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In Memory of Gary Allen Hicks

JUNE 13TH 2022 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Gary Allen Hicks

Gary Allen Hicks was born September 7, 1954, in Sikeston, Missouri to Joseph Edward Hicks and Margie Nell Harris both, who proceeded him in death. Gary passed away at his home in Bloomfield, Missouri on June 12, 2022, surrounded by his wife and three children.

Gary earned an Associate Arts degree in Agriculture from Three Rivers College and moved to Illinois to pursue his career. There, he met Cindy June Davis and they were married in Urbana, Illinois on May 10, 1977. Gary and Cindy had two sons Wade Matthew, and Dustin Christopher, and a daughter Karlie Sue.

Gary's career in agriculture brought him back to southeast Missouri dairy farming with his father before moving on to the USDA Farm Service Agency in Bloomfield, MO where he worked until his retirement. Gary was a devout Christian member of the Dudley and Bloomfield Churches of Christ.

Gary is survived by his wife of 45 years Cindy, son Wade and wife Phuong, son Dustin and wife Ashleigh, daughter Karlie, three grandchildren Leightin, Ashtin, and Clara, and siblings Donna Moreira, Melana Long, and Ronald Hicks.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Bill Henington

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In Memory of Bill Henington

Bill Henington of Puxico, Missouri, son of the late William Eli, Sr. and Ruby (Fondaw) Henington was born on November 21, 1932 in Sikeston, Missouri and passed away on June 09, 2022 in Perryville, Missouri at the age of 89.

He grew up in Sikeston before moving to St. Louis he had lived in Puxico where he worked for many years as a Long Haul Truck Driver for Advance Transport.

Bill honorably served his country in the US Army during the Korean War.

Bill was of the Christian Faith and most enjoyed Fishing, Farming and Auto Body Repair.

He is survived by two sons: James "Dave" Henington of Puxico, Missouri and Wm "Tim" Henington and wife Janice of Summertown, Tennessee. Also one sister Charlotte Rowark and husband Claude of Puxico, Missouri, Three grandchildren and five greatgrandchildren survives. He is preceded in death by his parents and one sister Jacqueline

Henington. A host of friends and family also survive.

Visitation will be held on Monday June 13, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Puxico, Missouri.

Graveside Funeral Services will be held on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at the Sikeston Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Sikeston, Missouri with Rev. Justin Miller of Puxico, Missouri officiating.

Watkins and Sons Funeral Home of Puxico is in charge of all arrangements.

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In Memory of Linda K. Smith

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In Memory of Linda K. Smith

Linda K. Smith, daughter of the late Hoyte and Ida Jurline Presley, was born on August 30, 1949, in Poinsett, Arkansas and departed this life on June 8, 2022, at her residence in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 72 years.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and she attended Faith Fellowship Church in Dexter. She was the glue of the family and loved taking care of everyone especially her grandchildren.

On April 5, 1970, in Buckeye, Arizona, she was united in marriage to Lloyd Smith. Mr. Smith survives of their home in Dexter.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, Tim Smith of Dexter and Chad Smith of Poplar Bluff; by her daughter, Jewel Lynn Smith of Dexter; by her brother, Dale Presley of Dexter; by her sister, Leann White of Dexter; and by fifteen grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Lisa Kay Smith; by her brother, Harold Presley; and by her sister, Sharon Butler.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, June 12, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Sunday, June 12, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Dudley Cemetery.

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In Memory of Kristi Jo Stanford Altman

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In Memory of Kristi Jo Stanford Altman

Kristi Jo Stanford Altman, daughter of Vickie Asbell Stanford McClard of Dexter, Missouri, and the late Ronnie Stanford, was born on August 28, 1971, in Dexter and departed this life on June 6, 2022, at her residence in Dexter at the age of 50 years.

Following in her father's footsteps, Mrs. Altman worked at the Stoddard County Sheriff's Department and the City of Bernie Police Department as a dispatcher, along with being a former radio announcer for KDEX. Being a member of the Bernie Church of Christ, Kristi was a woman of faith who often helped those in need. With her wonderful smile and attitude, Kristi was a courageous fighter of metastatic breast cancer for 6 years and nine months.

On June 18, 2013, in Las Vegas, Nevada, she was united in marriage to Greg Altman. Mr. Altman survives of their home in Dexter.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her daughter, Victoria Hockman of Fort Myers, Florida, by her mother and step-father, Vickie and Curtis McClard of Dexter, Missouri; by her sister, LaRhonda Billingsley and husband David of Dexter, Missouri; by her step-son, Gregory Altman of Dexter, Missouri; by two nephews, Eric Billingsley and Aaron Billingsley; by her great nephew, Brayden Billingsley, by her great niece, Adalyn Jo Billingsley; by two uncles, Rod Asbell and wife Kay of Dexter, Missouri, and Gary Stanford of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.; and by many cousins and friends.

Other than by her father, she was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents A. E. and Joy Stanford; by her maternal grandparents, Alfred and Margaret Asbell; by her stepgrandparents, Curtis and Dorothy McClard; and by the father of her daughter, Terry E.

Hockman Jr.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, June 10, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, June 10, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. with Mark Smith officiating. Interment will follow in the Chalk Bluff Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Bruce Dewayne Appleton

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In Memory of Bruce Dewayne Appleton

Bruce Dewayne Appleton, son of the late Lucian Appleton and Mary Tarrants Appleton, was born on October 10, 1957 at Dexter, Missouri and departed this life at Southeast Health Center of Stoddard County, Dexter, Missouri on June 8, 2022 at the age of 64.

Mr. Appleton was a Land Surveyor for Waters Engineering, Inc of Sikeston, Missouri for over 20 years. He was presently employed by Martin Rice. He was a resident of Bernie and served as Alderman and was of Pentecostal Faith.

He was united in marriage to Karla Kaye Braswell in Morehouse, Missouri on January 5, 1979. Mrs. Appleton survives in their home in Bernie.

Other Survivors include one son, Adam Bruce Appleton of Jackson, Missouri by one daughter, Amanda Nicole Appleton of Bernie, Missouri; by one daughter in law, Andrea Appleton of Perryville, Missouri; by two brothers, Roland Appleton of Bertrand, Missouri and Larry Appleton of Sikeston, Missouri; by one sister, Margaret Moffitt of High Point, North Carolina; by six grandchildren, Giana McCoy, Elijsha Brown, Brooklyn Brown, Roman Appleton, Ellery Appleton and Legend Appleton; also by other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death other than by his parents, by two brothers, Ronnie Appleton and Leon Appleton; by Four sisters, Shirley Kersey, Sandra Odle, Joann and Joan Lewis.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Sunday afternoon June 12, 2022 from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Chapel in Bernie on Monday afternoon, June 13, 2022 at 2:00 P.M.

Interment will follow in Bernie Cemetery. Mathis Funeral Home of Bernie is assisting with arrangements.

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