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In Memory of Daniel Lee (Shorty) Burton

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In Memory of Daniel Lee (Shorty) Burton

Daniel Lee (Shorty) Burton of Morehouse, Missouri, son of the late Earl and Violet (Cato) Burton was born on March 29, 1927, in Polk County, Arkansas, and passed from this life on April 4, 2023, at Sikeston, Missouri, at the age of 96.

Shorty had lived in Southeast Missouri most of his life. He attended the Morehouse Assembly of God Church. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, spending time with family especially spoiling his grandchildren. He was known as a practical joker, a talker who liked to tell tall but believable fish stories.

He married Hazel Christine Freeman on February 6, 1952, in Piggott, Arkansas, remaining married until her passing on December 17, 2014.

Shorty is survived by one daughter, Sheila (Ronald) Stratton of Dexter, Missouri; five grandchildren, Jason (Jennifer) Burton of Morehouse; Pamela (Chris) Cross of Puxico, Missouri; Jami (Ryan) Greer of Navarre, Florida; Jeffery (Amanda) Stratton of Quilin, Missouri; Josh Appleton of Dexter; Dexter; as well as a host of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, one son, Delotes (Dodie) Burton, one grandson, Justin Lee Curd and great grandson, Kaleb Burton; and a close nephew, Ronnie Towe.

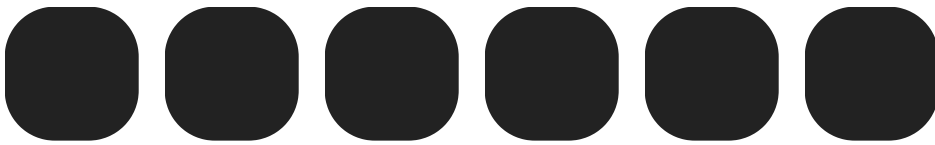
Visitation will be on Monday, April 10, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. with funeral service to follow at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Chapel in Dexter, Missouri, with Barbara Zook officiating.

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

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In Memory of Nelda Rozelle Cookson

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Nelda Rozelle Cookson, 83 years, 9 months, and 20 days. She was born June 21, 1939, in Lott, Texas, the daughter of Zellner Plunk Lee and Irene Mustian Daniel. She passed away April 10, 2023, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, MO.

Rozelle's life career was in education, retiring from Puxico Schools. She truly loved all the children she taught. She recently spent time at Delta South Skilled Nursing facility in Sikeston caring for her husband, Carroll. They described her as a light that lit up the

whole world. She was the most loving and caring individual to all the people who knew her. She was truly an inspiration to all. Her Christian Faith was always her anchor throughout her entire life. She was a member of the Asherville Church of Christ.

She married the love of her life, Carroll Cookson on December 1, 1956. Her pride and joy was seeing all her children and grandchildren obtain their college education and seeing their many successes.

Loving survivors include: her husband, Carroll Cookson son, The Honorable Stephen Cookson two daughters, Lesa (Jon) Murray and Lorie (Don) Grossheider sister, Mary Lyn Joyner brother and sister-in-law, Ronnie and Dee Cookson aunt, Pauline Lawler grandchildren, Tyler (Molly) Cookson, Kyle (Amber) Murray, Katie (Philip) Klaproth, and Clint Daniel Pogue step-grandchildren, Abby (Cyle) Huck and Neal (Kori) Grossheider great-grandchildren, Teagan and Ava Murray, Cooper and Milo Klaproth, Clayton, Levi, Clarey, and Liam Huck, and Eleanor Grossheider nieces and nephew, Karen (Roger) Brown, Janell Hill, Jeff (Debbie) Cliff, Julie Ridenmour, Jay (Carrie) Cookson and Brad (Christie) Cookson.

She was preceded in death by her parents stepfather, George W. Rylee brothers and sisters-in-law, J.T. and Phyllis Cookson, Ancel and Doris Cookson, Rena Mable and Quentin Ridenour.

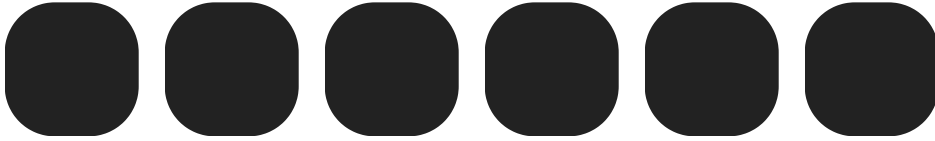
The family would like to thank: Barry Aycock, Dave and Connie Thompson, Carol Bulford, Kay Smith, John and Gail Rhodes, Jim and Carolyn Bowling, Don and Sandy Rhodes, Terri Wiseman West, Morgan Funeral Home, Joy Cookson, Tammy Blocker, Julie Gipson, Dennis and Sandy Wheetley, Otis and Ann Lewis, Fayette Moss, Rhonda Hancock, Donnie and Denise Griffin, Asherville Church of Christ, Puxico Church of Christ, Brown General Baptist Church, the caring community of Delta South Skilled Nursing facility the doctors and nurses at St. Francis Hospital, Monty and Missy Montgomery, the caring community of Shady Brook Mobile Home Park, and all of their many friends and extended family.

Rozelle's visitation will be held on Friday, April 14, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Morgan Funeral Chapel in Advance, MO. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Brown General Baptist Church located on County Road 275 north of Puxico, MO. Pastor John Rhodes will officiate. Interment will follow at Brown General Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Judes Childrens Hospital.

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In Memory of Donna Karen Norden

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Donna Karen Norden, daughter of Paul Edward Kennedy and the late Joyce Lorene Edwards, was born in St. Louis, Missouri on March 2, 1953 and departed this life at her residence in Rural Bernie, Missouri on April 9, 2023 at the age of 70.

Mrs. Norden had worked at Malden Flower Shop, Donna's Flowers and Juanita's Flowers all of Malden; also Twin Roses in Bernie, Missouri. She was a floral designer. She loved the Lord and was a part of Word Of Faith Family of Bernie.

She was united in marriage to Michael J. Norden Sr., in Malden, Missouri on August 31, 1968. Mr. Norden survives in their home in Rural Bernie.

Other survivors include her father, Paul Edward Kennedy of Bernie; by one daughter, Tracie Cobb & husband Jeromy of Bernie; by one daughter in law, Robin Norden of Bernie; by one brother, Rick Kennedy & wife Paulette of Bernie; by one brother in law, Terry Williams of Bunker, Mo.; by three sisters, Rhonda Rinker & husband Dave of Valles Mines, Mo., Beverly Adams & husband Bob of Malden, Kim Blake & husband Lannie of Malden; by one sister in law, Peggy Sue Kennedy of Bernie; by eight grandchildren, Eric Norden & wife Page, Brennen Norden, Ashley Weathers, Rhyan Cobb, Darrik Cobb, Emery Walls, Aiden Norden and Jayden Cobb; by one great-grandson, Isaiah Norden; also by other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death other than by her Mother, by three sons, Troy Norden, Michael Norden Jr. and Marcus Norden; by one brother, Robert Edward Kennedy; by one sister, Joy Nell Williams.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Funeral Services will be conducted on Thursday, April 13, 2023 in the Mathis Funeral Chapel in Bernie starting at 1:00 PM. Pastor Dale Hartle officiating. Interment will follow in Bernie Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home of Bernie is assisting with all arrangements.

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In Memory of Lowell Right Harper

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In Memory of Lowell Right Harper

Lowell Right Harper, son of the late Lawton Harper and Dovie Baker Harper, was born on December 31, 1934, in Bloomfield, Missouri, and departed this life on April 6, 2023, at Delta South Skilled Nursing in Sikeston, Missouri, at the age of 88 years.

Mr. Harper was a Veteran of the United States Army and a former employee of the Missouri Department of Transportation. He was a member of First Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Dexter, Missouri and a resident of Dexter. He enjoyed coin collecting, and was well known around town for his love of scratch off tickets.

On July 2, 1961, in Dexter, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Rose Ellen LeBeau. Mrs. Harper preceded him in death on December 18, 2012.

He is survived by his daughter, Michelle Aaron and husband Danny of Dexter, Missouri, and by two grandchildren, Addyson Aaron and Dylan Aaron

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel at 2:30 p.m. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Verna Faye Burchett

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In Memory of Verna Faye Burchett

Verna Faye Burchett, daughter of the late Gus Burchett and Eva Sneed Burchett, was born on August 27, 1932, in Naylor, Missouri, and departed this life on April 3, 2023, at Winchester Nursing in Bernie, Missouri at the age of 90 years.

Ms. Burchett was a former employee of Emerson Electric in St. Louis, Missouri. She was a member of Rivers of Life Ministries and a resident of Bloomfield, Missouri. Faye was a devout Christian and dearly loved the Lord.

She is survived by her brother, Ronald Burchett of New Bern, North Carolina; by five sisters, Lavene Burchett of Malden, Missouri, Lou Ann Schroeder of New Bern, North Carolina, Corena McMillion of Dexter, Missouri, Linda Neuhaus of Bermuda Run, North Carolina and Vickie Cato of New Bern, North Carolina; and by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, April 6, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

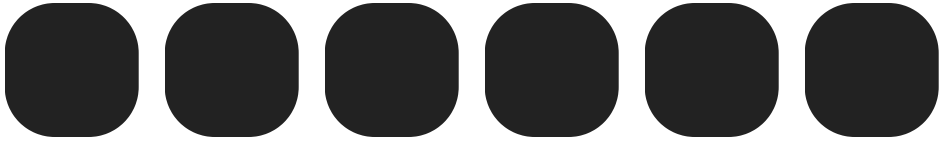
Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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