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In Memory of Dean Swallows

APRIL 29TH 2024 BY DEE LOFLIN

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Dean Swallows, an esteemed administrator for Grandview Manor in Puxico, Missouri, has gracefully departed from this world on April 25, 2024, at Bernie, Missouri. She was truly a remarkable individual whose presence touched the lives of many with her warmth and kindness.

Born on September 6, 1929, in Earle, Arkansas, Dean embraced life with a vibrant spirit and a heart full of love. Her career as an administrator not only showcased her professional excellence but also her dedication to serving others with compassion and grace.

Dean's effervescent personality was evident to all who knew her. She never met a stranger and had the remarkable ability to make everyone feel welcomed and cherished. Her love for spending time with family was unparalleled, and she found great joy in the company of her loved ones.

One of Dean's greatest loves was her son Dan's loyal companion, Wiley, her beloved grand dog who brought her immense happiness and comfort. Additionally, she found solace and enjoyment in playing Bridge wherever she went, showcasing her passion for social connection and friendly competition.

A member of the Red Hats, Dean enriched the lives of those around her through shared interests and camaraderie. Her presence in the community will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Dean Swallows leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories. She is reunited in eternity with her parents, Martin and Cora Mae (ChurchhillRenfro, her husband Carl Ray

Swallows, one son, Tom Swallows, and her brothers Elmo (Mo), Leo, Kenneth (Mutt), and EC Renfro. She is also predeceased by her sister Marge Zimmerman.

In this time of mourning, we find solace in knowing that Dean's spirit lives on through her surviving son, Dan (Lisa Brovold) Swallows of Winterset, Iowa. Their bond remains unbroken despite the physical distance between them.

The family wishes to express their warmest gratitude to the staff of Elara Health Care, especially Kendall. The warmth and compassion that was extended to Dean was very much appreciated.

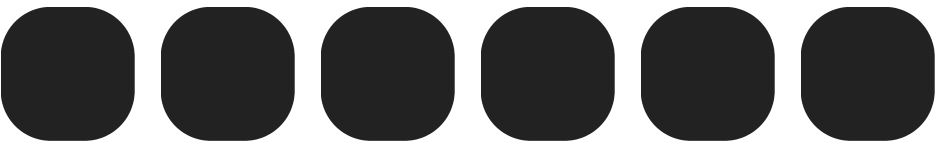
To honor Dean Swallows' life and commemorate her impact on all who had the privilege of knowing her, services will be held at Watkins Funeral Homes in Puxico, Missouri. A visitation will take place from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on April 30th, followed by a funeral service at 1:00 PM. The interment will be held at 2:00 PM at 23698 Cemetery Rd in Puxico.

As we bid farewell to Dean Swallows in this physical realm, may we carry forward the light of her memory in our hearts as a testament to her enduring legacy of love, kindness, and joy.

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Gerald Lee Yates, son of the late Aaron Yates and Alma Chloe Turnbough Yates was born on November 29, 1944 in St. Louis, Missouri and departed this life on April 27, 2024 at his residence in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 79.

Mr. Yates had retired out of the United States Army after twenty-four years of service. He was a member of the Word of Faith Church in Bernie, and had worked for Battles Communications in Dexter. He enjoyed working in his flower gardens, any odd jobs especially wood working, he never met a stranger and enjoyed conversations with everyone he met. He was a wonderful father, and enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

On August 17, 1968 he was united in marriage to Charlotte Ann Gromer in Overland, Missouri. Mrs. Yates preceded him in death on December 14, 2010.

He is survived by two daughters, Terri Pettypool and husband Jim of Bernie, Missouri, and Connie Allen and husband Derrick of Dexter, Missouri; by three grandchildren, Cameron Yates and fiancé Mercedes Dean, Kelci Meekie and husband Desmond, and Cora Allen; and by six great-grandchildren, Camden Meekie, Asher Meekie, Annslee Meekie, Rowan Yates, Lakeland Yates, and Skylah Yates.

Other than by his wife and parents he was preceded in death by four brothers, Leonard Yates, Tom Yates, Gene Yates and Robert Yates.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri. Funeral services will follow at 1:00 p.m. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Dale Hartle officiating. Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri with full military honors.

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In Memory of Donald Davis

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Donald Davis, son of the late Theodore Elexander Davis and Edith Mae Medlin Davis was born on October 6, 1940, in Malden, Missouri, and departed this life on April 26, 2024, at Winchester Nursing Center in Bernie, Missouri, at the age of 83 years.

Mr. Davis was the former owner of Imperial Floor Covering in Morehouse, Missouri, for 21 years. He attended Westside Baptist Church in Dexter and was a resident of Dexter. He enjoyed crappie fishing at Reelfoot Lake, going to his cabin in Doniphan to deer hunt, mowing his yard and hauling grain.

On June 4, 1960, in Painton, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Peggy Jones. Mrs. Davis survives of their home in Dexter.

Along with his wife, he is survived by two sons, Melvin Davis and wife Lori of Crossville, Tennessee, and Quintin Davis and wife Janelle of Dexter, Missouri; by two daughters, Karen Kiger and husband Jerry of Dexter, Missouri, and Kelly Huls of Dexter, Missouri; by his brother, Theodore Elexander Davis II and wife Sue of Sikeston, Missouri; by his sister, Phyllis Mason of Dexter, Missouri; by eight grandchildren, Dustin Davis (Jennifer), Kari Clark (James), Camden Davis (Haley), Bria Davis (Robert), Wyatt Kiger (Morgan), Jackie Kiger, Hannah Orton (Randy), and Hallie Huls (fiancé Kayne Wilson); and by thirteen great-grandchildren.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Chris Huls; by two brothers, Cletus Eugene Davis and Junior Davis; and by his sister, Lois Marie Davis.

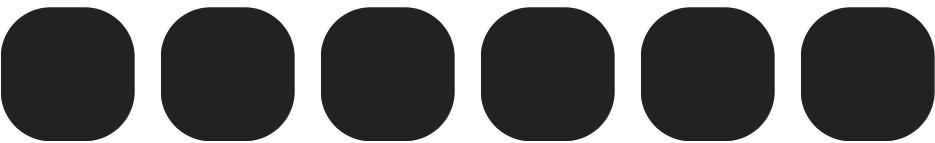
Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Quintin Davis officiating. Interment will follow in the Hagy Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Duane Metcalf

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Duane Metcalf, son of the late Otto Metcalf and Ethel Kelso Metcalf, was born on August 7, 1934, in Ardeola, Missouri, and departed this life on April 25, 2024, at Memory Lane Nursing Center in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 89 years.

Mr. Metcalf was a Veteran of the United States Army. He was a former lineman for SEMO Electric, for 36 years. He attended Risen Church in Dexter, Missouri and was resident of Dexter. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

On July 10, 1959, in Dexter, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Shelba Kilmer. Mrs. Metcalf survives of their home in Dexter.

Along with his wife, he is survived by his son, Wade Metcalf of Burfordsville, Missouri; by his brother, Lawson Metcalf and wife Beverly of Dexter, Missouri; by three sisters, Willene Sturgeon of Bloomfield, Missouri, Kay Goggins of St. Louis, Missouri, and Ilean Hafle and husband Ralph of Little Rock, Arkansas; by his sister-in-law, Sheila Metcalf of Bell City, Missouri; and by his granddaughter, Trish Metcalf of Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Dwight Metcalf and J.D. Metcalf; and by two sisters, Cleo and Mary Lee.

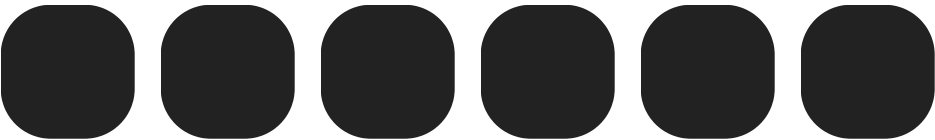
Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, April 28, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Sunday, April 28, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Travis Lambert officiating. Interment will follow in the Gravel Hill Cemetery in rural Bloomfield.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Danny Carl Christopher “Chris” Bradbury

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In Memory of Danny Carl Christopher “Chris” Bradbury

Danny Carl Christopher “Chris” Bradbury, age 74, of O’Fallon, Missouri passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Sunday, April 21, 2024 in Creve Coeur, Missouri. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri on November 17, 1949 to Carl M. and Billie J. Bradbury (nee Dye).

Chris is survived by his beloved wife of 39 years, Barbara A. Bradbury (nee Coleman); son, C. Matthew (Patricia) Bradbury, their son, Benjamin Bradbury; son, Adam W. N. (Kaprice) Bradbury, their children, Aden "AJ" and Milo Bradbury; son, C. Corey (Alexandra) Bradbury; daughter, Stephanie E. (Rhett) Clawson, their children, Izzi, Rhett Jr. and Sawyer Clawson; daughter, Livia T. (Jeffrey) Konkel, their children, Presley and Grant Konkel; sister, Melodie J. Leonard; and brothers, Rick C. L. (Karen) Bradbury, and Patrick D. Bradbury. He was a dear uncle, cousin and friend to many and will be dearly missed by all who knew him. Chris was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Victoria J. J. Miller, and Deborah J. Winston; paternal grandparents, Roy C. and Mae F. Bradbury (nee Waters); maternal grandparents, Edward W. “Bill” and Etta O. Dye (nee Mitchell).

Chris was a renaissance man - talented in art and engineering. He designed the spiral staircase at the Harry S. Truman Building in Jefferson City, drafted the blueprints for McDonnell Douglas Headquarters, created a signature blue paint color for Bigfoot monster truck, worked on the facade of the World Trade Centers, and designed a lead box to safely handle nuclear medicine. In spite of his success, however, Chris will be most remembered as a kind, loving, generous man who loved to tell stories, make people laugh and was always there to lend a helping hand. He selflessly took care of anyone in need with a meal, a kind word or a donation of his time. Chris loved classic cars, Motown Music, good food, telling stories, but most of all his family and friends. Chris felt a special connection to the Puxico area, where he spent his childhood summers on his maternal grandparents’ farm.

A gathering of family and friends will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024. Visitation will be from 12:30 pm until 2:00 pm followed by a memorial service at 2:00 pm at Newcomer Chapel located at 837 Mid Rivers Mall Drive, St. Peters, Missouri 63376.

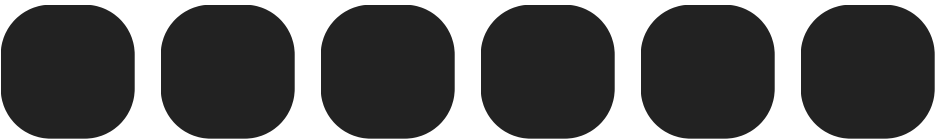
In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Evelyn's House:

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