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In Memory of Dorothy Elizabeth Burns

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Dorothy Elizabeth Burns, daughter of the late Franklin McLard and Rubie Tankersley McLard, was born on January 7, 1936, in Bloomfield, Missouri, and departed this life on September 21, 2024, at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 88 years.

Mrs. Burns had worked in the cook plant for Hudson Food's in Dexter and was a former cake decorator for Wal-Mart and Town & Country in Dexter. She was a member of First Assembly of God in Dexter and a resident of Dexter.

On April 1, 1965, in Puxico, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Lee Roy "Red" Burns. Mr. Burns preceded her in death on November 11, 2013.

She is survived by two sons, Roy Burns and Troy Burns both of Dexter, Missouri; by her daughter, Deborah Wilson of Dexter, Missouri; by two sisters, Ruth Worley of Cape Girardeau, Missouri and Patricia Miller of Dexter, Missouri; by eighteen grandchildren, nineteen, great-grandchildren; and many great-great grandchildren.

Othe than by her husband and parents; she was preceded in death by her son, Mike Harris; by her step-son, Dennis Burns; by her step-daughter, Carol Rice; by four brothers, Michael McLard, Ed McLard, Mitchell McLard, and JR McLard and by her sister, Francis McLard.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Dale Jones officiating. Interment will follow in Hagy Cemetery.

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In Memory of Jessie Oleta Whitley

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Jessie Oleta Whitley, cherished resident of Morehouse, Missouri, was on January 22 1938, Murray, Arkansas, to late Leonard and Isabelle (Henderson) Daniels. a fulfilling journey through, she departed from this world on September 28, 2024, in Sikeston, Missouri, the age of 86 years, 8 months, and 6 days.

On September , 1954, Jessie was united in marriage with Winfred Whitley in Morehouse, Missouri. Together, they created a warm and loving family that stands as a testament to their enduring bond.

A devoted member of the First Oneness Pentecostal Church in Morehouse, Jessie found joy in her faith and embraced the community around her. She enjoyed engaging in Bible study, reading, and was passionate about gardening and music. Her vibrant spirit was complemented by her love for outdoor adventures and the warmth of her handcrafted sewing projects. Above all, her family will forever treasure the comforting embrace of her warm hugs.

Jessie’s legacy lives on through her beloved family, which includes three daughters—Sharon Goodon, Marlene Kinder, and Kathy Newton—along with two sons, Michael Whitley and Winfred Whitley. She is also survived by a remarkable lineage of 11 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild. As well as four sisters: Lela, Janet, Ruth, and Karen, and one brother Verlis. Jessie’s kindness and nurturing spirit will be deeply missed by all.

She was preceded in death by her devoted husband, Winfred Whitley, and three great-granddaughters, alongside four brothers and one sister, who now welcome her in eternal peace.

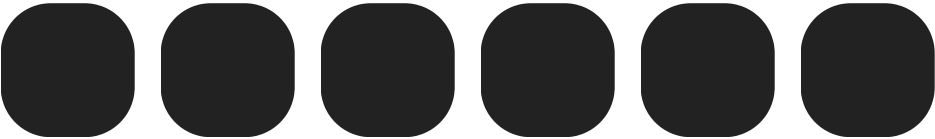
Visitation for family and friends will take place on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, beginning at 10:00 A.M. at the First Oneness Pentecostal Church in Morehouse, Missouri.

A funeral service celebrating her life will follow at 11:00 A.M., officiated by Brother James Vent and Chad Cook. Interment will follow at the Triplett Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri.

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In Memory of James Walter Berry Jr

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James Walter Berry Jr. the son of the late James Walter Berry Sr. and Thelma Gwendolyn McKenzie Berry, was born in Poplar Bluff, Missouri on April 24, 1941 and departed this life at his residence in Bernie, Missouri on September 29, 2024 at the age of 83.

Mr. Berry was a Veteran of The United States Air Force. He later worked at Federal Mogul, having retired after 37 years. He was a member of Bernie Christian Church and a resident of Bernie.

He first was united in marriage to Carol Rae Sarratt in 1961. Mrs. Berry preceded her husband in death in 1997. He later married Karen Lee McCarver on December 5, 2004 in Malden, Missouri. Mrs. Berry survives of their home in Bernie.

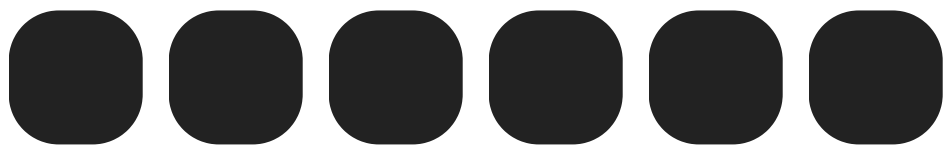
Survivors include, his wife, Karen Lee Berry of Bernie, Mo.; by three sons, James Walter Berry Jr. & wife Carol of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Richard Berry & wife Rona of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Scott Berry & wife Sara of Maui, Hawaii; by two daughters, Christy White & husband Doug of Steele, Missouri and Misty Ruble & Matt of Farmington, Missouri; by one step-daughter, Leigh Ann Hancock & husband Ben of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; by 14 grandchildren, Cristyl, Jimmy, Kerrie, Camille, Billie Grace, Jameson, Gideon, Melissa, Elizabeth, Brandon, Blane, Carleigh, Brycen and Bryleigh; by three great-grandchildren; also by his Aunt, Billie Womack of Dexter, Missouri; by his cousin, Debbie & Danny Stoker of Dexter, Missouri; by one brother-in-law, Jack Sarratt & wife Rhonda of Dexter, Missouri; by Sister-in-law and Brother-in-law Sandy & Bill Absher of Marion, Illinois.

No services are being planned at this time. Mathis Funeral Home of Bernie is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Barbara “Barbie” Lynn Davis

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In Memory of Barbara “Barbie” Lynn Davis

Barbara “Barbie” Lynn Davis, age 54, of Puxico, MO, died Saturday, September 28, 2024 at St. Louis University Hospital in St. Louis, MO. Mrs. Davis was born August 13, 1970 in Dexter, MO, daughter of the late Garry and Minne Carolyn Rainwater (née Stanfield).

She was a teacher for over 30 years. Most of her teaching career was at Puxico Schools, and she also taught for a year and a half at Poplar Bluff. She also coached cheerleading

and volleyball and was very involved with the basketball program. Barbie truly cared about her students and took on a role of “school mom” to them.

She was a dedicated wife and a loving mother. On June 1, 1991, she married Jeffrey Davis. He survives. Also surviving are two children: Corey Davis of Puxico, MO and Jonathon Garrett Davis of Dexter, MO; one sister: Michelle (Phillip) Garner of Bell City, MO; two sisters-in-law: Janell Stewart and Jennifer (Oliver) McMeans both of Puxico, MO and many nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

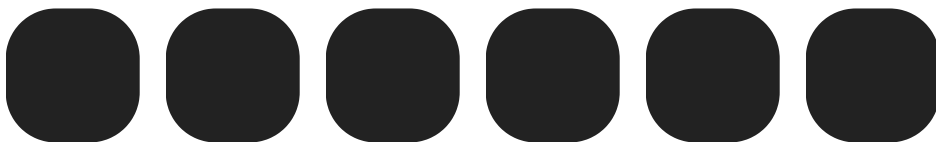
In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by one brother-in-law: Chuck Stewart.

Visitation will begin at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at White-Sanders Funeral Home in Fisk. Funeral services will be at 10:00 AM on Thursday, October 3, 2024 at First Baptist Church of Puxico with Pastor Will Davis officiating. Burial will follow at Puxico Cemetery in Puxico, MO. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be sent to the Barbie Davis Educational Memorial Scholarship c/o Jeff Davis: 21900 State Hwy 51 Puxico, MO 63960. Condolences: www.whitesandersfuneralhome.com

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In Memory of James Grover McCoy

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In Memory of James Grover McCoy

James Grover McCoy born March 19, 1929, passed away on Sunday, September 22nd, 2024 at his home in St Louis, Missouri at age 95.

James was the devoted husband of Billie Jean McCoy (Heigle) who he joined in marriage on June 26, 1953; loving father of his children: son James “Greg” (Lee Ann) McCoy who preceded him in death, daughter Kim (Kevin) Donica, and son Jaime (Brandy) McCoy. James was an adoring grandfather to: Teresa (Jesse) Cook, Becky (Kyle) Noble, Gregory (Jacqueline) McCoy, Kirsten (Jon) Poe, Evan (Hillary) Donica, Aaron (Katie) Donica, Kassie (Keegan) Crotchett, and Sarah McCoy. He was a cherished great grandfather of Lucas Cook, Nyssa Cook, Logan Snider, Desiree Snider, Vincent Mccoy, Reese Watters, Ashar Poe, Ethan Poe, Olivia Poe, Zane Poe, Eloise Donica, Juniper Donica, and Orlando Donica. James was one of twelve siblings in the extended McCoy family and uncle to many nieces and nephews.

James was a veteran who served his country in the US Navy post-World War 2 and Korean War. He was an educator in the Puxico School District for 30 years welcoming students to the “Home of Happiness” everyday. He was a farmer, good neighbor, and caring friend who always looked to help where and how he could. He loved to visit with family, play cards and dominos, and stay current in history and current events.

A celebration of James’s life will be held at 11 am on October 18, 2024 at the Church of Christ in Dexter, Missouri (1014 N 1 Mile Rd, Dexter, MO 63841). Lunch afterwards at the onsite fellowship hall. Military honors burial at Stars and Stripes cemetery at Bloomfield, MO at 3 pm.

A scholarship fund is currently being established and will be coming soon for future educators in memory of James McCoy.

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