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## In Memory of Ron Gaines

JUNE 18TH 2024 BY DEE LOFLIN

### In Memory of Ron Gaines

Ron Gaines of Dardenne Prairie, Missouri was born in Dexter Missouri on July 22, 1943 to Mary and Denton Gaines. He died on March 12, 2024 at SSM Health in Lake St. Louis, Missouri. He was 80 years old.

He is survived by his children, Kevin Gaines of O'Fallon, Missouri, Robin McCormick of Wentzville, Missouri and grandchildren, Harper Gaines and Christopher Gaines of O'Fallon, Missouri and Ava McCormick of Wentzville, Missouri and a sister Renee Gaines of Dexter, Missouri.

Ron worked at McDonald Douglas Boeing from 1963 to 1998.

He was a trustee at the villas where he lived in Dardenne Prairie.

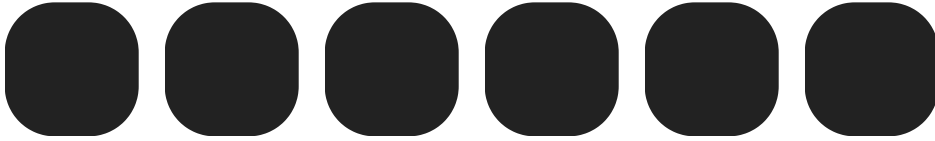
His hobbies included golf, woodworking, and having the guys over for a good card game. He was a Bearcat...playing basketball at Dexter High School.

The greatest joy of Ron's life was spending time with his kids, Kevin and Robin and his grandkids, Harper, Christopher, and Ava. he enjoyed going to their activities and supporting them in they lives.

A celebration of life will be held on June 27, 2024.

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## In Memory of Ryan Andrew McCallister

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Ryan Andrew McCallister was born on January 8, 1996, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, to Mark and Dana McCallister of Qulin, Missouri and departed this life on June 14, 2024, near Broseley, Missouri in an aviation accident. Ryan developed a love for all things aviation at a young age. Any time he heard an airplane or helicopter in the air his eyes went to the sky. On the family farm, he loved to watch the crop dusters flying over the fields, and he knew at that young age that was what he truly wanted to do with his life. He soloed on his 16th birthday- before he even got his driver's license- and the rest is history. For the next several years he continued training and had his instrument, multi-engine and commercial licenses before he left college. After college, he was a pilot at the local corporate level, but his heart wanted to be in a crop duster, so he went and attended an ag flying school, ag flying simulator training, and a real time experience training program. Ryan became known throughout the area for the abilities he had as a pilot at a very

young age.

Ryan graduated from Twin Rivers High School in 2014, and then attended Arkansas State University, graduating in May 2019. During high school and college, Ryan was a member of their respective trap teams and proved himself to be a very capable shooter. While at Arkansas State he was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity where he made many lifelong friends. Ryan also had a passion for hunting and fishing and was very skilled at both.

Ryan met the love of his life, Mallory McCallister of Brookland, Arkansas, in 2020 and they were married on December 3, 2022, at the First Southern Baptist Church in Malden, Missouri. Anyone who knew Ryan could tell by his smile and the light in his eyes when he looked at Mallory how deeply he loved her, respected her, and how proud he was that she was his wife. They were building a beautiful, promising life together and were preparing for the birth of their first child- a son- whose name will be Jackson Ryan.

Ryan is survived by his wife Mallory, son Jackson Ryan, parents Mark and Dana, and grandparents Larry and Evelyn McCallister of Broseley, Missouri. He is also survived by great aunts and an uncle, many cousins, and a tremendous number of good friends that would drop what they were doing if Ryan needed anything, and he would do the same for them. Ryan was preceded in death by his grandparents, Jack and Ruth Doublin of Puxico, Missouri, and his Aunt Paula Doublin of Allen, Texas. Ryan was the light of their lives.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at the First Southern Baptist Church in Malden at 9:00 AM with funeral services to follow at 11:00 AM with Pastor Aulden LeBlanc officiating. Interment will follow at the Qulin Cemetery in Qulin, Missouri.

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## In Memory of Kenneth "Kenny" Dean McClure

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### In Memory of Kenneth

Kenneth "Kenny" Dean McClure, a dedicated member of the 1107 Laborers Union of Cape Girardeau, has peacefully passed away on June 15 2024, in Cape Girardeau. Born on October 8, 1961, in Poplar Bluff, to Lloyd Dean and Louanna (Hoover) McClure, he attended Puxico High School.

During his life, Kenny was known for his passion for playing pool and his unwavering love for spending quality time with his family, especially spoiling his grandchildren. His warm personality and caring nature touched the lives of many.

Kenny is survived by his significant other, Pam Reynolds of Puxico; three sons, Kenneth and Samantha McClure of Wappapello, Missouri, Lloyd McClure and Kerry McClure both of Puxico; six grandchildren; one brother, Dale McClure of Puxico; one sister, Debra and James Lewis of Puxico; and a close personal friend, Nicole Holloway of Puxico.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd Dean McClure and Louanna Hoover McClure, as well as three brothers, Sam, Chuck, and Ron McClure.

A visitation to honor Kenny's life will be held at Watkins Funeral Homes in Puxico on June 20, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The funeral service will follow at the same location starting

at 1:00 PM. The address is 301 N Hickman St, Puxico, MO 63960 with Pastor Johnny Buttry of Puxico officiating. Internment to follow at Puxico Cemetery with Watkins and Sons in charge of all arrangements.

In the hearts of those who knew him best, Kenny's memory will forever be cherished. He will be remembered for his kind spirit and the joy he brought to all who had the privilege of knowing him. May he rest in peace.

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## In Memory of Mary Frances (Evans) Easterwood

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[In Memory of Mary Frances \(Evans\) Easterwood](#)

Mary Frances (Evans) Easterwood was born June 24th, 1923 in Kingsville, Missouri, and died June 9th, 2024 at LaPlata Nursing Home, LaPlata, Missouri.

Frances graduated from Central Missouri State Teachers College in Warrensburg and began teaching in a one-room school near Chilhowee, Missouri.

She and Melbourne Easterwood were married on January 2nd, 1946. After military service in World War Two, they settled in Kansas City, Missouri where he became a federal government meat inspector and Frances worked as a bookkeeper.

In 1954 when their son, Steve, was born, she became a stay-at-home mother. Frances was very involved at the First Baptist Church of Raytown. She was, at heart, an encourager. She tirelessly wrote notes to people, always closing with the phrase, "Jesus loves you and I do too!" Every year she handwrote over 300 Christmas cards. Frances loved flowers and always maintained a large garden.

She was preceded in death by her father, William Truman Evans, her mother, Dora Evans, one sister Mildred Elizabeth Evans, and her husband, Melbourne Easterwood. She is survived by one son, Steven Easterwood, a daughter-in-law, Cheryl Easterwood, and three grandsons, Jonathan Easterwood and his wife Rebecca, Jeffrey Easterwood and his wife Diana, and Jarrod Easterwood and his wife Renee. She is also survived by four great-grandchildren, Brielle Easterwood, Kayla Easterwood, Judah Easterwood, and Miles Easterwood.

The funeral will be held at Sweeney-Phillips and Holdren Funeral Home in Warrensburg, Missouri with burial at Pisgah Cemetery. Donations in her honor may be made to Future Leadership Foundation, an organization she loved.

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Funeral Service. Saturday, June 15, 2024 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

*Sweeney-Phillips & Holdren Funeral Home*

*617 N Maguire Street*

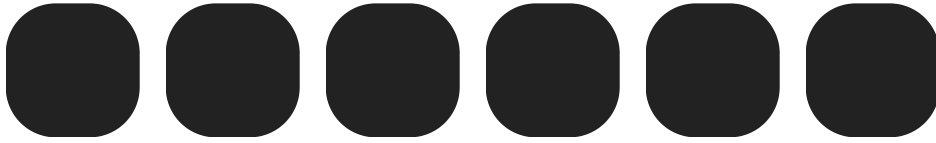
*Warrensburg, MO 64093*

*Graveside Service. Saturday, June 15, 2024 12:30 PM*

*Cards can be mailed to Steve Easterwood, 3305 N. Lincoln Street, Kirksville, MO 63501*

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## In Memory of Marilyn “Sue” Bratcher

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### In Memory of Marilyn “Sue” Bratcher

Marilyn “Sue” Bratcher, daughter of the late Bob Hopkins and Margie Alford Hopkins was born on June 25, 1957, in Dexter, Missouri and departed this life on June 9, 2024 at the Memory Lane Skilled Nursing Center in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 66.

Sue was a resident of Dexter, Missouri. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her son, Jamie Abernathy of Sikeston, Missouri; by her daughter, Christina Duncan of Batesville, Arkansas; by her two step-sons, Michael Hawkins of Dexter, Missouri, and Lance Bratcher of St. Louis, Missouri; by three brothers, Bobby Hopkins of Dexter, Missouri, Dennis Hopkins of Bloomfield, Missouri, and Charles Hopkins of Illinois; by four sisters, Sherry Branum of St. Louis, Missouri, Darlene Case of Dudley, Missouri, Jelane Hickson of Dexter, Missouri, and Mary Lou Conner of Bernie, Missouri; by five grandchildren, Kristen Duncan, Brittany Smith, Sierra Duncan, Gavin Smith, and Addison Moore; and by three great-grandchildren, Aubrey Duncan, Skylar Henrickson, and Adailyn Smith.



Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Amy Dawn Smith; by four brothers, Carl Hopkins, Keith Hopkins, James Hopkins, and Jerry Lee Hopkins; by her sister, Sheila Garvey; by her grandson, Austin Duncan; and by her great grandson, Wyatt Dale Henrickson.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri. Funeral services will then be conducted on Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel in Dexter, Missouri.

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