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In Memory of Ricky Lane Roper

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Ricky Lane Roper, 63, of Bloomfield, MO, passed away February 9, 2024, at Southeast Health Center of Stoddard County in Dexter. He was born March 12, 1960, in Advance, the son of Bonnie Bloyce and Mary Sue Howard Roper.

For 35 years, Ricky worked as a heavy equipment operator. In the early years of his career, he worked alongside his brothers, Ronnie, Larry, Eddie, and cousin, Tony, building houses and working construction. Later, he moved on to working as a heavy equipment operator. His knowledge and work ethic helped create and build Roper Excavating in Bloomfield, with his sons.

Ricky was a tried-and-true cowboy. He lived his life and raised his family in the cowboy way. One of his most proud accomplishments was winning “The Snowy River Race” at the National Chuck Wagon Finals in Clinton, AR, on his horse Chip. He enjoyed hunting on horseback. He spent time tinkering with ponies and carts. He had a special interest in teaching his grandchildren to ride horses. Arrowhead hunting and camping had been a lifelong hobbies. Ricky always enjoyed having jacked up trucks/toys.

He was a dedicated husband, father, and Papa. He was the type of man who had too many friends to count. Ricky was quick witted, always having something to say. Usually cracking a joke at just the right times, always making everyone around him laugh.

Ricky and Letitia Gail Parker were united in marriage on January 19, 2010, at Bloomfield and she survives of the home.

Survivors include: wife, Letitia Roper; three sons, Josey (Justine) Roper of Essex, Brandon (Chelsea) Roper of Bloomfield, and Blake (Jessica) Roper of Bloomfield; a daughter, Brittney (Blake) Clark of Dexter; three step-children, Morgan (Josh) Sifford of Bloomfield, Cole (Whitney) McClard of Bloomfield and Dalton (Shelby) McClard of Oran; three brothers, Ronnie Roper of Dexter, Larry Roper of Advance, and Eddie Roper of Advance; two sisters, Barbara Phillips of Advance and Trish Stoker of Advance; 13 grandchildren, Kasen Clark, Karleigh Musgrave, Mila Clark, Van Bolt, Dax Roper, Wyatt Golden,

Waylon Roper, Hank Roper, Tripp McClard, Tuck McClard, Taylor McClard, Della McClard, and Clara Sifford; and Tonya Roper, who he shared three children.

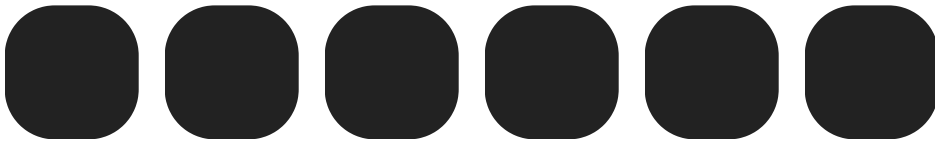
He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Morgan Funeral Chapel in Advance. A funeral service will be held at 12:30 p.m. at the chapel with Rev. Jamie Jones. Burial will be held at Rock Point Cemetery near Bloomfield, with a cowboy sendoff.

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In Memory of Brenda Kay Miller

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Brenda Kay Miller, 77, born on August 17, 1946 to Claude and Ruby Lincoln in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, passed away peacefully on February 5, 2024, surrounded by her family at home in Eldon, Missouri. She was a graduate of Dexter Senior High School where she met the love of her life, Glenn Miller. They married on June 20th of 1964. For most of their married life, they resided in Dexter with their four children. She and Glenn served faithfully in ministry at First Assembly of God. During her time in Dexter Brenda and Glenn owned and operated nursing homes during the span of 1966-2003. As God led them, they continued to serve in their local communities and church.

Brenda had three passions in life—God, family, and worship. There was not a person that Brenda met that she didn't share the love of Jesus with. Her desire in life was to make sure everyone she knew and loved had a relationship with Jesus Christ. Brenda was also devoted to her four children, her 9 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. She spent many miles on the road traveling to her grandchildren's events. Brenda's final love was her ministry in worship. For more than 54 years she used her gift of singing to lead in worship. If you spoke with Brenda, she would probably have a song to share with you in some form or fashion.

Brenda is survived by her four children. Brad (Sherry) Miller of Cabool, Brian (Beth) Miller of Springfield, Gavin (Kristin) Miller of Bloomfield, and Genee (Kent) Fischer of Tipton. She has 9 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brothers Jim (Judy) Lincoln of Eldon, Don (June) Lincoln of Dexter and Nelda (Terry) Combs of Jefferson City.

Brenda was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn and her parents, Claude and Ruby Lincoln.

Expressions of sympathy can be made to First Assembly of God Versailles.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00 am, Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at Ford and Sons Funeral Homes in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, 1001 N. Mount Auburn Rd, Cape Girardeau, Missouri 63701.

Burial will follow on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, in Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, 63701.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hedges-Scott-Millard Funeral Homes, 902 East North Street, Eldon, MO 65026 (573) 392-3351. Condolences may be left online for the family at www.millardfamilychapels.com.

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In Memory of Julia Ann “Judy” Foushee

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Julia Ann “Judy” Foushee, daughter of the late Basil Gaddis and Mildred “Mickey” Clubb Rice, was born on October 16, 1932, in Kennett, Missouri, and passed away peacefully at her home in Bloomfield, Missouri on February 9, 2024, at the age of 91 years.

Judy was a graduate of Dexter High School in 1950 and later worked as a bank teller in St. Louis and at Citizen Bank in Dexter, Missouri. Later in life she became a bookkeeper for the family farms and her and her husband’s business, B & D Wholesale. Her hobbies included gardening and bird watching. She was an avid animal lover and she loved Jesus.

On July 24, 1970, she was united in marriage to Joseph Boyce “JB” Foushee. Mr. Foushee preceded her in death on August 10, 1999.

She is survived by her daughter, Kathi Smith of Bloomfield, Missouri; by her step-son, David Foushee of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, by her step-daughter, Mamy Jo Nelson (Bob) of Texas; by her sister, Janice McCanless (Tom) of Perkins, Missouri; by ten grandchildren, Joey Roberson (Kelley), Michelle Hamra (Steve), Amy Roberson, Kelli Placher (Jeff), Amanda Zimmerman, Kenny Nelson, Joy Browne, Justin Trammell (Alisha), Courtney Rogan, and Rob Nelson; and by nineteen great-grandchildren, four great-great grandchildren and one due in April 2024.

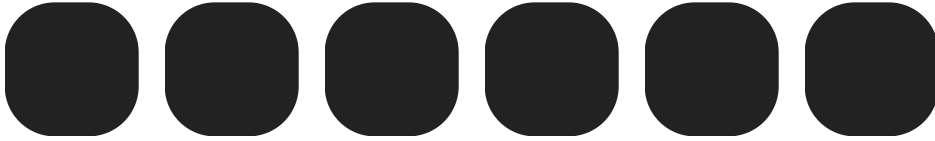
Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Jenny Lynn Roberson; by her step-son, Bob Foushee, by two brothers, Russell Gaddis and Charles Gaddis; and by two sisters, Mary Cornwall, and Brenda Lindsey.

A private graveside service will be conducted at Clubb Cemetery in Zalma, Missouri.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter assisted with arrangements.

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In Memory of Sheila Nadine LaPlante

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Sheila Nadine LaPlante, daughter of the late Joe Marion Dick and Velma Marie Hawkins was born November 21, 1942 in St. James Bayou, Missouri and departed this life February 8, 2024 at Mercy Hospital Southeast in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 81 years.

At the age of 54, Ms. LaPlante obtained a Master of Science in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine through International Institute of Chinese Medicine in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She was also licensed Acupuncturist and ran a successful private practice for over 20 years, Acupuncture and Herbal Clinic in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. She was dedicated to her work and thrived in her profession. She was a member of the Kingdom Hall in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and a resident of East Prairie, Missouri.

She is survived by her son, Mark LaPlante of East Prairie, Missouri; by three daughters, Mischelle LaPlante of East Prairie, Renee Buza of Houston, Texas and Jacqueline Conrad of Jensen Beach, Florida; by her brother, Larry Dick of East Prairie, Missouri; by her sister, Marla Dick Stearnes of East Prairie, Missouri; by ten grandchildren, Micha Haddock, Sean LaPlante, Miles Brown, Ryan

Buza, Logan LaPlante, Corey Buza, Montana Brown, Jade Conrad, John Conrad, Alyshia LaPlante and Kylie LaPlante; and by ten great-grandchildren and one great- great-grandchild.

Other than her parents, Sheila was preceded in death by her brother, David Dick.

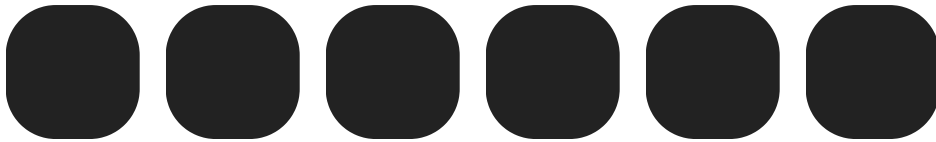
Private services will be held at a later date.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of David William Sander

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David William Sander, 75, of Bernie, Missouri, passed away on February 3rd, 2024, at his home.

David was born on December 21st, 1948, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to Elroy William and Alberta Elizabeth "Betty" (Brazeal) Sander.

David was a traveling man who prided himself as a Soldier, Patriot, and Son of Christ. Vietnam Veteran, Firefighter, Paramedic, and Senior Environment Health Safety Manager were the vocations he championed in his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his youngest brother, Jeff Sander, Sr.; and sisters, Rebecca (Sander) Seay and Paula Sander.

Surviving to cherish his memory are his son, William Sander (Kristina), and Grandchildren Lynde (Sander) Hockaday (Wesley), Colin, Della, and Edward. Great Grandsons Levi, Henry, and Bennette. Brother, Robert Sander (Debbie), nieces, nephews, and a multitude of friends at home and abroad.

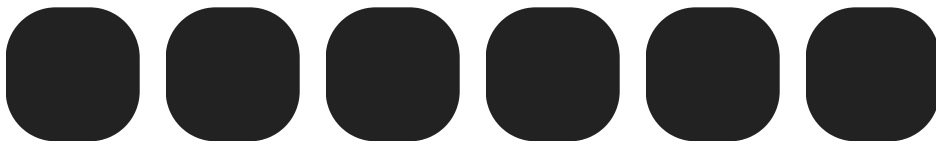
Graveside military honors will be conducted on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, Missouri.

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

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