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In Memory of John Oliver Smith

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In Memory of John Oliver Smith

John Oliver Smith of Essex, Missouri son of Christopher "Chris" Lee and Kirsten Faith (Bronander) Smith went to be with the Lord on August 29, 2022.

John is survived by his parents Chris and Kirsten Smith; two brothers Andrew and Kezden Smith of Essex, Missouri; one sister Mackenzie Smith of Essex, Missouri; Several Aunts, uncles and cousins; paternal grandparents Greg and Zenita Smith of Essex, Missouri and maternal grandparents Paul and Debbie Bronader of Festus, Missouri. A host of family and friends also survive.

John was preceded in death by one brother Noah James Smith.

Graveside service will be held Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. at the New Essex Cemetery in Essex, Missouri with Brother Ian Crump of Dexter, Missouri officiating.

Interment will follow in the New Essex Cemetery in Essex, Missouri with Watkins And Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of all Arrangements.

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In Memory of Nick Thurman

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In Memory of Nick Thurman

Nick Thurman, son of the late Pete Thurman and Guynell Byassee Thurman of East Prairie, was born August 26, 1950, in Anniston, and departed from this life September 2, 2022, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 72.

He served in The United States Navy from August 26, 1968 until August 25, 1972, where he was a firefighter with the crash crew on the U.S.S. America during the Vietnam War. During his time in the service, he was sent to Rio, the Philippines and out to sea. Nick received medals for National Defense and Republic of Vietnam Service for USA. He owned Bootheel Boxing Club, where he coached many boxers before owning and operating Thurman Construction and Cabinets. He had a successful business until ill health forced him to retire.

He is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Erin and Jennifer Thurman of East Prairie; one daughter, Morgan Thurman of East Prairie; one brother and sister-in-law, John and Donna Thurman; four grandchildren, Phillip Messmer, Seth Thurman, Mac Munson and Ty Munson all of East Prairie; one great-grandchild, Ava Messmer.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday September 6, 2022, at 11 a.m. at East Prairie Memorial Park Cemetery with Mike Foster giving the eulogy.

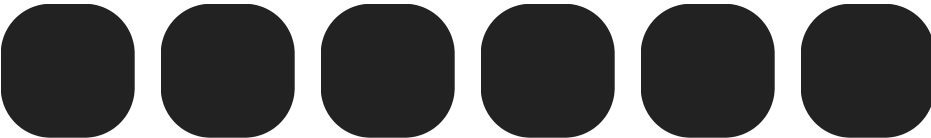
Memorials may be made to the East Prairie Nutrition Center, 304 East Main Street, East Prairie, MO 63845

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Dorothy Mae (Cagle) Jarrell

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[In Memory of Dorothy Mae \(Cagle\) Jarrell](#)

Dorothy Mae (Cagle) Jarrell, daughter of Teddie and Lucille (Corbin) Cagle was born on November 9, 1949 in rural Bloomfield. She departed her life on earth, surrounded by her loving family, on September 3, 2022 at the age of 72 years.

Dorothy is survived by her husband of 51 years, Jimmie Lee Jarrell, her daughter Carla (Kevin) Julian of Bloomfield, MO, one grandson Collin (Marisa) Julian of Bloomfield, MO, and two sisters Flora (Gary) Green of Poplar Bluff, MO and Linda (Denny) Giles of Evans, GA. She is also survived by nieces, nephews, many family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Dorothy was a member of Mt Gilead (Hills) General Baptist Church. She was a member of the First General Baptist Church of Bloomfield for many years. She was very involved in both churches, teaching classes of all ages. Over the years she was very active in the community owning several businesses including Annie's Country Store and Eatery in Bloomfield. In 2005 she received the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce "Business of the Year" award. She loved spending time with family and friends, crafting, decorating and reading.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm on Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 1:30 pm in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Steve Tippen and Rev. Ronnie Stevens officiating.

Interment will follow at Hagy Cemetery in Dexter, MO.

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In Memory of Peggy Jean Snider Hardin

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In Memory of Peggy Jean Snider Hardin

Peggy Jean Snider Hardin, daughter of the late Carl Edward and Lerlen Jackson Snider, was born April 29, 1937, passed away Friday, September 2, 2022, peacefully in her home surrounded by her family, at the age of 85.

Ms. Hardin was an active member of the LaValle Baptist Church, where she enjoyed singing. She was the Parma Cub Scout Leader for many years. Peggy had a contagious smile that made everyone feel welcomed and loved. She was an avid Cardinals fan and never missed a game. Peggy loved crocheting, gardening, traveling and her beloved chickens. She looked forward to sunny summer days and watching the great-grandkids swim in the pool. Peggy loved nothing more than her family and spending time on the farm.

Peggy is survived by her sons, Edward Dale Hardin of Parma, Missouri, and Yancey (Angela) Hardin of Catron, Missouri; grandchildren, Bradley Hardin of Catron, Missouri, Sarah (Jarrett) Lawfield of Kewanee, Missouri, Ben (Amanda) Hardin, Casey (Trey) White of Catron, Missouri, Jessica (John) Hunter of Dexter, Missouri, and Stephanie Pannell of Paducah, Kentucky; brother, Dallas (Marcie) Snider of Parma, Missouri; sisters, Charlotte (Dale) Griffin of Dexter, Missouri, and Dot (Doyle) Mekan of Arnold, Missouri; sixteen great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by the father of her children, Hubert Hardin; one daughter, Leila Dodson; one daughter-in-law, Linda Hardin; one son-in-law, Jon Dodson; two brothers, Norman and Ray Snider; two sisters, Fay and Linda Snider; and one sister-in-law, Sue Snider.

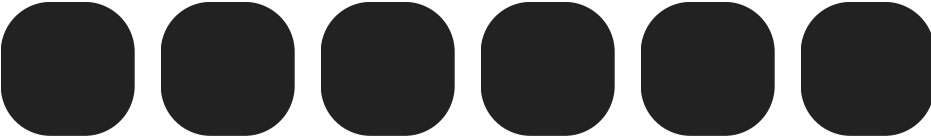
The family would like to thank Legacy Hospice for their compassionate care during this difficult time.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Judy Anette Wheatley Miller

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Judy Anette Wheatley Miller, daughter of the late Robert and Edith Cox Wheatley, was born December 27, 1946, in Kinder, Missouri, and departed this life on August 31, 2022, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 75.

Ms. Miller attended The Cowboy Church in Puxico, Missouri until suffering a stroke in 2013. She then moved to Cypress Point where Judy was saved and became a child of God; her salvation was very important to her. The Saturday night gospel singing at Cypress Point was the highlight of her week.

Judy is survived by her son, Chris James, stepson, Allen James, and grandchildren; her brother, Marty Wheatley of Bowling Green; her sisters, Karen Franklin of Puxico, Missouri, Kentucky, Lynn Merriman of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, Ilene Wade of Bloomfield, Missouri, Kathern Wheatley of Louisville, Kentucky; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by her infant sister, Vivian Wheatley; brothers, Robert Wheatley, Harold Wheatley, Paul Wheatley and Kenneth Wheatley; and her stepdaughter, Sandra Gardner.

Per Judy's wishes, there will be no viewing or services. A private family memorial will be held at a later date.

Mathis Funeral Home of Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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