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In Memory of Betty Jean Williams

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Betty Jean Williams of Lilbourn, Missouri daughter of Vearl and Jewel (Niswonger) Williams born on March 25, 1959 in Parma, Missouri and passed away on April 24, 2022 in Sikeston, Missouri at the age of 63 years.

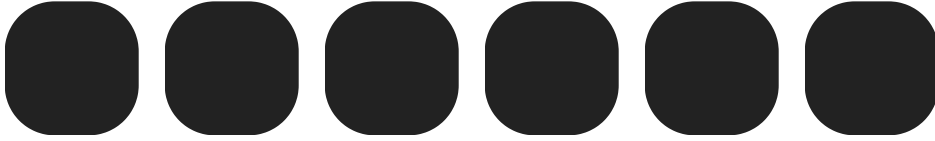
Betty was of the Baptist faith. She enjoyed word search puzzles, putting puzzles together, anything with Betty Boop. Mostly she loved her family.

Betty is survived by five brothers Billy (Janet) Williams of Miner, Missouri, Earl (Tammie) Williams of Tampa, Florida, Freddie Williams of Lilbourn, Missouri, Michael (Judy) Williams of Matthews, Missouri and Tommy (Phyllis) Williams of Catron, Missouri; three sisters Malinda Lawson of Howardville, Missouri, Bonnie Williams of Marston, Missouri and Karen (Keith) Harding of New Port News, Virginia; several nieces and nephews and several great nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents Vearl and Jewel Williams; three brothers Curtis Williams, Johnny Williams and Kenneth Williams and one sister Brenda Williams. A host of family and friends also survive.

Celebration of life will be held on May 30, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at her brother and sister in laws home at 1681 County Highway 613, Matthews, Missouri with Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in charge of all arrangements.

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In Memory of Joshua “Lane” Russell Savat

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Joshua “Lane” Russell Savat, age 16 of Poplar Bluff, Missouri passed away as the results of a tragic car accident Saturday, April 23, 2022.

Lane, son of Bree L. Savat and the late Joshua Russell Savat, was born on January 11, 2006, in Poplar Bluff. He was a sophomore at Poplar Bluff High School, where he played football and ran track for the Mules. When he was not playing sports, Lane enjoyed hanging out with family and friends, playing his guitar and ukulele, fishing, or playing video games. No matter what he did, Lane could always light up a room with his charming smile.

Lane is survived by his mom, Breanna Leigh Savat and dad Lanny Corcimiglia; three sisters, Zoe Savat, Hannah Corcimiglia, Reese Corcimiglia; only brother Jacob Corcimiglia; his grandparents, Darrell and Connie Taylor; Russell Savat, Glenna Whitley-

Savat; and Nancy Corcimiglia; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A gathering of family and friends will take place on Thursday April 28, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Black River Coliseum. The funeral service will follow at 3 p.m. at the Coliseum, with Reverend Byron Beck of Fellowship General Baptist Church officiating. Interment will follow at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in Poplar Bluff, with Committal rites being administered by Celebrant Deacon Nicholas Newton of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

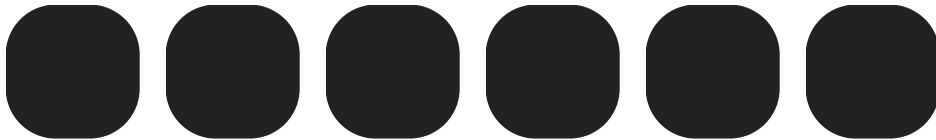
In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Lane Savat Memorial Scholarship Fund at First Midwest Bank.

Cotrell Willow Ridge Funeral and Cremation Service is honored to serve the family of Joshua Lane Russell Savat.

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In Memory of Rodger Dale Tharp

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Rodger Dale Tharp, son of the late Walter and Gladys Tharp, was born on April 25, 1946, in Rochelle, Illinois, and departed this life on April 20, 2022, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 75 years.

Mr. Tharp was a Veteran of the United States Army. He was a former employee of the Essex Special Road District in Essex, Missouri, and a resident of Essex. He enjoyed construction projects, reading and spending time with his family.

On March 8, 1980, in Dexter, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Sue Hughes. Mrs. Tharp survives of their home in Essex.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sister, Susan Dowdy of Grayridge, Missouri; by his nephew, Bradley Dowdy; by his aunt and uncle, Maxine and Dallas Brown of Oak Ridge, Missouri; by his cousin, Lavonda Cone of Festus, Missouri; and by four grandchildren, Kaitlyn Jones, Riley Glass, Tyler Tharp, and Alyssa Tharp.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by his birth mother, Willette Tharp Dowdy; by his brother, Robert Walter Dowdy, and by his sister, Janie Forrister.

No services are currently planned.

Memorials may be made to St Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38101

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Mary Myrtle Deloris Litchfield

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In Memory of Mary Myrtle Deloris Litchfield

Mary Myrtle Deloris Litchfield, 81, of Cabot, Arkansas, died Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at her home. She was born December 11, 1940, in Fairdealing, Missouri, to Charley and Mary Phillips.

She was united in marriage to Claude Litchfield on September 21, 1956, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. They had five children to this union; one son, Carrol Litchfield, and four daughters, Carolyn Lance, Debra Herman, Dorothy Metcalf, and Alecha Robinson. Mary has many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, she will be loved and missed by all.

She was preceded in death by her husband, by her parents, by her daughter, Debra Herman, by four brothers; and by one sister.

Mary was well known for her seam stressing and many other crafts she made. When she wasn't crafting or sewing, she would be spending quality time with her family. Her family will remember her as a kind-hearted woman who lived by her faith in God. Through her faith she found strength which would see her through anything.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri on Thursday, April 21, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Gary Teal officiating.

Interment will follow in the Triplett Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of David DeWayne Shelden

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David DeWayne Shelden, age 49, passed away April 15, 2022, at his home surrounded by his loving family and friends. David bravely and courageously fought cancer for 15 years. His battle was won when the angels sang him home. David is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Whitney C. Shelden; children, Christopher Conrad Shelden, Sierra Drew Shelden, and Piper Graziella Vassallo; mother and step-father, Louise and Douglas Stallings; father and step-mother, Joseph and Lily Shelden; siblings, Lee Fulkerson II, and

Crystal (Tim) Seul; as well as nieces, nephews, cousins and loving extended family members.

David was honest, loyal, brave, and true, and always told it like it was. His dedication, protection, strength, courage, and undying love for his family will be greatly missed. He will forever be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father, friend, and motorcycle riding music lover.

Memorial services will be held at Sweet Prospect General Baptist Church, 1201 E Elk St, Dexter, MO, on April 23 beginning at 3pm and at Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church 809 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, TN, on April 30 beginning at 5 pm. A Celebration of David's life will be held on July 4th on the Farm at Cross Creek in Kingston, TN.

Whitney also wanted to share this special note.... Not long before his passing, as his body began to surrender to the pain and suffering, David woke and told me he dreamed we learned to dance together in perfect harmony. I will always remember the sincerity of the love and pure joy he expressed. Our last dance was nothing like our first, both forever imprinted upon my soul.

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