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In Memory of Emma “Jean” Babcock

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Emma “Jean” Babcock was born on December 10, 1940, in Bell City, Tennessee and departed this life on August 14, 2024, at her residence in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 83.

Emma Jean enjoyed crocheting and baking. She gave generously of her time to her southern Baptist churches and loved being a part of their congregation. She helped take care of her five siblings and enjoyed being around her family.

She was united in marriage to William Harvey Babcock in 1960. Mr. Babcock preceded her in death on June 1, 2009.

She is survived by her daughters, Michele Pyle and husband Jim of Dexter, Missouri, and Kelly Mortensen and husband Mickey of Jacksonville, Florida; by six grandchildren, Jimmy Pyle and wife Becca, Nicholas Pyle and wife Stacey, Alli Mortensen, Katie Williams and husband Shane, Zac Mortensen, and Martie Mortensen; by five great-grandchildren, Isaac Pyle, Isabelle Pyle, Emma Mortensen, Axel Williams, and Abby Williams; and by her nephew, Rick Cagle and wife Linda of Attwood, Tennessee.

Other than by her husband she was preceded in death by her father, and her mother Lillian Clifford Jaynes; by her brothers Clifford and David Jaynes; and by her sisters, Rebecca Smith, Faye Turner, and Lois Kelly.

There are currently no services planned.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting the family with arrangements.

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In Memory of Delbert Henry Sanders

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Delbert Henry Sanders, a dedicated and hardworking individual, passed away on August 12, 2024 at Puxico Nursing and Rehab in Puxico, Missouri. He was born on September 7, 1959, in Riverside, California. Delbert was a cherished member of his community, known for his long-standing career at Tyson Foods as an LB Tech.

He leaves behind a legacy that will be remembered by all had the privilege of knowing him. Delbert's proud role as a father, grandfather, and uncle brought him immeasurable joy. He is survived by his loving spouse, Pamela (Horn) Sanders, his children Eric Sanders, Octavio Sanders, and Heather Sanders, as well as his six grandchildren. His memories will be carried on by his brothers Adam Sanders and Steve Sanders, along with his sister Kathy Ramero and Dortha Hess. Delbert held a special place in his heart for his niece Rena Saddler and nephew Eddie Blackwell.

Delbert found solace in simple pleasures, such as hunting, fishing, and tending to his garden. His dedication to instilling good values in his children was one of his proudest accomplishments. He touched the lives of many, including his late brother Bill Sanders and sister Cindy Blackwell.

Family and friends are invited to pay their respects at Watkins Funeral Homes in Dexter, Missouri.

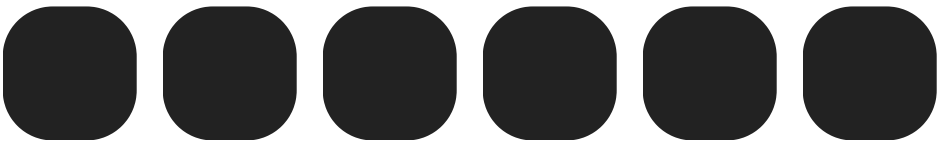
Visitation on August 16, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Funeral Services will be held on August 16, 2024, at 1:00 PM. Burial will follow in the Chalk Bluff Cemetery near Dexter, Missouri.

Delbert Henry Sanders will be deeply missed but fondly remembered for his kindness, work ethic, and devotion to family. May he rest in peace.

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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 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.

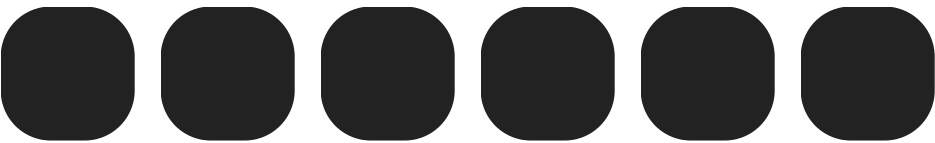
Services to honor and celebrate Ronna's life will be held at Watkins Funeral Homes in Bloomfield, Missouri. A visitation will take place on August 8, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM followed by a Funeral Service at 1:00 PM. with Pastor Charles Robertson of Bloomfield officiating. The Interment will follow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