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# In Memory of Katherine Wethington

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## In Memory of Katherine Wethington

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, for who so ever believes in Him shall not perish but have ever lasting life.” John 3:16

Katherine loved God and was a faithful Christian all of her 86 years, 66 of those years (as of April 7, 2023) with her loving husband Marion Bert (MB) Wethington, who referred to her as his “Sweetheart” always. Family from her childhood called her Kackie, but for most of the people who knew her as an adult and those that love her, she was Katherine and sometimes Kathy.

As the youngest child of Joseph Henry Deal and Lena Elizabeth Hanle Deal. She was born 10 years after her youngest brother, so she was very special from the moment she arrived in the world. Her mother and grandmother taught her how to sew at a young age and many people have witnesses just how talented she was. She taught her daughter Connie to sew and made all her clothes until the ninth grade at a high school in a new town, so store bought clothes were important that year. She ran a thriving alterations business for many years. She could work magic on wedding and prom dresses or jeans and jackets. There are many, many rave reviews of how talented she was. Another thing that gave her great joy was the times that she made ‘Bulldog Quilts’ and would raffle them off at one of the early games of the season. Each of those raffle winners of these Sikeston Bulldog Football quilts were very pleased with their prize. Katherine was always thrilled to present all the proceeds to the football team. Katherine made special quilts for her children and her grandchildren, some of which are worn-in so perfectly by now, some of which are still new and fresh, each with the beauty of Katherine.

But don't think that she wasn't scrapper! Her son, Dean, knows the consequence of underestimating his mom when he was in a headlock with his head being rammed into the wall – which happened to be a stud - or the feeling of a fork in the back of his hand for reaching for chicken at the wrong time. As a newlywed Katherine and MB lived in the very small town of Gray Ridge and MB worked the night shift. As it happened there was a rumor around town of a peeping tom and to be on guard. Katherine took that advise to heart and when MB was bending over to look for the hole for his key, there was only a pane of glass between him and a double-barreled shotgun! He couldn't back up quick enough or holler loud enough, "Honey! Katherine! It's me, it's MB! DON'T SHOOT! He says he whistled very loudly as he walked up the steps to come home from work EVERY night after that.

Some of Katherine's favorite things were quilting, embroidering, working jigsaw puzzles, word searches, but one thing she loved that lasted through all the 'busy hands' projects was that she loved to read paperback novels and for many, many years had one, or even several, at all times close by.

MB and Katherine loved to travel and started early with camping trips to the lake, and camping vacations to Mount Rushmore, Yellowstone National Park, and Yosemite National Park. After becoming empty nesters, they traveled to Hawaii on vacation more than once and was called to live there for a year after Hurricane Iniki and MB worked for AT&T there. They were partners in business and at home right down to the half a dozen homes they built themselves. A wedding anniversary present for Katherine one year when they were building a house on Salcedo Road in Sikeston was a crow bar. There have only been rumors of the true reaction to this gift, but it was well used by the time that house was finished. There is a bump on MB's head that has been there ever since.

A loving and devoted homemaker, Katherine never had cookie dough crooked on a cookie sheet, she folded things the same way every time, and her home was always clean and beautiful. She loved decorating and giving wonderful Christmas parties with beautiful decorations and delicious foods she made herself, she is loved by all, missed already, and will never be forgotten.

Katherine is survived by: Husband MB Wethington of Dexter, MO; Daughter Connie S Stacy of Bauxite, AR; Son Dean A Wethington of Dexter, MO

Grandchildren from Connie - Jennifer C Stacy Hoffman of Bauxite, AR; Zachariah M Stacy and wife Jessica of Scottsdale, AZ

Grandchildren from Dean - Justin A Wethington of Sikeston, MO; Jessica B Wethington Burton and husband Brian of Dexter, MO

Great-Grandchildren from Jennifer - Shelby D Hoffman of Bauxite, AR; Wesley F (Fisher) Hoffman of Bauxite, AR

Great-Grandchildren from Justin - Olivia Mae Loraine Wethington from Sikeston, MO

Great-Grandchildren from Jessica - Mason M A Norman of Dexter, MO; Ariana S R Norman of Dexter, MO; Takoda J L Burton of Dexter, MO

Niece - Regina Deal Smith and husband Gary of St. Louis, MO

From near and from far and even from Heaven the entire Wethington and Deal family thank you for your prayers for comfort, love, and healing heart.

Graveside services will be conducted at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield on Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

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# In Memory of Rodgie Wade Cox

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## In Memory of Rodgie Wade Cox

Rodgie Wade Cox, son of the late Mary Edith Tucker Cox and Parvin Cox, was born on October 26, 1938, in Tennessee, and departed this life on March 25, 2023, at Southeast Health of Stoddard County in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 84 years.

Mr. Cox was a Veteran of the United States Air Force and a resident of Dexter. He was a long-distance truck driver by profession for over 30 years, after first having been a farmer. Rodgie loved to travel, he was a good mechanic and he helped construct a home for his family.

He was united in marriage to Janice Harris. Mrs. Cox preceded him in death on January 28, 2019.

He is survived by his son, Ronald Cox and his wife Laura Leigh Rampey; and by his sister-in-law Linda Harris.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, April 1, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow in the Chalk Bluff Cemetery

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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## In Memory of Kyung Yi Limbaugh

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### In Memory of Kyung Yi Limbaugh

Kyung Yi Limbaugh of Puxico Missouri, was born February 26, 1952 in Seoul Korea and passed away on March 23, 2023 at Dexter, Missouri at the age of 71.

Yi had lived lived in the Southeast Missouri for the past forty seven years. She was of the Christian Faith and enjoyed gardening, landscaping, flowers being active with her health spending time with family, especially spoiling her grandchildren.

Yi married Ronald Limbaugh in 1996 at in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and remained married until his passing in 2008.

She is survived by one son Nathaniel John Ware of Puxico, Missouri; one daughter Natasha Lea (Bradley) Botsch of Malden, Missouri; six grandchildren; a close personal friend Bambi as well as a host of family and friends also survive.

Yi was preceded in death by her parents; her husband.

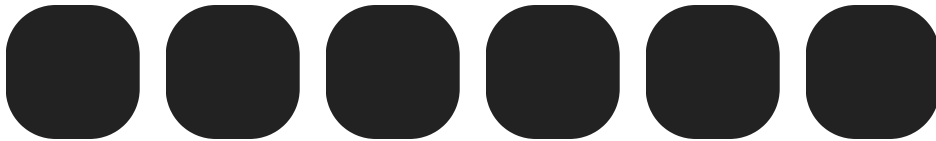
Visitation service will be from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28,2023 with memorial service to follow at the Watkins And Sons Funeral Chapel in Puxico, Missouri with Pastor Johnny Buttry officiating.

Interment will follow at the Puxico Cemetery in Puxico Missouri with Watkins And Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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## In Memory of Ricky (Rick) Don Weaver

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[In Memory of Ricky \(Rick\) Don Weaver](#)

It is with great sadness that the Weaver family announces the loss of our witty, thoughtful, and inspiring father, grandfather, son, brother, and friend. Ricky (Rick) Don Weaver of Bloomfield, Missouri, departed this life on March 19, 2023, at sixty-six years of age. He was surrounded by family at the end of his long battle with Parkinson's Disease.

Rick was born in 1956, to Elma Louise (Grim) Johnson and Donald Lee Weaver in Dexter, Missouri. He attended schools in Poplar Bluff and St. Louis, Missouri; Corning, Arkansas; and Fresno, California. He graduated from Bloomfield High School where he

cemented many lifelong friendships. Rick was a continual learner, and even earned an associate degree in business administration mid-life. Rick was married to Teresa Churchill and had one son, Eric Weaver in that marriage. He later was married to Ruth Zook, his second wife and good friend for thirty years. They had two children, Rikki and Jesse Weaver.

Rick served in the U.S. Army. After which, he spent many years working as an auto mechanic; he worked for his father (Dyno), at several dealerships, and his own mechanic shop. Finally, he established Weaver Auto Trim & Mini Storage in Bloomfield, Missouri.

Rick treasured his rural home where he lived with his two beloved dogs, Pumpkin and Peewee. He had many hobbies including photography and herpetology. Rick loved to play board and card games and kept numerous journals. He was a naturalist and a semi-successful gardener that enjoyed walking his property identifying trees and reptiles, and determining the edibility of mushrooms. He had wonderful friends and cherished every moment with them whether they were playing golf, scrabble, camping in the woods, or losing to him at late-night card games.

Loving survivors include: his parents, Don and Shirley Weaver, and Clesten Johnson; two sisters, Theresa (Cloyce) Faries, and Shaundous (Carl) Lutman; two brothers, Lester Weaver and Brian (Kim) Johnson; three children, Eric (Austine) Weaver, Rikki Weaver, and Jesse (Ashley) Weaver; and four grandchildren, Jack Lewis, and Audrey, Julia, and Jasper Weaver.

Rick was preceded in death by his mother, Elma Louise (Grim) Johnson, and his sister Charlet Dian (Weaver) Carden.

A service will be held at the Bloomfield Veterans Cemetery located at 17357 Stars and Stripes Way, Bloomfield, Missouri on Friday, March 31, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. A memorial gathering will be held at Crowley's Ridge Recreational Center Clubhouse at 18699 Crowley Ridge Drive, Bloomfield, Missouri at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 31, 2023. Please contact Watkins and Sons Funeral of Dexter for arrangements.

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## In Memory of John Anthony Vandeven

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### In Memory of John Anthony Vandeven

John Anthony Vandeven, son of the late Edward Henry Vandeven and Dorothy Elfrink Vandeven, was born on March 2, 1947, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and departed this life on March 24, 2023, at his residence in Bloomfield, Missouri, at the age of 76 years.

Mr. Vandeven was a Veteran of the United States Army, serving in Vietnam. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, in Dexter, Missouri. John was a truck driver for the family- owned business, Elfrink Truckline. In his free time, John enjoyed serving his community and was a helper by nature. He enjoyed volunteering at the Bloomfield Area Nutrition Center, serving at church, and mowing yards for the elderly in Bloomfield. John enjoyed tinkering in his shop and building things for his family.

On December 27, 1979, in Dudley, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Patricia Jackson. Mrs. Vandeven survives of their home in Bloomfield.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, John Isaac Vandeven (Michele) of Bloomfield, Missouri; by two daughters, Kristen Vandeven of Dexter, Missouri, and Jennifer Hartlein of Bloomfield, Missouri; by his brother, Dale Vandeven of Desoto, Missouri; and by five grandsons, Conner Vandeven, Matthew Vandeven, Eli DeAlba, Liam Vandeven, and John Rylee Vandeven.



Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Kenneth Vandeven; and by two sisters, Kathleen Barr, and Ida Joan Rowland.

Visitation will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Monday, March 27, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Monday, March 27, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

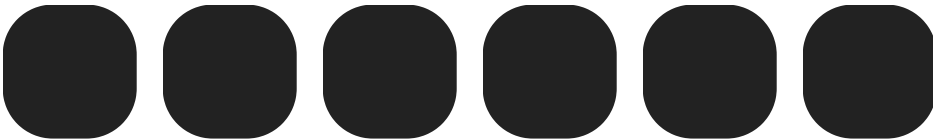
The family requests memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Belinda Worley, Dexter, Missouri or to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 102 E Caster Street, Dexter, Missouri 63841.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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