready to tackle something new. Virginia would begin a job as a secretary for the attorney, Claude Arnold which she would leave to accept a job as a secretary for the Dexter Public Schools for 26 years before retiring.

Virginia had a love for music which she sang for funerals at both Rainey and Watkins funeral homes, sang for many weddings, and also participated in the First Baptist Church choir for many years, and she also participated in the pageant at First Baptist Church for fifteen years in Dexter where she was a member.

Virginia was a secretary to MSTTA (Missouri State Teachers Association) for three years, secretary to Chalk Bluff Cemetery up until her passing and board member for several years. She was a member and secretary to RTA (Retired Teachers Association) for three years. She also held offices as President and benevolence chairman for a few years for her Sunday school class, the Mary Magdalene class at First Baptist Church. Virginia also worked the Stoddard County elections for many years and served in a supervisory capacity.

Virginia along with her husband worked along with the county extension agents for eight years and would eventually organize a 4-H club, which would be named, "Town and Country" to join together kids from town as well as the country. They taught cooking, cattle, swine, sewing, horsemanship, breads, gardening, bicycles and numerous other classes in the homes. All of their children would be awarded trips to Washington, D.C. through the organization.

As an accomplished quilter, Virginia was a member of the Heartland Quilt Guild in Dexter and served as President, Historian and Reporter through the years. Her many beautiful quilts will remain heirlooms for years to come.

Virginia is survived by one son, Dale Reed (Judy) of Ellsinore, Missouri; one daughter, Terrie Reed Weaver of Tomball, Texas; by her grandchildren, Dennis Reed of Old Monroe, Missouri, Desirae Weaver (Brandon) of Brighton, Colorado, Andrea Weaver of Thornton, Colorado, Justin Lewis (Megan) of Oak Park, Illinois and Holly Lewis of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; and by two great-grandchildren, Jack and Kate Lewis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wafe B. Reed; son, Wayne Reed; granddaughter, Monica Lynn Reed; parents, Jesse D. Pierce and Mary Alice Gamm Pierce; brothers, James Russell Pierce, Paris, Arkansas, James Elvin Hood, Dinuba, California, Jesse Burette Pierce, Diamondale, Michigan, Dewey Lee Pierce, Pocahontas, Arkansas, Wilburn Ray Pierce, St. Louis, Missouri, and Franklin Delano Pierce, Bolingbrook, Illinois; sisters, Geneva Pierce Hamilton, Owasso, Oklahoma, Reba Lois Eslinger, Spooner, Wisconsin, Veleta Pierce Stutts, Dexter, Missouri, and Betty Pierce Braun, Dexter, Missouri.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri on Friday, April 2, 2021 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel on Friday, April 2, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Greg McGhee officiating.

Interment will follow in the Chalk Bluff Cemetery, south of Dexter, Missouri.

Memorials may be made to Chalk Bluff Cemetery, c/o Louella Layton, PO Box 727, Dexter, Missouri 63841 or First Baptist Church, 11 W Castor Street, Dexter, Missouri 63841 or Ben Kruse 18 Fore Life, c/o Scott Kruse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, Missouri 63841 or American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, Illinois 60674.

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## In Memory of David Howard Green

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David Howard Green son of the late John Staley and Hazel Martin Staley was born in Bernie, Missouri on September 18, 1942 and departed this life at his residence in Bernie, Missouri on March 28, 2021 at the age of 78.

Mr. Green was a Truck Driver and a resident of Bernie.

He was united in marriage to Sheila Joan Volz at Bloomfield, Missouri in 1990. Mrs. Green survives in their home in Bernie.

Other survivors include two sons, David Michael Green & wife Joy of Dexter, Missouri, Darick Scott Green & wife Amanda of Bloomfield, Missouri; by two daughters, Rebecca Georgia Bailey of Pocahontas, Mississippi, and Sonya Willis & husband Bill of Campbell, Missouri; by one brother, Gary Hunt of Thonotosassa, Florida, also by Darrel Green of Bernie, who he considered to be his brother; by two sisters, Charley Williams of

Thonotosassa, Florida and Brenda Dunn of Rock Hill, South Carolina; by five grandchildren and by three great-grandchildren; also by other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death other than by his parents, by one son, John Paul Green, by Donald Greer who he considered to be his brother; also by two grandchildren, Tara Green and Dalton Levi Green.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Thursday, April 1, 2021 from 9:30 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel in Bernie, Missouri at 11:00 A.M. with Rev. Darren Baker officiating. Interment will follow in Bernie Cemetery. Mathis Funeral Home of Bernie in charge of all arrangements.

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