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In Memory of Jerry Delain Robison

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Jerry Delain Robison, son of the late Elwood and Nadine Robison, was born on July 6, 1942, in Advance, Missouri. He departed this life April 7, 2024, at his home in Kinder north of Puxico, Missouri, at the age of 81 years.

Delain shared over six decades of marriage with his beloved wife, Marjorie Fish, whom he married on July 13, 1963. Together, they faced life's challenges and celebrated its joys.

Education was Delain's passion. He graduated from Advance High School in 1960 and earned his Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Southeast Missouri State University in 1965. Delain continued his studies while working full-time and raising four children. He obtained a masters degree in education and administration, as well as a Specialist degree, from Southeast Missouri State University.

His passion for education was evident throughout his career. He began teaching fourth and sixth grades at Pattonville School District in North County, St. Louis, where he dedicated five years of service. He then transitioned to the role of elementary principal at Puxico School District, where he served for an impressive 22 years. Later, as superintendent at the Advance School District, Delain helped lead transformative initiatives that shaped the schools educational landscape. He worked at the Advance District seven years before retiring in 1999.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Delain found joy in family, farming, and community. Marjorie and their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were the center of his world. Their shared memories of life on the family farm in Kinder, MO, brought them immense happiness over the years. Faith was central to Delain's life. He served as a deacon at Brown General Baptist Church and later attended the First Baptist Church in Advance. In retirement, his commitment to service remained. Delain contributed his time to the New Lisbon township board. He was also a

member of the Stoddard County Retired Teachers Association.

Delains legacy lives on through his beloved wife, his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, siblings, nieces, nephews, and countless friends and acquaintances. He was preceded in death by his parents, Elwood and Nadine.

In addition to his wife, Marjorie, Delain is survived by four children: Bradley (Paula) Robison of Advance, William (Tracy) Robison, of Bloomfield, Marla (Jim) Clark and Brian (Tracy) Robison of Puxico nine grandchildren: Garrett (Sara) Robison of Columbia, Joshua (Lydia) Robison of Bloomfield, Erin (Travis) Luther of Columbia, Katelyn (Benjamin) Lambert of Puxico, Mallory Clark of Puxico, Caroline (Don) Gibbs of Bloomfield, Will (Jacey) Robison of Cape Girardeau, Caleb and

Logan Robison of Puxico five great grandchildren: Layla and Bennett Robison, Madison and Vivian Lambert, and Baby Gibbs on the way four siblings: Lura Robins, Bonnie (Craig) Rhodes, Eddie Robison, Terry (Janet) Robison all of Advance. As we bid farewell to a remarkable man whose impact reached far and wide, we remember Delain for his kindness, generosity, and the difference he made in the lives of all who knew him. May his life continue to inspire us.

Visitation to honor Delain will be held at Morgan Funeral Home in Advance, Missouri, on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, from 5:00 to 8:00p.m. Funeral services will be in the Morgan Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 10:00 am.

Interment will take place at Brown Cemetery, north of Puxico.

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In Memory of Bobby C. Alexander

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In Memory of Bobby C. Alexander

Bobby C. Alexander, son of the late W. C. Alexander and Lorine Rosson Alexander, was born on March 14, 1939, in Piggott, Arkansas, and departed this life on April 3, 2024, at Prairie View Skilled Nursing in Bloomfield, Missouri, at the age of 85 years.

Mr. Alexander was a former electrical engineer for McDonald Aircraft in St. Louis, Missouri. He was a member of the Dexter Masonic Lodge and a resident of Dexter. He enjoyed coin collecting and gardening, and he loved spending time with his grandchildren and especially his great-grandchildren.

On August 1, 1957, in Grayridge, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Virgie Scowden. Mrs. Alexander preceded him in death on January 9, 2017.

He is survived by three sons, Bob C. Alexander Jr. and wife Kathy of Portland, Oregon, Gregory Alan Alexander of Dexter, Missouri and Kerry Alexander of Dexter, Missouri; by his sister, Pat Alexander Rapp of St. Charles, Missouri; by two grandchildren, Jessie Alexander and Bobby Alexander III; and by three great-grandchildren, Alexiyah Rivera, Cymberlyn Rivera, and Izabella Alexander.

Other than by his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Billy Alexander, Fred Alexander, and Donald Alexander.

No services are planned.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Mary Hildred McLean

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In Memory of Mary Hildred McLean

Mary Hildred McLean, daughter of the late George Washington and Nellie Mae Underwood Shadowens, was born in Cobb, Missouri on March 15, 1924, and passed away at Prairie View Nursing in Bloomfield, Missouri on April 4, 2024, at the age of 100 years old.

She had lived in Puxico most of her life. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Puxico. She had worked at Wilson's 5 & 10, for many years, and later at Tri-County Home Health as a home maker.

Surviving are one son, Rickey (Patti) McLean of Puxico, Three daughters, Janie (Jim) Oglesby of Grenville, Kentucky, Ginger (Tom) Hendrix and Robin (Johnny) Powell of Puxico. Six grandchildren, Chrystal (Jeff) Holman, Dustin (Samantha) Millspaugh, Brandi Robinson, Josh (Chesley) Kaiser, Whitney Millspaugh, Jentry Kaiser. Nine great-grandchildren, Bailey McLean, Caden Millspaugh, Corbin McGowen, Aricka and Isabella Robinson, Bryson and Hadley Kaiser, Brantley Thompson, and Dawson Gray. Other relatives and friends also survive.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Elvis Shadowens, and sister, Lillie Payton.

A Visitation will be held Tuesday, April 9, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Chapel in Puxico, Missouri, with the Funeral Service at 12:00 noon and Rev. Marshall Link of Puxico officiating.

Internment will follow at the Puxico Cemetery in Puxico, Missouri with Watkins And Sons Funeral Service of Dexter in charge of all arrangements.

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In Memory of Bonnie Chrisman

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In Memory of Bonnie Chrisman

Bonnie Chrisman, daughter of the late Clint Strickland and Juanita Kinsey Strickland, was born September 22, 1941, in Gideon, Missouri and departed this life on April 5, 2024, at Mercy Hospital Southeast in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 82.

Mrs. Chrisman was a former employee of Fuller's Jewelry in Poplar Bluff, Missouri and a resident of Dexter, Missouri.

On August 14, 1985, in Dudley, Missouri she united in marriage to Jerry Chrisman. Mr. Chrisman survives of their home in Dexter, Missouri.

Other than her husband, she is survived by two daughter, Tonja Wolk and husband Joe of St. Louis, Missouri and Tracy Deniszuk and husband Mark of St. Louis, Missouri; three step-daughters, Cindy Litchfield and David of Dexter, Missouri, Laura Perkins and husband David of Sikeston, Missouri and Brenda Garner of Dexter, Missouri; one step-son, Michael Chrisman and wife Paula of Kansas City, Missouri; four grandchildren, Chelsea Napier, Dylan Forsman, Jacob Deniszuk and Eva Deniszuk; two great-grandchildren, Owen Napier and Brynleigh Forsman; and by two close friends, Donna and Bud Garrett.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Sonja Forsman; one brother, Jerry Strickland; two sisters, Willa Fay Hogeland and Patsy Turbeville.

A graveside service will be held Sunday April 7, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at Dexter Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri with Rev. Bradley Carter officiating.

Mathis Funeral Home assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Ora Frances Putney

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Ora Frances Putney, daughter of the late John Ancil Putney and Lillie Adline James Putney, was born on January 27, 1935, in Parma, Missouri, and departed this life on April 3, 2024, at Memory Lane Skilled Nursing in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 89 years.

Mrs. Putney had worked as a cook for Ella's Café and Hickory House in Dexter, Missouri. She has also worked as a seamstress, cook and bus driver in Michigan. She was a member of Gospel Assembly Church in Dexter and a resident of Dexter. She loved taking care of her grandchildren and everybody else.

She is survived by her daughter, LaWanda Durham and husband Larry of Dexter, Missouri; by her son, Ben Propst of Dexter, Missouri; by eight grandchildren, Ashley O'Dell and husband Kyle, Larry D. Durham III, Brandon Propst, John Durham, Sarah Sandage and husband Robert, Alex Propst, Zach Propst, and Catie Propst; by six great-grandchildren; and by numerous nieces, nephews, and close friends.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Martin Darrel Propst; and by sixteen siblings.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, April 6, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. A memorial service will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Doug Sikes officiating. Interment will follow in the Hagy Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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