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In Memory of Donna Sue Hatchel

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Donna Sue Hatchel, daughter of the late Joseph and Vurlia Shelden, was born on July 21, 1943, in Swinton, Missouri and departed this life on August 12, 2024, at the Chaffee Skilled Nursing Center in Chaffee, Missouri at the age of 81.

Donna had worked at the International Hat Factory and was a resident of Dexter. She enjoyed cooking, baking, and shopping. Her favorite thing to do was spend time with her family.

On December 17, 1970, she was united in marriage to James “Sonny” Hatchel in Sikeston, Missouri. Mr. Hatchel preceded her in death on October 8, 2007.

She is survived by one granddaughter, Donna Durham; by three great-grandchildren, Destiny, Alexis, and Zoey; and by one great-great-grandchild, Harmony; and by many extended family and friends.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Donald J. Welch; and by her brother, Joe Shelden.

A graveside service will be held at Dexter Cemetery on Friday, August 16, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Luther Ray Sullivan

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It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Luther Ray Sullivan, who departed from this world at the age of 63 years on August 7, 2024, in Dexter, Missouri. Luther was born on July 22, 1961, in Portageville, Missouri, and was the beloved son of Charles Ray and Rosie Pearl (Fowler) Sullivan who have now reunited with him in the afterlife.

Luther, known to his loved ones as a devoted father, leaves behind a legacy of love and memories. He is survived by his two daughters, Brandy McElroy of Bloomfield, Missouri, and Amanda Sullivan of Lilbourn, Missouri. Luther was a proud grandfather to eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. His family brought him immense joy, and his dedication to them was unwavering.

In the embrace of his upbringing, Luther shared deep connections with his siblings. He is survived by three brothers: Myron Sullivan of Texas, Billy Fowler of Portageville, Missouri, and Carl Sullivan of New Madrid, Missouri. Luther's memory also lives on in the hearts of his four sisters: Mary Campbell of Lilbourn, Missouri, Margie McAlister of New Madrid, Missouri, Debbie Grubble of Ocala, Florida, and Elizabeth Sullivan of Mountain Home, Missouri.

Luther found solace in the camaraderie of friends, and his loss is deeply felt by his two close personal friends, Frankie Ford and Ronald Neeley. Their bond was a source of laughter and support throughout the years.

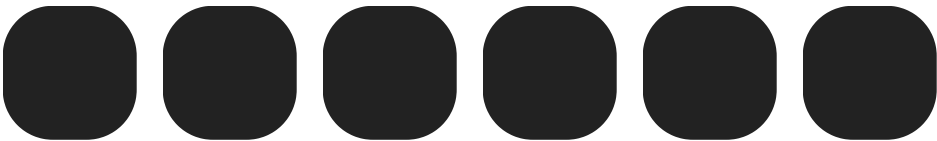
In his leisure time, Luther immersed himself in his hobbies and interests. He had a passion for fishing, found companionship in the Eagle community, and, above all, treasured moments spent with his family. Luther's warm spirit and genuine nature endeared him to all who had the privilege of knowing him.

A chapter has closed with Luther's passing, but his memory will endure through the stories shared by those whose lives he touched. May he rest in eternal peace, surrounded by the love that he so freely gave during his time on this earth.

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In Memory of Ronna Jean Houchins

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On August 3, 2024, the world lost a beloved soul as Ronna Jean Houchins went to be with the Lord in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Born on September 13, 1955, in Dexter, Missouri, to Howard Crider and Peggy Sue (Thomas) Crider. Ronna left a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Ronna dedicated her life to caring for others as a homemaker in home healthcare. Her nurturing spirit shone brightly through her work and touched the lives of many. She was known for her personality - she never met a stranger and had a heart full of love for everyone she encountered. She was a member of New Hope Full Gospel in Dexter, Missouri, where she loved to serve and worship.

In her free time, Ronna found joy in the simple things - she adored visiting flea markets and cherished moments spent with her family. Being a "grandma" to every child who crossed her path brought her immense happiness. Ronna also found solace in hard work and took pride in contributing to the family farm.

Ronna married her soulmate and love of her life Larry G. Houchins on October 18, 1971, in Sikeston, Missouri. Ronna and Larry met as children and quickly grew to be sweethearts with a love that lasted a lifetime.

Ronna leaves behind a legacy of love and kindness that will be carried on by those she held dear. Among those mourning her loss are her husband, Larry G. Houchins; two sons, Larry W. and Christi Houchins of Wappapello, Missouri and Franklin Lynn Houchins of Bloomfield, Missouri; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three brothers: Jim, Ken, and Tim Crider; one sister, Kim Crider-Gore; two special nieces, Brandi Morris and Chantelle White; as well as numerous children who affectionately called her "Grandma." ; and a host of family and friends also survive.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and sister Cindy Billington.

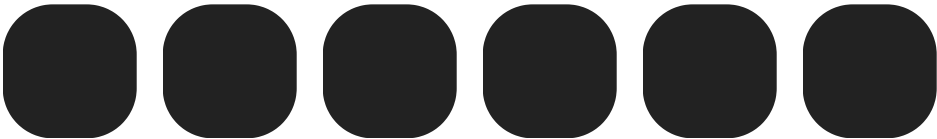
The memory of Ronna Jean Houchins will forever remain etched in the hearts of her family, friends, and all those who had the privilege of knowing such a compassionate and loving soul.

Services to honor and celebrate Ronna's life will be held at Watkins Funeral Homes in Bloomfield, Missouri. A visitation will take place on August 8, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM followed by a Funeral Service at 1:00 PM. with Pastor Charles Robertson of Bloomfield officiating. The Interment will follow at the Bloomfield Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri.

May Ronna rest in peace knowing she was cherished beyond words and that her legacy of love lives on.

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In Memory of David Leroy Duffie

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In Memory of David Leroy Duffie

David Leroy Duffie son of the late Loyal Duffie and Marjorie Darter Duffie was born on November 15, 1949 in Dexter, Missouri and departed this life on August 9, 2024 at his residence in Lowndes, Missouri at the age of 74.

David was a Veteran of the United States Army and served in Vietnam where he received the Bronze Star. He was of the Baptist faith and had worked as an over the road truck driver for WW Wood as well as Jim Gibson Trucking, he also worked as a farmer. He enjoyed riding motorcycles and horses and shooting pool and throwing darts with his big group of friends. He enjoyed being around people, especially his family. He also enjoyed being with his faithful companions, his dog Bubba and his cat, Bean.

He is survived by his children Keith Duffie and wife Nancy of Greenville, Tennessee, Tammy Johnson and husband Paul of Norwood, Massachusetts, and Kevin Duffie and wife Candi of Clarksville, Tennessee; by his brother Chris Darter of Van Buren, Missouri; by three sisters, Loyenna Burke of Poplar Bluff, Missouri and Pat Burke and Sovonna Duff both of Van Buren, Missouri; by six

grandchildren, Heith Duffie, Logan Duffie, Andreus Garrett, Devin Duffie, Ethan Duffie, and Elaina Johnson; and by one great-grandchild, Callum Duffie.

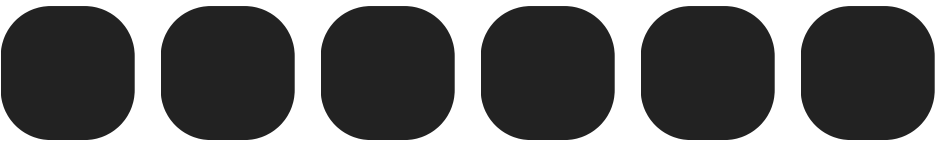
Other than by his parents he was preceded in death by his sister, Cheryl Jones.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri. Funeral services will then be conducted on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter, Missouri. Interment will follow at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield with full military honors.

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In Memory of Phyllis Ann Edwards

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Phyllis Ann Edwards, daughter of the late Dewey Green and Vida Houchins Green was born on August 12, 1937, in Malden, MO and departed this life on August 9, 2024, at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing in Dexter at the age of 86 years.

Phyllis was a wonderful mother who was always there when we needed her the most, offering support, wisdom, and love in abundance. She was a member of the New Bethel Church. She operated the scales at Keener Gravel for many years. She and Floyd loved to travel and enjoyed time with their family.

She married the love of her life Floyd Edwards in Dexter on July 22, 1955. They were married 66 years.

She is survived by three daughters, Vida Edwards Shipman and fiancé Kenny of Bernie, Shelley McClintock and husband Brian of Dexter, and Amy Asher of Bernie; by her son, Kent Edwards and wife Desiree of Dexter; by seven grandchildren, Keith Edwards and Christy of Dexter, Amanda Edwards and fiancé Matt of Brosley, Mark McClintock and fiancé Ashley of Dexter, Andrew Edwards and wife Brittney of Dexter, Sara Owens and husband Chad of Bernie, Dalton Leach of Park Hills, Jerica Hilliard and husband Hayden of Fruitland; by twelve great grandchildren, Emily Hester, Abby Powell, Laney Edwards, Gunner Powell, Eyan McClintock, Wyatt Powell, Paisley Owens, Ryder Edwards, Emery McClintock, Kensley Edwards, Ely McClintock, Charley Owens, Trisha Griffin, Lexi Griffin, and Mary Lynn Boyles; by her sister, Mary Taylor of Dexter.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Leroy Green; her sisters, Ruth Day and Mable Green and her son-in- laws Trent Shipman and Jeremy Asher.

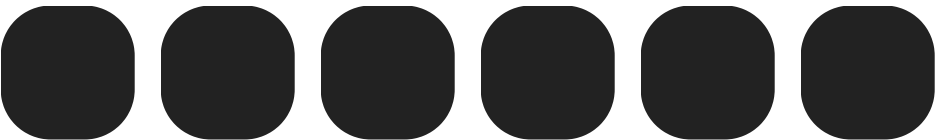
Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, August 12, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Funeral Services will be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow in the Sadler Chapel Cemetery in Dexter.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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