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In Memory of Billy Joe Lucius

AUGUST 14TH 2023 BY DEE LOFLIN

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Billy Joe Lucius of Ballarat, Victoria (Australia) passed on to his final reward on July 31, 2023, while visiting friends in Edmond, Oklahoma. He was 65 years old.

Born May 10, 1958, in Chicago, Illinois, to Shirley Ann Richmond and the late Billy Dave Lucius, "Joe", as he was affectionately called, joined the United States Army at age 17 where he completed his High School Education at Fort Riley, Kansas. There, he met and married Ramona Lee Simms on September 4, 1976, and together they bore a son, Kevin.

After the Army, he continued his service in the Kansas Air National Guard while also attending classes at Kansas State University, before ultimately resuming active duty in the United States Navy until August 13, 1983.

After the Army, he continued his military service, Joe went to work for LTV Aerospace Company in Dallas, TX, and while on vacation from an assignment to Saudi Arabia, he met and married Sam-Ang Khongthai on October 27, 1987.

After early retirement in 1994, Joe became a world traveler frequenting Europe, Asia, and all points in between; while never forgetting to stop in and visit friends and family members in Arkansas, Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

During a trip to Australia, he met and married Marilou Lozano on December 29, 2003, and together they raised two children, Hugh-James and Dorothy.

Joe is remembered for his love of family, and his enthusiasm for travel, cars, and computers.

He is preceded in death by his father.

He is survived by his son, Kevin; his wife, Marilou, and their two children, Hugh-James and Dorothy; his mother, Shirley Herron; his two sisters, Sharon Cooley and Laura Herron; his five brothers, Ronald and Michael Lucius, Bruce and Kenny Comer, and Richard Herron.

His funeral service will commence on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Chapel in Bloomfield, Missouri with Pastor Charles Robertson of Bloomfield presiding.

Internment will follow at 3:00 p.m. at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri.

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In Memory of Charlie Fyffe

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Charlie Fyffe, son of the late Eugene Fyffe and Ethel Clark Fyffe, was born on June 1, 1951, in Bernie, Missouri, and departed this life on August 10, 2023, at the General Baptist Nursing Home in Campbell, Missouri, at the age of 72 years.

Mr. Fyffe was a Veteran of the United States Army, a former truck driver for Hall Trucking LLC in Charleston, Missouri, and a resident of Dexter, Missouri. He enjoyed fishing.

On September 19, 1994, in Piggott, Arkansas, he was united in marriage to Anita Sims. Mrs. Fyffe survives of their home in Dexter.

Along with his wife, he is survived by two step-daughters, Tina Clark and husband Ronny of Zalma, Missouri, and Amy Fields of Dexter, Missouri; by his brother, Darrell Fyffe of Wichita, Kansas; by his sister, Janice Shipman of Dexter, Missouri; by five grandchildren, Trista Davis, Tiffany Clark, Katelyn Fields, Trey Clark, and Kinley Fields; and by three great-grandchildren, Raelynn Davis, Riverleigh Clark, and Beau Davis.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Eugenia Sue Abelson.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. with Rev. Josh Hester and Rev. Jerry Metcalf officiating. Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Shela Jean Burch

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Shela Jean Burch daughter of the late Edward Kirkpatrick and Carol Jines Kirkpatrick was born on May 20, 1958 in Bernie, Missouri and departed this life on August 9, 2023 at the Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Missouri at the age of 65.

She was of the Christian faith and was a resident of Bernie, Missouri. She had worked in the housekeeping department at the Southeast Health of Stoddard County. She enjoyed to fish, paint, gardening, and crocheting.

On May 6, 1978 she was united in marriage to Carl Burch in Bernie, Missouri. Mr. Burch survives of their residence in Bernie.

Other than by her husband, she is survived by one son, Carl Burch Jr. of Dexter, Missouri; by two daughters, Lori Phelps and husband Scott of Poplar Bluff, Missouri and Lisa Burch of Bernie, Missouri; by two brothers, Tim Kirkpatrick and Mike Kirkpatrick both of Bernie, Missouri; by three grandchildren, Clayton Phelps, Jerod Burch and Briana Christian; by three great-grandchildren; and by her faithful canine companion, Bentley.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, August 12, 2023 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri.

Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, August 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Steve Fitzpatrick officiating.

Interment will follow in the Bernie Cemetery.

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In Memory of Maxine B. Shell

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Maxine B. Shell was born in Brownwood, Missouri on July 5, 1929, to the late Oscar and Thelma Speer. Mrs. Shell departed this life on August 9, 2023, at Southeast Health in Dexter, Missouri surrounded by her family at the age of 94 years, 1 month, and 4 days.

On July 5, 1946, she was married to Lester C. Shell. To this union was born three children, Brenda (Ray) Dowdy, Angela (Ken) Keirse, and David (Tammy) Shell.

Mrs. Shell is survived by her two daughters, Brenda and Angela; by her sister, Wanda Null; and by her brother, Doyle Speer. Also surviving her are grandchildren Geren (Jason) Long, Kaylan (Dickie) Dockins, Drew (Lindsey) Keirse, Hannah (Alex Kabler) Keirse, Nate (Erica Brunner) Keirse, Jonathan (Melissa Mansfield) Shell, and Megan McConchie.

In addition to her children and grandchildren, she is survived by her great grandchildren; Carly Long, Sadie Long, Liza Rae Dockins, Lydia Dockins, Max Dockins, Case Dockins, Duke Dockins, Hadley Keirse, Nolan Keirse, Elam Keirse, Abbott Keirse, Amelia Shell, Zeke Shell, Jed Shell, Jaydon McConchie, and Emmy McConchie.

Other than by her husband and parents, Mrs. Shell was preceded in death by her son, David Shell, by her great granddaughter, Libby Dockins, by her sisters, Lillian Bagby, Bea Hindman, and Rita Blanton; and by her brothers, Virgil Speer, Hershel Speer, Hassel Speer, and Sonny Speer.

Mrs. Shell was a person of deep faith, a prayer warrior, and a member of First Baptist Church in Dexter for more than 73 years. She enjoyed reading, gardening, antiques, decorating, and sewing. She loved gospel music and a good western movie.

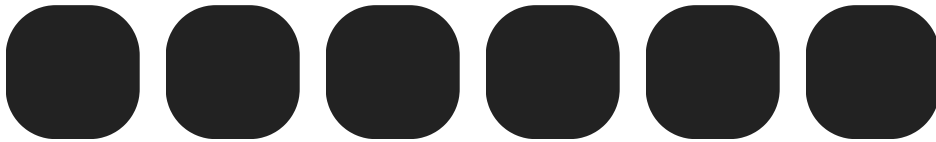
Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, August 14, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Lawrence K. Beatty

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In Memory of Lawrence K. Beatty

Lawrence K. Beatty, son of the late Lawrence Beatty and Marguerite Pyatt Beatty was born on August 9, 1950 in Moses Lake, Washington and departed this life on August 4, 2023 at his residence in Bloomfield, Missouri at the age of 72.

Lawrence was a Veteran of the United States Navy and Air National Guard. He enjoyed being in the outdoors, hunting and camping. He retired from the Florissant, Missouri Fire Department.

On October 21, 1973 he was united in marriage to Nancy Day in St. Louis, Missouri. Mrs. Beatty survives of their residence in Bloomfield, Missouri.

Other than by his wife he is survived by one son, Lawrence Beatty of Bloomfield, Missouri; by two daughters, Lori Beatty of Moscow Mills, Missouri and Kari Jines and husband Cody of Bloomfield, Missouri; by two grandchildren, Blake Edwards and Harper Jines; and by two sisters, Cheri Hood of Pataskala, Ohio and Marlene Davison of St. Peters, Missouri.

Other than by his parents he was preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth Beatty and Mark Beatty.

Visitation will be held on Friday, August 11, 2023 from Noon until 2:00 p.m. in the Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

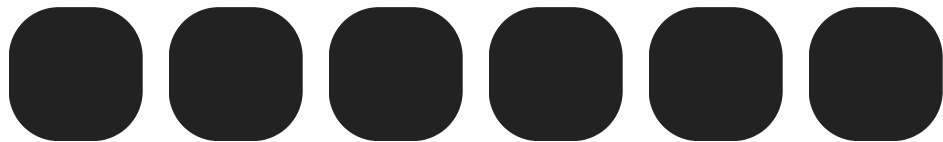
Funeral services will then be conducted on Friday, August 11, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter, Missouri.

Memorial contributions in Mr. Beatty's memory can be made to, The Backstoppers, P.O. Box 795168, St. Louis, Missouri 63179-0700.

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