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In Memory of Shirley Ann Smyth

MAY 26TH 2023 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Shirley Ann Smyth

Shirley Ann Smyth, daughter of the late Dee Robinson and Grace Carter Robinson, was born October 23, 1936 in Knobel, Arkansas, and passed peacefully from her home in O'Fallon, Missouri, into her heavenly home on April 12, 2023.

Ann moved with her family to Dexter when she was a young girl, was a member of First Baptist Church, Dexter, and graduated from Dexter High School in 1954. She married Jimmie Lee Smyth of Dexter on November 6, 1955. The couple moved throughout the state, returning to Cape Girardeau in 1973 and retiring to Dexter in 1989.

Mrs. Smyth had a strong love for Jesus, family and friends. She had the gift of hospitality and there was always room for more to gather around her table. She was an active leader in her church and the activities of her children. Ann served with the Southeast Hospital Ladies Auxiliary and was a member of PEO. She worked as a secretary at the University of Missouri, Rolla and at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Cape.

Ann is survived by two sons, Craig Smyth (Kristina) and Michael Smyth (Cecilia) both of St. Charles, Missouri; daughter Linda Smyth Simpkins (Jim) of Louisville, Kentucky; sister June Horton (John) of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; nine grandchildren, Tom Smyth, Kelli Smyth Barry (Shawn), Tim Lattimer (Jennifer), Courtney Simpkins, Shelby Simpkins Brainard (Max), Esteven Espinosa, Leann Smyth, Lisa Smyth and Jimmie Smyth; five great grandchildren, Abby Smyth, Lincoln and Emmerson Barry, and Miles and Jeremiah Lattimer.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jimmie Lee Smyth; sister, Mary Ellen Blankenship; and three brothers Tommy, Carter and Jim Robinson.

Donations in memory of Ann can be made to the First Christian Church, 224 Stoddard Street, Dexter, MO 63841

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri, on Friday, May 26, 2023, at 10 a.m. prior to a memorial service at 11 a.m. with Rev Mike Williams officiating. Interment at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri, will follow.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Charles Raymond Saunders Jr.

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In Memory of Charles Raymond Saunders Jr.

Charles Raymond Saunders Jr., son of Jackie Craelius Switzer of Lake Havasu City, Arizona, and the late Charles Saunders Sr., was born on August 21, 1957, in Olney Maryland, and departed this life on May 23, 2023, at his residence in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 65 years.

Mr. Saunders was a Veteran of the United States Army, serving in Vietnam, and he was a construction superintendent. He enjoyed geology, playing slot machines, drawing, and traveling.

On February 11, 2006, in La Plata, Maryland, he was united in marriage to Tara McAdams. Mrs. Saunders survives of their home in Dexter.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by two sons, Christian Saario of Springville, California, and Jordan Saario of Dexter, Missouri; by two daughters, Sydney Saunders of Dexter, Missouri, and Riley "Buttercup" Bohac of Newburg, Maryland; and by his sister, Breann Bohac of Newburg, Maryland.

Other than by his father, he was preceded in death by his brother, Andrew Beaman.

No services are planned.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Will Henry Warren

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In Memory of Will Henry Warren

Will Henry Warren of Puxico, Missouri, the son of George Marshall and Sarah Marie (Payton) Warren went to be with the Lord on May 18, 2023.

Will is survived by his parents; one brother, Chester Payton; two sisters, Lilly and Willow Warren; paternal grandparents, Jim and Karen Warren of Dexter, Missouri and maternal grandparents, Larry and Lisa Payton of Puxico, Missouri. A host of family and friends also survive.

Will was preceded in death by one sister Clementine Grace Warren.

Graveside service will be held Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. at the Puxico Cemetery in Puxico, Missouri with Pastor Justin Miller of Puxico, Missouri, officiating.

Interment will follow in the Puxico Cemetery in Puxico, Missouri, with Watkins And Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of all Arrangements.

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In Memory of Geraldine Long

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Geraldine Long, daughter of the late Robert Wilson and Bessie Link Wilson, was born on September 2, 1925, in rural Bloomfield, Missouri, and departed this life on May 20, 2023, at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 97 years.

Mrs. Long was a homemaker and worked on the family farm with her husband. She had attended First General Baptist Church in Bloomfield, Missouri and First Baptist Church in Dexter, Missouri, and was a resident of Dexter.

On August 20, 1944, in Piggott, Arkansas, she was united in marriage to Charles Hudson Long. Mr. Long preceded her in death on July 10, 2011.

She is survived by two sons, Charles Long and wife Sue and Randy Long, all of Dexter, Missouri; by three daughters, Helen Lang of Dexter, Missouri, Pamela Long of Sedgewickville, Missouri, and Rebecca Long of Punta Gorda, Florida; and by six

grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and six great-great grandchildren.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Earnest Wilson and Floyd Wilson; and by her sister, Marie Evans.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, May 25, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Ronnie Stevens officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of LeeAnn Garner

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In Memory of LeeAnn Garner

LeeAnn Garner, daughter of the late Robert Earl Leidner and Betty Jane Crenshaw Leidner was born on July 15, 1955, in Inglewood, California, and departed this life on May 18, 2023, at her residence in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 67 years.

Mrs. Garner had worked for a bakery in Longview, Washington.

On November 5, 2021, in Las Vegas, Nevada, she was united in marriage to Fred Garner.

She is survived by her husband, Fred Garner of Broseley, Missouri; by her daughter, Adena Michelle Pietsch of Flagstaff, Arizona; and by one grandchild.

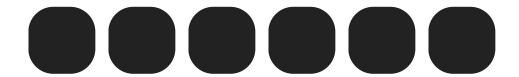
No services are planned.

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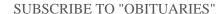
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