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In Memory of Maxine Gillis

MARCH 21ST 2022 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Maxine Gillis

Maxine Gillis, daughter of the late Robert A. Garner and Cora Lee DeArman Garner, was born on August 31, 1925, in Pyletown, Missouri, and departed this life on March 18, 2022, at Dexter Living Center in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 96 years.

Mrs. Gillis had worked for C & L Orchard, picking peaches, and operating a peach stand on the highway. She was a member of the Dexter Church of Christ, a volunteer at Thursday School, and a resident of Dexter. She enjoyed making quilts for family and friends, working in her garden and she cracked millions of pecans.

On October 18, 1945, in Dexter, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Gene Leo Gillis. Mr. Gillis preceded her in death on December 16, 1996.

She is survived by her son, Donald Gillis and wife Kelly of Haughton, Louisiana; by four daughters, Phyllis Menley and husband Eugene of Dexter, Missouri, Nancy Viviano and husband Louis of House Springs, Missouri, Linda Stearns and husband Ronnie of Dexter, Missouri, and Lori Whitehead and husband Virgil of Dexter, Missouri; by daughter - in - law Jennifer Gillis of Bells, Tennessee; by her brother, Marvin Garner of Dexter, Missouri; and by thirteen grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren, and four great-great grandchildren.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Vernon Gillis; by eight brothers, Bob Garner, Lester Garner, Ivan Garner, Hubert Garner, Chester Garner, Larry Garner, Lewis Garner, and Loyd Garner; and by three sisters, Myrl Cook, Emma Stallion, and Norma Grubbs.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, March 20, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Monday, March 21, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.

Interment will follow in the Chalk Bluff Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Margie Campbell

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In Memory of Margie Campbell

Margie Campbell of Evans Mills, New York daughter of the late E.B. and Mary (Goodwin) Griffin was born on February 05, 1932 in Anniston, Missouri passed away on March 14, 2022 in Watertown, New York at the age of 90 years.

She had lived in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Killeen, Texas, Bloomfield, Missouri, Arlington, Kentucky. She was part of TOPS, Inc Class, loved her grand children and great grandchildren with all her heart. She enjoyed word search puzzles, to stitch and loved to sing.

Margie married Leslie Campbell on August 14, 1948 in Bloomfield, Missouri until his passing on June 18, 1990.

Margie is survived by one son Charles (Kerry) Campbell of Killeen, Texas; two daughters Sharon Raydon of Evans Mills, New York and Bobbie (Mark) Churchill of Dexter, Missouri; nine grandchildren Jimmy, Charlie, David, Jason, Billy, Corrie, Christopher, Sharon-Marie and Leslie; twenty-nine great grand children and eleven great great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Leslie Campbell; her parents E.B. and Mary Griffin; two brothers Norwood Griffin and Jerry Griffin; one sister Glynn Mitchell; one daughter Rita Williams. A host of family and friends also survive.

Visitation will be held on Saturday March 19, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday March 19, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri with Brother Randy Moore officiating and Watkins and Sons Funeral Home of Dexter in charge of all arrangements.

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In Memory of Geneva Belle Steinmeier Buchanan Lacewell

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In Memory of Geneva Belle Steinmeier Buchanan Lacewell

Geneva Belle Steinmeier Buchanan Lacewell age 97 years and 14 days. She passed away peacefully in her sleep in her home surrounded by her loving family on Saturday March 12 at 5:08 pm. We sang her favorite hymns and listened to music that included her son Dennis singing. Geneva was born Feb 26, 1925 in Puxico MO to Joe and Pearl (Hawks) Steinmeier. In 1944 she married Monroe Buchanan in Pontiac Michigan. He preceded her in death Jan of 1970. In 1971 she married Dolph Lacewell in Puxico, he preceded her in death in July of 1989.

Geneva was a member of First Baptist Church in Puxico where she was the organist for several years. She loved her church and loved to sing. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW 7822, Thursday Culture Club, Senior Citizens Club of the Nutrition Center where she volunteered for many years. She retired from Mingo Job Corp after working there for 22 years in 1989.

Survivors include her children, Cheryl and Garey Faries Puxico MO, Dallas and Marla Buchanan of Puxico MO, Joy and Jeff Buchanan of Colfax, WI, Zena Onstott and Chuck Campbell of Tuscola, IL two sisters Emma Walton of Auburn, AL and Nettie Ward of Puxico MO she had many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren and three very special friends Tom Haynes, Ruby Franklin and Robin Pastori.

Preceding her in death was her son, Dennis Buchanan of Advance MO, Step daughters Joan and Doyle Moore and Judy and James Jackson, Half son Arthur Lee and his wife Bea Buchanan of Wisconsin Half Daughter Doris Sheffer Parents Joe and Pearl Steinmeier, Sisters, Dorothy Tweedy, Vivian Glenn, Lillian Green, Pauline Sifford Brothers Bill Steinmeier, Bonnie R Steinmeier, Charles Steinmeier, and Hoover Steinmeier

Funeral will be held at First Baptist Church of Puxico on Friday March the 18 at 11:00 am. Visitation from 10:00-11:00. In lieu of flowers the family would request donations be made in Geneva's name to leave an everlasting impact on her friends and neighbors at Puxico Senior Housing.

Puxico Senior Housing

PO Box 478

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Attn Robin Pastori

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In Memory of Kyle Smith

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In Memory of Kyle Smith

Kyle Smith, son of Connie Coleman Smith of Dexter, Missouri, and the late John G. Smith, was born on September 18, 1969, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and departed this life on March 12, 2022, in Springfield, Missouri, at the age of 52 years.

Kyle was the Sports Editor for the Dexter Statesman in Dexter, Missouri, and a resident of Dexter.

Kyle loved his job and the people he worked with.

On December 10, 2005, in Schell City, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Denise Bachand. Mrs. Smith preceded him in death on August 4, 2016.

He is survived by his mother, Connie Smith of Dexter; and many friends.

No services are planned.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Wanda Mae Lemons

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In Memory of Wanda Mae Lemons

Wanda Mae Lemons, daughter of the late Arthur J. McDaniel and Ada Meeks McDaniel was born on September 3, 1932 in Dexter, Missouri and departed this life on March 13, 2022 at her residence in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 89 years.

Ms. Lemons had worked at Elders Manufacturing and International Hat factory in Dexter. She was a member of the Second General Baptist Church in Dexter.

On August 25, 1949 in Piggott, Arkansas she was united in marriage to Leonard L. Lemons. Mr. Lemons preceded her in death on November 16, 1999.

She is survived by one son; Stewart Lemons (Connie) of Dexter, one daughter; Patty Hobbs (Mike) of Dexter, two grandchildren; Michael (Sonja) Hobbs and Lesley Hobbs Essex (Ryan), by one great- grandchild; Brant Hobbs.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one son; Stanley Lemons, two brothers; Harvey McDaniel, and Lyndel McDaniel; by two sisters; Velma Hanks and Gertrude Elledge.

No services are currently planned at this time.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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