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In Memory of Byron Dale Vancil

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Byron Dale Vancil, son of Beatrice Mae Baldwin Vancil and the late Dewey Vancil Jr., was born on January 6, 1960, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and departed this life on August 11, 2021 at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri, at the age of 61 years.

Mr. Vancil was the owner of Metro roofing in St. Louis and a resident of St. Louis. He was of the Pentecostal Faith.

He is survived by his mother, Beatrice Mae Vancil of St. Louis, Missouri and by his brother, Quinn Vancil of St. Louis, Missouri.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, August 15, 2021, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. A graveside service will then be conducted on Sunday, August 15, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. in the Bernie Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Matt Thurmon

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Matt Thurmon, son of Elaine Acord Thurmon of Broseley, Missouri was born on November 16, 1973, in Hayti, Missouri and departed this life on August 11, 2021, at the age of 47.

Matt was an insurance agent with Shelter Insurance in Dexter, Missouri and had also been serving as the general manager at Hidden Trails Country Club. He was also a member of the First Baptist Church in Dexter. Matt had a servant's heart and did things around the community when he saw there was a need. He served on the Dexter Community Regional Healthcare Foundation board and was also the President of the Hidden Trails Country Club board. He supported his daughters in everything they did, in particular, their athletic careers. Matt was a standout basketball player at Twin Rivers, where he earned All-State honors. He graduated from Culver-Stockton College where he played basketball all four years.

On September 27, 1997, he was united in marriage to Mindy Bell at Westwood Baptist Church in Poplar Bluff. Mrs. Thurmon survives of their home in Dexter.

Other than his wife, Mindy, he is survived by their children Hannah Rylee Thurmon and Chloe Grace Thurmon both of the home. His mother, Elaine of Broseley, and one brother, Dino Oberkramer and wife Christine of Broseley also survive, along with seven nephews, two nieces, three great nephews, and four great nieces.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, August 16, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Monday, August 16, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Steve Proctor officiating. Interment will follow in the Ash Hill Cemetery in Fisk.

Memorials may be made to the Hannah and Chloe Thurmon College Fund, c/o First Midwest Bank, PO Box 158, Dexter, Missouri 63841.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Michael Allen Caldwell

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Michael Allen Caldwell, son of the late Richard Caldwell and Dorothy Rowe Caldwell, was born on September 1, 1951, in Frisco, Missouri, and departed this life on August 10, 2021, in the Sikeston Convalescent Center in Sikeston, Missouri, at the age of 69 years.

Mr. Caldwell was a former farmer, and he was a former counselor with the Butler County Justice System. He was raised in the Pyle Town Community, a member of the Pleasant Grove Community Church and a resident of Sikeston.

He is survived by two nephews, Jason Pounds (Andrea Burnett) and Codi Rolwing, all of Sikeston, Missouri; by his niece Laura LaPorte of Southaven, Mississippi; and by his brother-in-law, Don Rolwing.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Brenda Rolwing.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, August 14, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, August 14, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. with Rev. Phil Tanner officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Gary David Boyer

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Gary David Boyer, son of the late Cecil C. Boyer and Alice Webb Boyer was born on December 1, 1941, in Sikeston, Missouri, and departed this life on August 10, 2021, at his residence in Sikeston, at the age of 79 years.

Out of high school, Gary began working for Hahs Machine Works in Sikeston. In 1962, he went to work for Sikeston Motor Company, where was a mechanic, retiring after forty-one years of service. He loved resolving mechanical problems, he could figure out how to repair anything, and he was meticulous in making sure things were done the correct way. He was also the owner of Boyer Lawn Care, he enjoyed mowing yards, and he took pride in the work he did. Throughout his life, he enjoyed traveling, camping, and meeting new people.

On December 20, 1963, in Sikeston, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Barbara Merick. Although they were no longer married, they remained close friends.

He is survived by his son, James Boyer and wife Renee of Jackson, Missouri; by his daughter, Donna Mofield of Dexter, Missouri; by his ex-wife, Barbara Boyer of Sikeston, Missouri; by two grandchildren, Jonathan Boyer of Jackson, Missouri and Jerod Boyer of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; by two great-grandchildren, Alaina Boyer and Hayden Boyer; by two brothers, Robert Boyer and Larry Boyer, both of Sikeston, Missouri; by two sisters, Norma Jeanne Wheeler of Ft. Worth, Texas and Cecilia Norton of Fishers, Indiana; by his sister-in-law, Martha Jane Boyer of Sikeston, Missouri; and by numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Ralph Boyer; by his sister, Carol Sue Branum; by three brothers-in law, Nelson Wheeler, Wendell Norton, and Howard Branum; by his son-in-law, Chris Mofield; and by his beloved dog, Isaiah.

A graveside service will be conducted on Saturday, August 14, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. in the Dexter Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Southeast Missouri, 2536 Boutin Drive, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, 63701.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Eleanor Jean Becking

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Eleanor Jean Becking, daughter of the late Howard Bowman and Gertrude Lawrence Bowman, was born on November 3, 1938, in Chickasha, Oklahoma, and departed this life on August 11, 2021, at Ridgeview Nursing Center in Malden, Missouri, at the age of 82 years.

Mrs. Becking was a former 5th grade teacher in the Bernie Public School System. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Bernie.

On June 22, 1973, in Lawton, Oklahoma, she was united in marriage to Larry Becking. Mr. Becking preceded her in death on December 22, 2018.

She is survived by her son, Mark Becking of St. Louis, Missouri; by two daughters, Jennifer Becking of Dexter, Missouri; and Mary Ann Carter and husband Bill of Gainesville, Florida; by her brother, John Lawrence Bowman of Edmond, Oklahoma; by three grandchildren, Victor Miller, Zachary Renfro, and Daniel Becking and wife Paige; and by three great-grandchildren, Blair Becking, Sam Miller, and Emma Miller.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Patricia Ethlyce Mills.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie is assisting with arrangements.

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