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In Memory of Helen Mae Henderson

AUGUST 29TH 2022 BY DEE LOFLIN

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Helen Mae Henderson of Bernie Missouri, daughter of the late Fredrick Homer Shawn and Mary Margaret (Hasten) Shawn was born on October 4, 1943 in Dewitt, Arkansas passed away on August 24, 2022 in Bernie, Missouri at the age of 78.

She has lived in the Bernie, Bloomfield and San Simon, Arizona areas. Helen enjoyed crocheting, knitting, sewing, quilting, and playing Bingo.

Helen was a retired waitress having worked many years at Tucker's Restaurant, Hickory House Restaurant and 4K Truck Stop.

Helen is survived by her companion Curtis Henderson; two sons Michael Webb of Essex, Missouri; Vernon (Vicky) Webb of Bloomfield, Missouri; one daughter Janice (Chris) Smith of Wappapello, Missouri; thirteen grandchildren Chris James, Michael C. Webb, Cody Smith, Samantha (Tyler) Niemeier, JC Pinkerton, Ana Smith, Vincent Webb, Valerie (Steven) Siebert, Vabian Webb, Octavio Ortiz, Diego Ortiz, Michael S. Webb, Lilith Webb; eleven great grandchildren Daphny James, Blaiklyn Webb, Michael D. Webb, Madilynn Smith, Karrson Sisco, Emberly Taylor, Devon Pinkerton, Benjamin Comstock, Quinton Peery, Jayce Peery, Zoey Ricketts; as well as a host of family and friends also survive.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; her daughter Evelyn Denice Webb; four sisters Sue Smith, Gladys Tubb, Trella Arment, Mable Bailey; two brothers Bob Shawn, Joe Shawn.

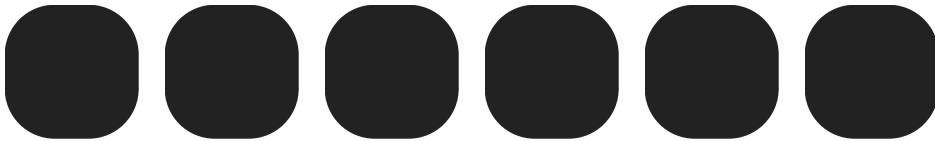
Visitation will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. until the time of service at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri with Pastor Charles Robertson of Bloomfield officiating. Burial to follow in the Harper Cemetery in Aid, Missouri and Watkins and Sons Funeral Home of Dexter is in charge of all arrangements.

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In Memory of Evelyn Renee Martinez

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Evelyn Renee Martinez passed peacefully in the arms of family on August 24, 2022. She was born at 7:13 p.m. and met the eyes of Jesus at 7:14 p.m. the same day.

Evelyn was the daughter of Lucas Guadalupe and Adriana Gabriela (Franco) Martinez.

Her paternal grandparents are Evelia and Balentin Martinez of Guatemala; and maternal grandparents Heather and Arturo Franco of Sikeston, Missouri.

Evelyn is also survived by two aunts Rebeca Franco of Sikeston, Missouri, Monica Franco of Campbell, Missouri; five uncles Cruz Franco of Sikeston, Missouri, Sam Franco of Sikeston, Missouri, Kaleb Brenna of Campbell, Missouri, Morel Martinez of Dexter, Missouri, Nery Martinez of Dexter, Missouri; one cousin Elliot Brenna of Campbell, Missouri as well as a host of family.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, August 28, 2022 at 12:00 for the family until the time of service at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral Services will be held on Sunday, August 28, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri with Pastor Charles Robertson of Bloomfield officiating. Burial to follow in the Dexter Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri and Watkins and Sons Funeral Home of Dexter is in charge of all arrangements.

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In Memory of Elbert Kenneth Massingill

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Elbert Kenneth Massingill, 88, of Rockford, Illinois, formerly of Dexter, Missouri, departed this life on August 24, 2022, in Rockford, Illinois. Born February 3, 1934, in Hattieville, Arkansas, son of Alexander and Betty (Duvall) Massingill. United in marriage to Tina Mansfield.

Formerly employed as a Production Manager at Hawley Products in St. Charles, IL. Elbert loved farming and gardening, often gifting the majority of his vegetables to friends, family, and those in need. He enjoyed watching his great-grandkids at their sport and school activities.

Survived by daughter Rhonda (Ron) Himes; grandchildren, Ryan (Jolyn) Himes, Jen (Brad) Martin; great-grandchildren, Alec Martin, Miles Himes, Madelyn Martin, Eli Himes; sister-in-law, Judy Massingill; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Preceded in death by his wife; son, Elbert Kenneth Massingill Jr.; siblings, Robert Lee Massingill, Frank Massingill, Zettie Douglas, Wiladean Monroe, Mildred Davis and dear friend, Marlene Earls.

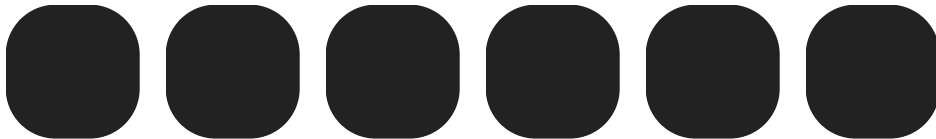
Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie on Saturday, September 3, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Bill Pennington officiating. Interment will follow in the Bernie Cemetery in Bernie, Missouri.

Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Paula Kaye Reed Smith

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In Memory of Paula Kaye Reed Smith

Paula Kaye Reed Smith, daughter of the late James Paul Reed and Loyce Lucillia Patterson Reed, was born on June 28, 1944, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and departed this life on August 23, 2022, at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 78 years.

Mrs. Smith was a former office manager for Dexter Memorial Hospital Home Health. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Dexter, the FBC Choir and the Bob Coffey Sunday School Class. She was a volunteer for Preferred Hospice, and a Stoddard County Election Poll worker. Paula loved reading, going to the beach and Mustang convertibles. She loved her family and considered her grandchildren and great-grandchildren her greatest gift in life. Throughout her life, Paula remained close to a group of her girlfriends from high school, before COVID they enjoyed traveling and spending time together, and during and after COVID they enjoyed visiting through ZOOM.

On April 3, 1970, in Dexter, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Jim F. Smith. Mr. Smith survives of their home in Dexter.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by five children, Shannon Putnam and husband Denny of Dexter, Missouri, Sheri Smith and husband Chris Marien of Talisheek, Louisiana, Marianne Bruce and husband Keith of Dexter, Missouri, Lori Powell and husband Darrin of Dallas, Texas, and Jimmy Paul Smith of Belleville, Illinois; by her sister, Jennifer Miller of Nixa, Missouri; by twelve grandchildren, Dalton Putnam and wife Ryleigh, Rachel Jones and husband Kyle, Zach Robinson, Kyle Robinson, Hunter Bruce and fiancé Angeline Bottera, Holden Reed Bruce and wife, Ashlyn, Audrey Powell, Seth Powell, Adrian Powell, Owen Smith, Wyatt Smith, and Nora Smith; and by six great-grandchildren, Henry, Mason, Hudson Reed, Stella, Elizabeth and Ariella.

Memorials may be made to the Keller Public Library, 402 West Grant St., Dexter, MO 63841 or, First Baptist Church Library, 11 West Castor St., Dexter, MO 63841 or, The ALS Association St. Louis Regional Chapter, 1950 Craig Road, Suite 200, St. Louis, MO 63146

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, August 27, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, August 27, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. with Eric Krapf and Rev. Mitch Grainger officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Vernon C. Mathis

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In Memory of Vernon C. Mathis

Vernon C. Mathis, son of the late Leo Erby Mathis and Mary Bessie Myers Mathis was born on July 8, 1935 in Sikeston, Missouri and departed this life on August 22, 2022 at the Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter at the age of 87.

Vernon was a Veteran of the United States National Guard, where he retired after forty-two years of service with the 1140th Engineer Company out of Sikeston, Missouri, attaining the rank of First Sergeant. Vernon retired from Missouri Utilities (currently Ameren Electric) as their construction superintendent in the Dexter office. He later worked at Allen Christian Buick GMC. Vernon had been a member of the First United Methodist Church in Dexter and sang in their choir. He also assisted with the Dexter Senior High School football program, in the press box for fifty years.

On October 31, 1953 he was united in marriage to June Faye Lawrence in Sikeston, Missouri. Mrs. Mathis preceded him in death on October 21, 2020.

He is survived by two sons, David and wife Cathy Mathis of Wappapello, Missouri and Greg and wife Lisa Mathis of Dexter, Missouri; by his daughter-in-law, Dana Mathis of Dexter, Missouri; by seven grandchildren, Ambre Curran, Eric Lawrence Mathis, Lauren June Starks and her husband, Bruce, Aaron Mathis and his wife, Brittany, Hannah Hindman and her husband, Ethan, Hunter Mathis, and Elijah Mathis; by nine great-grandchildren, Zach Curran and his wife Amanda, Jacob Curran, Madalyn Lockhart and

her husband Alan, Colton Starks, Camden Starks, Maurice Davis, Taylor Ward, Harper Mathis and Blake Mathis; by his nephew, Jeff Lawrence and wife Dianne of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; by two great nieces, Sarah Houston and husband Kaleb and Kelsey Gibson and husband Dane; and by his great-great nephew and niece, Barrett Gibson and Emma Gibson.

Other than by his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his son, John Scott Mathis; by his grandson-in-law, Mark Curran; by his great-grandson, Xaiden Starks, by his brother, Robert Mathis and by his sister, Betty Feldewerth.

Visitation will be held on Friday, August 26, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter.

Funeral services will then be conducted on Friday, August 26, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Good Samaritan Fund, 1823 East State Highway 114, Dexter, Missouri 63841. Vernon loved dogs and cats, this fund helps stray animals receive medical treatment and care.

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