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In Memory of Don Walters

JULY 16TH 2023 BY DEE LOFLIN

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 Sunnyside 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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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.

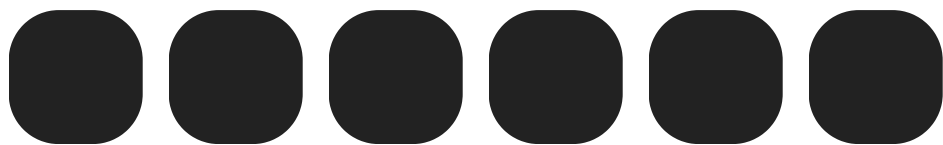
A private memorial service will be planned at a later date.

Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Freda Williamson

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[In Memory of Freda Williamson](#)

Freda Williamson, daughter of the late James “Marion” Williamson and Irene Corbin Williamson, was born on August 19, 1939, in Dexter, Missouri and departed this life on July 11, 2023, at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 83 years.

Ms. Williamson was a former secretary for Otasco in Sikeston and the Estes Walker Knight Dealership in Dexter. She was a member of the South Pleasant Valley Church in Bloomfield, Missouri, and a resident of Bloomfield. She also enjoyed raising and selling mums.

She is survived by her brother, Glenn Williamson and wife Edith of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; and by several nephews and nieces.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, James Williamson; by her sister, Nadine Williamson; and by her nephew, Chad Williamson.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, July 14, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, July 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow in the Triplett Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Jacqueline "Jackie" Coleman

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In Memory of Jacqueline

Jacqueline "Jackie" Coleman of Dexter, Missouri, daughter of the late Howard Joseph and Ellen Charlene (Owens) Rodgers was born on June 20, 1956, in Blythe, California, and went to be with the Lord on July 09, 2023, in Campbell, Missouri, at the age of 67 years.

She lived in the Southeast Missouri area for over thirty years. Jackie was a member of Pleasant Grove Church in Dexter, Missouri.

She was a proud Veteran of the United States Army where she served as a Sergeant. After her service for the Army she went to work for Minton Farms where she worked for 34 years.

Jackie married the late Aaron O'Neal and later married Rickie Allen Coleman in 1989 and remained married to him until the time of his passing in April of 2010.

She enjoyed knitting, crafting and traveling. Jackie was a leader for the Girl Scouts and a secretary for her church. Everything she did in life she did with love in her heart and a smile on her face. The most precious time for her was spent with her family and church family. She loved to "mother" everyone she was around.

Jackie is survived by three sons, Richard (Abril) Coleman of Dexter, Missouri, Curtis (Melissa) O'Neal of Portland, Oregon, and Jimi (Tom Racioppo) O'Neal of Vancouver, Washington; five grandchildren, Javier Coleman of St. Louis, Missouri, Julie Coleman and Jackie Coleman of Dexter, Missouri, Aleyshia O'Neal of Corning, Arkansas, Aerrin O'Neal of Riverside, California; three great-grandchildren plus one on the way; one sister-in-law, Sheri Coleman of Charleston, Missouri; a very special friend, Ken Minton of Dexter, Missouri; many nieces and nephews; as well as a host of family and friends.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, James Rodgers and Joseph Rodgers.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 13, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

Funeral Services will follow at 12:00 p.m. with Pastor Paul Pierce officiating with Watkins and Sons Funeral Home of Dexter, Missouri in charge of all arrangements.

Interment will follow at Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri, with full Military Honors.

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In Memory of William Eddie Sifford

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In Memory of William Eddie Sifford

William Eddie Sifford, 77, of Puxico, passed away July 8, 2023, at the Missouri Veterans Home in Cape Girardeau, MO. He was born September 18, 1945, in Puxico, the son of William Bill Martin and Pauline Steinmeire Sifford.

Eddie was a Veteran of the U.S. Army and served in the Vietnam War. He had over a 50-year career as a hog farmer and owned and operated Sifford Feed Mill.

He was a member of the Stoddard County Cowboy Church. He served on the bank board for First Midwest Bank. A VFW board member and former Post Commander. He was active in 4-H and an honorary member of the FFA. Eddie had been elected and served on the Puxico School Board for 17 years.

Eddie loved fishing. He also enjoyed coaching AAU basketball and baseball.

Eddie and Charlotte Scott were united in marriage on June 28, 1969, at Puxico and she survives of the home.

Survivors include: his wife, Charlotte Sifford two sons, William Scott (Heather) Sifford of Puxico and Anthony W. (Kim) Sifford of Dexter a brother, Frank Sifford of Bloomfield two sister, Norma Sheets of Versailles, IN and Margaret Binford of Puxico four grandchildren, Bryce Sifford, Isabella Sifford, Carlie Sifford and Luke Conner and a host of other family members and friends.

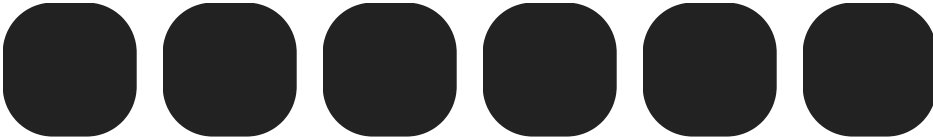
Visitation will be held on Monday, July 10, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Stoddard County Cowboy Church in Puxico.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the church with Rev. Scott Sifford and Rev. Johnny Buttry officiating. Burial will follow at Puxico City Cemetery.

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