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In Memory of Geneva Clorine Vaughn

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Geneva Clorine Vaughn, daughter of the late Johnny R. Davis and Edith Pearl Gunnels Davis, was born on June 2, 1936, in Qulin, Missouri and departed this life on March 3, 2024, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 87 years.

Mrs. Vaughn was a former employee of Don's Bi-Rite in Bloomfield, Missouri, and the laundry department at the Bloomfield Nursing Center. She was a member of the Bible Tabernacle in Bloomfield, Missouri. She loved spending time with her family, playing card and board games and cooking dumplings.

On September 23, 1967, in Essex, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Arthur "Bud" Vaughn. Mr. Vaughn preceded her in death on December 30, 2012.

She is survived by five sons, Loyd Lee Wills, Jr. and wife Connie Jo of Bloomfield, Missouri, John Leonard Wills of Bloomfield, Missouri, James William Vaughn and wife Sue of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, Richard Arthur Vaughn and wife Heather of Bloomfield, Missouri, and DeWitt Vaughn and wife Doris of Wentzville, Missouri; three daughters, Gloria Jean Damron and husband Ray of Guymon, Oklahoma, Becky Lee Odum of Essex, Missouri, Vicky Sharee Wilson and husband Keith of Bloomfield, Missouri; one step-daughter, Alice Faye Vaughn of Middleton, Missouri; seventeen grandchildren; twenty-five great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; two sister, Jean Puszczek of Indianapolis, Indiana and Freda Farris of Ellsinore, Missouri.

Other than her parents and husband, she is preceded in death by one grandchild; by one great-grandchild; by three brothers, James Vernon Davis, William Floyd Davis, and Hubert Davis; by two sisters, Viola Wright and Jenevie Davis.

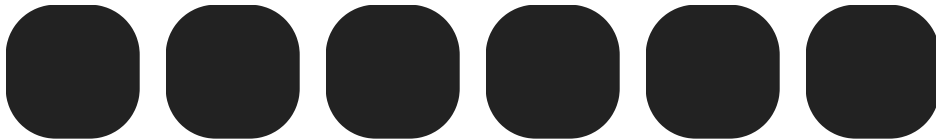
Visitation will be held on Thursday March 7, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri. Funeral services will then be conducted Thursday March 7, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. in the Mathis Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Steve Tippen. Interment will follow at Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri.

Mathis Funeral Home assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of William Larry York

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In Memory of William Larry York

William Larry York, born September 20, 1941, in Hornersville, Missouri departed this life on March 3, 2024, at the age of 82, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. He was the son of Lucille Edmonston York and Bill York of Campbell and was one of nine children.

He worked at Brown Shoe Company in Bernie as an assistant foreman for many years. He also worked in maintenance and transportation at Bernie Schools and farmed. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dexter. He enjoyed fishing and his grandchildren and found it easy to see the evidence of God in the simple things in life and nature. He loved his family deeply.

On February 17, 1962, he was united in marriage to Helen Stanfield and she survives of the home in Bernie.

Along with his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Debbie (Tom) Thrower and Twila (Ken) Lockett; five grandchildren, Marc Thrower, Brooke (Kyle) Chipman, Wade (Kerianne) Lockett, Collin (Lacey) Lockett, Hannah (Hunter) Kinslow; ten great grandchildren, Kennady and Brynna Thrower, Jo, Rae and Kit Chipman, Hudson and Ryder Lockett, Annabelle Lockett, Roman and Levi Kinslow. He is also survived by five siblings, Wayne York, Karen (Larry) Ligons, Phyllis (Mark) Cannon, Roma (Charlie) Barnes, and Arthur York; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, David and Donald York and one sister, Judy Martin.

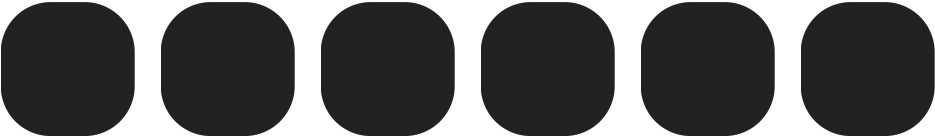
Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie on Thursday March 7, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. until 1: 00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday March 7, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Neil Durner officiating. Interment will follow in Bernie Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Judy Ellen Pry,

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Judy Ellen Pry, daughter of the late Elton Fish and Thelma Morlan Fish, was born on December 30, 1946, in Holcomb, Missouri, and departed this life on March 3, 2024, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 77 years.

Ms. Pry was a former Visiting Nurse for VNA and a resident of Bloomfield, Missouri. She loved working in her yard and flower beds, and she loved her grandchildren.

She is survived by two sons, Ron Wells and Joe Wells, both of Bloomfield, Missouri; by her daughter, Misty Bell and husband Jeff of Bloomfield, Missouri; by three brothers, Al Fish of Bell City, Missouri, Lee Fish and wife Joann of Warrensburg, Missouri, and Harmon Fish of St. Louis, Missouri; by her sister, Fran Hanner and husband Larry of Bloomfield, Missouri; by six grandchildren, Ronnie Wells III, Dylan Wells and wife Ashley, Amanda Wells, Holly Wells, Layne Wells, and Elton Bell; and by three great-grandchildren, Ryder Wells, Wyatt Wells, and Willow Wells.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, March 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 Friday, March 8, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Bloomfield Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Donald Olen Pickard

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In Memory of Donald Olen Pickard

Donald Olen Pickard, son of the late Chester Olen Pickard and Velma Simmons Pickard was born in Florence, Alabama on December 27, 1946 and departed this life surrounded by his loved ones, at his residence in Marble Hill, Missouri on March 1, 2024 at the age of 77.

Don joined the Missouri National Guard on the deferred entry enlistment plan, at the age of 17, in February 1964 and attended drills until he graduated from Bernie, Missouri High School. In August of 1964 he began six months of Army boot camp & Advanced Infantry Training in Fort Jackson South Carolina & Fort Dix New Jersey, Respectively.

In 1967 he optioned to join the US Navy Seabees & was assigned to Mobile Construction Battalion 4 and ultimately was deployed to Vietnam on February 14, 1968. As a result of that deployment, he was awarded accommodations for bravery while serving in combat zones beginning in Da Nang, at the start of the Tet offensive & north to within six miles of the DMZ. Awards included the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, a Certificate for Meritorious Service from General Creighton W. Abrams and Letter of Commendation from his Battalion Commander for his part in building a 20 mile pipe line along National Route One from Wunder Beach to Hi Lang, an area infested with & under constant harassment from the enemy. After his honorable discharge from the Navy in 1969, he joined the St. Louis City Police Department and also served honorably while receiving many accommodations before retiring after 20 years and ten months of service. He then joined the Division of Alcohol & Tobacco and served there until his final retirement in 2009.

He was united in marriage to Phyllis J. Emery in Maryland Heights, Missouri on February 21, 1970. Mrs. Pickard survives in their home in Marble Hill, Missouri.

Other survives include his two sons, Brian D. Pickard & wife Phyllis L. of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and Mark T. Pickard & wife Hope of Malden, Missouri; by three grandchildren, Madalyn G. Pickard of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Ian T. Pickard & Payton H. Pickard of Malden, Missouri; by one sister, Shelby Palmatory of Farmington, Missouri; also by other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death other than by his parents, by three brothers, Chester Pickard, Billy Pickard & David Pickard; by three sisters, Infant Betty Lue Pickard, Betty Lue Kitterman & Willodean Kettering.

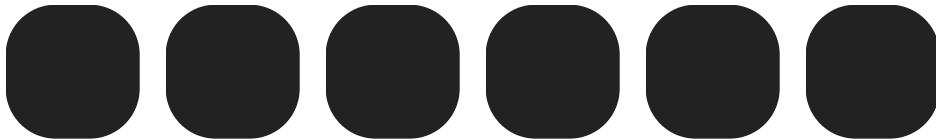
Friends may call at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Funeral services will then be conducted at 1:00 PM in the Mathis Funeral Chapel in Bernie with Rev. Aulden LeBlanc officiating. Interment will follow in Bernie Cemetery with Full Military Honors.

Mathis Funeral Home of Bernie is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Randy Allen Oliver, Jr.

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In Memory of Randy Allen Oliver, Jr.

Randy Allen Oliver, Jr., of Dexter, Missouri, went to be with the Lord away on March 2, 2024, at Mercy Hospital in Dexter. He was born on December 6, 1975, to Randy Allen Oliver, Sr. and Kathryn Marie (McDonald) Oliver.

Randy dedicated his career to helping others as a Level I Medical Aide at Ridgeview Assisted Living. His compassionate nature and unwavering commitment to care touched the lives of many.

Outside of his work, Randy found joy in simple pleasures. He loved music and was skilled at

playing the guitar. The great outdoors called to him, and he found solace in hunting and fishing. However, above all else, Randy cherished spending time with his family, especially his children. His love for them knew no bounds.

In his passing, Randy leaves behind a legacy of love and fond memories. He is survived by his mother; three sons: Randy Oliver III of Bloomfield; Joey Oliver and David Oliver, both of Portageville, Missouri; as well as his brother Jason Oliver and sister Robin Polley, both of Dexter, as well as a host of family and friends.

Randy was preceded in death by his father, and one niece, Emily Oliver.

Randy will be dearly missed by many nieces and nephews, extended family members, colleagues, and friends whose lives he enriched with his kindness and warmth.

Visitation services to honor Randy's life will be held on Friday, March 8, 2024, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at Watkins Funeral Homes in Dexter. A Memorial Service will follow at the same location from 2:00 PM.

In the quiet moments when we feel his absence most keenly, let us remember Randy for the light he brought into our lives and the love that will continue to guide us. May he rest in peace knowing he was cherished beyond measure by all who knew him.

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