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## In Memory of Kenneth Wayne “Kenny” Hickson Jr.

SEPTEMBER 30TH 2021 BY DEE LOFLIN

### In Memory of Kenneth Wayne “Kenny” Hickson Jr.

Kenneth Wayne “Kenny” Hickson Jr., son of Kenneth Hickson Sr. and Jelane Hopkins Hickson, was born on September 17, 1965, in Dexter, Missouri, and departed this life on September 26, 2021, at his residence in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, at the age of 56 years.

Mr. Hickson was a Veteran of the United States Marines. He was an employee of L & M Machine, working as a punch press operator and he was President of the Wappapello Eagles Aerie #4066.

He is survived by his parents, Kenneth and Jelane Hickson Sr. of Essex, Missouri, by his daughter, Danielle Dockins and husband Nathan of Bloomfield, Missouri; by his son, Jason Findley of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, by his brother, Richard Hickson and wife Sandra of Bloomfield, Missouri; by six grandchildren, Alaina Dockins, Alyssa Dockins, Aiden Dockins, Cameron Findley, Jordan Findley, and Teagan Findley; by his great-grandson, Colten Findley; and by his nephew, Drew Hickson of Essex, Missouri.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, September 30, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, October 1, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. John Harwell officiating.

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## In Memory of Lynnette Michelle Drysdale

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### In Memory of Lynnette Michelle Drysdale

Lynnette Michelle Drysdale of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, born to Marion and Clara (Kimbrell) Drysdale on May 15, 1966 in St. Louis County, Missouri, passed away on September 25, 2021 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri at the age of 55 years.

Lynnette is survived by her parents Marion and Clara Drysdale, sisters Robin Rodriguez and Kim (Tom) Bene, nephews Patrick Bene, Ernesto Rodriguez, Camilo Rodriguez and Sebastian Rodriguez, and niece Jessica (Clint Piper) Bene. She was preceded in death by her grandparents Lester and Marcella Kimbrell and Isaac and Callie Drysdale. A host of family and friends also survive.

Lynnette grew up in St. Louis County, Missouri. She also lived in Dexter and Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Lynnette was of the Mormon faith. She enjoyed spending time with her family who loved her very much. She will be missed.

Visitation will be held on Friday October 01, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday October 01, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter.

Interment will follow in the Malden Memorial Cemetery with Watkins and Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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# In Memory of Raley Joe Montgomery

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In Memory of Raley Joe Montgomery

Raley Joe Montgomery died Sept. 27, 2021, at his home in Columbia, Mo., surrounded by loved ones after a valiant battle with brain cancer. While this world is truly a lesser place without him, we are blessed to have the memories of Joe's humor, warmth and humanity that promise to always bring a smile to our faces.

Joe is survived by his wife of 38 years, Barbara Peters Montgomery; daughters, Morgan and Emma Montgomery; grandchildren, Jina, Juli and John Daniel; his sister, Barbara Rice; and numerous brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and a few cousins.

Joe was born Oct. 22, 1952, in Poplar Bluff, Mo., to Imogene (Malone) and Homer Montgomery. He grew up farming with his family near Bloomfield, Mo., surrounded by grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. He attended Bloomfield Elementary and High School.

After graduating from the Gradwohl School of Laboratory Technique in St. Louis in 1972, Joe began working at the Boonville Medical Group in Boonville, Mo. Inspired by his interactions with colleagues and patients, he went on to study nursing at Central Methodist University, graduating in 1984. The Joe Montgomery Memorial Nursing Scholarship has been established to honor him at his alma mater. He found his true calling in nursing and worked as a registered nurse at the University of Missouri Hospital from 1984-2014 and the Truman VA Medical Center from 2014- 2021.

Joe was a loving son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother-in-law, trusted medical caregiver and loyal friend. An avid bicycle rider, he will be remembered for his love of music – particularly jazz, blues and rock & roll – travel, barbequing and most of all, spending time with family and friends. He kept us all entertained with his wild stories and crazy songs.

A memorial service is being planned for a date to be announced. To honor Joe and make sure his legacy is not forgotten, his family has established the Joe Montgomery Memorial Nursing Scholarship at Central Methodist University. To donate, please go to <https://pushpay.com/g/centralmethodist>, choose: One Time Gift. Fund: Other, Memo: Joe Montgomery Memorial Nursing Scholarship” or send a check to CMU.

We are sincerely grateful to MU Healthcare, Ellis Fischel Cancer Center and Hospice Compassus for their care.

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## In Memory of Lois Ladd

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### In Memory of Lois Ladd

Lois Ladd, daughter of Jo Ann Duley Gibson of Dexter, Missouri, and the late Arden Smith, was born on May 31, 1964, in Sonoma, California, and departed this life on September 26, 2021, at St. Clair Hospital in Fenton, Missouri, at the age of 57 years.

Mrs. Ladd was a former driver for Hallcon. She had also worked for Roy Al's 1-stop, Weekenders and Stanfields. She attended Dexter High School and graduated in 1982. She attended the Risen Church in Dexter and was a resident of Dexter. She loved reading, cooking, gardening, and talking with people, she never met a stranger. She was a devoted mother, she radiated love and kindness, and she never had a bad word to say about anyone.

On June 28, 1990, in Dexter, Missouri, she was united in marriage to John Ladd. Mr. Ladd survives of their home in Dexter.

In addition to her husband John and mother Jo Ann, she is survived by her daughter, Jessica Ladd of Dexter, Missouri; by her brother Daniel Smith of Bloomfield, Missouri; by two sisters, Lynn Fortner of Bloomfield, Missouri, and Kathy Cole of California, Missouri.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow in Hagy Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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## In Memory of Loreda Mae Janson

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## In Memory of Loreda Mae Janson

Loreda Mae Janson, daughter of the late Thurman Lestie O'Neal and Minnie Mossman O'Neal, was born on July 10, 1942, in Puxico, Missouri, and departed this life on September 26, 2021, at her residence in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 79 years.

Mrs. Janson was a former employee of Gateway Industries, working as a shoemaker. She loved reading, sewing, and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

On November 17, 1968, in Puxico, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Raymond Stanley Janson. Mr. Janson preceded her in death on April 16, 1988.

She is survived by three sons, Raymond Janson of Alton, Illinois, Jeffrey Janson (Cary Cobb) of Malden, Missouri, and Michael Janson (Tina Bennett) of Bloomfield, Missouri; by three daughters, Teresa Ann Sindelar of St. Louis, Missouri, Christina Janson (Steve Boyer) of Dexter, Missouri, and Deanna Seybold (Stephen) of Clarksville, Tennessee; by two brothers, Gene O'Neal and Russell O'Neal, both of Puxico, Missouri; by her sister, Helen Voss of Puxico, Missouri; by thirteen grandchildren, Derek Clark, Kimberly Scates, Ashley Post, Colby Reed, Austin Richardson, Sarah Risinger, Cory Janson, Kara Janson, Kristin Janson, Devon Mason, Ashley Fisher, Trevor Bennett, and Tesla Riddell; and by sixteen great-grandchildren.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her son, James Gregory O'Neal; by her brother, Freeman O'Neal; and by four sisters, Virginia Spears, Shirley Bolin, Fernie Julius, and Lois Caldwell.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, September 30, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, September 30, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Jimmy Clark officiating.

Interment will follow in the Rock Hill Cemetery in Puxico.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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