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# In Memory of Mary Lucille Henson

DECEMBER 29TH 2022 BY DEE LOFLIN

## In Memory of Mary Lucille Henson

Mary Lucille Henson of Bloomfield, Missouri, daughter of the late James Wilson and Nora Ethel (Tennyson) Trotter was born on March 18, 1928 in rural Essex, Missouri and passed from this life on December 28, 2022 in Dexter Bluff, Missouri at the age of 94 years.

She lived in southeast Missouri her entire life. Mary last attended St. Joe General Baptist Church in Idalia, Missouri. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, sewing and being the caretaker of the home. She also greatly enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Mary was married to George David Henson on July 6, 1946 in Bloomfield, Missouri and remained married to him until his passing on September 27, 1992. Mary was employed until her retirement in 1994 by Elders Manufacturing.

Mary is survived by her son Gary David Henson of Bloomfield, Missouri; Several nephews and nieces, as well as a host of family and friends.

A graveside memorial service will be held on Friday December 30, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bloomfield Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri, Pastor Jim Hook of Bloomfield, Missouri officiating and Watkins and Sons Funeral Home of Dexter in charge of all arrangements.

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## In Memory of Sharon Darlene Stickles

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Sharon Darlene Stickles of Dexter, Missouri, daughter of the late Walter Edward Politte and Tina Elizabeth (Foster) Politte was born on March 10, 1947 in St. Louis, Missouri, and went to be with the Lord on December 25, 2022, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 75.

Sharon lived in the St. Louis area until her early twenties when she moved to the Dexter area to spend her life with her husband. She worked as a custodian in the Dexter School System. Her favorite pastime was reading her Bible and channel surfing the Christian Channels. Sharon loved being outside and her world revolved around spending time with family, especially her grandchildren. She never knew a stranger. Sharon was of the Baptist Faith.

Sharon married the love of her life, Roy Lee Stickles, Sr., on September 18, 1967, in St. Louis, Missouri, and remained married until his passing on October 2, 2002.

Sharon is survived by one son, Roy Lee (Laura) Stickles of Bloomfield, Missouri; three daughters, Tina Griffin of Campbell, Missouri, Linda (Philip) Honeycutt of Dexter, Missouri, and Toni Stickles of Dexter, Missouri; seven grandchildren, Kortney and Bri Hicks of Jonesboro, Arkansas, Chris and Morgan Stickles of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, Michael and Lacey Griffin of Dexter, Missouri, Laura and Jordan Carmack of Bloomfield, Missouri, Sean Honeycutt of Dexter, Missouri; Kaylee Honeycutt of Dexter, Missouri; Matthew Honeycutt of Dexter, Missouri; three great - grandchildren plus one on the way, Zoey, Kora, and River; Two sisters, Judy Young of St. Louis, Missouri, and Kathy Politte of Farmington, Missouri, Adopted grandchild, Houston Lafferty as well as a host of family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one daughter, Betty Stickles; five siblings, Walter Politte, Jr., Shirley Whitehouse, Freddie Politte, Betty Barton and Brenda Langley.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 29, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral Services will follow at 12:00 p.m. with Pastor Charles Robertson of Bloomfield, Missouri, officiating and Watkins and Sons Funeral Home of Dexter, Missouri in charge of all arrangements.

Interment will follow at Hagy Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri.

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# In Memory of James L Darby

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## In Memory of James L Darby

James L Darby, 95, formerly of Dexter, passed away on Thursday, December 22, 2022 at the Missouri Veterans Home in Cape Girardeau. James was born near Essex on January 14, 1927 to Grace M. Grim Darby and John “Albert” Darby.

James graduated from Essex High School then served in the Army from 1945-46. He married Margrite Moore on January 31, 1947 and she preceded him in death on October 14, 2001. He later married Pansy Link on January 18, 2003. Pansy died on April 17, 2020.

He had worked at many jobs over the years, but he officially retired after 25 years at International Hat Factory. After retirement he enjoyed doing various odd jobs for people.

He loved to go fishing and camping, especially at Clearwater. Before the nursing home he loved playing Dominos with family and friends. At the Veterans Home he enjoyed Bingo and very seldom missed a game. He seemed to always be lucky and would brag about how much he won.

James attended New Bethel General Baptist Church in Dexter

Survivors include son, Jerry Darby of Malden, daughter, Paula (Richard) Holekamp, of Jackson, MO, one sister, Virginia Weiher of St. Charles and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wives, his daughter in law, Susan Darby and his sister, Dorothy Farrar.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, December 27, 2022, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with the funeral following at 11:30 with Rev. Jerry Darby officiating. Burial will be at Essex Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Missouri Veterans Home Foundation, 2400 Veterans Memorial Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 to their activities/bingo fund.

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## In Memory of Fritz Asher Whitmer

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Fritz Asher Whitmer, son of the late Fritz Whitmer and Gertrude Raines Womble, was born on June 29, 1942, in Butler County, Missouri, and departed this life on December

21, 2022, at his residence, at the age of 80 years.

Mr. Whitmer was a former owner and distributor for Interstate Battery for 26 years. He attended the Lake Wappapello United Methodist Church, and he was a member of the Hidden Trails Country Club. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, riding motorcycles and traveling.

On March 6, 1998, in Jackson, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Cynthia Ham of Sikeston, Missouri.

In addition to his wife Cynthia, he is survived by his son, Fritz Whitmer Jr. and wife Cynthia of Springfield, Missouri; by his daughter, Debbie Brunk of Fredericktown, Missouri; by his brother, Chester Whitmer of Fredericktown, Missouri; by two grandchildren, Sarah Groves, and Joey Brunk; and by two great-grandchildren, Mae Lou Watson, and Samantha Watson.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Larry Brunk.

No services are currently planned.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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# In Memory of Thomas Jearl Dement

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## In Memory of Thomas Jearl Dement

Thomas Jearl Dement, son of the late Oscar Lee Dement and Georgia Deroush Dement, was born on October 20, 1954, in Dexter, Missouri, and departed this life on December 20, 2022, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 68 years.

In his high school years, Mr. Dement was a stand-out high school wrestler and football player for the Dexter Bearcats. He held many jobs throughout his lifetime, but was most notably known for his work as a self-employed cabinet builder and owner of Dement's Custom Cabinets. It was in his cabinet shop where many apprenticed and learned the trade under him. For a time, he even taught a building trades class for a not-for-profit organization. Besides cabinet building, Mr. Dement loved his time as an over-the-road truck driver where he was able to see so much of the country. He would take his camera with him and loved to share his experiences with anyone who had the time to sit a while, especially while sharing a cup of coffee. While passionate about many things, including Honda Gold Wing Motorcycles, nothing held a candle to his love for Jesus. Mr. Dement was a gifted teacher of the Word of God and loved to share his redemption story. He had a passion for helping others, especially when teaching a new converts or overcomers class at his church, Lighthouse Christian Church in Dexter, Missouri.

Mr. Dement is lovingly survived by his three children. He is survived by two daughters Heather Vaughn and husband Richard of Bloomfield, Missouri, Jennifer DeVore and husband Chris of Bloomfield, Missouri, and one son, Thomas Allen Dement of Dexter, Missouri; by four brothers, David Dement of Bartlett, Tennessee, Mike Dement of Peru, Kansas, Bob Dement of Dexter, Missouri, and James Dement of Dexter, Missouri; and by four grandchildren, Bailey Vaughn, Bryant Vaughn, Andrew Devore, and Emma Devore.

Visitation will be held at the Lighthouse Christian Church in Dexter on Monday, December 26, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted at the Lighthouse Christian Church on Monday, December 26, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. with his best friend and long-time pastor, Rev. Tim Russell officiating. Interment will follow in Hagy Cemetery in Dexter.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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