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In Memory of Rick L. Harris

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In Memory of Rick L. Harris

Rick L. Harris, 61, passed away unexpectedly on August 31, 2021 in Malden, MO.

Rick was born on November 11, 1959, in Dexter, MO to Roy and Shirley (Simmons) Harris. He was a Christian and was baptized in 1978 at The Assembly of God in Burns, Tennessee.

Rick had a great sense of humor and always knew how to bring a smile to those around him. He was a lover of movies, with an impressive knowledge of facts and trivia about many. Rick also loved music, especially The Eagles.

Rick was an incredibly caring person who never forgot a name, and he always made sure to let his family know he loved them dearly. Never short on hugs or nice words, his warm greetings and sweet nature will always be remembered. Rick was kind and thoughtful, and he will be missed by all who knew him.

Rick is survived by his parents, Roy & Shirley Harris of Dexter, MO; one brother, Kevin Harris of Houston, TX; one sister, Tammie Harris of Dexter, MO; three nieces, Crystal Cunningham of Dexter, MO, Tasha Roberts of Haymarket, VA, and Danielle Keaton of Washington DC; one nephew, Dustin Cunningham of Cape Girardeau, MO; four great-nieces; four great-nephews; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Rick was preceded in death by an infant son, Rory Harris.

A private graveside service for his family will be held Friday, September 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in Bernie, MO.

In memory of Rick, the family is requesting donations to the local Jeremiah House via PayPal at nb.jer.2911@gmail.com, and please include “Rick” in the memo, or by mail to Jeremiah House, 13535 County Road 413, Dexter, MO 63841. For more info about the organization, visit <https://www.jh2911.com/what-we-do.php>.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Thomas June Watkins

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Thomas June Watkins of Dexter, Missouri born to the late Floyd and Lois (Smith) Watkins on March 23, 1938 and passed away August 31, 2021 at the Dexter Living Center in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 83 years.

Thomas had lived in the Swinton, Missouri area until moving with his parents to Bloomfield, Missouri in 1960. In 2004 Thomas and his mom Lois moved to Dexter Living Center, a place they called home until their passing. He attended the Church of Christ. Thomas and his mom enjoyed frequent trips to McDonalds for hamburgers and coke floats, his favorite food. Thomas and his dad enjoyed frequent trips to salvage yards in and around Stoddard County. He loved anything with wheels and all things John Wayne.

Thomas is survive by all that knew and loved him, he will be greatly missed.

Graveside Services will be held on Friday September 03, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Oak Ridge Cemetery with Vernon Allen of Dexter, Missouri officiating. Watkins and Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

Interment will follow at the Oak Ridge Cemetery North West of Bloomfield, Missouri.

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In Memory of Mary F. Vincent

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In Memory of Mary F. Vincent

Mary F. Vincent of Dexter, Missouri passed away at St. Francis Medical Center on August 27, 2021 she was born August 8, 1956 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri to the late Billie Jo Rhoem Parsons. Mary lived in Poplar Bluff before moving to Dexter, Missouri in 1989. Mary enjoyed shopping, camping, and working with her flowers.

Mary married the love of her life Ray Vincent on November 17, 1974 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

Mary is survived by one daughter, Michelle Robbins of Dexter, Missouri; twos son Luther Ray Vincent Jr. and Joshua Vincent both of Dexter, Missouri; fourteen grandchildren, and three great grandchildren; one sister Libby Morgan of Litchfield, Illinois and one brother Jimmy Lowder of Benton, Tennessee; A host relatives and friends survive. She is preceded in death by her mother Billie Jo Parsons, husband Luther Vincent Sr., son Ronnie Vincent, one brother Ronnie Lowder.

Memorial visitation will be held from 11:00-1:00 on day , 202 at Lighthouse Christian Center in Dexter, Missouri with Tim Russell officiating with Watkins and Sons Funeral Services of Dexter in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.watkinsfuneralhome.com.

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In Memory of Gary Van Milam

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In Memory of Gary Van Milam

Gary Van Milam, son of James David “JD” and Nellie Mae Milam, was born April 7, 1951, in Marshall, Arkansas and went home to the Lord, reunited with his wife, Linda, August 30, 2021, at their residence in Bloomfield, Missouri, at the age of 70 years.

Gary was proud of his family, he often spoke about the adventures Dason, Grace, Grannie and he had through the years. Gary was a proud Veteran of the US Navy, serving as a jet airframe mechanic during the Vietnam War. He loved his country, flag, and service. He spent his remaining work years as a Steel Worker at Noranda Aluminum.

He is survived by his mother-in-law Audrey Hensley of Harrison, Arkansas; by son, Brad V. Milam; by grandson, Dason James Milam; by granddaughter, Olivia Grace Milam, all of Dexter; He leaves behind brothers Mike (Melissa) Milam of New Madrid, Missouri and Tom Milam of Portageville, Missouri; and by sister Patricia (Tom) Drummond of Fenton, Missouri. Brothers-in-law Steve (Coeta) Hensley of Valley Springs, Arkansas and Jeff Hensley of Harrison, Arkansas; sisters-in-law, Brenda (Larry) Wheeler of Hot Springs, Arkansas, Sheron (Kyle) Sisco of Western Grove, Arkansas and Alisa Morris of Harrison, Arkansas, Sue Hensley of Harrison, Arkansas. Gary would also want mentioned he and Linda’s beloved puppy, Sparky.

He was preceded in death by the love of his life and wife Linda, his father, James David “JD” Milam, his mother, Nellie Mae Milam, his father-in-law, Dason Floyd Hensley, and

his brother-in-law, David Hensley.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, September 3, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted at 2:00 p.m. with Chaplain Jamie Jones officiating. Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veteran Cemetery at 3:00 pm with full military honors.

In his memory, Gary would ask that you consider supporting The Linda Milam Memorial Scholarship, c/o Laura Miller, 1031 Brown Pilot Road, Dexter, MO 63841 or an organization that were dear to him and Linda: Larry and Kathy Jones Family H.O.P.E. Campaign, PO Box 1785, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701, 18 Fore Life, c/o Scott Kruse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, MO 63841 or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN. 38105-9959.

The Family would like to extend their gratitude to Elara Caring hospice staff, we are forever grateful to each of you, and you all hold a special place in our hearts.

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In Memory of Bertalee Jane Hamlin

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Bertalee Jane Hamlin of Wappapello, Missouri was born to the late Paul and Rada (Elledge) Hale on May 10, 1937 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri and passed away August 25, 2021 in Puxico, Missouri at the age of 84 years.

Bertalee married James Hamlin on March 11, 1957 in Arab, Missouri until his death on March 07, 2021. She was of the General Baptist faith. She enjoyed sewing, ceramics, gardening, raising live stock and studying home remedies.

Bertalee is survived by one son Randy (Kelly) Hamlin of Lucas, Texas; one granddaughter Jennifer Hamlin of Lucas, Texas; one great grandson Landry Lewallen of Lucas, Texas She is preceded in death by her parents Paul and Rada Hale and her husband James Hamlin. A host of family and friends also survive.

Visitation will be Wednesday September 01, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Puxico, Missouri.

Funeral Service will be Wednesday September 01, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. with Brother Ray Placher officiating at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Puxico, Missouri.

Interment will follow at the Womack Cemetery near Puxico, Missouri.

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

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