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## In Memory of Harold Merick Jr.

NOVEMBER 03RD 2023 BY DEE LOFLIN

### In Memory of Harold Merick Jr.

Harold Merick Jr., son of the late Harold Merick Sr. and Edith Mae Bond Merick was born on April 9, 1938, and passed away peacefully at his home in Aquilla on October 31, 2023, at the age of 85.

Jr was a strong-willed man. He was known as a jack of all trades. Jr was a secretary in the US Army, farmer, businessman, horse fanatic, leather worker, wood worker, and anything else you could think of. However, Jr's most beloved titles were husband, father, and papa.

On December 19, 1958, Jr. married Joyce Ray of East Prairie. To this union, three children were born: Randy Merick and his wife, Susan, the late Patrick Merick and a daughter.

After the passing of his wife Joyce, Jr. married Brenda (Gustin) Merick on August 10, 2004. They then joined families and Jr. welcomed Greg Gustin and wife Christy, Todd Gustin and wife Amy, Stacy Henry and husband Byron all from Ohio.

Jr is survived by his wife, Brenda, his son, Randy, and three sisters; Jeannie White, Karen Lancaster, and Barbara Robinson; by his grandchildren, Hillary Crain and husband David, Matthew Merick and wife McKenzie, Emily Pratt and husband Corey, Jinny Maust and husband Brodie, Heather Gustin and Corey Farrens, Byron Gustin and wife Lindsey, Megan Winegar and husband Seth, Andrea Burns and husband Brady, Kevin Gustin and wife Courtney, Evan Henry, and Makenna Henry; and by sixteen great-grandchildren, who he adored.

Jr. was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, his son and his brother, Charles Merick and his sister, Linda Ott.

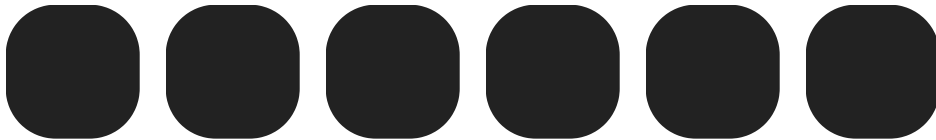
Visitation will be held on Friday, November 3, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Bloomfield. Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, November 4, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Bloomfield with Rev. Kenneth Lambert officiating. Interment will follow at the Bloomfield Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the 18 Fore Life, c/o Scott Kruse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, Missouri 63841. Envelopes will be provided at the Church.

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## In Memory of William (Bill) Louis Tucker

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### In Memory of William (Bill) Louis Tucker

William (Bill) Louis Tucker of Dexter, Missouri, the son of the late Harry Louis Tucker and Sally Tippen was born on April 4, 1933, in Kewanee, Missouri, and passed from this life on October 18, 2023, at the age of 90 years, 6 months and 14 days.

Bill was an Air Force Veteran and was a member of the Dudley Community Church in Dudley, Missouri. He was devoted to his duties in the church and was very active there. He also enjoyed mowing his yard, sitting in his favorite chair watching Westerns but his true passion was spending time with family.

Bill married Nora Lee (Bruce) on March 4, 1955, and remained married until the time of her passing on April of 1984. He later married Carolyn (Masterson) on January 19, 1990, in Dexter, Missouri.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn of the home; one step-son, Jeff (Minnie) Masterson; one brother, Jim Tucker of Sherman, Texas; one sister, Shirley Acup of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; four grandchildren, Christopher Lewis Gates; Terry Lee Ballard; Nathan Ballard; Bobby Gene Ballard; one great-granddaughter, Hallie Gates and one great-great-granddaughter, Adalyn; as well a host of family and friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife; one son, Danny Ray Tucker; three daughters, Rebeca Sue Tucker; Phyliss Ann Gates and Christina Faye Ballard; one brother, Frankie Tucker; three sisters, Donna, Dorothy and Mary.

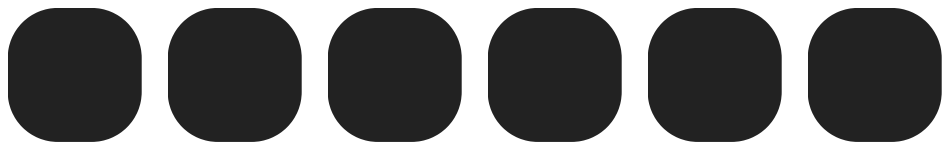
A Graveside Service will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. at the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Sikeston, Missouri, with Pastor Lynn Ash of Dudley officiating.

In lieu of flowers please donate to KOKS radio station in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Interment will follow with Watkins And Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of all arrangements.

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# In Memory of Patsy Cupp

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## In Memory of Patsy Cupp

Patsy Cupp, daughter of the late James Franklin Fletcher and Maude Jaco Fletcher, was born on September 27, 1943, in Senath, Missouri, and departed this life on October 23, 2023, at her son's residence in Bernie, Missouri, at the age of 80 years.

Mrs. Cupp had worked for Brown Shoe Company in Parma, Missouri, and River Valley Home Health. She was of the Baptist Faith and a resident of Bernie, Missouri.

On October 28, 1961, in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, she was united in marriage to Charles Cupp. Mr. Cupp preceded her in death on February 14, 1999.

She is survived by two sons, Jimmy Cupp of Springfield, Missouri, and Marty Cupp of Bernie, Missouri; by two daughters, Carolyn Rickman of Bernie, Missouri, and Teresa Cupp of Risco, Missouri; by her brother, Mathey Fletcher of Springfield, Missouri, and by numerous grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, Charles Dewayne Cupp and Ralph Wayne Cupp; by two daughters, Amelia Denson, and Patricia Cupp; by five brothers, Junior Fletcher, Tommy Fletcher, Eugene Fletcher, Bobby Fletcher and Ralph Fletcher; and by two sisters, Ella Mae Reeves and Peggy Allen.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie on Thursday, October 26, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the McGrew Cemetery in Senath, Missouri.

Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie is assisting with arrangements.

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## In Memory of Susan Anne Dowdy

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### In Memory of Susan Anne Dowdy

Susan Anne Dowdy, daughter of the late Bennie Carl Dowdy and Willette Tharp Dowdy, was born on February 14, 1961, in St. Louis, Missouri, and departed this life on October 23, 2023, at her residence in Grayridge, Missouri, at the age of 62 years.

Mrs. Dowdy was a former employee of Elara Caring Hospice.

She is survived by her son, Bradley Dowdy and wife Stacy of Essex, Missouri; and by six grandchildren, Hanna Eliot, Isaiah Eliot, Justin Eliot, Sydney Courter, Stephenie Courter, and Delanie Courter.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Roger Tharp, and Robbie Dowdy, and by her sister, Janie Forrester.

No services are planned.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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## In Memory of Shirley Ann Wethington

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### In Memory of Shirley Ann Wethington

Shirley Ann Wethington, daughter of the late Moy Bennett and Lillian Harper Bennett, was born on July 29, 1937, in Bloomfield, Missouri, and departed this life on October 20, 2023, at Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 86 years.

Mrs. Wethington was a former co-owner of Wethington Lime and Fertilizer in Bloomfield, Missouri and she was a member of Trinity Methodist Church in Bloomfield. She was a great conversationalist, and she enjoyed cooking and made many great meals. Shirley gave of herself endlessly and loved spoiling her family.

On January 21, 1956, in Hernando, Mississippi, she was united in marriage to Fred Wethington. Mr. Wethington preceded her in death on January 21, 2015.

She is survived by two sons, Tom Wethington of Bloomfield, Missouri, and Mark Wethington and wife Billy of Bloomfield, Missouri; by her brother Bill Snider and wife Sue of Dexter, Missouri; by three grandchildren, Shannon Wondel, Sarah McMunn, and Cory McMunn; and by five great-grandchildren, Chloe, Delaney, Carly, Lane, and Lindsey.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Bessie Ruth Mouser.

A memorial service will be held at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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