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In Memory of Robert Steven Conner

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In Memory of Robert Steven Conner

Robert Steven Conner, son of the late Leroy Conner and Clorene McDowell Glass, was born on March 10, 1954, in Advance, Missouri, and departed this life on September 5, 2021, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 67 years.

Mr. Conner was a former radio personality for KMAL in Malden, Missouri and had worked for the past 25 years at KDEX in Dexter, Missouri as "Steve Simon", and he was a resident of Dexter.

He is survived by his daughter, Hillary Mercier of Dexter; by his girlfriend, Lori Scolley of Dexter; by two brothers, Roger Conner of Bloomfield, and Jeff Haskins of Dexter; by his sister, Cindy Stevens of Parma, by two grandchildren, Lucas Greene, and Logan Harmon; and by his beloved pets, Brutus, and CoCo.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. with Rev. Ken Davidson officiating.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Jeffrey Mark Gonos

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Jeffrey Mark Gonos, a TSA Officer and resident of St. Louis, Missouri, passed away Sunday, September 5, 2021 at the age of 48 years old, after a 23 day battle with COVID-19.

Jeff is survived by his mother and stepfather, Barbara and David McClellan, sisters, Tina McSoley and Tracy Gonos, brother in laws Thomas McSoley and Paul Hayes. He also leaves his nieces and nephews, Juliana Morell, Brian McSoley, Hannah Nassar, Abigail McSoley, Margaret McSoley, Michael McSoley, Kalliope Gonos and Claire McSoley. He is predeceased by his father, Michael Gonos.

Jeffrey was born on November 7, 1972 and graduated from Southeast Missouri State University with a degree in Education. He spent several years living in Florida then moved back to Missouri where he became a Transportation Security Agency Officer where he ensured the safety and security of air travelers.

Jeffrey loved to read, play games and laugh. He loved his family and focused on them during his free time and vacations. He was a kind, loving and gentle soul who never had a bad thing to say about anyone. He will be deeply missed by all those who love him.

A viewing will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri, Thursday, September 9, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. followed by a service in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, September 10, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. A graveside burial at Puxico Cemetery will follow.

An online link to view the service can be found at http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/59856.

In memory of Jeff, the family is asking that donations be made to Mrs. Rina's House of Blessings, a shelter for homeless teens and families. Donations will specifically fund the Security Room which will keep those under its roof safe, a fitting tribute to Jeff's legacy. To donate online visit https://elev8hope.org/donate/. Please put In Memory of Jeff Gonos in the comment line.

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In Memory of Gary L. Martin

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Gary L. Martin of Dexter, MO passed away on September 3, 2021 at the age of 79. Gary was born on November 2, 1941 to Russell and Hazel Martin (formerly of Dexter MO). He graduated from Dexter High School in 1959. He was joined in marriage to Wanda Wilson on June 1, 1962 a marriage that lasted 50 years until her death in 2012.

Being a dad to Cheryl Boyd, Andrea (Mike) Cramblitt, Kendra (Scott) Terrill, and Aiden (Robin) Martin was one of the greatest joys of his life. Second only to being a grandfather to Allan Cramblitt and Gavin Terrill and passing on his love for the Farm, fishing, model helicopters, planes and trains of all sizes.

Gary has been a member of Sadler Chapel Church, participated in Future Farmers of America and the Young Farmers. A life-long farmer and jack of all trades in welding, construction, equipment operator, etc... Spending time with youth was a favorite pastime. He is much loved by nieces, nephews, and the Sadler youth, whom he would drive anywhere and entertain with the many aspects of farm life.

Gary is preceded in death by his parents, wife Wanda, daughter Cheryl, granddaughter Aerial and several beloved aunts, uncles, cousins and in-laws.

At the request of the family, memorials can be sent to 18 Fore Life, c/o Scott Kruse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, MO 63841

A graveside service was held in the Dexter Cemetery on Sunday, September 5, 2021.

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In Memory of Wilma Jean Hovis

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In Memory of Wilma Jean Hovis

Wilma Jean Hovis, daughter of the late Austin Jones and the late Oletha Collins Jones Pierce and Fridis Pierce, Wilma was born on January 23, 1931 in Swifton, Arkansas and departed this life on September 5, 2021 at her sons residence in Bloomfield at the age of 90.

She had lived most of her life in the Bloomfield Community. She attended the St. Joe General Baptist Church in Idalia, where she was a member. She loved her church dearly. She loved her family dearly. She enjoyed quilting with Helping Hands and enjoyed the fellowship.

On May 3, 1946 she was united in marriage to Lenard Hovis in New Madrid, Missouri. Mr. Hovis preceded her in death on December 20, 1999.

She is survived by one son and daughter in law, Donnie Lynn and Vicky Hovis of Bloomfield, Missouri; by two grandsons, Donnie Ray Hovis and Donnie Lynn Hovis Jr. and wife Julie, both of Bloomfield, Missouri; by three great-grandsons, Dylan Hovis of Puxico, Missouri, Dustin Hovis and wife Katelen of Bloomfield, Missouri and Ricky Hovis and wife Maddie of Puxico, Missouri; by one great-granddaughter, Tiffany Hovis of Jackson, Missouri; by one great grandson, Logan Denkins and wife Megan of Dexter, Missouri; by three great-great grandchildren, Easton Miles Hovis, Ridge Lyndon Hovis and Huntly Eli Hovis; by two children who adopted her as their grandmother, Alexis and Tyler Underwood; by two special home-makers who helped her around the house, Susy Hoosier and Connie Anthony, and by many more extended family and friends who mourn her passing.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one infant daughter, Erma Jean Hovis on March 30, 1960 and by one sister, Wanda Pierce Kelley on September 14, 1982.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at the Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow in the Walker Cemetery in Bloomfield.

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In Memory of Louise Imogene Smith

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In Memory of Louise Imogene Smith

Louise Imogene Smith of Bloomfield, Missouri was born to the late Otis Jasper and Winnie Weaver on June 10, 1931 in Bloomfield, Missouri and passed away on September 3, 2021 in Dexter Missouri at the age of 90.

Louise was a cook on the river boat working many years. She loved cooking, outdoors and gardening. Louise married Lewis Lee Smith in 1949 in Tucson Arizona, and was of the Baptist faith, Lewis preceded her in death in 1984.

Louise is survived by her two sons Richard Smith of Bloomfield, Missouri and Jackie (Janet) Smith of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; four grandchildren; five great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren; one brother Don Weaver; three sisters Melba, Dorothy, and Georgie. Louise is preceded in death by her parents Otis and Winnie Weaver; one son Gerald Smith; one daughter in law Judy Smith; two brothers Dale and James Weaver. A host of family and friends survive Louise.

Graveside Service will be held Saturday September 11, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Hills Cemetery near Dexter.

Interment will follow in Hills Cemetery near Dexter, Missouri with Watkins and Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

To plant a tree in memory of Louise Smith, please visit Tribute Store

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