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In Memory of Joseph Larry Willis

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Joseph Larry Willis of Dudley, Missouri was born to the late J.V. and Nettie Willis on November 22, 1938 in Marston, Missouri and passed away on June 15, 2021 in Dudley, Missouri at the age of 82 years.

Larry has been a resident of Dudley, Missouri all of his life. He had a T.V. repair shop in Puxico and was a ham radio operator and a retired farmer.

Surviving are his two sisters Geraldine Willis-Allen and Laura Mae Willis; and very dear friend Patrick Hobbs. A host of friends also survive.

Graveside services to be held on Friday June 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. the Hobbs Cemetery in Dudley, Missouri with Minister David Dee officiating.

Interment will follow in the Hobbs Cemetery in Dudley, Missouri with Watkins and Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Joy Rose Hale

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Joy Rose Hale, age 91 of Wappapello, Missouri passed away June 12, 2021 at her home surrounded by her family. Joy was born August 29, 1929, in Wappapello, Missouri, to the late Ernest and Gladys Newell.

Joy married Marvin Alexander Hale, he preceded her in death on June 23, 2012.

Joy worked as a cook on the riverboats, she loved cooking, arts & crafts, and watching westerns on TV.

Joy is survived by her son Marvin L. Hale of Wappapello, Missouri; five grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; two great great grandchild; many friends and family also survive. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and one sister.

Visitation will be held on Thursday June 17, 2021 at Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Puxico, Missouri from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Funeral services will be held Thursday June 17, 2021 at 1:00 pm in Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Puxico, Missouri with Rev. Steve Tippen officiating.

Interment will follow in the Wappapello Cemetery Wappapello, Missouri.

With Watkins and Sons Funeral Service of Puxico in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Betty Ruth McNew

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Betty Ruth McNew, daughter of the late William Kitchen and Laura Brown Kitchen, was born on May 5, 1946 in Morehouse, Missouri, and departed this life on June 14, 2021 at her residence in Bloomfield, Missouri, at the age of 75 years.

Mrs. McNew was a homemaker and seamstress. She was a past member of the United Pentecostal Church in Morehouse. She enjoyed sewing and she loved to dote on her

grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

On September 26, 1966, in Morehouse, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Terry McNew. Mr. McNew survives of their home in Bloomfield.

In addition to her husband, Terry, she is survived by two sons, Terry McNew (Paula) of Sikeston, Missouri, and David Shaun McNew of Bloomfield, Missouri; by two daughters, Teresa Callow (David) of Merigold, Mississippi, and Rebecca Breeden of Bloomfield, Missouri; by her brother, Herbert Kitchen of Sikeston, Missouri; by her sister, Diana Wilson of Sikeston, Missouri; by eight grandchildren, Ashleigh Petty, Davey Callow, Logan Callow, Seth Callow, Lauren McNew, Joshua Breeden, Megan McNew, and Carolyn Rose Spraggs; and by nine great-grandchildren, Bella Maldonado, Colton Breeden, Ella Breeden, Amelia Breeden, Eva Callow, Wyatt Callow, Tala Spraggs, Paislee McNew, and Braylan McNew.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Donald Kitchen, Billy Kitchen, and Lloyd Kitchen; by her sister, Sue Laminack; and by her granddaughter, Kailey Callow.

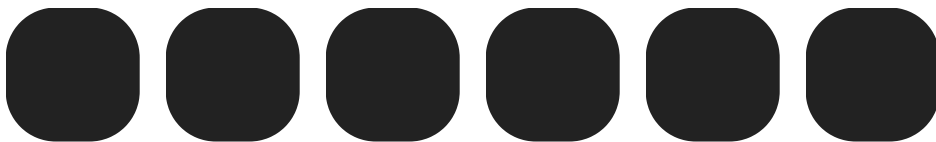
A memorial service will be held at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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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.

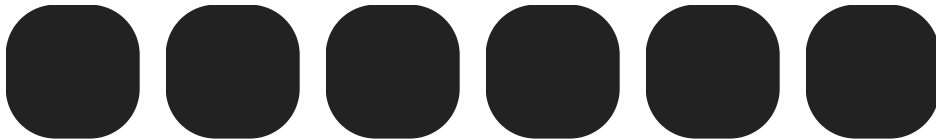
Funeral services will then be conducted at 1:30 P.M. with Rev. Gary Gilbert officiating.

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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