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In Memory of Cora Bell Rinehart Kunkle

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In Memory of Cora Bell Rinehart Kunkle

Cora Bell Rinehart Kunkle, daughter of the late Claude Coleman Rinehart and Jewell Mae Atkinson Rinehart, was born on November 8, 1935, in Thornburg Arkansas, and departed this life on February 2, 2022, at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, at the age of 86 years.

Mrs. Kunkle had worked in the produce department for Town and Country Supermarket in Bloomfield, Missouri and was a resident of Bloomfield.

On February 6, 1953, in Wardell, Arkansas, she was united in marriage to Roy Gilmore Kunkle Jr. Mr. Kunkle preceded her in death on November 5, 2012.

She is survived by her son, Roy G. Kunkle III and wife Dawn of Fernandina Beach, Florida; by two daughters, Linda D. Kunkle of Bloomfield, Missouri and Jo Ann Lewellen and husband Richard of Dexter, Missouri; by her twin sister, Lillie Denny; by two brothers, Gerald Rinehart and JE Rinehart; and by thirteen grandchildren, twenty-four great-grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two daughters, Claudia M. Glaser and Marsha K. Salisbury; by three brothers, Coleman, Bob, and Max; and by her twin sisters, Sadie and Sula.

No services are currently planned. Interment will be in the North Antioch Cemetery in rural Bloomfield, Missouri

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Ella Vivian Colwell

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Ella Vivian Colwell, daughter of the late Raymond DeJournett and Vivian Swan Rogers was born on July 18, 1929, in Clines Island, Missouri, and departed this life on February 5, 2022, at the Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, at the age of 92 years.

Mrs. Colwell was a former employee of International Hat Company in St. Louis, Missouri and was a resident of Bernie, Missouri.

On October 15, 1972, in St. Louis Missouri she was united in marriage to Robert Colwell. Mr. Colwell preceded her in death on April 21, 1981.

She is survived by three sons, Richard Wooldridge (Debbie) of Imperial, Missouri, James Wooldridge (Cheryl) of Antonio, Missouri, and Bobby Wooldridge (Sheryl) of Bernie, Missouri; by her brother, Larry Rogers of Dexter; by two sisters; Doris Zillich of Davison, Michigan, and Bertha Johnson of Bloomfield, Missouri; and by five grandchildren, thirteen great - grandchildren and by two great-great grandchildren.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one son Charles Wooldridge; two brothers, JD DeJournett, and Raymond DeJournett; by one sister, Ettie Mayo; by one grandchild, Darius Wooldridge; one great-grandchild, Sky Wooldridge; and by one daughter- in- law; Linda Wooldridge.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. at the Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter. Funeral Services will then be conducted on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 1:00 P.M. with Rev. Travis Lambert officiating.

Interment will follow in the Triplett Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Abigail (Abby) Regina Jones

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In Memory of Abigail (Abby) Regina Jones

Abigail (Abby) Regina Jones of Wappapello, Missouri daughter of Ronald and Susan Jones Born on September 03, 2001 in Warrensburg, Missouri passed from this life on January 30, 2022 in Rolla, Missouri at the age of 20 years, 3 months and 31 days.

Abby had lived in Wappapello, Missouri since January of 2010. She has also lived in other places like Warrensburg, Missouri, Fairbanks, Alaska and Cheyene, Wyoming. Abby attended and graduated from Puxico High School. She was a member of the Puxico marching band and the Perfect 10 Improv/Theater Program. She was also a member of the Missouri S and T Air Force ROTC. She was of the Catholic Faith.

Abby is survived by her parents Ronald Franklin and Susan Alonzo (Morley) Jones of Wappapello, Missouri; her maternal grandparents William and Marie Velma Morley; one uncle Marcel (Amber) Jones; two cousins Daphny Jones and Justin Hayes; her boyfriend Luke Goeckner. Abby was proceeded in death by her paternal grandparents Dr. Floyd and Regina Jones and one uncle Mike Jones. A host of family and friends also survive.

Visitation will be held on Sunday February 06, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Puxico, Missouri.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday February 07, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Puxico, Missouri with Brother Charlie Robertson officiating and Watkins and Sons Funeral Home of Puxico, Missouri in charge of all arrangements.

Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri.

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In Memory of Dana Jo Hughes Jackson

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In Memory of Dana Jo Hughes Jackson

Dana Jo Hughes Jackson was born on January 14, 1962, in Paris, Arkansas to Elywon Hughes and JoEtta Gordon Hughes, and departed this life on January 29, 2022, at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 60 years.

Throughout school, Dana Jo played saxophone in the marching band, played guitar, and was active with Kennett High School's student newspaper. She graduated high school in 1980, and headed to Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas.

Dana Jo graduated with a teaching degree from Arkansas State University, following in the footsteps of her parents and grandparents who were also educators. She began teaching Kindergarten in Gosnell, Arkansas in 1985. She left Gosnell elementary in 1993 to teach Kindergarten in Kennett, Missouri until she retired in 1999. She touched the lives of many students and colleagues throughout her professional career.

Her sister, Ann, and her were very close, sharing in laughter and many inside jokes. Her daughter, Holly Jo, started teaching Kindergarten due to her mother's legacy. Her daughter, Hannah, always spoke of her mother's loving heart and strives to live life with the same dedication.

In 2009, Dana Jo married the love of her life- Jerry. Dana Jo, Holly Jo, and Hannah joined together with Jerry, Quintin, and Sarah to create a blended family of love. Jerry and Dana Jo spent many years together- supporting one another, laughing, and loving God. They both attended Dexter Church of Christ together. In her sickness later in life, it was Jerry who supported, cared for, and made sure Dana Jo had everything she needed. From the family: Jerry, thank you.

Dana Jo's legacy will be carried on by her husband, Jerry Jackson of Dexter, four children: Holly Jo Engle and husband Clint Engle of Blytheville, Arkansas, Hannah Brasher and husband Daniel Brasher of Kennett, Sarah Simptkins and husband David Simptkins of Dexter, Quentin Jackson and wife Angela Jackson of St. Louis. One sister, Ann Baldwin and husband Travis Baldwin of Little Rock. One uncle, Shelby Gordon of Sikeston, three grandsons: Ethan Hagan Brasher, Henry Austin Simptkins, and Ezekiel Reid Jackson, whom she loved very much. And many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. with Rev. Britt Burcham officiating.

Interment will follow in the Smith-Stevenson Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to The Children's Home, 5515 Walcott Road, Paragould, Arkansas 72450-3319, Bootheel Youth Camp, PO Box 457, Dexter, Missouri 63841, or the Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation, 8815 Conroy Windermere Road, Suite 309, Orlando, Florida 32835.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Richard Danny Neeley

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In Memory of Richard Danny Neeley

Richard Danny Neeley of Dexter, Missouri, son of the late Val Gene and Gearldine (Kelly) Neeley was born on March 28, 1958 in Giddeon, Missouri and passed away on January 29, 2022 at Southeast Hospital in Dexter at the age of 63.

He was a United States Navy Veteran where he was a Hull Technician, Fireman and a Welder. Richard worked at Arvin Automotive as a welder for twenty five years where he was known as "Woochie".

He was a devoted Christian who studied the bible and loved to share his faith. He enjoyed music and gardening. But most of all he loved his girls, his family and his faith.

Richard is survived by his honey of fifteen years Debbie Smith; his first wife of twenty-two years Lisa Livesay; three beautiful daughters Jennifer (Dennis) Walton, Rebecca (Damon) Boner and Patricia (Jason) Thomas, all of Dexter, Missouri; eight grandchildren Jordan Richardson, Tessla and Taylor Boner, Trey Pedigo, Priscilla Palmer, Preston Sebastian and Hadley Walton; three brothers Ernest (Teresa) Neeley of Clarkton, Missouri, Hubert (Teresa) Neeley of Dexter, Missouri and Ronald Neeley of Bernie, Missouri; three sisters Dianna Bruce of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, Flossie (Kenny) Ellis of

Aztec, New Mexico and Roselee Miller of Dexter, Missouri; six half- siblings Everett, Ralph, Bud (Kathy) and Wayne Neeley, Johnny (Georgia) Bruce and Frankie (Bobbie) and one half-sister Pat.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents Gene and Gearldine Neeley; one grandson Ethan Palmer; one brother Homer Gene Neeley; eight half-siblings Jerry, Leon, Paul, David, Verda, Louise and Lois. A host of family and friends also survive.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday February 01, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday February 02, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri with Pastor Tim Russell officiating.

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

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