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In Memory of Meghan Patricia Jones

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Meghan Patricia Jones, daughter of Marshall Ward and Sherri McDaniel, was born on February 10, 1991, in Sullivan, Missouri, and departed this life on November 26, 2023, at her residence in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 32 years.

Mrs. Jones was a homemaker. She enjoyed shopping, going to garage sales, UTV riding and camping. She loved her children; they were her life.

On June 19, 2010, in Sikeston, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Chris Jones. Mr. Jones survives of their home in Dexter.

Along with her husband Chris, she is survived by her mother, Sherri McDaniel of Chaffee, Missouri; by her father and stepmother, Marshall and Tammy Ward of Portland, Tennessee; by her children, Jayce Jones, Zayden Jones, Sophia Jones, Sadie Jones, and Oaklynn Jones, all of Dexter, Missouri; and by her sister, Emily Ward of Chaffee, Missouri.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, December 1, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, December 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. with Rev. Tim Russell officiating.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter assisted with arrangements.

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In Memory of Gail Marie Sutter

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In Memory of Gail Marie Sutter

Gail Marie Sutter of Puxico, a beloved member of the community, daughter of the late William (Bill) and Mildred (Sexton) Welch, passed away on November 11, 2023, in Puxico. She was born on January 1, 1947, in Knoxville, Tennessee. Gail was known for her loving and nurturing personality, which touched the lives of many.

Shortly after her birth the family moved to the coal-mining town of Wheelwright, Kentucky and Dairy Hollow, which is located south of Butcher Hollow in the Appalachian Mountains. Gail is a graduate of Wheelwright High School.

Gail's father was a coal miner and when Inland Steel opened a mine in southern Illinois the family moved to Waltonville, Illinois and then Mt. Vernon, Illinois. In Mt. Vernon she started babysitting for area children and working at a daycare center.

While in Mt. Vernon Gail met Stephen Sutter where they fell in love and were married on August 16, 1977. They became best friends, traveling companions and always helping and caring for each other the best they could. Their love stood as a testament to the power of affection and loyalty throughout their 46 years together.

They both shared a deep love for this planet Earth and all living things on it. Gail loved all wild animals and plants including a fascination of the microscopic world and observing the world's smallest flowering plant, something that only a very few people get to see. They loved going out into the woods and exploring.

Following their marriage they lived in Centralia, Illinois where Stephen was working on the professional staff of the Boy Scouts of America. As Stephen received promotions in his professional career, they also lived in Oelwein, Iowa; Rolla, Missouri; and finally Kennett, Missouri. After 22 years of moving Stephen retired from the BSA and they moved to Puxico in 1998, where they have lived ever since.

Gail with Stephen are members of the Mingo Job Corps Community Relations Council, Wappapelo Lake Area Association, and Mingo Swamp Friends. Gail also enjoyed participating in field trips with the Missouri Native Plant Society. She was a supporter of the World Wildlife Fund - Save the Elephant Campaign and the Missouri Botanical Garden. She loved going to the Gardens, Butterfly House and Shaw Nature Reserve. Gail was also a member of the Puxico Christian Church and the Church's Sunshine Circle. Since moving to Puxico her favorite places to explore was the Mingo National Wildlife Refuge, Duck Creek Conservation Area and Wappapello Lake. Here she was looking to observe turtles along with other wildlife and native flowers. Among all living creatures, turtles captured Gail's heart with their mysterious demeanor.

She also enjoyed watching nature programs, especially elephant programs on TV. Elephants truly enchanted her soul. The majestic grace and gentle nature of these magnificent animals fascinated her endlessly.

Over the years Gail enjoyed collecting figurines-angels, elephants and dachshunds. She even raised a dachshund, Scottie, for 17 years. After moving to Puxico she inherited a cat, Tippie, from her in-laws. In each community where Miss Gail (as she was known by all) lived she ran a daycare babysitter service for a total of 39 years. She was also in charge of the nursery during Sunday Church Services at the First Christian Church, Centralia, Illinois. Over the years she helped raise many children from three states and had a huge impact on their development. Her dedication to caring for children left an indelible impact on their lives. Gail's passion for nurturing extended beyond her children and reached every aspect of her life.

Besides her husband, Stephen Sutter, Gail is survived by her daughter, Stacy Welch of Sullivan, Missouri and brother, Daniel (Kathy) Welch of Texas. Gail also leaves behind one niece, Tara Lynn (Adam) Harden of Texas and a nephew, Jason Welch of Colorado; and two cousins- Blake Johnson of Melvin, Kentucky and Susie (Arlie) Beeler of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Gail was preceded in death by her parents and one son, Thomas Ward Sutter.

Friends are invited to pay their respects at Watkins Funeral Home in Puxico on Friday, December 1, 2023. Visitation will commence at 5:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. to honor Gail's memory.

A Funeral Service will be held at the same location on Saturday, December 2, 2023, beginning at 1:00 P.M. The ceremony will be a beautiful tribute to Gail's life and the impact she had on those around her. It will provide an opportunity to reflect on the cherished memories shared with her.

Following the Funeral Service, loved ones will gather at the Puxico Cemetery for the Internment Ceremony to lay Gail to rest in the family plot. She will be next to her son Thomas.

Gail Sutter touched countless lives during her time with us. Her legacy of love and kindness will continue to inspire all who knew her. She will be deeply missed, but her memory will forever live on in the hearts of those fortunate enough to have crossed paths with her.

In this time of grief, let us remember Gail as a beacon of love, kindness and compassion. May we find solace in the memories shared and may her spirit guide us towards a more nurturing and caring world.

Obituary written by husband, Stephen Sutter in loving memory of his wife, Gail.

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In Memory of Mina Ellen Voss

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In Memory of Mina Ellen Voss

Mina Ellen Voss, daughter of the late Clyde Unger and Eula Bland Unger, was born on February 10, 1938, in Swinton, Missouri, and departed this life on November 24, 2023, surrounded by loved ones, at the age of 85 years.

Mrs. Voss was a member of First General Baptist Church in Dexter, Missouri, and a resident of Dexter. In the summer of 1965, Mina started the Head Start program in Dexter, she was a teacher with Head Start until she retired in May of 2009. Mina was also a foster parent, had worked at the Children's Home in Bloomfield, and for Town and Country in Dexter.

Mina had a heart for giving to others and had several ministries in the community; she managed the cupcake ministry, delivering over 500 cupcakes monthly, she prepared baskets for families in need, and each school year she provided backpacks to children in need. If someone was in need, she found a way to meet their needs.

She is survived by her son, Jamie Schaefer of Wappapello, Missouri; by three daughters, Kimberly Clark and husband Kerry of Dexter, Missouri, Donna Tilley of Bloomfield, Missouri, and Jan Davis of Dexter, Missouri; by her brother, Bill Unger of Miner, Missouri; by three sisters, Jo Kearnes of Wooster, Ohio, Kay Anderson of Bloomfield, Missouri, and Marilyn Anderson of Dexter, Missouri; and by four grandchildren, Adam Clark, Jeff Voss (Connie), Hobie Voss, and Heather Jarrell, and six great-grandchildren, Essabella Voss, Coleridge Voss, Symphony Jarrell, Melody Jarrell, Madisyn Voss, and Mason Dolan.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Butch Voss, by her brother, Gary Unger, and by her sister, Sue Hoskins.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, November 30, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, December 1, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. C. Neal Fain officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

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In Memory of Betty Sue Garner Mayer

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Betty Sue Garner Mayer, daughter of the late Morton LeBeau and Carrie Gray LeBeau was born on August 24, 1942, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri and departed this life on November 26, 2023, at her residence in Dexter at the age of 81.

Betty was a member of the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Dexter. She had worked for what was formerly known as the Dexter Memorial Hospital as the administrative secretary. She taught piano and was the full-time pianist for the First Christian Church in Dexter and later played the organ for the First Christian Church's in Poplar Bluff and Sikeston. Her life centered around her family, kids, and grandchildren. She was always doing and caring for others.

She was first united in marriage to Bill Garner on May 20, 1962, in Dexter, Missouri. Mr. Garner preceded her in death on April 2, 2009. On February 18, 2012, she was then married to Bob Mayer. Mr. Mayer preceded her in death on May 19, 2020.

She is survived by three daughters, Kaye Holder and husband Tim of Dexter, Missouri, Penny DuPerier of Perryville, Missouri and Ginger Cobb and husband Lonnie of Dexter, Missouri; by her brother, Phil

LeBeau and wife Rita of Dexter, Missouri; by her grandchildren, Kristin Holder, Kelsey Holder, Zachary DuPerier and wife Madeline, William DuPerier, Megan DuPerier and husband Kristian Troen, Abigail Cobb Hicks and husband Ryan, Erika Cobb, Rachel Cobb, and Andrew Garner; by her great-grandchild, Freya Maeve DuPerier Troen; and by her special friend and caregiver, Eileen Robins of Advance, Missouri.

Other than by her husbands and parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Gregory Garner; and her sister Rose Ellen Harper.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter. A grave-side service will be conducted on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at 2:30 p.m. at the Armstead Dowdy cemetery in rural Dexter, Missouri with Bobby Garner officiating.

Memorials may be made to 18 Fore Life, c/o Scott Kruse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, MO 63841 or First Christian Church, P.O. Box 295, Dexter, MO 63841.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting the family with arrangements.

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In Memory of Joyce Ann Palmer

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Joyce Ann Palmer, daughter of Frank Carson and Patricia Washburn Carson of Bloomfield, Missouri, was born on June 28, 1962, in Sikeston, Missouri, and departed this life on November 23, 2023, at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri at the age of 61 years.

Mrs. Palmer was a minister at Bountiful Harvest Church in Bloomfield, Missouri and she was a resident of Bloomfield.

On June 15, 1994, in Piggott, Arkansas, she was united in marriage to Larry Palmer. Mr. Palmer survives of their home in Bloomfield.

Along with her husband and parents, she is survived by her son Marvin Briscoe and wife Nichole of Newburgh, Indiana; by two daughters, Cyndi Wilson and husband Scott of Malden, Missouri, and Christina Smith and husband Brian of Dexter, Missouri; by her brother, Jason Carson; by her nephew, Severin Carson; and by nine grandchildren, Jaycob Briscoe, Jordan Briscoe, Aiden Briscoe, Tristan Poston, Tyson Poston, Harley Smith, Jocelyn Miller, Isaac Wilson, and Hannah Wilson; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Shana Briscoe, and Melissa Briscoe.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. with Diana Barnes officiating. Interment will follow in the Bloomfield Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie is assisting with arrangements.

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