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## In Memory of Floyd Stitz

JULY 26TH 2023 BY DEE LOFLIN

### In Memory of Floyd Stitz

Floyd Stitz son of the late Lenhart Stitz and Rebecca Gribble Stitz was born on December 23, 1937 in Marmaduke, Arkansas, and departed this life on July 21, 2023 at the Cypress Point Skilled Nursing Center in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 85.

Mr. Stitz was a Veteran of the United States Marine Corp, and was a resident of Dexter, Missouri. He spent over three decades working at ArvinMeritor (Faurecia). He spent a lot of his spare time making ribbon crosses and giving those away to anyone he met. He enjoyed bird watching and identifying different trees and flowers. Spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren was the highlight of his day.

Mr. Stitz was united in marriage to Bonnie Sue Cantrell on November 5, 1961 in Fisk, Missouri. Mrs. Stitz preceded him in death on November 4, 2017.

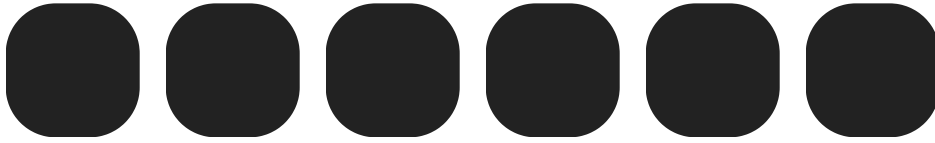
He is survived by one son, Robert Stitz of Bloomfield, Missouri; by two brothers, Alvie Stitz of Wappapello, Missouri, and Danny Stitz of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; by two sisters, Anna Statler of Benton, Missouri and Carolyn Melson of Doniphan, Missouri; by six grandchildren, Jessica Loveless, Kelly Waldrup, Emily Green, Zachary Rainey, Kyle Rainey and Hailey Rainey and by ten great-grandchildren, Kloe Green, Landrey Green, Liam Rainey, Trevor Kinder, Liam Loveless, Tatiana Loveless, Maya Loveless, Valerie Rainey, Savannah Rainey, and Harmony Waldrup.

Other than by his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Karen Rainey; by two brothers, Leonard "Bill" Stitz and G.W. Stitz; and by one sister, Alice Edwards.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri. Funeral services will then be conducted on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel with Jamie Jones officiating. Interment will follow at the Walker cemetery near Bloomfield.

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## In Memory of Ralph Nickell Jr.

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### In Memory of Ralph Nickell Jr.

Ralph Nickell Jr., son of the late Elvis Ralph Nickell and Ruby Probst Nickell, was born on December 26, 1944, in Sikeston, Missouri, and departed this life on July 24, 2023, at his residence in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 78 years.

Mr. Nickell was a member of the Missouri National Guard and a former line worker for Superior Essex Wire and Cable in Sikeston, Missouri. He enjoyed fishing and bird hunting.

On May 8, 1971, in West Alton, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Betty Boschert. Mrs. Nickell survives of their home in Dexter.

Along with his wife, he is survived by his son, Jacob Nickell of Dexter, Missouri; by two daughters, Carrie Greene and husband Darrin of Memphis, Indiana, and Jamie Ivie of Springfield, Missouri; by his brother, Larry Nickell of Sikeston, Missouri; by five grandchildren, Aaron Ivie, Emma Ivie, Denise Sallee and husband Scott, William Greene, and Elizabeth Green; and by his great-grandchild, Arlo Ivie.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Jim Nickell.

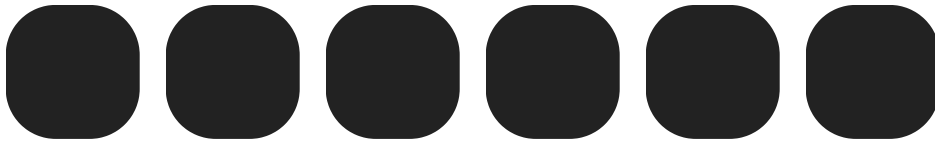
No services are planned.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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## In Memory of Melissa Elaine Cobb

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### In Memory of Melissa Elaine Cobb

Melissa Elaine Cobb, daughter of Karen Brown-Friziella Cobb and the late Kevin Frizielle, was born in Pontiac, Michigan on December 9, 1984 and departed this life at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri on July 18, 2023 at the age of 38.

Melissa was a homemaker and employed by Endeavor Healthcare. She was a dedicated wife, mother, and Gigi. There was nothing she loved more in the world than her daughters and especially her granddaughter. She loved plants, animals, and especially Christmas. She could take any ordinary thing and find a way to craft it into the most beautiful décor for the holidays. She will always be remembered for her Christmas Spirit and for being the “Crazy Christmas Lady”. Melissa never met a stranger

anywhere she went. If you have crossed her path, she surely started a conversation with you and left a little happiness with you.

She was married to Dustin Cobb in Greenville, Missouri on March 1, 2010. Mr. Cobb survives in their home in Bernie.

Other survivors include her mother, Karen Cobb of Bernie, Missouri; by three daughters, Sidney Cobb & fiancé Dalton Headley of Malden, Missouri, by Lesley Cobb and Mandy Cobb both of Bernie, Missouri; by one granddaughter, Stella Headley; also by other relatives and many friends.

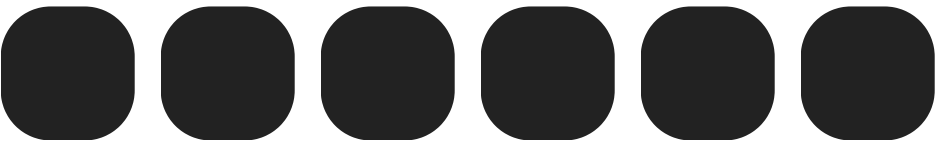
She was preceded in death other than by her father, by her grandparents, Charles and Patricia Brown.

Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Friday, July 21, 2023 from 11:30 AM until 2:00 PM. Memorial services will then be conducted at 2:00 P.M. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel with Kent Kassinger officiating. Interment will follow in Bernie Cemetery. Mathis Funeral Home of Bernie is assisting with arrangements.

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# In Memory of Don Walters

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## In Memory of Don Walters

Don Walters, son of the late Marvin Walters and Lillian Brown Walters, was born on March 17, 1940, in Malden, Missouri, and departed this life on July 13, 2023, at his residence in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 83 years.

Mr. Walters was a veteran of the United States National Guard, serving for six years. He was the owner of Don's Upholstery, a former bus driver for Bernie Public Schools, and a former EMT. He attended Sunnyvale General Baptist Church in Malden, Missouri.

He was united in marriage to Loretta Barnes, on June 4, 1971, in Bernie, Missouri.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Loretta Walters of Dexter, Missouri; by his son Brad Walters and wife Joni of Jackson, Missouri; by his daughter-in-law, Angie Smothers of Bernie, Missouri; by four grandchildren, Ashlee Smothers, Tara Smothers (TC Gromer), Brayden Walters, and Ava Walters; and by three great-grandchildren, Carter Gromer, Keylee Gromer, and Keeton Gromer.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Royce Lee Smothers; and by his sister, Patsy Kay Barnes.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie on Monday, July 17, 2023, 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Monday, July 17, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. with Rev. James Hamlett officiating. Interment will follow in the Chalk Bluff Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie is assisting with arrangements.

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# In Memory of Dorothy Eaton

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## In Memory of Dorothy Eaton

Dorothy Eaton, daughter of the late Lloyd Miller and Gladys Patterson Miller, was born on February 18, 1943, in McNairy, Tennessee, and departed this life on July 11, 2023, at her residence in Parma, Missouri, at the age of 80 years.

Mrs. Eaton was a former convenience store manager, and she was a member of the Catron Baptist Church in Catron, Missouri.

On November 20, 1959, in Catron, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Samuel Eaton. Mr. Eaton preceded her in death on October 18, 2019.

She is survived by three daughters, Angela Hardin and husband Yancey of Catron, Missouri, Samantha Brown and husband Ricky of Clarkton, Missouri, and Sue Eaton of Parma, Missouri; by her special niece and caregiver, Sharon Leonard; by her brother, Bobby Miller and wife Nanci of Clinton, Tennessee; by four grandchildren, Bradley Hardin, Ben Hardin, Zach Robinson, and Trey Brown; and by eleven great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Thomas Miller and Paul Miller; and two sisters, Margie Leonard and Linda Lawrence.

A private memorial service will be planned at a later date.

Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie is assisting with arrangements.

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