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In Memory of Theodore G. “Ted” Matthes

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Theodore G. “Ted” Matthes, son of the late Theodore R. Matthes and Ruby Fraser Matthes, was born on June 1, 1942, in DeSoto, Missouri, and departed this life on February 10, 2024, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, after a short illness.

Mr. Matthes was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in Vietnam. He was a member of Crossroads Methodist Church in Dexter, Missouri.

He is survived by his wife, Vicki Minton Matthes of Dexter, Missouri; by two daughters, Kate Parsons of Dexter, Missouri, and Jessica Matthes (Caleb Bartlett) of Maryland Heights, Missouri; by his son, Stephen Matthes of Messina, New York; by two grandchildren, Rhys Parsons of Dexter, Missouri, and Mackenzie Matthes of Messina, New York; and by his sister, Barbara Thompson (Charles) of Ladue, Missouri.

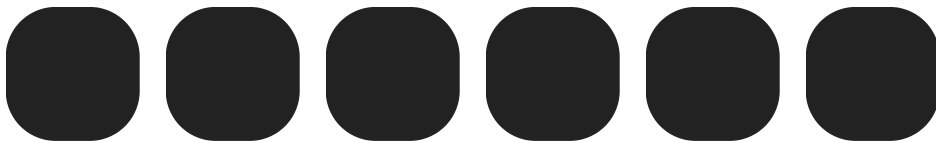
Graveside services will be conducted at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield on Friday, February 16, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. with full military honors. A reception at Crossroads Methodist Church in Dexter will immediately follow.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Gary Dennie Kitchen

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Gary Dennie Kitchen, a respected member of the community, passed away on February 10, 2024, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He was born on July 30, 1946, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, to Jewel (Cotton) and Lorine Kitchen.

Mr. Kitchen had an exceptional military career, serving his country with dedication and honor. He proudly served in the United States Marines, United States Army, and the Missouri Army National Guard. His commitment to service exemplified his patriotic spirit and love for his country.

Beyond his military service, Gary Dennie Kitchen was a man of many interests and hobbies. He held the title of Past Master Mason of the Dexter Lodge and served as DDGM for five years. Additionally, he was an active member of the 911 Board and the American Legion, and member of the Puxico VFW. Mr. Kitchen's dedication to public service extended to his role as a former Schreiner and a member of the Stoddard County Honor Guard. He also enjoyed operating as a Ham Radio Operator.

Survived by his beloved wife Kathy Kitchen of 29 years, Gary Dennie Kitchen leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories within his family and friends circle. His three daughters Leslie Sifford of Poplar Bluff, Melissa Crowley and Annie Crowley both of Van Buren,

Missouri will forever remember his kindness and guidance. One granddaughter Isabella Sifford of Poplar Bluff will hold her treasured memories of her grandfather close to her heart.

In addition to his immediate family members are surviving sister Carla West of Montgomery City, Missouri as well as three close friends Denny Noland, Mike McMunn, and Ronnie Potter (Potsey). Their bond is sure to endure beyond Mr. Kitchen's physical presence.

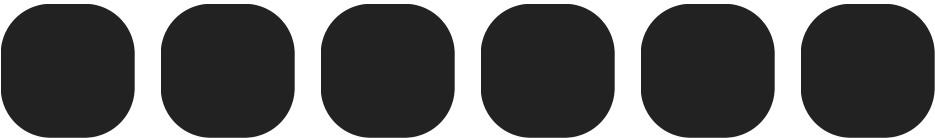
A Memorial Service honoring Gary Dennie Kitchen's life will be held on February 23rd, 2024 at the Missouri State Veteran's Cemetery in Bloomfield. The service will begin at 15:00 and conclude at 16:00. The cemetery is located at 17357 Stars and Stripes Way, Bloomfield, MO 63825, United States, with Pastor Chares Robertson of Bloomfield, Missouri officiating with Watkins and Sons Funeral Service in charge of all arrangements.

Gary Dennie Kitchen's commitment to his country, community, and loved ones will always be remembered with admiration. His love for life and dedication to service inspire all those who knew him. We celebrate the remarkable life of Gary Dennie Kitchen and offer our condolences to his family and friends during this difficult time. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

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In Memory of Ricky Lane Roper

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In Memory of Ricky Lane Roper

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 Julia Ann “Judy” Foushee

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In Memory of Julia Ann “Judy” Foushee

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, Mamye 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.

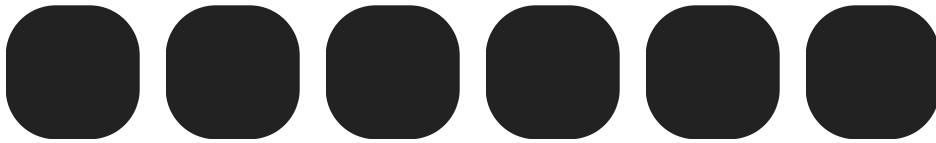
A private graveside service will be conducted at Clubb Cemetery in Zalma, Missouri.

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.

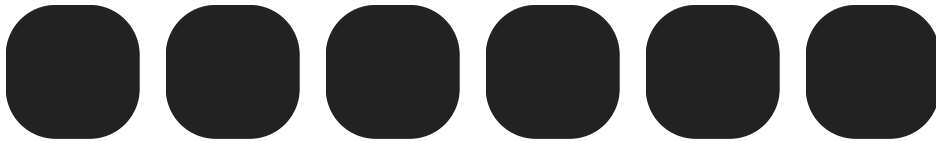
Private services will be held at a later date.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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