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In Memory of David “Sonny” Acord Jr

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In Memory of David “Sonny” Acord Jr

David “Sonny” Acord Jr., son of the late David Acord Sr. and Doris Moore Acord, was born on January 7, 1966, in Dexter, Missouri, and departed this life on December 21, 2023, at his residence in Idalia, Missouri, at the age of 57 years.

Mr. Acord was a mechanic. He enjoyed fishing, was always doing things for his friends and others, and he loved his mother.

He is survived by his sister, Tammy Jackson Hester of Bloomfield, Missouri.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Carl Jackson Jr.; by his paternal grandparents, Mayo McClain and Anetha McClain; and by his maternal grandparents, Jesse Moore, and Ruby Baker.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, January 20, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. A memorial service will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, January 20, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow in Walker Cemetery in Bloomfield.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter assisted with arrangements.

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In Memory of Rebecca Charlene Richmann

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Rebecca Charlene Richmann, known to her loved ones as "Becky," passed away peacefully at her residence in Puxico, Missouri on January 5, 2024. She was born on July 12, 1951, in Dexter, Missouri to Lyman Francis Fowler and Mary Belle Scott.

Becky had a fulfilling career as an Accountant at Morlan Automotive, where she dedicated her time and skills. Her meticulous work ethic and attention to detail made her an invaluable asset to the company. Colleagues remember her for her professionalism, commitment, and unwavering dedication to her craft.

Outside of work, Becky was an active member of Corinth General Baptist Church. She loved and faithfully served as the piano player for many years.

In her personal life, Becky had a wide range of interests and hobbies. She delighted in going shopping and would often spend hours exploring stores in search of unique treasures. But perhaps what brought her the greatest joy was loving on her grandsons. Those precious moments spent with them were filled with laughter, love, and cherished memories. Additionally, Becky loved embarking on trips with her friends, creating lifelong bonds and

unforgettable adventures along the way.

On the journey of life, Becky was fortunate to find immense love and companionship in Curtis Richmann. They shared 49 wonderful years as husband and wife. Curtis stood by her side through thick and thin, providing unwavering support and endless love until the time of his passing in April of 2022.

Becky is survived by two daughters who meant the world to her: Shelly (and husband Allen) Clark of Puxico and Amanda (and husband Jason) Fortner of Bloomfield. Her grandchildren were the light of her life, and she leaves behind four adoring grandsons: Brad Clark, Jeff Clark, Trevor Fortner, and Tyler Fortner.

The bonds of family are eternal, and Becky leaves behind a strong support network. She is also survived by two brothers: Dennis (and wife Ava) Fowler of Advance, Missouri, and Kenny (and wife Bambi) Fowler of Jackson, Missouri. Her sister Tammy (and husband Joe) Wilson of Puxico, Missouri will hold her memory close to their hearts.

The visitation for Becky will take place on January 9, 2024, at Watkins Funeral Homes in Puxico, Missouri. Friends and loved ones who wish to pay their respects can join between 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The funeral service will follow on January 10, 2024, commencing at 11:30 AM at the same location, with Brother Jim Clark of Puxico officiating. Finally, Becky's interment will take place at the Missouri St. Veteran's Cemetery in Bloomfield on January 10, 2024. The interment ceremony is scheduled for 1:00 PM.

Becky's positive spirit and zest for life will be dearly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. May her legacy live on in the hearts of those she touched with her kindness, love, and beautiful music. Though she may no longer be physically present among us, her soulful melodies will forever echo in our memories. Rest in peace, dear Becky—you have left an indelible imprint on our lives.

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In Memory of Audrey Mae Duncan

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Audrey Mae Duncan, daughter of the late Ernest McCollom and Lois Black McCollom, was born on September 18, 1940, and departed this life on January 5, 2024, at Memory Lane in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 83 years.

Mrs. Duncan had worked for Brown Shoe Factory, the International Hat Factory and in a Daycare. She was a member of First General Baptist Church in Bloomfield. She loved gardening, flowers, cooking, baking, and taking long walks. She loved spending time with her family and friends, and she loved animals.

She is survived by her son, Charles Michael Duncan of Dexter, Missouri; by her daughter, Cynthia Bell and husband Mike of Bloomfield, Missouri; by three sisters, Ruth Standridge of Louisville, Kentucky, Kathryn Hyslop of Dexter, Missouri, and Elaine Launius of Bloomfield, Missouri; by three grandchildren, Jeff Bell (Misty), Amy Bell, and Lesley Bell (Michael Scism); and by three great-grandchildren, Kamryn Edwards, Elton Bell and Harrison Scism.

Other than by her parents she was preceded in death by her brother, Jimmy McCollom; and by two sisters, Virginia Pullum and Helen Launius.

A private service will be conducted at a later date.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Ryan Scott Speakman

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In loving memory of Ryan Scott Speakman, a vibrant soul whose passion for life illuminated the world around him. Ryan, age 21, departed from us on January 2, 2024, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of those fortunate enough to know him.

Born on July 24, 2002, Ryan, immediately dubbed Bubba, embraced a position of love and support for those around him. Armed with an unrivaled intuition, an aim to aid, he created a place of comfort for those he loved. In his early years, his compassion began with a "look, I made you a spot." or "I got you a present to make you feel better." His considerate nature and compassion only grew with each passing day.

Bubba embraced the wonders of learning, immersing himself in the world of literature, engaging in spirited debates, and nurturing a profound love for the arts. His dream of running an art store coupled with a cozy coffee shop, where personal connections could thrive, reflected his deep appreciation for human connection.

Bubba aspired to explore the beauty of our diverse world. His zest for life extended to his love for games and anime, bringing joy and laughter to gatherings with friends. His genuine affection for everyone, especially his nieces and nephews, created a warm and welcoming presence.

Bubba's role as "Uncle Bubba" began in 2008, marking the start of a beautiful chapter in his life. From the age of 6, he embraced the responsibilities of unclehood with sincerity, ensuring each niece and nephew felt cherished and unique. His genuine interest in their pursuits, whether it was playing "pee pie" or offering artistic guidance, solidified bonds and provided a love that will endure for a lifetime.

He is survived by his parents, Paul Speakman and Julie Wilson Speakman of Jackson, Missouri; by two brothers, Josh Speakman and wife Keandra of Advance, Missouri, and Dillan Wilhite of Jackson, Missouri; by three sisters, Emily Maddox and husband Robert of Lake Wappapello, Missouri, Jessica Hildebrand of Scott City, Missouri, and Kayli Leible and husband Andrew of Benton, Missouri; by his best friend, Derek Mathena; by his maternal grandparents, Carl Joe and Sheila Wilson of Sikeston, Missouri, and Lee Hufford (Bruno O'Guinn) of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; by his paternal grandparents, Howard and Paula Pikey of DeRidder, Louisiana; by eleven nieces and nephews, Knava Speakman, Josh Speakman II, Mariah Johnson, Shiloh Price, Morrighan Maddox, Robert Maddox, Bennett Scott Wilhite, Ashlynn Hildebrand, Tage Hildebrand, Emeri Leible, and Clayton Leible; and by lots of loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Larry Hufford; his paternal grandmother, Pauline Pikey; and by his paternal grandfather, Colin Speakman.

In celebrating Bubba's life, let us remember the love he showered upon us all. His absence leaves a void, but his spirit lives on through the memories of joy, laughter, and connections he shared with everyone. The world was undoubtedly brighter with Bubba in it, and his legacy of love will forever echo in our hearts.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, January 8, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Bernie Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Robert “Rusty” Smith

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Robert “Rusty” Smith, son of the late Robert “Cowboy” Smith and Verly “Kitty” Smith, was born on March 1, 1955, in Luxora, Arkansas, and departed this life on January 1, 2024, at Mercy Hospital South, in St. Louis, Missouri, at the age of 68 years.

Mr. Smith had worked as a farmer and worked for IXL in Bernie, Missouri and was a resident of Bernie. He enjoyed watching wrestling, dirt track racing, and his son playing pool. Rusty liked to shoot guns, fish, and enjoyed a cold beer, and spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his two dogs, Foxy and Taco; his grand dog, Nala; by his son, Robert C. Smith (Misty Rodgers) of Bernie, Missouri; by his daughter, Melisa McCulley (Jerry) of Malden, Missouri; by his long-time companion of forty-one years, Cynthia Hartley of Dexter, Missouri; by five brothers, Eddie Gene Jones of Luxora, Arkansas, Raymond Rodger of Osceola, Arkansas, Lucky Smith of Wilson, Arkansas, Billy Smith and Scotty Smith of Memphis, Tennessee; and by six grandchildren, Colton Smith, Caitlyn Whittemore, Kaleb McCulley, Karson McCulley, Kylie McCulley, and Cody Elkins

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Mamie Lou Herron; and by two grandchildren, Jared Elkins, and Jacob Whittemore.

A celebration of life service will be conducted at a later date.

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