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In Memory of Bill Judson Cox

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In Memory of Bill Judson Cox

Bill Judson Cox of Bloomfield, Missouri, son of the late Bob Morris and Pearl (Brandon) Cox was born on May 15, 1931, in New Madrid, Missouri, and passed from this life on June 16, 2023, at his home at the age of 92.

Bill was of the Baptist Faith and a member as well as a Sunday School Teacher at the First Baptist Church of Bloomfield, Missouri. Bill was a 32nd degree Mason of the Bloomfield Lodge number 153 A.F. & A.M. and also a member of the Bloomfield 385 Eastern Star Chapter. A former Bloomfield Park Member, an avid fisherman and also enjoyed woodworking. His greatest passion in life was spending time with his family. He worked for years in the insurance field.

Bill married the love of his life Mary Magdalene (Morgan) on November 21, 1949 in Piggott, Arkansas and remained married until her passing December 2, 2015.

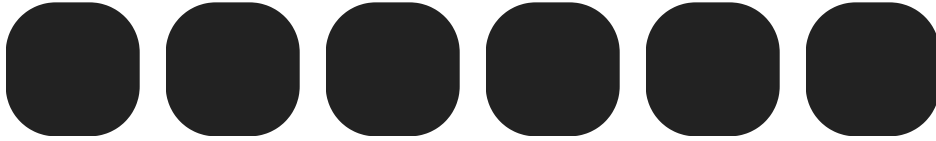
Bill is survived by two sons Bruce Cox of Surprise, Arizona; Ron Cox of Bloomfield, Missouri; one daughter Deborah Cox of Jackson, Missouri; six grandchildren; ten great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren as well as a host of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; four brothers and six sisters.

A graveside memorial service will be held on Thursday June 22, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. at the Dexter Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri with Pastor John McCain officiating with Watkins And Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory of Charlotte Lillian Winson

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Charlotte Lillian Winson of Bloomfield, Missouri, daughter of the late Claude P. and Alliene (Harris) Blount was born April 13, 1935, in DeKalb, Illinois, and passed from this life on June 14, 2023, in Puxico, Missouri, at the age of 88.

She has lived in this area since 2011. She had lived prior in the Shelbyville and DeKalb, Illinois, area. She was a member of the Master's Touch Pentecostal Church of Bloomfield.

Charlotte had many interests in her life like reading anything, word search puzzles, crossword, embroidering, keepin her house, but mainly loved spending time with her family. Charlotte never met a stranger and was a member of the VFW.

She is survived by two sons, Carl (Linda) Tudor of Bloomfield; Curtis Tudor of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; five daughters, Diana Gross, Laura Williamson, Teresa Groce and Ava (Jesse) Walker all of Indianapolis, Indiana; Virginia Simmons of Bloomfield, Missouri; several grand and great grandchildren; one brother, Eugene Eberly of Sycamore, Illinois; one sister, Eloise Westlake of St. Charles, Missouri; as well as a host of family and friends.

Charlotte was preceded in death by two brothers, her son Charles Bauer and a brother Joseph Eberly; four sisters, Betty Tewksbury, Evelyn Burger, Geraldine Butler and Marilyn.

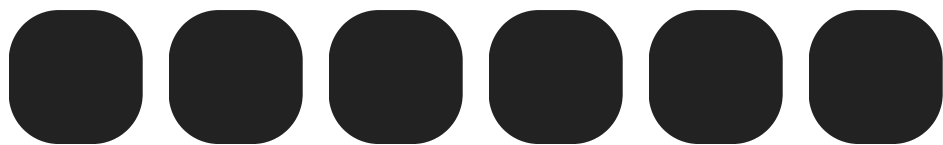
Visitation service will be from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, with service to follow at the Watkins And Sons Funeral Chapel in Puxico, Missouri, with Pastor Tyler Wilkinson of Bloomfield officiating.

Interment will follow at the Puxico Cemetery in Puxico, Missouri, with Watkins and Sons Funeral of Dexter in charge of all arrangements.

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In Memory of Frances Sheehy Phillips

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In Memory of Frances Sheehy Phillips

Frances Sheehy Phillips, the eldest child of Charles Allen and Pearl Borden Sheehy, was born November 16, 1932. Her very full and successful life was completed on January 25, 2023.

Frances was married to the William A. "Bill" Phillips of Dexter, Missouri (preceded in death) and the mother of Connie Phillips Engelbrecht, Charlotte, North Carolina, Gary Dale Phillips (preceded in death) and James A. "Jim" Phillips, Orlando, Florida.

Mrs. Phillips, "The Teachers Teacher", for 27 years was a 5th grade teacher at Central School in Dexter, Missouri. She continued her dedication to the education field while she worked for the Missouri State Teachers Association as an advocate for the classroom teacher. She also enjoyed her Adjunct Professorship at her alma mater Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, Missouri, as well as Manatee Community College Bradenton, Florida and Keiser University, Sarasota, Florida.

Frances was a decades long member of the First Baptist Church of Dexter, Missouri where she loved teaching her Senior Ladies Sunday School Class and singing in the choir.

Grandmother and GG were 2 of her favorite titles. She loved sharing travel and adventures with her grandsons and great grandchildren: Michael Engelbrecht and Christine Bretz and their children Peter and Clara, Indian Trail, North Carolina, Mark and Kate Engelbrecht and their children Allen and June, Charlotte, North Carolina, as well as Bill Phillips and his son Liam of Sanford, North Carolina.

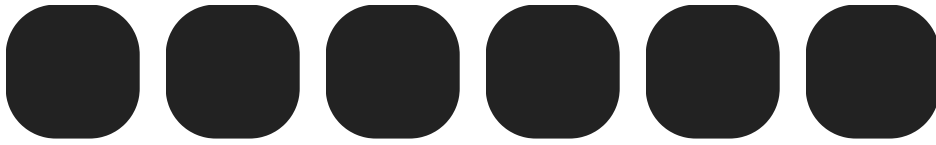
The Celebration of Life for Frances will be held on Wednesday June 21st at the Hickory Log in Dexter, Missouri at 10:30AM.

The family extends an invitation to all her friends from Dexter High School, First Baptist Church and the community.

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In Memory of Edward Lee Craigo

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Edward Lee Craigo, son of the late Arthur Earl Craigo Jr. and Margaret Lou Ellen Frazier Barnard, was born on May 24, 1969, in Elkhart, Indiana, and departed this life on June 16, 2023, at his residence in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 54 years.

Mr. Craigo was a former employee of Tyson Food in Dexter.

He is survived by his brother, Loyd Craigo in White Pigeon, Michigan; by five sisters, Angela Craigo of Elkhart, Indiana, Penny Ellis and husband Richard of Elkhart, Indiana, Beverly Chandler of Kokomo, Indiana, Tammy Marchant of Dexter, Missouri, and Rhonda Vanpelt of North Carolina; and by nine nieces and ten nephews.

No services are planned.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Shirley Jean Tillmon (Hawk)

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In Memory of Shirley Jean Tillmon (Hawk)

Shirley Jean Tillmon (Hawk) was born on April 1, 1944. She went home to be with the Lord Jesus Christ on June 16, 2023, joining her husband, Lawrence W. Tillmon a mere one year and five days after the Lord called him home. Shirley was 79 years old. She passed away peacefully at Decatur Morgan Hospital in Decatur, Alabama having lived the last four years in Hartselle, Alabama.

Shirley and Larry moved to Hartselle from Cookeville, Tennessee in 2019 to be closer to family due to declining health. Shirley was born in Greenbrier, Missouri to Oma and Konley Hawk and is one of nine children.

Shirley loved her family and was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and sister. Shirley worked outside the home for over 50 years. She was a factory production worker, a beautician, gifted quilter, and, finally, a demonstrator for Sam's Club retiring in 2016 due to her health. Shirley leaves a legacy of hard work, faith, and love to her family.

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents, Oma and Konley Hawk, her husband, Lawrence Tillmon, and three siblings Thelbert Hawk, Delbert Hawk, and Anna Hawk.

Shirley is survived by six siblings Mary Jackman (Joe), Betty Peterson, Janis Robins (David), Sharon Whittley (Gerry), Jim Hawk, seven children: Michelle Jo Blaylock (John) of Hartselle, Alabama; Lee Tillmon of Jacksonville, Florida; Sherry Louise Lang (Mark) of Dexter, Missouri; Tina Marie Smith (Cean) of Stafford, Missouri; Robert Welsey Tillmon (Shirley) of Sturgis, Michigan; Joshua Lawrence Tillmon (Renee) of Burr Oak, Michigan, and Michael Walter Tillmon (Frednica) Washington, D.C.

Shirley also counts as her blessings fourteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, June 22, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, June 22, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow in the Essex Cemetery in Essex, Missouri.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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