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In Memory of Tony Allen Shaffer

JUNE 26TH 2023 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Tony Allen Shaffer

Tony Allen Shaffer (8/1/1989) was the best Uncle (Amberlyn Mae Whitaker & Antonio Cruz McClendon) any kid could wish or hope for. He was also a pain in the butt! Oops we mean he was our son (Melleny and David Peacock & Joey and Jamie Whitaker), our brother (Danielle Whitaker), our nephew (Mark and Robyn Shaffer, Glyn Denkins and Julie Ritter, David and Robin Whitaker), our great nephew (Jerry Peacock) our cousin (Beth Shaffer, Marcy and Josh Kimbrel, Chrissy Whitaker and Nikki Garner), our grandchild (Jim and Lois Peacock including 2 sets who passed before) and our friend... thru thick and thin.

It's no secret Tony had schizophrenia and those of us who knew him through it all got Tony and Tony 2.0 and both parts of his life had its ups and downs. He always had a smile, helped anyone in need and complained about chores until the end. He was endlessly funny and hopelessly serious. When the dreamer died, the thoughtful more black and white thinker was born.

See, this isn't the first time I lost my son, it's just the first time I won't have him here to get to know again. I am gonna miss EVERYTHING about him. His laughter, our laughter, jokes, thoughts with endless conversation back and forth, Amberlyn and him bullying each other and being Antonio's buddy. One thing that was constant thru both Tony's was his insane ability to say no he didn't want to do something yet jumping right up to do it. I want to scream how unfair it was to lose a son twice (6/23/2023) but I also know how lucky we all were to have him.

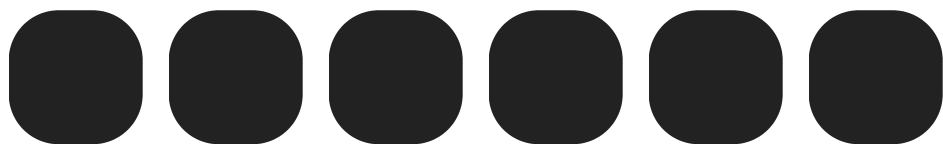
No services are planned.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter are assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Linda Kay Lingle

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In Memory of Linda Kay Lingle

Linda Kay Lingle, daughter of the late Bob and Betty Baker Massie, was born on September 3, 1949 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri and departed this life on June 24, 2023 at her residence in Bloomfield, Missouri at the age of 73.

Linda was a teacher of thirty-three years at Bloomfield Public Schools, primarily spending those years in 2nd grade and then in 5th grade. Educating children and working within the school district was her life.

She was proud to be a Wildcat. Linda was a long-time member of First Baptist Church in Dexter and later an attender of Liberty Hill General Baptist Church in Aid.

She is survived by her son, Clifton Lingle and wife Vanessa of Locust Grove, Virginia; by her daughter, Penny Stevens and husband Greg of Bloomfield, Missouri; by her sister Anita Massie of Ellington, Missouri; by her grandchildren, Brenden Lingle, Dustin Lingle, Caitlyn Lingle, Benjamin Stevens and Sarah Stevens.

The family would like to acknowledge her caretakers, who watched over her in her final days. Knowing their mother had individuals who treated her like family and took care of her every need was a great comfort to them. Those special individuals are Ashley McCants, Bobbie McAlister, and Brandye Watson. Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Kenny Massie.

Visitation will be held on Monday, June 26, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

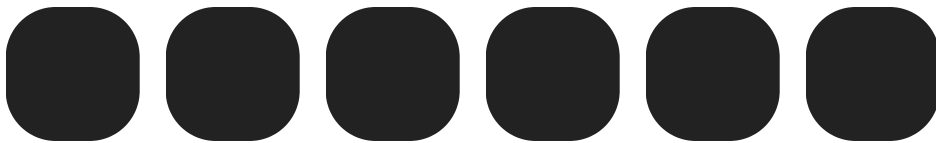
Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, June 26, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel with Pastor Joe Payne officiating.

Interment will follow in the Ellington City Cemetery.

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In Memory of Douglas Dwight Stallings Sr

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Douglas Dwight Stallings Sr., son of the late Levy Stallings and Hattie Putney Stallings, was born on July 28, 1949 in Kenly, North Carolina and departed this life on June 23, 2023 at the Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 73.

Mr. Stallings was a Veteran of the United States Marine Corp and served in Vietnam. After his service in Vietnam he was awarded the Purple Heart due to injuries he sustained during the war. He was a member of the Dexter Elks Lodge and the Poplar Bluff Eagles. He was also a lifetime member of the VFW.

In September of 1987 he was united in marriage to Louise Bone in Dexter, Missouri. Mrs. Stallings survives at their home in Dexter.

Other than his wife, he is survived by two sons, Douglas Stallings Jr and wife Sandra of West Monroe, Louisiana, and Chad Stallings and wife Billiejean of Fulton, Missouri; by one daughter, Jenny Brown and husband Mike of Dexter, Missouri; by one step-son, Doyle Fulkerson II of Dexter, Missouri; by fifteen grandchildren, Patrick, Lindsey, Christin, Hannah, Stacy, Chad, Destiny, Kerigan, Gabrielle, Emily, C.J., Bradley, Liam, Kristin, and Christopher; by ten great-grandchildren; and many brothers and sisters. Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by one step-son, David Shelden; and by one sister.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter.

Funeral services will then be conducted on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Ray Rowland officiating.

Interment will follow at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield with full military honors.

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In Memory of Edward Eugene Lemons

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Edward Eugene Lemons of Bloomfield, Missouri, the son of the late Ameal M. and Wanda Louise (Craddock) Lemons was born near Circle City, Missouri, on November 21, 1948, and passed from this life peacefully at his home in Bloomfield on June 21, 2023, at the age of 74 years.

Edward lived in the Southeast Missouri area a majority of his life, but also lived in St. Louis and many years in the Greenville, Missouri area. Edward was a proud U.S. Army Veteran, and a member of the Lighthouse Christian Center in Dexter, Missouri. Edward was an American Legion Member and a Member of the Automotive UAW. He spent many years working on an assembly line for Chrysler Automotive Line.

He married Judith "Judy" Rodgers on December 24, 1981 in Puxico, Missouri.

He is survived by his wife of the home; two sons, Ronald Lemons of Dexter, Missouri; Bradley Lemons of Oak Grove, Louisiana; two daughters, Jeannie (Mike) Triplett of Dexter, Missouri and Tammy Richardson of Oak Grove, Louisiana; two brothers, Ameal (Tracy) Lemons Jr. of Dexter; Ronnie (Wendy) Lemons of Oak Grove, Louisiana; six sisters, Linda Hyslip; Yvonne (Curtis) Crawford; Jane (Roger) McCullough; Dee Dee Hill; Jeanie (Rick) Baumann and Kim Chick; seven grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; as well as a host of family and friends.

Edward was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Jimmy Glen Lemons.

Visitation will be held on Friday, June 23, 2023, from 5 p.m. till 8 p.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Chapel In Puxico, Missouri, with funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 24, 2023, with Pastor Tim Russell and Pastor Mike Triplett 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 Bill Judson Cox

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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.

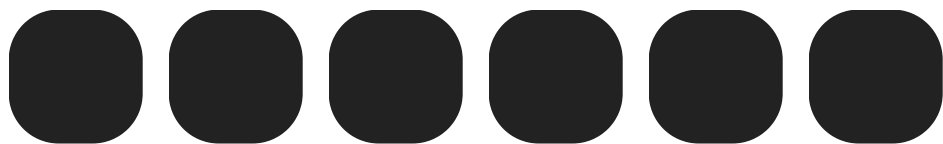
He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; four brothers and six sisters.

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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