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# In Memory of Darrin Paul Blunt

JUNE 11TH 2023 BY DEE LOFLIN

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Darrin Paul Blunt, son of Thelma Blunt of Essex, Missouri and the late Curtis Blunt was born on January 7, 1971, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and departed this life on June 4, 2023, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 52.

Darrin was an active member and Media Team volunteer of the Discover Life Church in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and was a resident of Benton. His greatest joys were his faith in Jesus, his wife, and his children. He enjoyed supporting whatever activity they were participating in. He was a volunteer of the Kelly Hawks Football program and spent many years supporting the Kelly Hawks Marching Band. Darrin was a software engineer at WW Wood Products in Dudley, Missouri, where he worked for over 19 years.

On July 24, 1993, he was united in marriage to Tonya Taylor in Delta, Missouri, the daughter of Larry (Sheila) Taylor and the late Stella Taylor of Scott City. Mrs. Blunt survives of their home in Benton.

Other than by his wife and mother, he is survived by his son, Matthew Blunt, who is currently on active duty with the United States Navy; by four daughters, Abigail Blunt, Lydia Blunt, Tabitha Blunt, and Rebekah Blunt all of Benton, Missouri; by his brother, Jason and wife Shiela Blunt of Essex, Missouri; by his brother and sister-in-law Donald and Teresa Cobb of Scott City, 3 nephews; Jordan (Kristin) Blunt, Joshua Cobb and Caleb (Kaitlin) Cobb, 2 nieces; Emily Blunt and Ruthie Cobb and 1 great nephew and 2 great nieces.

Visitation will be held on Monday, June 12, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri. Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter, Missouri. Interment will follow at The Old Essex Cemetery.

Memorial donations for his children can be made at Mathis Funeral Home, 125 W Stoddard Street, Dexter, MO 63841 or electronically via PayPal to @DarrinBluntMemorial.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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## In Memory of Ross Lucas Martin

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Ross Lucas Martin, son of Robert “Butch” Martin and Candace Maxey Bradford, was born on March 22, 1980, in Fort Hood, Texas, and departed this life on June 1, 2023, at his residence in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 43 years.

Mr. Martin was a maintenance technician with Hartels Property Management and a former welder. He was a member of the Dexter Masonic Lodge #533 in Dexter, Missouri, and the Second Half Ministry in Sikeston, Missouri. He loved the Detroit Redwings and the Dallas Cowboys, and he loved his family very much.

On April 22, 2023, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Melissa Anne Hazel.

He is survived by his wife, Missy Martin of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, by his father and step-mother, Butch and Pat Martin of Campbell, Missouri; by his mother and step-father, Candy and Terry Bradford of Bertrand, Missouri; by two sons, Noah Martin of Campbell, Missouri, and Jaden Sutton of Jackson, Missouri; by two daughters, Kylee Martin of Campbell, Missouri, and Kinzie Hazel of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; by his brother, Robert Aaron Martin of Bernie, Missouri; two sisters, Kristi Dawn Deluna of Little Elm, Texas and Jennifer Ross-Smith of Winterport, Maine.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Tara Martin and Tiffany Martin; by his paternal grandparents, Milford & Dorothy Martin; and by his maternal grandparents, Lon and Ruby Maxey.

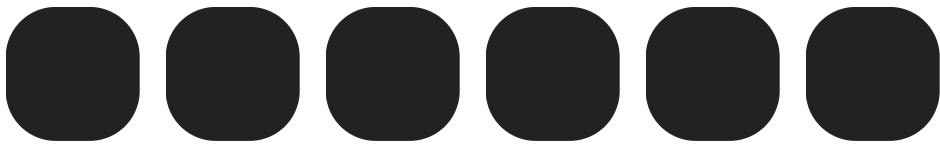
Graveside services will be conducted at Bernie Cemetery on Saturday, June 17, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Bart Smith officiating.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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## In Memory of Donald Lee Arnold

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Donald Lee Arnold of Puxico, Missouri, son of the late Benjamin Franklin and Izetta (Orman) Arnold was born on May 15, 1926, in Gideon, Missouri, and passed from this life on June 7, 2023, in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 97.

He lived in southeast Missouri a majority of his life. He also lived in Rockford, Illinois working on a automotive line for the Rockford Clutch Company. He was of the Baptist Faith, enjoyed being outdoors, gardening, woodworking, building things with his hands all the while being known as a practical joker. Donald liked to travel, never met a stranger and truly enjoyed spending time with his family, friends and spoiling his grandchildren.

Donald married Joyce Marie Vails on February 3, 1945, in Piggott, Arkansas, and remained married until her passing on April 22, 1989.

He is survived by two sons, Donald (Sue) Arnold Jr. of Rockford, Illinois; Ben (Sherry) Arnold of Kansas City, Missouri; five daughters, Ginger (Doug) Holloway of Puxico, Missouri; Sharon (Nick) Pawelko of Rockford, Illinois; Debbie (Vic) Tartaglia of Rockford, Illinois; Sheila (Keith) Parks of Rochester, Minnesota; and Joyce (Mike) Renaud of Cape Girardeau; 16 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild; a close personal friend, his cat Newt; as well a host of family and friends.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; one brother, Lee Orman; and two sisters, Learlean Carroll and Mary Gibson.

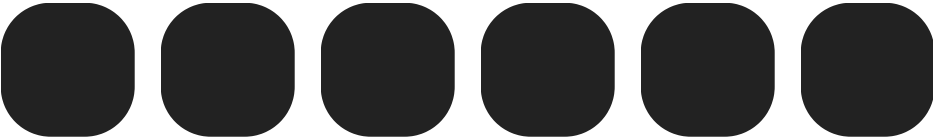
Visitation will be from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. on Monday, June 12, 2023, with the funeral service to follow at the Watkins And Sons Funeral Chapel In Puxico, Missouri, with Brother Krag Runzie of Puxico officiating.

Interment will follow at the Bollinger County Memorial Park Cemetery in Marble Hill, Missouri, with Watkins And Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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## In Memory of Thomas Roy Passley

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Thomas Roy Passley, son of the late Joseph Passley and Mary Dillie Passley, was born on May 26, 1948, in Charleston, Missouri, and departed this life on May 31, 2023, at his residence in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, at the age of 75 years.

Mr. Passley was a Veteran of the United States Army. He was a former truck driver for Total Transport, and he enjoyed listening to music.

He is survived by two sons, Thomas Passley Jr. of Bernie, Missouri, and Steven Passley and wife Kittie of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; by two daughters, Angela McCoy of Chillicothe, Missouri; and Crystal Wilder and husband Richard of Ellsinore, Missouri; by four sister, Mary Lou, Diana, Jeanie, and Darlene; and by eleven grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Alyssa Passley; by three brothers, Martin, Franklin, and Joseph; and by six sisters, Etta, Alice, Dorothy, Joan, Gay Dawn, and Louise

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie on Monday, June 5, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

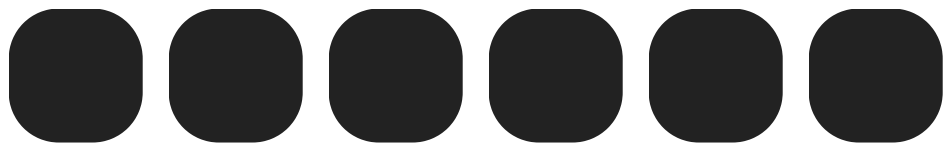
Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Monday, June 5, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow in the Bernie Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie is assisting with arrangements.

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# In Memory of Minnie Lee (White) Barnes

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## In Memory of Minnie Lee (White) Barnes

Minnie Lee (White) Barnes, 98, of St. Louis, Missouri, formerly of Parma, Missouri departed this life on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at 7:32 am. She was born June 7, 1924 in Blytheville, Arkansas to the late Rufus and Irene (Ash) White. She married the late Samuel Barnes on July 5, 1942 and to that union eleven children were born. Their legacy produced 63 offspring (11 children, 21 grandkids, 26 great-grandkids, and 5 great-great-grandkids).

Survivors include 2 daughters, Joyce (Barnes) Hodges, Shirley (Barnes) Dixson, and Samearl (Barnes) Henderson, all of St. Louis, MO; four sons, Edward R. Barnes formerly of Sikeston, MO, Rickey and Raymond Barnes, both of Parma, MO, and Russ Barnes of Atlanta, GA and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Four children preceded her in death: Mae Cherrie (Barnes) Landers of Chicago, IL; two baby sons, Jerry Joe and Samuel Barnes, Jr. both of Blytheville, AK and Irene Barnes of Parma, MO. Four grandchildren have preceded her in death: Antonio M. Landers (Chicago, IL), Michael D. Barnes (Parma, MO), Leah L. Dixson (St. Louis, MO), and Janee' A. Welch (St. Louis, MO).

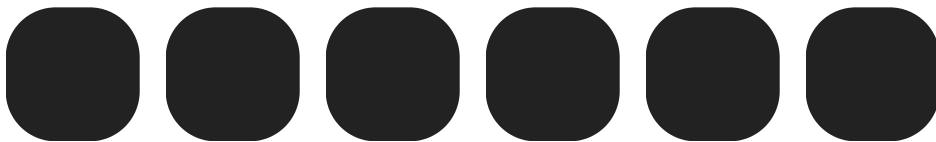
Minnie previously attended New Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Essex, MO and was a member of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Parma, MO at the time of her passing. She formerly worked for Federal Mogul (Sterling), DAEOC, and Tri-County.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. A memorial service will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. with Rev. Alvin E. Hightower officiating. Interment will follow in them Macedonia Cemetery in Malden.

Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie is assisting with arrangements.

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