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In Memory of La Gina Renee Kirkman

OCTOBER 17TH 2022 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of La Gina Renee Kirkman

La Gina Renee Kirkman, daughter of Allen McCoy of Dexter, Missouri and the late Lisa VonRuedgisch was born on July 25, 1992 in Sikeston, Missouri and departed this life on October 12, 2022 at her residence in Gideon, Missouri at the age of 30.

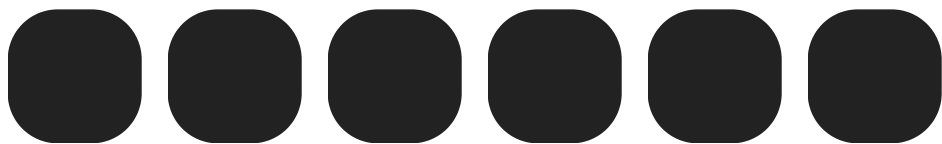
La Gina had worked in the office at Town and Country and was a resident of Gideon, Missouri. She was the life of the party and was always able to get everyone to laugh and dance. She loved being an Aunt and spending time with her family, her favorite thing though, was being a mother.

Other than by her father, Allen, she is survived by two sons, Zayden Kirkman of Sikeston, Missouri and Payton Kirkman of Gideon, Missouri; by two daughters, Hailey Bayless and Cheyanne Bayless both of Sikeston, Missouri; by two brothers, Rex Bayless of O'Fallon, Missouri and Chris Bayless of Springfield, Missouri; by her sister, Tonya Hammett of Wappapello, Missouri; by her fiancé, Jon Mosby of Gideon, Missouri; by her fiancé's parents, Lisa and David Mosby of Gideon, Missouri, and by many extended family and friends.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, October 16, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri. Funeral services will be conducted on Sunday, October 16, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow at the Hagy Cemetery

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In Memory of Gerald Duane Jones

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Gerald Duane Jones, son of Reuben Jones and Sandra L. Jones, was born on November 7, 1968, in St. Louis, Missouri, and departed this life on October 10, 2022, at his residence in Bloomfield, Missouri, at the age of 53 years.

Mr. Jones was a mechanic.

He is survived by his mother, Sandra L. Jones of Farmington, Missouri; by his father and stepmother, Reuben and Sandra K. Jones of Puxico, Missouri; and by three brothers, Darren Jones of Scott City, Missouri, Grant Jones of Dexter, Missouri, and Eric Jones of Bentonville, Arkansas.

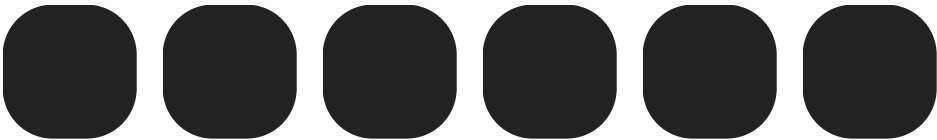
No services are planned.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Reva Pruett

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In Memory of Reva Pruett

Reva Pruett, daughter of the late James Bloys Cook and Lottie Robey Cook, was born on September 21, 1931, in Aquilla, Missouri, and departed this life on October 11, 2022, at Clark’s Mountain Nursing Center in Piedmont, Missouri, at the age of 91 years.

Mrs. Pruett was a former bookkeeper and office manager, retiring from Gerald Griffith Construction. She had also worked for Montgomery Ward and Midwest Cable. She was a

member of Living Water Worship Center in Bloomfield, Missouri, and a former resident of Dexter, Missouri. She enjoyed crocheting and making afghans. She loved reading her bible and listening to gospel music. She was a faithful preacher’s wife and her faith, and her family were her life.

On March 31, 1951, she was united in marriage to Rev. Edsel Pruett. Rev. Pruett preceded her in death on June 23, 2007.

She is survived by her son, Bloyce Pruett and wife Gayla of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; by two grandchildren, Flesha Samuels and Benjamin Pruett; and by two great-grandchildren, Brandon Pruett and Kaleb Billmeier.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her infant son, James William Pruett, and by her brother, Andy Franklin Cook.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, October 17, 2022, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Monday, October 17, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Jim Hook officiating. Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

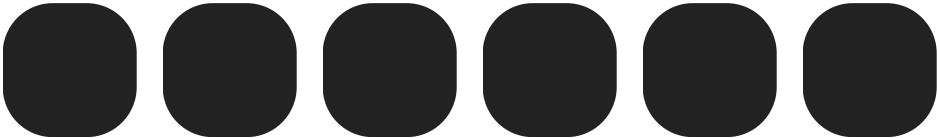
Memorials may be made to the Bloomfield Area Nutrition Center, 609 N Delaware Street, Bloomfield, Missouri 63825.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Charles Ray Ritch

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In Memory of Charles Ray Ritch

Charles Ray Ritch of Dexter, Missouri the son of the late Paul and Alma (Sutton) Ritch was born in Blytheville, Arkansas on December 14, 1935, and passed away on October 1, 2022, at the age of 86 years.

Charles lived in Dexter all his life until he moved to Saint Louis to work and moved back after retirement.

Charles was of the Baptist Faith.

Charles was a retired Retail Tire Sales Manager from Goodyear.

Charles is survived by his four sons, Dave Ritch of Dexter, Donald Ritch, Doug Ritch, and Darrell Ritch all of Grayridge, Missouri; two daughters, Linda McGarrity of Paducah, Kentucky, Beverly Harris of Dexter; one step-son, Billy Lusk of Dexter; one step-daughter, Sherrie Leathers of St. Louis; one brother, Kenneth Ritch of Florida; one sister, Sue Ann Holden of St. Louis, Missouri; ten grandchildren, several great-grandchildren. A host of Family and Friends also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Louise (Plunk) Ritch; one son, Dennis Ritch; one daughter; Sheila Ritch; and one sister, Melba Harlan.

Visitation will be on Friday, October 7, 2022 from 12 to 1:00 P.M. for Family and 1 to 2:00 P.M. for Friends at the Watkins and Sons Chapel in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral services will be held the same day as visitation at 2:00 P.M at the Watkins and Sons Chapel in Dexter with Pastor Charlie Robertson of Bloomfield officiating and Watkins and Sons Funeral Service of Dexter, Missouri in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Loretta Louise Vardell Roach

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In Memory of Loretta Louise Vardell Roach

Loretta Louise Vardell Roach, 92, of Puxico, MO, passed away on October 10, 2022 at Cypress Point Nursing Center in Dexter, MO. She was born November 13, 1929 in Puxico, the daughter of Lonnie and Edna Hughes Vardell.

Loretta had been instrumental in the development of the Stoddard County Ambulance District. She had worked as an EMT; she was the first employee to ever retire from the Stoddard County Ambulance District.

Loretta was known as a professional volunteer for her dedication to the Puxico community. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary #7822, Puxico OES #422, Puhicah Club and the Puxico Senior Citizens Housing Board. She served as a “volunteer grandparent” at Puxico Schools; she enjoyed reading to the students. For several years she wrote the “Puxico Personals” column for the Puxico Press. She had been a long-time Girl Scout Leader and Cub Scout Den Mother. She was a heavily involved member of the Egypt Community Church in Puxico.

Loretta had been a wonderful and loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Loretta and John U. Roach, Sr. were united in marriage on August 16, 1952, during the Puxico Homecoming and he preceded her in death on January 19, 2016.

Loving survivors include: four daughters, Loretta “Tootsie” (Douglas) Gerecke of Dexter, Elizabeth “Libby” (Rick) Killmer of Pittsburg, KS. Alice (Rodney) Stevenson of Tuckerman, AR and Sharon (Gary) Simmers of Advance; a sister, Lucetria Tetley of Overland, MO; 18 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, John “Butch” Roach, Jr.; three daughters, Karon Jones, Lucetria Roach and Dorothy Jean Roach; a grandson, Dillion Jones; two brothers, Brady (Hazel) Vardell and JC (Mavis) Vardell; a sister, Stella (Dwight) Peters and a brother-in-law, Martin Tetley.

Visitation will be held on Friday, October 14, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Morgan Funeral Chapel in Advance.

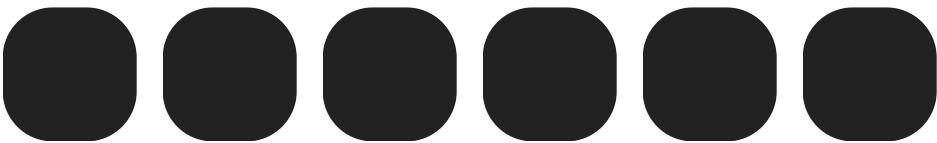
VFW and OES services will be held at 5:00 p.m.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. at the chapel with Rev. Wayne Burchett and Rodney Stevenson, II officiating. Burial will follow at Puxico Cemetery in Puxico.

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