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In Memory of Ruth Medlin

MAY 28TH 2024 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Ruth Medlin

Ruth Medlin, daughter of the late Ralph Fralick and Ella Gray Thomas Fralick, was born on January 23, 1936, in Clarkton, Missouri, and departed this life on May 20, 2024, at her residence in Pennsauken, New Jersey, at the age of 88 years.

Mrs. Medlin had worked in retail sales for Sears in Flint, Michigan and she was a seamstress. She was a member of New Life Christian Fellowship in Grand Blanc, Michigan. She loved playing the piano and organ and enjoyed going to nursing homes to play for the residents.

On March 1, 1952, in Essex, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Dawsey Medlin Sr. Mr. Medlin preceded her in death on October 8, 1982.

She is survived by her son, Dawsey Medlin Jr. and wife Tonya of Pennsauken, New Jersey; by her son-in-law, Harold Locke of Flint, Michigan; by her sister, Lois Hicks of Bernie, Missouri; by three grandchildren, Christopher Locke of Flint, Michigan, Kayla Locke Parsell and husband Aaron of Swartz Creek, Michigan, and Kelly Medlin Hoos and husband Jeffrey of Manassas, Virginia; and by three great-grandchildren, Myles Parsell, Molly Parsell, and Dawsey Hoos.

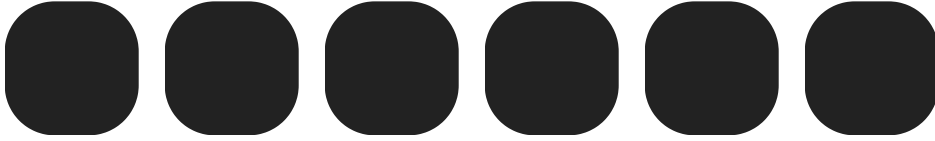
Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Darlene Locke; by three brothers, Thomas Fralick, Frank Fralick, and Hershel Fralick; by three sisters, Ruby Stanfield, Flora Bell Blocker, and Mildred Fralick, and by one sister in infancy.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. Interment will follow in the Bernie Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Rodney Huckstep

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Rodney Huckstep, son of Fay Huckstep of Marble Hill, Missouri, and the late Jerry Huckstep, was born on December 30, 1960, in Advance, Missouri, and departed this life on May 27, 2024, at Jackson Manor in Jackson, Missouri, at the age of 63 years.

Mr. Huckstep was an Automotive Electrician for Auto Trim Design in Cape Girardeau, Missouri and he was a resident of Bloomfield, Missouri. He enjoyed restoring old cars, especially his 66 Chevelle and he was a fan of NASCAR and drag races. He loved sweet tea, and his dogs.

Along with his mother, he is survived by his son, Timothy Huckstep of Marble Hill, Missouri; by his brother, Randy Huckstep of Thomson, Georgia; by two sisters, Dianna Hanners of Jackson, Missouri and Deborah Abernathy of O'Fallon, Missouri; by three grandchildren, Tyler Huckstep, Bralen Huckstep, and Katelyn Huckstep; and by three great-grandchildren, Braxton Tims, Kingston Tims, and Kinsley Huckstep.

Other than by his father, he was preceded in death by his brother, David Huckstep.

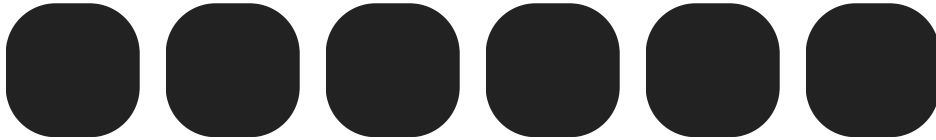
Graveside services were held in Old Union Cemetery in Bessville, Missouri.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter assisted with arrangements.

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In Memory of Wesley Beard

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Wesley Beard, son of the late Ralph Beard and Cassie Onieda Murphy Beard, was born September 17, 1939, in Bernie, Missouri and departed this life on May 25, 2024, in Bernie, Missouri at the age of 84.

Mr. Beard worked as a foreman for Liberty Township until he retired. He also farmed and was a member of the National Guard for 6 years. He was a member of the Assembly of God in Bernie, Missouri.

On October 31, 1959, in Bernie, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Reva Irene Stearnes. Mrs. Beard survives of their home in Bernie, Missouri.

Other than his wife he is survived by, one daughter, Marla Tilmon and husband James of Bernie, Missouri; one sister, Neva Wilson of Bernie, Missouri; two grandchildren, Andrew Tilmon and wife Misty and Michael Tilmon and wife Ashlynn; six great-grandchildren, C.J Tilmon, Jackson Tilmon, Liam Tilmon, Grayson Tilmon, Jace Tilmon and Carter Tilmon.

Other than his parents, he is preceded in death by four brothers, Weston Beard, Ronnie Beard, Donald Beard and Kennett Beard; six sisters, Geneva Poston, Reva Medlin, Ruby Nunn, Mary Blevins, Louella Smith and Audrey Hatchel.

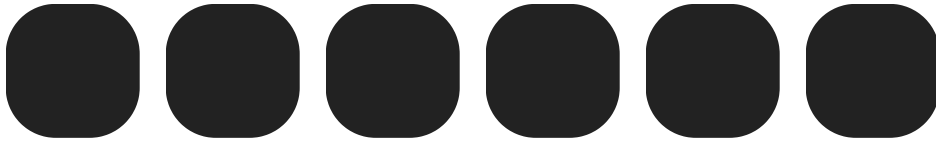
Visitation will be held Wednesday May 29, 2024, at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted May 29, 2024, at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie, Missouri at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Mark Thrasher officiating. Interment will follow in Chalk Bluff Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri.

Mathis Funeral Home in assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Alberta Stover

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Alberta Stover, daughter of the late Joseph Endicott and Ina Harrold Endicott, was born on July 29, 1948, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and departed this life on May 25, 2024, at her son's residence in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 75 years.

Mrs. Stover was the owner of Alberta's Windshield Repair. She was a member of Friendship Baptist Church in Dexter, Missouri, and a resident of Dexter.

She was united in marriage to Jimmy Stover. Mr. Stover preceded her in death on July 1, 2023.

She is survived by two sons, Steven Cox and wife April of Dexter, Missouri, and Anson Barney III and wife Sarah of Portageville, Missouri; by two daughters, Carolyn Morgan of Dexter, Missouri, and Lori House and husband Rick of Dexter, Missouri; by her sister, Joyce Wooten of North Carolina; by thirteen grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and one great grandchild on the way.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers. Larry Lamb, Charles Hayes, and Jimmy Hayes; and by two sisters, Ruth Burkett, and Shirley Manning.

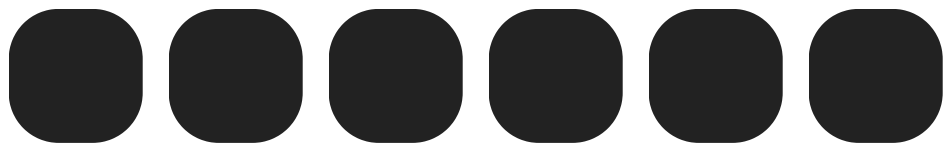
Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, May 30, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Dwight Hensley officiating. Interment will follow in the Hagy Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Jimmy Bland

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Jimmy Bland, son of the late Charles "Seed" Bland and Ruth Barton Bland, was born on March 20, 1946, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and departed this life on May 22, 2024, at Mercy Hospital Southeast in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 78 years.

Mr. Bland was a Veteran of the United States Army. He was the former owner of Bland Insurance and Dexter Queen in Dexter Missouri, a member of First Baptist Church in Dexter, and a resident of Dexter.

Jim was a 1964 graduate of Dexter High School. He was an amazing athlete leading the Dexter Bearcats to a perfect 10-0 season his senior year. He averaged a first down every time he carried the ball and accomplished the unbelievable feat of leading all of Southeast Missouri in scoring his Sophomore, Junior and Senior years. He was recruited by many outstanding college football programs and played at the University of Arkansas, finishing his career at Southeast Missouri State.

Jim had a very distinguished Military Career, becoming an Infantry Officer, Airborne Ranger and one of the best of the best in the Army, graduating from Special Forces School and wearing the Green Beret. He then had an outstanding career in the Missouri Army National Guard, retiring with the rank of Colonel after 29 years of exemplary service.

On March 31, 1979, in Dexter, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Judy Jerls. Mrs. Bland survives of their home in Dexter.

Along with his wife, Judy, he is survived by his daughter, Lori Bland Buck of Dexter, Missouri; by his brother, Charles Lyle Bland of Fulton, Missouri; by his grandson, Keiton Buck of Dexter, Missouri; by two nephews, Bart Bland and wife Debbie of Wentzville, Missouri, and Doug Bland and wife Beth of Wentzville, Missouri.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister-in-law, Judy Bland.

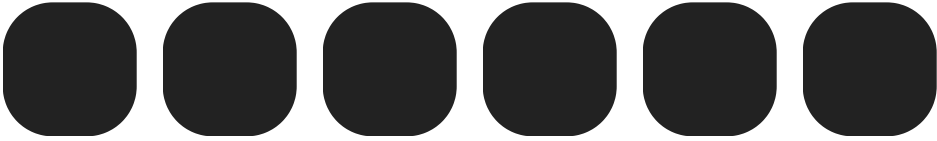
Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, May 26, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Sunday, May 26, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. with Charles Kruse and Greg Mathis officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to 18 Fore Life, c/o Scott Kruse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, MO 63841.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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