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In Memory of Donald Wayne Cameron

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Donald Wayne Cameron was born October 6, 1940, in New Madrid, Missouri to the late Narvel and Verna Ruby Cameron. On April 2, 2023, he was called home to be with his Savior and loving wife at the age of 82.

Don graduated from Parma High School in 1958. He worked at Noranda and retired after 36 years. He enjoyed watching FOX News, boxing, baseball games, and high school basketball.

Don was a member of St. Joe General Baptist Church and loved southern gospel music.

He was a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who took pride in his family and loved spending time with them. He especially liked to go out and eat with his family.

On February 24, 1962, he was united in marriage to LaVonda Fay Allen. They were married for 59 years until her passing May 12, 2021.

Don is survived by one son Chad Cameron and Felicia; two daughters Angie Dugan and Allen and Debbie Stogsdill and Rodney; four grandchildren Sarah Defries and Jon, Alex Dugan, Gage Stogsdill, and JohnPaul Stogsdill; two great granddaughters Sophie and Audrey Defries; one sister in law Bonnie Mills and Graydon; three nieces Tina Durham, Patty Timmer, and Pam Kawakami; three nephews Ron, Mitchell, and Brad Mills; three special young ladies he considered granddaughters Scarlett Alcorn, Ashlan Garner, and Emily Pyle; and by many other caring family members and friends.

Other than by his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his sister and brother-in-law, Verneta and Harold Fleming.

Memorials can be made to St. Joe General Baptist Church building fund at 17079 State Highway J, Bloomfield, MO 63825.

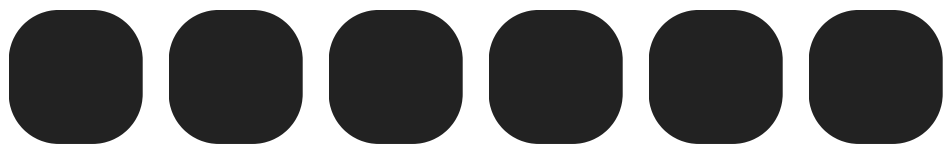
Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A celebration of life service will begin at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Dexter Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Madison Robertson

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Madison Robertson, 23 years, 3 months, and 4 days old, passed away Saturday, April 1, 2023, at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Madison was born December 28, 1999, in Springfield, Missouri to Teddy Joe Robertson Jr. of Dexter, Missouri and Ashley Dodson, of Sikeston, Missouri.

Madison who was known by most as Madi, was deeply loved by all who knew her. She was so kind and warm that you could not help but smile whenever you were around her. Her witty remarks and infectious smile light up the room. Her compassionate soul meant she never passed a stray animal without finding them the perfect home or keeping them for herself. Her most precious possession was her beloved black Labrador, Zeus. Being a “Dog Momma” was her most prized title.

Madi attended Lee University and was on her way to Southeast Missouri State University to complete her degree in Speech Pathology. Madi was a wonderful creative writer and had a published story. She enjoyed being with family and friends, was a self-trained make-up artist, loved Grey’s Anatomy, trying new recipes for the whole family to enjoy, music concerts, and online shopping.

Madi leaves to cherish her loving memory are her parents; two brothers Jordan Dodson of Dexter and Charlie Meese of Greenville, one sister Aliyah Rojas of Risco; paternal grandparents Sharon Robertson of Dexter and Ted Robertson Sr. of Jefferson City, maternal grandparent Susan Swinford of Malden; paternal aunt Angela Robertson-Turner (Kyle) of North Carolina; maternal uncle Dale Dodson of Essex and maternal aunt Carrie Dodson of Malden; multiple cousins Payten, Sophia, and Hunter Turner of North Carolina, Colton, Morgan, and Kaden Dodson of Sikeston, Savannah Smith and Trey Cunningham of Malden; great aunt Linda Winder (Nana) of Dexter; along with innumerable others of her beloved large family.

Visitation was held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday April 4, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. A memorial service was conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. officiated by Rev. Lonny Mittag, Lead Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church in Dexter, Missouri.

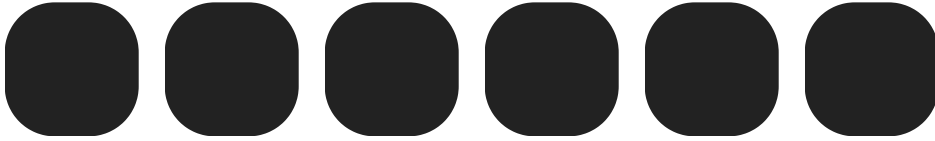
In honor of Madi’s profound love of animals, please consider a donation to the Dexter Animal Shelter at 601 East Grant St, Dexter, Missouri.

Madi was the sunshine of our family, and we will miss her more than words can convey!

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Bruce Edward Mann

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Bruce Edward Mann of Puxico, Missouri, the son of the late James Francis and Geraldine (Singleton) Mann was born on December 19, 1955, in Newport, Kentucky, and passed away on March 31, 2023, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, at the age of 67.

Bruce moved back to Puxico in 1992 after living and serving as a soldier in the U.S. Army until his retirement. Bruce was of the Christian Faith and enjoyed fishing, deer hunting and collecting coins. He really enjoyed spending time with family spoiling his grandchildren. He also loved watching television.

Bruce was first married to Betty Lucille Jackson on February 28, 1976 in Puxico, Missouri. Choices we make in life often alter our lives, so he remarried the love of his life on June 9, 1990 at the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Stoddard County and remained

married until her passing in August of 2021.

He is survived by two sons, James (Jennifer) Mann of Pea Ridge, Arkansas; Gary (Tonna) Mann of Puxico; one sister Francis Short; four grand children and three great grand children as well as a host of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; three brothers Jerry, Jim and Eddie Mann.

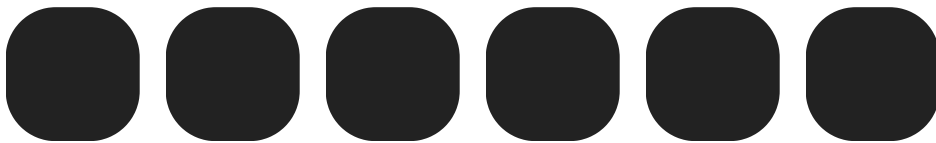
Visitation Service will be held on Thursday, April 6, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. with Funeral Service to follow at the Watkins And Sons Funeral Chapel in Dexter, Missouri, with Pastor Tim Russell officiating..

Interment will follow at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield , Missouri, with Watkins And Sons of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Melbalene Bell

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Melbalene Bell of Puxico, Missouri, daughter of the late Floyd E. and Cora F. (Beal) Clinton was born on July 5, 1935, in Puxico, Missouri, and passed from this life on April 2, 2023, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 87 years.

She lived in Southeast Missouri all of her life. She loved to drive, liked bird watching, she was a loyal member of the Sammy Kershaw Fan Club. She loved spending time with family and friends, especially spoiling her grandchildren. A lady who enjoyed working but the greatest thing she truly loved was her passion for cooking. Melba had worked in numerous restaurants but she was most noted for owning and operating the restaurant that became an icon in Puxico, Missouri known as Mels Diner for 23 years. A restaurant where everyone, customers and employees were treated as her family. Melba was a member of the First Baptist Church of Puxico.

She is survived by four sons; Charles (Gail) Trout of Bloomfield, Missouri; Randy Trout of St. Charles, Missouri; Jim (Shelly) Trout of Puxico, Missouri; Dennis Trout of Wappapello, Missouri; one daughter Nicole (Jeff) Holloway of Puxico; two brothers, Ronnal Clinton of Puxico and Doug (Anita) Clinton of Senath, Missouri; two sisters, Phyllis (Ted) Pederson of Farwell, Minnesota; Shirley Duer of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; a lifelong close personal friend Charlotte Sifford.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother Wendall Clinton; three sisters Elois Young, Merlyn Cummings and Bonnie June Clinton.

Visitation Service will be held on Friday, April 7, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. until time of Service at 1:00 p.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Chapel with Pastor Doug Clinton officiating.

Interment will follow at Duck Creek Cemetery near Puxico with Watkins And Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.



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Larry & Kathy Jones Family H.O.P.E. Campaign Annual Fish Fry

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In memory of Larry & Kathy, and their daughter, Sara, as well as for all who've battled cancer themselves or have fought alongside a family member or friend.

The Larry & Kathy Jones Family H.O.P.E. Campaign Annual Fish Fry will be held on Friday, April 14, 2023 at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Bloomfield, Missouri.

The church is located at 704 West Missouri Street.

The event will be from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. and they are currently pre-selling tickets. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 10 and under. To go order will also be available. Maggie thorn will be the entertainment!

T-shirts are also available for purchase.

This is their small way of giving back! We celebrate H.O.P.E. ~ Healing, Optimism, Prayer and Example.

Since March of 2011, this charity has raised over \$154,000 for area cancer warriors and individuals faced with life-threatening illness.

The H.O.P.E. Campaign is a division of 18 FORE Life, a 501(c)(3) charity, with a shared mission of benefiting area cancer warriors and individuals faced with life-threatening illness.

To date, 18 FORE Life has sent out \$3.4 Million in love offerings to families all over Southeast Missouri and beyond. The generous donations and support to the charity have truly made a difference. But, there's "more work to do!"

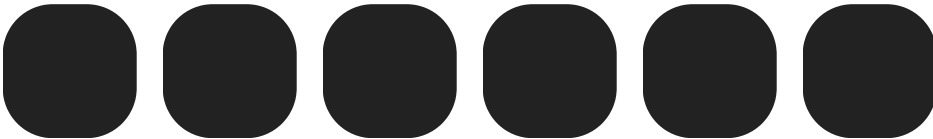
You may e-mail them with questions at larrybjoneshopecampaign@yahoo.com or find them on fb @ [fb.com/larrybjoneshopecampaign](https://www.facebook.com/larrybjoneshopecampaign)

You can also contact Kyle Jones (573) 820-7033, Rachel Jones (573) 421-0134, Lora Jones Galati (314) 402-7777, or Joe Galati (314) 952-9127 for tickets or more information.

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