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In Memory of Wendell Lee “Smitty” Smith

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Wendell Lee “Smitty” Smith, son of the late Otto Lee Smith and Kathryn Viola Owens Smith, was born in Bernie, Missouri, on February 4, 1930, and departed this life at his residence in Bernie, Missouri, on June 12, 2021, at the age of 91.

Mr. Smith served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War; he was the owner and operator of Smitty’s Pool Room in Bernie for 50 years, retiring at the age of 78. He was of Baptist Faith.

He was united in marriage to Wanda Jean Stephens in Piggott, Arkansas, on December 22, 1951. Mrs. Smith survives in their home in Bernie.

Other survivors include one son, Roger Lee Smith & wife Edna of Bernie, Missouri; by one daughter, Kathi Jean Masters & husband Clifford of Colorado Springs, Colorado; by three grandchildren, Jared Lee Smith & wife Nia, Dacia LeAnn Masters, and Dana Elizabeth Smith & husband Kent; by two great-grandchildren, Anna Chippindale, and Lauryn Smith; also by other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death other than by his parents, by three brothers, William “Bud” Smith, Larry Smith, and Denny Smith.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Thursday, June 17, 2021, from 10:30 A.M. until 1:30 P.M.

Funeral services will then be conducted at 1:30 P.M. with Rev. Gary Gilbert officiating.

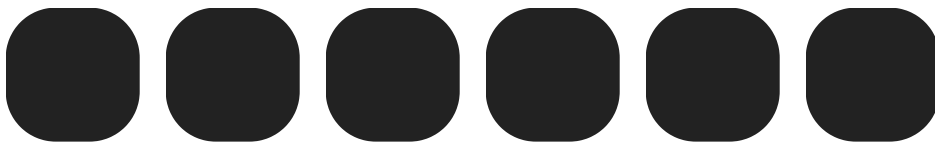
Interment will follow in Bernie Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home of Bernie in charge of all arrangements.

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In Memory of John Wayne Tatum

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John Wayne Tatum, son of the late John and Mary Lucille Blackwell Tatum, was born January 19, 1956, in Anniston, Missouri and departed this life on June 11, 2021 at his home in Anniston at the age of 65 years.

John Wayne was self-employed truck driver for many years before going to drive for Edwards Transportation in East Prairie until his health forced him to retire.

He is survived by two sons, Johnny Tatum of East Prairie; Joshua and (Brittany) Tatum of Anniston; two daughters, Tara Tatum (Tre Hammontree) of East Prairie Missouri, and Sarah (Josh) Mobley of Sikeston, Missouri; one brother, Charles Allen (Nancy) Tatum of Charleston, Mo; two sisters, Delores Hutson of Red Oak, Texas and Mary Ann (Dennis) Rolwing of Cleveland, Mo.; seven grandchildren, Emily, Saylor and Storey Hutchason, Stryker and Lettie Mobley, Grae Tatum and Ivy Tatum.

Pallbearers will be J.C. Coke, Josh Mobley, Tyler Branam, David Sterling, Keith Edwards and Tre Hammontree.

Visitation will be conducted Monday June 14, 2021, from 11 a.m. until time of funeral service at 2 p.m. at First General Baptist Church in East Prairie with Brother Martin Lucas officiating.

Interment will follow at Anniston Cemetery in Anniston, Missouri.

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In Memory of Brenda Johnson

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Brenda Johnson, 59 of Puxico, Missouri passed away June 13, 2021. She was born to the late Mertice Johnson and Rosa Lee Lacovoli on August 18, 1961 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Brenda worked as an aide at the Puxico Nursing Home. She was of the Christian faith.

Brenda is survived by her two sons Christopher Baker of Puxico, Missouri; Darrell Johnson of Bell City, Missouri; long time companion William Baker; five grandchildren; three sisters Vicki Johnson, Annette Johnson, and Lucial Johnson Bryant; two brothers Nick Johnson and Mike Johnson. A host of family and friends also survive. She was preceded in death by her mother.

No services planned at this time.

Watkins and Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Larry Jones

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In Memory of Larry Jones

Larry Jones, son of the late James Mack Jones and Dorothy Pearl Ivey, was born on March 18, 1950, in Decaturville, Tennessee, and departed this life on June 9, 2021, at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing Center in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 71 years.

Mr. Jones was a Veteran of the United States Navy. He was an outdoorsman, who loved to hunt and fish. He liked trading and selling anything on wheels including vehicles and campers.

He is survived by his son, Christopher Brian Jones of Dexter, Missouri; by two daughters, Melissa Renee Jones of Dexter, Missouri, and Jamie Lynne Jones of Naylor, Missouri; one sister, Barbara James Vaughn of Pikeville, Tennessee; by eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Other than by his parents he was preceded in death by one sister, Brenda Kay Jones; by one brother, Michael Keith Jones and by one grandson, Devin Christopher Jones.

Visitation will be conducted on Sunday, June 13, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter.

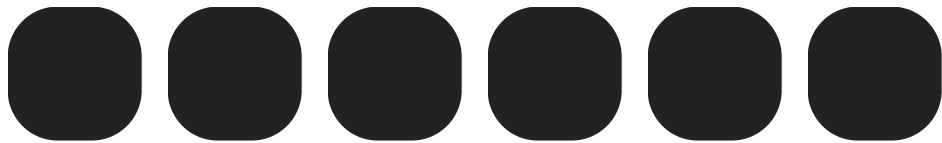
Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, June 14, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter with Rev. Tim Russell officiating.

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

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In Memory of Geneva Lois Grim

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Geneva Lois Grim, daughter of the late Roy Emmett Underwood and Josie Ann Quick Underwood, was born on December 6, 1928, in Bloomfield, Missouri, and departed this life on June 8, 2021, at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 92 years.

Mrs. Grim was a former employee of Elder's Manufacturing in Dexter and Wal-Mart; also, she had worked in the fabric department at Weber's Ben Franklin.

On June 18, 1946, in Piggott, Arkansas, she was united in marriage to Floyd E. Grim. Mr. Grim preceded her in death on July 8, 2010.

She is survived by two granddaughters, Tammy Harris and her husband Chris of Dexter, and Dana Tellman of Dexter; by her brother, Steve Underwood and his wife Joyce of Bloomfield; by her son-in-law, Danny Harty of Dexter; by her sister-in-law, Imogene Underwood of Bloomfield; and by five great-grandchildren, Nicholas Harris, Gerica Harris, Kyle Tellman, Kolten Tellman, and Blake Woodruff.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Sandra K. Harty; by her step-mother, Norma Woodiel; by three brothers, Elmer Underwood, Delmer Underwood, and John Henry Underwood; by two sisters, Wilma Morrow and Francis Berry; and by two grandchildren, Ginelle Mitchell and Michelle Mitchell.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, June 11, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel on Saturday, June 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Steve Tippen officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made in honor of the Underwood family to:

Lick Creek Cemetery, c/o Sharon Jones, Treasurer, 305 Hillview, Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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