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In Memory of Erik Taylor Kelley

DECEMBER 23RD 2023 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Erik Taylor Kelley

Erik Taylor Kelley, son of Billy Kelley and Deena Taylor Kelley of Essex, Missouri, was born on February 24, 1971, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and departed this life on December 21, 2023, at his residence in Essex, Missouri, at the age of 52 years.

Mr. Kelley was a self-employed landscaper with a passion for life. His interests ranged from literature, music and film to college football and cold drinks on the golf course. He was a patriot that enjoyed the 4th of July and shooting fireworks for his family, as well as visiting our local state parks and waterways. He had a kind heart and ensured his neighbors wanted for nothing.

On November 4, 1989, in Essex, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Sharon Cobb. Mrs. Kelley survives of their home in Essex.

Along with his wife and parents, he is survived by his son, Ryan Taylor Kelley of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; by two brothers, Andy Kelley and wife Crystal of Dexter, Missouri, and Kurt Kelley of Essex, Missouri; by his mother-in-law, Carolyn Cobb; and by other close relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Charles and Merle Taylor; by his paternal grandparents, Norman and Ola Kelley, and by his father-in-law, Decalvis "Dee" Cobb.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, December 24, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. A memorial service will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Sunday, December 24, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Essex Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Hope Lodge, 4207 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Sheron Marie Duffie

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In Memory of Sheron Marie Duffie

Sheron Marie Duffie, daughter of the late Frank and Ester Carson, was born on March 17, 1943, in Bernie, Missouri, and departed this life on December 20, 2023, at her residence in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 80 years.

Mrs. Duffie had worked for a drugstore in Bernie, Missouri.

On March 24, 1985, she was united in marriage to Murrell Duffie. Mr. Duffie preceded her in death on May 12, 2012.

She is survived by her long-time friend, Samuel Faulkner; by her daughter, Dawn Watkins; and by one grandchild.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Virginia Carson.

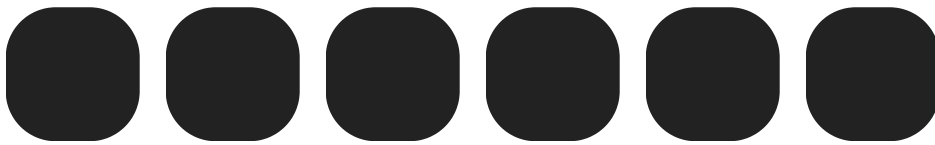
No services are planned. Mrs. Duffie will be interred in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter assisted with arrangements.

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In Memory of Dustin Mitchell

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In Memory of Dustin Mitchell

Dustin Mitchell, son of Scott Mitchell and wife Tryna of Dexter, Missouri and Lisa Rieffer of Dudley, Missouri, was born December 11, 1990, in Farmington, Missouri, and departed this life on December 20, 2023, in Dudley, Missouri, at the age of 33 years.

Dustin was a self-employed contractor. He attended the Lighthouse Church in Dexter, Missouri. Dustin enjoyed riding motorcycles with his dad and his friends and spending time with his children.

On February 14, 2012, he was united in marriage to Kristi Mitchell in Dudley, Missouri. Mrs. Mitchell survives of their home.

Along with his wife and parents, he is survived by two daughters, Rella Marie Mitchell and Lillian Avery Mitchell both of Dexter, Missouri; by one son, Layne Hefner of Dexter, Missouri; by three brothers, Eric Grimes of Dudley, Missouri, Scottie Mitchell of Idaho, Josh Mitchell of Dexter, Missouri; two sisters, Hannah Wilson of Dexter, Missouri and Hayli Finch of Bloomfield, Missouri; and by many nieces and nephews.

Dustin was preceded in death by one brother, BJ Grimes.

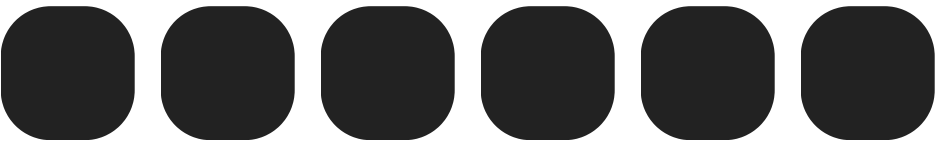
Visitation will be held at Lighthouse Church in Dexter, Missouri on Thursday December 28, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. A memorial Service will then be conducted in the Lighthouse Church on Thursday December 28, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. with Rev. Tim Russell officiating.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Kay Jenkins

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In Memory of Kay Jenkins

Kay Jenkins, daughter of the late Charles Smith and Josie Graham Smith, was born on January 14, 1950, in Bernie, Missouri, and departed this life on December 19, 2023, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 73 years.

Mrs. Jenkins had worked for Richard's Gift Wrapping in Dexter, Missouri and Good Humor Breyer Ice Cream in Sikeston, Missouri. She was a member of First General Baptist Church in Dexter and a resident of Dexter. She enjoyed crafts, making wreaths, reading her bible, and spending time with her family.

On June 6, 1970, in Bernie, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Bob Jenkins. Mr. Jenkins survives of their home in Dexter.

Along with her husband, she is survived by her son, Donald Jenkins and wife Lea of Dexter, Missouri; her daughter, Sherry Partin and husband Patrick of Dexter, Missouri, by three brothers, Gaylon Smith of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Charles Smith Jr. of Sikeston, Missouri, and David Smith of Belleville, Illinois; by two sisters, Nancy Dockins of O'Fallon, Missouri, and Shirley Grimes of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; and by her grandson, Nathan Waters.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, December 23, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, December 23, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter assisted with arrangements.

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In Memory of Martha “Jo” Gisi Hice

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In Memory of Martha “Jo” Gisi Hice

Martha “Jo” Gisi Hice, daughter of the late Edmond Gisi and Mary Iva Morrison Gisi, was born on October 20, 1930, in Rural Essex, Missouri, and departed this life on December 16, 2023, at Memory Lane in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 93 years.

Mrs. Hice was a former employee of Arvin Meritor in Dexter, Missouri. She was a member of Hopewell General Baptist Church in Essex, Missouri, and a resident of Dexter. She was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and Richland Rebel Basketball. She enjoyed being outdoors and she loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by two daughters, Terri Iva Hice of Dexter, Missouri, and Jackie Jones and husband Darrell of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; by two grandchildren, Bradley Jones and wife Janet and Mindy Lorenz and husband Justin; and by three great-grandchildren, Ayden Jones, Ryker Jones, and Zachary Jones.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by six brothers, Glennon Gisi, Charles Gisi, Raymond Gisi, Eugene Gisi, Harold Gisi, and Wilbert “Fib” Gisi; and by two sisters, Ethel French, and Stella Gisi.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 2:30 p.m. with Rev. Rick Roberts officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter assisted with arrangements.

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