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## In Memory of Opal Lee Cookson

APRIL 27TH 2023 BY DEE LOFLIN

### In Memory of Opal Lee Cookson

Opal Lee Cookson of Puxico, Missouri, the daughter of the late Robert Thomas and Ethel Lou (Miller) Hodge was born on November 25, 1928, in Wichita, Kansas, and passed from this life on April 25, 2023, in Puxico, Missouri, at the age of 94 years.

Opal has lived in the Southeast Missouri area most of her life. She enjoyed camping, loved being outdoors, spending time with friends and family, especially spoiling her one grandson. She was of the Protestant Faith and a member of The Assembly Of God Church in Puxico. She retired in 1992 from Gates Rubber Company in Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

She was married to Birt Leslie Cookson on February, 8, 1946, in Puxico, Missouri, and remained married until his passing in April of 2013.

She is survived by one son, Lynn (Gail) Cookson of Puxico, Missouri; one grandson, Thom Cookson and his fiancée Jill of Puxico, Missouri; several nieces and nephews as well as a host of family and friends.

Opal was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers, Frank and Floyd Hodge; two sisters, Ruby Page and Mae Holloway.

Visitation will be held Friday, April, 28, 2023, at the Watkins And Sons Funeral Chapel In Puxico, Missouri from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. with service to follow with Pastor Wayne Burchett of Broseley, Missouri, 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 Jeffrey Steven Slusher

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## In Memory of Jeffrey Steven Slusher

Jeffrey Steven Slusher, 48, of Poplar Bluff, MO passed away on April 23, 2023, at his home in Poplar Bluff Missouri surrounded by his family and loved ones.

Slusher was born on September 12, 1974, to Johnny Steven Slusher and Belinda Hribovsek in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. He was united in married Regina (Hillis) Slusher on November 14th, 1998, in Dudley MO.

He was a hard-working family man, loved his classic cars, and his Cardinals Baseball, He was very deeply rooted in his faith in Jesus, and just really loved to live life to the fullest.

Jeffrey is survived by his wife Regina (Hillis) Slusher, His mother Belinda (Dillinger) Hribovsek and husband (Bill), Father Johnny (Sondra) Steven Slusher, along with brother Jarred (Sara) Slusher with his children Jacob (Harley)Slusher, Riley Slusher, Bailey Hampton one Granddaughter Allie Leann Slusher and grandson Mason Hampton, Along with Several Nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, with numerous brothers and sisters in Christ.

He was preceded in death by Grandparents Carl Freddie and Gertrude Dillinger, Aunt Lora Sissum, Johnnie and Viola Slusher, and father-in-law Lawrence Hillis.

Visitation will be held on Friday 4-28-23 from 11:00am- 12pm at Fowler-Sullivan Funeral Home in Poplar Bluff, MO.

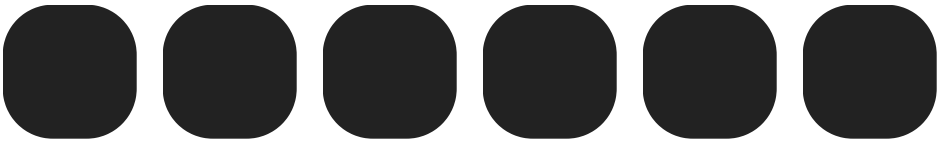
Funeral services will be on Friday 4-28-23 at 12:00pm, with Randy West, Josh Reasons, and Kent Miller officiating.

Burial will take place at Dunning Cemetery.

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# In Memory of Connie Sue Miller

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## In Memory of Connie Sue Miller

Connie Sue Miller, daughter of the late Leonard Franklin Miller and Bessie Lee Bundy Miller was born on October 21, 1947, in Springfield, Illinois and departed this life on April 19, 2023, at the Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter at the age of 75.

Connie was a resident of Dexter. She had worked at US Poly and other jobs in the restaurant industry.

She is survived by two daughters, Minnie Masterson and husband Jeff of Dexter, Missouri, and Debra Sue Simpson of Black Rock, Arkansas; by twelve brothers and sisters, Carol Riley (Larry) of Abingdon, Illinois, Shirley Cox of Abingdon, Illinois, Leonard F. Miller (Dolly) of Galesburg, Illinois, Gregory S. Miller (Teresa) of Galesburg, Illinois, Kathleen Miller of Galesburg, Illinois, Michael D. Miller Sr. (Wanda) of Monmouth, Illinois, Cheryl D. Taylor of Lakeland, Florida, David L. Miller Sr. (Jeannette) of Essex, Missouri, Kevin E. Miller (Paula) of Bernie, Missouri, Daniel W. Miller (Michelle) of Parma, Missouri, Barbara A. Renfroe (Donald Boutah II) of Campbell, Missouri; and Robin I. Whitaker (David) of Dexter, Missouri; by two grandchildren; and by many nieces and nephews.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Larry W. Miller, and by her twin sister, Bonnie Lou Lunsford.

No services are planned.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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## In Memory of James Eldon Hendley

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### In Memory of James Eldon Hendley

James Eldon Hendley, son of the late Joseph Henry Hendley and Vaneta Proffer Hendley of Aquilla, Missouri, was born January 7, 1951 AD, in Cape Girardeau and departed this life on April 18, 2023, at Southeast Health Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 72.

Mr. James Hendley was a farmer and rancher on Bootheel Angus Farm, which is one of Missouri's Century Farms. James was the fifth generation to own and operate Bootheel Angus Farm. He enjoyed showing cattle at the fairs throughout the area.

In 2010, James was appointed and served almost a year as Stoddard County Clerk. Later he hosted a local show, called Hometown Heroes, where he interviewed local veterans, especially World War II veterans. James was a faithful member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Bloomfield, and he loved the Lord. James enjoyed hunting, riding horses, and camping, especially with his grandchildren. He enjoyed attending school activities and sports activities of his grandchildren. James will be remembered for his sense of humor, practical jokes, and teasing nature.

On June 10, 1989, he was united in marriage to Frances Hudson Balchin in Elbert County, Georgia. Fran survives at their home on the farm north of Aquilla, Missouri. James is survived by two sons, Joseph Glenn Hendley and wife Kathy with their children Wyatt Hendley, Katherine Hendley, Isaac Hendley, Tessa Hendley, Clara Hendley and August

Hendley of Aquilla, Tyler Hendley and wife Ashley with their children Maren Hendley, Lucy Hendley, Ezekial Hendley of Farmington, Missouri. James is survived by one sister Jolinda Hendley of Colorado Springs, Colorado, two sister-in-laws, Jane Glidewell (Joe) and Patty Balchin of Elbert County Georgia. A nephew, Eric Olson (Sara) and a niece Nicole Dages of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

James was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Cody James Hendley.

Visitation will be held at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Bloomfield, Missouri on Sunday April 23, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the funeral following on Monday 24, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Those wishing to make contributions can donate to the Cody James Hendley Scholarship Fund at Bloomfield R-14 Schools 505 Court Street, Bloomfield, MO 63825.

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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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