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## In Memory of Billy G. Lusk

SEPTEMBER 15TH 2023 BY DEE LOFLIN

### In Memory of Billy G. Lusk

Billy G. Lusk, son of the late Dewey Dean Lusk and Mary Louise Plunk Ritch, was born on January 16, 1957, and departed this life on September 11, 2023, at his residence in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 66 years.

Mr. Lusk was a former contractor for Ron Owens Construction. Billy's nickname was six-pack. He was a workaholic and enjoyed being outside in nature.

He is survived by his special friend, Judy Hester; by two sons, Shannon Lusk Eubanks of St. Louis, Missouri, and Ronnie Lusk of Bloomfield, Missouri; by three daughters, Rachel Lusk of Dexter, Missouri, Angie Stanberry of Houston, Texas, and Chelsea Laird of Dexter, Missouri; four brothers, Edward Lusk of Bonne Terre, Missouri, Danny Lusk of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Rick McIrvin of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; and James McIrvin of Neelyville, Missouri; by four sisters, Brenda Cossey and Margaret Hopkins of Bloomfield, Missouri, Tina Jones of Reno, Nevada, and Sherry Leathers of St. Louis, Missouri; and by eleven grandchildren.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Marvin Stewart and Lee Lusk; and by his sister, Mary Ellen Stewart.

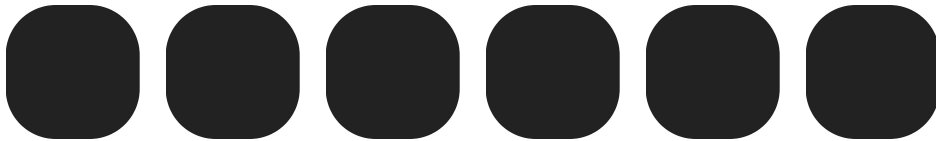
A memorial service will be held at Lighthouse Christian Church on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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## In Memory of Patricia Ann “Pat” Riegle Morehead

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### In Memory of Patricia Ann “Pat” Riegle Morehead

Patricia Ann “Pat” Riegle, age 90, of Memphis, Tennessee, passed away peacefully on September 13, 2023. She was born on March 29, 1933, in Buffalo, NY, to the late Warren and Dorothy Riegle. Pat will always be remembered for her unwavering commitment to her family, her strong faith, and her dedication to community service.

Patricia graduated from Treadwell High School in Memphis where she was a cheerleader, debater, and class officer. She completed her education at Southwestern at Memphis, now known as Rhodes College, graduating with honors in 1955. She loved her Kappa Delta

sorority and was the sweetheart of Sigma Nu fraternity. After her studies, she taught English in Wilson, Arkansas until her calling as a loving wife and mother took precedence. Pat embraced her role as a devoted homemaker, raising her four children with endless love and care. Her selflessness and nurturing nature were truly admirable.

Throughout her life, Pat was an active member of various organizations that aimed to make a positive impact on the community. Her interest in education led her to run and be elected as the first female school board member in Malden. She was honored with the title of 1987 BPW Woman of the Year for her outstanding contributions. Additionally, Pat played a significant role in the establishment of the Bootheel Children's Museum in Malden, leaving a legacy for generations to come.

Patricia's faith was a cornerstone of her life. She worshipped at St. John's Episcopal Church during her formative years, where she also exchanged vows with her beloved husband, Bill. Upon moving to Malden, Pat found community at the Malden Presbyterian Church. She served on the session and taught Sunday School, exemplifying her deep-rooted faith and commitment to spiritual growth.

In her leisure time, Pat enjoyed engaging in activities that brought her joy and connected her with others. She found pleasure in playing duplicate bridge with Bill as well as her bridge group, honing her golf skills, and participating in various volunteer projects. Pat's lively debates and conversations were a testament to her intellect and passion for learning.

After 50 plus years in Malden Pat and Bill returned to their old hometown of Memphis and resided at Trezevant Manor. There, she was a popular and much-loved resident by the staff and caregivers known for her friendly manner and smile.

Pat's life was all about relationships- family and friends. She always looked for some connection in common between people. Special thanks to Hope Hospice, the staff at Trezevant and her loving caregivers over these last few years: Della Harville, Dee Thomas, Sheila Williams, Hazel Broadie, Beth Stewart, Cynthia Gwinn, and Mary Williams. You were all blessings to our family.

A funeral service in honor of Pat's life will be held on Friday, September 22, 2023, at 2:00 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church, located at 3245 Central Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee. Visitation will commence at 1:00 pm in the reception hall, where friends and family can gather to offer their condolences and support. Following the service, a graveside ceremony will take place at Elmwood Cemetery, where Pat will be laid to rest. To continue sharing memories honoring Pat's legacy, friends and family are invited to gather at the home of Robert and Catherine Morehead. Detailed instructions to the cemetery and Robert's home will be provided for convenience.

Patricia leaves behind a cherished legacy and will be lovingly remembered by her four children: Patricia (Larry) Kilgore, William Jr., Robert (Catherine). and Elizabeth (Martin) Hilton. She will also be deeply missed by her grandchildren: Lauren (Matthew) Dixon, Travis (Xiuming) Kilgore, Joseph (Liz) Kilgore, Turner and Henry Morehead, Hannah (Conor) Mageean, Eva and Noah Hilton, as well as her six great-grandchildren. Pat is survived by her sister-in-law, Ausra Riegle, and her extended Riegle and Morehead family. She was pre-deceased by her parents, Warren and Dorothy Riegle, her beloved husband of 65 years, Dr. William Morehead, and her brother, Charles Riegle.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to your charity of choice or to organizations that held a special place in Pat's heart. These include The Bootheel Youth Museum at <https://www.bootheelyouthmuseum.org/memorial-funds.php>.

Southeast Missouri State University Dr. William and Patricia Morehead Acting Scholarship at <https://semo.edu/giving/>. The American Heart Association at <https://www.heart.org/or> .

The Pat Summitt Clinic at <https://www.utmedicalcenter.org/locations/pat-summitt-clinic>.

Your contributions will honor Pat's memory of making a difference in the lives of others.

The Canale Funeral Directors in Memphis, Tennessee, have been entrusted with the arrangements and are committed to providing compassionate and professional support during this difficult time.

May Patricia Ann "Pat" Riegle Morehead rest in eternal peace, her memory forever cherished by those who knew and loved her.

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## In Memory of Marilyn Delores Brown

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### In Memory of Marilyn Delores Brown

Marilyn Delores Brown, daughter of the late Eldon T. Cooper and Georgia Bailey Cooper, was born on September 6, 1942, in Dexter, Missouri, and departed this life on September 11, 2023, in Orlando, Florida at the age of 81 years.

Mrs. Brown was a nurse and a former director for DEOC Family Planning.

She is survived by two sons, Marlin Scott Gaines, and Gregory Kenwood Gaines; by three grandchildren, Amanda Leigh Grainger, Melissa Renea Trinh, and Conner Gaines; and by two great-grandchildren, Kailey Elizabeth Grainger and Logan Blake Grainger.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Tommy E. Cooper and by her sister, Georgia Sue Cooper.

Graveside services will be held at Dexter Cemetery on Friday, September 22, 2023.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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## In Memory of Leroy Waters

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Leroy Waters of Parma, Missouri, the son of the late Art Lee Waters Sr. and Margaret C. (Latimore) Waters was born in Morehouse, Missouri, on March 26, 1959, and passed from this life in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, on September 10, 2023, at the age of 64 years.

Leroy lived in the Southeast Missouri area all of his life. He was of the Baptist Faith. Leroy served proudly in the United States Marine Corp.

He enjoyed working on cars, detailing cars, talking with his friends, spending time with family and spoiling his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Kimberly Waters; five sons, Travis Johnson of Killeen, Texas; Durall Waters of Parma, Missouri; Derekis Johnson of Indiana; Jusdin Waters of Parma, Missouri; and Gabriel Waters of Parma, Missouri; three daughters, Sherina Perkins of New Madrid, Missouri; Jasmine Morgan of Sikeston, Missouri; Anna Waters of Sikeston, Missouri; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren with two more on the way; six brothers, Freddie (Jennifer) Latimore of St. Louis, Missouri; Art Lee Waters Jr. of Sikeston, Missouri; John

(Tamela) Waters of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Kenneth (Carolyn) Waters of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Ray (Umeka) Waters Sr. of New Madrid, Missouri; and Larry Waters Sr. of Parma, Missouri; one sister, Sylvia Waters of Sikeston, Missouri; three close personal friends, David BoBo, Big Lee and Theo; as well as a host of family and friends.

Leroy was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Robert Waters Sr.

A Memorial Service will be held Friday, September 15, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri.

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## In Memory of Michael Leroy Bardwell

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Michael Leroy Bardwell 67, of Essex, Missouri died Sunday February 5, 2023. He was a loving Son, Brother and Uncle.

Mike was born in Joliet, Illinois on April 9, 1955. He graduated from Joliet Central High School in 1972 and moved to Malden, Missouri in 1982 where he worked for Arvin Mfg. Co. in Dexter, Missouri.

He loved to hunt, go fishing and just being outdoors.

Mike is survived by his sisters, Cheryl Barreto, Donna Foster and Barbara Wise. One brother, Mark Lange, as well as six Nephews, one Niece, four Great Nephews and one Great Niece.

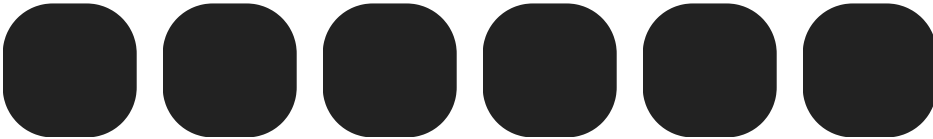
He is preceded in death by his Parents Robert and Mary Lange, two Sisters Cindy and Jackie and his dog Max.

Graveside services will be held at Dexter Cemetery on Friday, September 22, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

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