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# In Memory of Georgie Mae Evans

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## In Memory of Georgie Mae Evans

Georgie Mae Evans, daughter of the late George Edward Neal and Louise Williamson Neal, was born on April 15, 1933, in Leora, Missouri, and departed this life on April 18, 2023, at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 90 years.

Mrs. Evans was a nurse in Dexter, Missouri and worked for Dr. Comeau for over 40 years. She also worked at the Second General Baptist church office and the Hidden Trails Country Club as a secretary. She was a member of Friendship Baptist Church in Dexter. She enjoyed working in her yard, growing flowers, and eating sweets (especially chocolate).

On May 31, 1981, in Dexter, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Treniss Jewel Evans. Mr. Evans preceded her in death on June 12, 2020

She is survived by four nieces, Susan Waters, Kim Rendleman, Cindy Bowman, and Joni Burleson. Also, by three nephews, Ken Condict, Mark Condict, and Mike Fears.

Other than her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her two sisters, Myrtle Condict and Mary Fears, and by one nephew, Dennis Fears.

A graveside service will be held at Hagy Cemetery in Dexter on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Lonny Mittag officiating.

A special thank you to Cypress Point for their care and support over the past 20 months and Elara Caring.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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## In Memory of Franklin D. King

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### In Memory of Franklin D. King

Franklin D. King, son of the late Thomas Jefferson King and Stella Banks Carter King, was born in East Prairie, Missouri and departed this life on April 17, 2023, at his home surrounded by family.

Mr. Frank served in the United States Army from 1958 to 1960 where he was stationed in Germany and served as a cook. On September 21, 1962, he married Treva Doris Bradley.

They were married for 54 years until the time of her death on May 7, 2016.

He worked an abundance of jobs throughout his life. He could do anything he set his mind too. He loved gospel music and travelled with his family with the Gospel Sounds for years.

He is survived by one son, Joey King and wife Cheryle of East Prairie; two grandsons, Shelby (Alex) King of Memphis, TN and Shawn (Ronni) King of St. Louis, Missouri. He was proudly awaiting the arrival of his first great-granddaughter, Zoey Jade King; Cousin Howard Banks.; host of nieces and nephews.

Along with his parents and wife, Frank was preceded in death by three brothers, Desmond Carter, John (Louise) Carter and Kenneth (Betty Carter Archie); one sister, Pauline Hester.

Visitation will be held at the Church of God in East Prairie on Friday April 21, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted at 1:00 p.m. with Bro. Larry Kirby officiating. Interment will follow in the Dogwood Cemetery with full military honors.

Pallbearers will be Raymond Ellis, Steve Ellis, Kevin Stockman, Reid McMinn, Robert Crosier and Aaron Harland.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter assisting with arrangements.

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# In Memory of E. S. “Dobe” Crabtree

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## In Memory of E. S. “Dobe” Crabtree

E. S. “Dobe” Crabtree, son of the late Eugene Crabtree and Bessie Huey Crabtree, was born November 28, 1923, in Parma, Missouri, and departed this life on April 16, 2023, at the Lutheran Senior Services in Weldon Springs, Missouri.

Mr. Crabtree was a Veteran of the United States Navy, serving during World War II. He was the former body shop manager for Paddock Chrysler in Florissant, Missouri.

On December 11, 1941, in Arkansas, he was united in marriage to Fern Barker. Mrs. Crabtree preceded him in death on April 11, 1997.

He is survived by two sons, Maurice Scott Crabtree and wife Diana of Eolia, Missouri and Randy Crabtree and wife Patricia of Maryland Heights, Missouri; by his daughter, Peggy Pinto and husband Jim of St. Ann, Missouri; and by seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

Other than his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Cleta Ann Branson; by four brothers, Alvie Crabtree, Ervin Crabtree, Cam Crabtree, and Arch Crabtree; and by two sisters, Lavern Hampton, and Laurel Murphy.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie on Friday April 21, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow in the Barker Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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## In Memory of Winford S. Cato

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### In Memory of Winford S. Cato

Winford S. Cato of Bloomfield, Missouri, son of the late Sylvester and Leona (Bennett) Cato was born on March 3, 1934, in Sturdivant, Missouri, and passed from this life on April 15, 2023, in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 89.

He lived in the Southeast Missouri area all of his life. Winford enjoyed hunting, sharing stories, telling jokes and sharing his opinion.

He truly enjoyed spending time with family and friends, but his greatest passion was fishing. He was of the Baptist Faith.

Winford retired in 1995 from being a mason brick layer.

Winford married Wilta Jean Wiseman on July 2, 1955 in Zalma, Missouri and remained married until his passing.

Winford is survived by his wife of the home; one son Cody Gibler of Bloomfield; five grandchildren; many nieces and nephews as well as a host of family and friends.,

Winford was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers Paul, Hadley, Truman and James Cato; two sister-in-laws Bonnie and Essye Mae Cato and one infant sister.

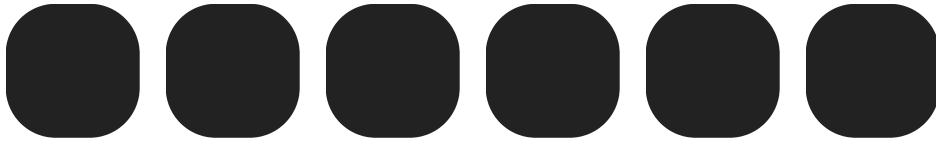
Visitation will be on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 from 10:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. at the Watkins And Sons Funeral Chapel in Bloomfield, Missouri with Funeral service to follow with Brother John McCain of Bloomfield Officiating.

Interment will follow at the Morgan Memorial Cemetery in Advance, Missouri with Watkins And Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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## In Memory of Orvel Wayne Witt

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[In Memory of Orvel Wayne Witt](#)

Orvel Wayne Witt, son of the late Curtis Witt and Mattie Bullard Witt, was born on June 9, 1944, in Charleston, Missouri, and departed this life on April 15, 2023, at his residence in Sikeston, Missouri, at the age of 78 years.

Mr. Witt was a proud Veteran of the United States Navy and the Missouri National Guard. He was a former co-owner of Flowers Plus and Flower Basket in Sikeston and a former sales rep for Electro Battery, Otasco and Wal-Mart. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Sikeston and a former member of Murray Lane Baptist where he was involved with the youth group for many years. He was also a former Hunter Safety Instructor and Boy Scout Leader. Orvel loved God, his family, and his guns.

On November 14, 1964, in Charleston, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Carolyn Ann Cathey.

He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Carolyn Witt of Sikeston, Missouri; by his son, Randy W. Witt of Morley, Missouri; by two daughters, Julie A. Witt of Sikeston, Missouri, and Donna K. McClard and husband Gary “Butch” of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; by his “other” daughter, Donna Jo “DJ” Mofield of Dexter, Missouri; by three grandchildren who he dearly loved, Austin Witt and fiancé Michaela Glaus, Ann Marie McClard and Garrett McClard; and by many nieces, nephews, and close friends.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Glen Witt, Lonnie Witt, Wilbur Witt, and Herbert Witt; by two sisters, Virginia King, and Leta Jolliff; and by his “other” son-in-law, Chris Mofield.

Memorials may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301, [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org) or the Tunnel of Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306, [www.t2t.org](http://www.t2t.org)

Graveside services will be conducted at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield on Friday, April 21, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. with full military honors.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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