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In Memory of Rosemary P. Walker

FEBRUARY 28TH 2022 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Rosemary P. Walker

Rosemary P. Walker was born on May 4, 1927 in Ripley County Missouri to the late Rev. Sam W. Pulliam and Georgia Ethel Cox Pulliam and passed away on February 24, 2022 at the age of 94.

She attended elementary school in Oxley, MO and Essex, MO before moving with her family to Bloomfield in 1941 where she graduated from Bloomfield High School with the Class of 1944. She attended college at Southeast Missouri State Teachers College for 2 ½ years and after earning a temporary teacher's certificate, she began teaching typing and English at Bernie High School at the young age of 19. She returned to college during the summer terms to complete her education degree.

On May 28, 1950, she united in marriage to James Walker in Hornersville, Missouri. They shared 53 years together until the time of his death in 2004.

In 1952, Rosemary began teaching what she loved - high school business classes at Bloomfield High School. She spent the next 30 plus years teaching typing, shorthand, bookkeeping and secretarial practice. Her greatest pleasure in education came from watching the students in her secretarial practice class move on to good jobs or take their skills to college. Among her most memorable achievements during her years at BHS was establishing the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) organization with fellow business teacher Bill Wallace. Rosemary's dedication to her career and her students is a legacy among those who were privileged to sit in her classroom.

Rosemary was a faithful member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Bloomfield, MO for over 70 years. She served in numerous capacities some of which included pianist/organist, choir leader, Administrative Council member, United Methodist Women, and Sunday School teacher. She was pleased to be instrumental and participate in the planning of the construction of the church's current facilities in hope that the church would continue to be a vital part of the Bloomfield community.

After retiring from education, she obtained her realtor license and worked for Frank Sifford Real Estate in Bloomfield for several years. She was a charter board member of the Stoddard County Children's home, delivered Meals on Wheels and worked diligently to promote progress in the Bloomfield community and school district.

She formed lifelong friendships while playing bridge with a special group of ladies. She was an avid reader, enjoyed working crossword puzzles, playing Scrabble, watching Jeopardy and St Louis Cardinal baseball.

Her life mantra was "Let me do all the good I can....To all the people I can....As often as I can.....for I shall not pass this way again."

She left a legacy of love to her daughter, Jamie Jackson (Ken) of Dexter, Missouri and wonderful memories to two grandsons, Ryan Walker Jackson (Ashley) of Lee's Summit, Missouri and Aaron Matthew Jackson (Whitney) of Jefferson City, Missouri. Four great-grandchildren, Ellie Ann, Kate Elizabeth, Emmy Rose and Luke Walker also brought her much joy.

Rosemary shared a strong family bond with her sister, Lillian Shublom of Kansas City, Kansas and her late brother, George Edwin Pulliam. She is also survived by a sister-in-law, Frances Pulliam, of Bernie, Missouri and a brother-in-law, Wayne Walker, of Columbia, Missouri. Numerous nieces and nephews have also been beneficiaries of her love and support. She was preceded by two brothers, Earl Samuel and Joe Carl, who died in early childhood.

Visitation will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church in Bloomfield, Missouri from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 5, 2022.

Funeral services will immediately follow at 11:00 AM with Rev. Steve Koerner and Rev. Geoff Posegate officiating. Burial will be in the Bloomfield Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, PO Box 302, Bloomfield, MO 63825; Stars and Stripes Museum, 17377 Stars and Stripes Way, Bloomfield, MO 63825; or Stoddard County Children's Home, PO Box 164, Dexter, MO 63841.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of LC Burchell

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[In Memory of LC Burchell](#)

LC Burchell was born on April 9, 1939, in Gosnell Arkansas, and passed away at his home in Holcomb Missouri, on February 23, 2022.

He loved fishing and hunting. His family was the most important thing in his life. He looked forward to the B&B reunion every year. LC proudly served in the Air Force from 1956 – 1960.

Burchell was preceded in death by his parents, Lindsay and Emily Burchell, his wife; Nola Chilton Burchell, two brothers; Carl Burchell and Burnett Burchell, four sisters; Leona Beasley, Viola Keeling, Pauline Beasley, and Paulette Prewitt, two stepsons; Daryl Chilton, and Dallas Chilton, and two stepdaughters; Kay Pike, and Robin Johnson.

He is survived by one daughter Lisa (Ben) Willyerd, one stepdaughter; Sherry Perry, one stepson; Douglas (Glenda) Chilton, five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; one sister; Doris (Charlie) Barnes, and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. at the Lynn Oak General Baptist Church in Clarkton, Missouri.

A graveside service will then be conducted on Monday, March 7, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield with full Military Honors.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Lonnie Elwood Marler

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In Memory of Lonnie Elwood Marler

Lonnie Elwood Marler of Perryville, Missouri, the son of Charley Elwood and Mary Hazel (Elledge) Marler was born in Puxico, Missouri on July 05, 1946 and passed away in his home on February 21, 2022 at the age of 75.

Lonnie was a veteran of the United States Navy. He was self employed as a pallet broker.

He was united in marriage to Mary Ann Morgan on September 20, 1969 in Collinsville Illinois.

Lonnie is survived by his wife Mary Ann Marler of the home, three sons Scott Marler of Navarre, Florida, Kevin Marler of Annapolis, Missouri and Kent Marle of Fredericktown, Missouri; one brother Perry Marler of Sapulpa, Oklahoma; one sister Linda Watson of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; three grandsons Garrett, Ethan and Connor Marler; two granddaughters Mackenzie Marler and Gracie Stair. A host of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Charles Elwood and Mary Hazel Marler and one brother Louie Marler.

Visitation will be held on Saturday February 26, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Puxico, Missouri, with Funeral Service to follow with Pastor Doyle Mitchell of Dexter, Missouri officiating.

Internment will take place at Wappapello Cemetery in Wappapello, Missouri with Watkins and Sons Funeral Home of Dexter in charge of all arrangements.

Watkins and Sons Funeral Service

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In Memory of Henry Avery

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In Memory of Henry Avery

Henry Avery, son of the late John Wes Avery, Alene Lawson Avery and Blanche Harper Avery was born on November 28, 1946, in Circle City, Missouri, and departed this life on February 19, 2022, at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Missouri at the age of 75 years.

Mr. Avery was a Veteran of the United States Army, serving in the Vietnam War. He was a former forklift operator at Faurcia Automotive in Dexter. He was an active member of the Calvary Baptist Church and was a resident of Dexter. Mr. Avery was a member of the Dexter Masonic Lodge #511, Kenady-Hanks American Legion Post #59 and was a volunteer at John J. Pershing VA Medical Center in Poplar Bluff.

On October 19, 1973, in Clarkton, Missouri he was united in marriage to Nanny Lou Baker. Mrs. Avery survives of their home in Dexter.

In addition to his wife Nanny, he is survived by two sons, Stacy Avery and wife Dr. Suzanne of Nashville, Tennessee and David and wife Michelle Avery of Sikeston, Missouri; four grandchildren Bryant Avery, Reid Avery, Sophie Avery, and Alexander Avery; by his brother, Tom Eugene Avery of El Cajon, California; and by his sister, Bonnie Cooper of Dexter, Missouri.

Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Vader Stultz.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, February 24, 2022, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Masonic services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

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

Memorials may be made to 18 Fore Life, c/o Scott Kruse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, Missouri 63841.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Sterling L. McVay

FEBRUARY 21ST 2022 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Sterling L. McVay

Sterling L. McVay, 86 of Pekin, Illinois passed away on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at his home. He was born to Joseph L. and Nora (Young) McVay on November 7, 1935 in New Madrid, Missouri.

Sterling was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother Gene.

He is survived by; one son, Roger (Nena) McVay of Normal, Illinois; two daughters, Cindy (Dennis) Jurewicz of Peoria, Illinois and Debbie (Kevin) O'Shaughnessy of Manito, Illinois.; five grandchildren, Chelsie (Tyler Reese) Harkleroad, Heidi Harkleroad, Benjamin (Ashleigh) Harkleroad, Ariel Jurewicz and Anthony Jurewicz; six great grandchildren; two brothers, Charles McVay of Phoenix, Arizona, and Linnie McVay of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; three sisters, Melissia (Rev. Randy) Zinn of Bald Knob, Arkansas, Pearl (Kenny) Russell of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and Cheri Shelton of Peoria, Illinois and several special nieces and nephews.

Sterling was a veteran of the United States Army. He worked as an Instrument Mechanic at NRG Powerton Generating Station retiring in 1994. He was a lifelong St. Louis Cardinal fan, He enjoyed fishing, bike riding, traveling, and Elvis music. Sterling was a wonderful father and grandfather. He treasured his family, and loved time spent with them, especially his great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. with his brother-in-law, Rev. Randy Zinn officiating.

Burial will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield with Military Honors provided by the United States Army.

Memorials may be made in Sterling's name to American Diabetes Association, PO Box 7023, Merrifield, Virginia 22116-7023.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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