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In Memory of Ronnie Wayne King

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In Memory of Ronnie Wayne King

Ronnie Wayne King, son of the late Fred King and Sallie Ellis King, was born on May 23, 1949, in Parma, Missouri, and departed this life on October 10, 2024, at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 75 years.

Mr. King was a former truck driver for Lemons Landfill and operated a drag line. He was a member of the Bernie General Baptist Church in Bernie, Missouri, and a resident of Essex, Missouri. He enjoyed camping, riding 4-wheelers, and he loved spending time with his grandchildren and his dog Kimber.

On July 6, 1974, in Dexter, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Karan Babb. Mrs. King survives of their home in Essex.

Along with his wife, he is survived by his son, James King and wife Beckie of Sidney, Arkansas; by his daughter, Peg Rodgers and husband Darin of Dexter, Missouri; by his brother, Ray King of Sikeston, Missouri; by three grandchildren, Shelbie Fryman and husband Jordan, Alan King, and Makenna Rodgers and by his great-grandchild, Halen Fryman.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Earl King, and by his sister, Mary Ethel King.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, October 13, 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, October 13, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Steve Fitzpatrick officiating. Interment will follow in Chalk Bluff Cemetery.

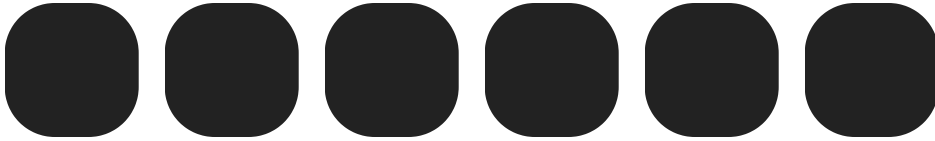
Memorials may be made to 18 Fore Life, C/O Scott Kruse, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, Missouri 63841. Envelopes will be provided at the funeral home.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Gregory Don Carroll

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In Memory of Gregory Don Carroll

Gregory Don Carroll was born in Los Angeles, California on September 23, 1970 and was the second child of Truitt Don and Martha Elizabeth Carroll. He passed away on October 7, 2024 after a short but intensive battle with renal cancer in Dexter, Missouri. Greg attended South High School in Bakersfield, California and graduated in 1988. He completed the accredited Psychiatric Technician program through Ventura College and passed the BVNPTE State Boards in 1994. Greg attended New Life Center Church in Bakersfield where he made many lifetime friends.

Greg married Kelli Rupe on August 8, 1990 in Morro Bay, California in a private ceremony. He and Kelli celebrated 34 years of marriage before his death. They were blessed with their son Tristan Carroll on February 17, 2006. During his illness Kelli provided complete care for Greg in their home, seldom leaving his side.

Greg and Kelli lived in Atascadero, California for 27 years where he worked as a Senior Psychiatric Technician at the Atascadero State Hospital an all-male maximum-security facility for 11 years until he retired in 2005. Greg enjoyed welding and worked on welding projects expressing his creativity and ingenuity.

In 2021 Greg, Kelli and their son Tristan Carroll left California on the adventure of their lives. Selling their home in Atascadero and RVing across the United States seeing the country and looking for their forever home. They spent a year and a half in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where Greg, a diehard Pittsburgh Steelers fan all his life, attended many Steelers home games living out childhood dreams. They found their forever home in Dexter, Missouri in May 2024 and were in the process of purchasing their home situated on two beautiful acres of property when he was diagnosed with Stage 4 Clear Cell Renal Cell Carcinoma on June 15, 2024. Against all odds and with the help of angels Greg moved his family to Dexter, Missouri in July 2024 where he lived until he passed away. Greg was most proud of being a good husband and father.

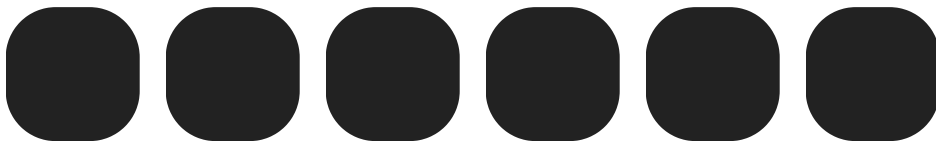
Greg was preceded in death by his mother Martha Carroll of Bakersfield, California, brother-in-law Ronald Cram, nephew Brendon Cram both of Ridgecrest, California. He is survived by his wife Kelli Carroll and son Tristan Carroll both of Dexter, Missouri, father Truitt Carroll and sister Melinda Carroll both of Bakersfield, California, sister-in-law Carrie Rupe, nephew Michael Montoya (Brielle), great niece and nephews Mila, Ezra, Luka and Shia all of San Luis Obispo, California and sister-in-law Dustee Cram and nephew Ronald Cram both of Ridgecrest, California. Greg is also survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter assisted with arrangements.

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In Memory of Gloria Ann Ritch

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In Memory of Gloria Ann Ritch

Gloria Ann Ritch, a beloved resident of Grayridge, Missouri, was born on October 8, 1937, to the late Thomas and Viola (Kamin) Harlan. She departed this life on October 13, 2024, at the age of 87 years and 5 days, leaving behind a legacy woven with love and cherished moments.

Throughout her life, Gloria found joy and solace in her faith, attending the Grayridge Baptist Church. Her heart was most at home when surrounded by her family, and her greatest delight was in spending precious time with her grandchildren, creating memories that will endure through generations.

Gloria's life is celebrated by her two daughters, Linda McGarity of Paducah, Kentucky, and Beverly Harris of Dexter, Missouri; her devoted sons, Darrell Ritch, Donald Ritch, and Douglas Ritch, all of Grayridge, Missouri, along with David Ritch of Dexter, Missouri. She is also mourned by ten grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren, who held her close in their hearts.

She was preceded in death by her son, Dennis Ritch, and her daughter, Sheila Bone, who were also dearly loved and missed.

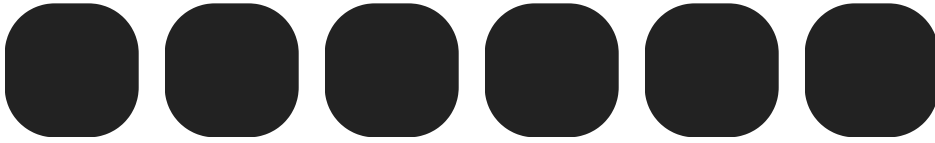
A visitation to honor Gloria's life will be held on Friday, October 18, 2024, at 11 A.M. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri. Followed by a funeral service on the same day at 1 P.M., with burial to take place at the Chalk Bluff Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri. The service will be officiated by Brother Derek Mitchell of Essex, Missouri.

in Lieu of flowers, a contribution can be made under Gloria's name to the Chalk Bluff Cemetery in Dexter, Missouri.

Watkins and Sons Funeral Home is entrusted with all arrangements, as we come together to celebrate the remarkable life of Gloria Ann Ritch.

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In Memory of Barbara Teresa Lack

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In Memory of Barbara Teresa Lack

Barbara Teresa Lack, a cherished soul, passed away on October 9, 2024, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, due to complications from long-term diabetes. She was 70 years old, and her gentle spirit will be profoundly missed by family, friends, and the dedicated staff at Jackson Manor Nursing Home, where she resided.

Born on February 19, 1954, in Hot Springs, Arkansas, Barbara was the beloved daughter of Charles and Beatrice Fullerton, both of whom preceded her in death.

On October 2, 1972, Barbara united in marriage with James Doyle Lack of Dudley, Missouri, creating a partnership filled with devotion and joy. Together, they welcomed their son, Nathan Charles Lack, who brought immense pride and joy to their lives.

Barbara leaves behind her devoted husband, Doyle Lack of Scott City, Missouri, her son, Nathan Lack and his wife, Debra, of Dexter, Missouri, along with countless friends and loved ones who will forever remember her kindness and vivacity.

An active member of her church until her health declined, Barbara found joy in music—her love for singing and playing the piano was an integral part of her life. She possessed an outgoing personality that allowed her to forge friendships with ease, spreading warmth and happiness wherever she went.

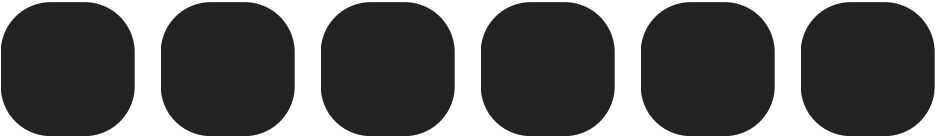
Visitation will be held on Monday, October 14, 2024, at 12 P.M. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri, followed by a funeral service at 1 P.M., officiated by Chaplain Fred Burgard. Barbara will be laid to rest in Puxico Cemetery, a final resting place where she can be remembered with love.

Watkins and Sons Funeral Home is honored to handle the arrangements for this remarkable woman whose life touched so many. As we celebrate the life of Barbara Teresa Lack, let us carry forward her legacy of love, music, and joy in our hearts.

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In Memory of Cecil Ray Bradley,

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In Memory of Cecil Ray Bradley,

Cecil Ray Bradley, a cherished resident of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, was born on March 24, 1948, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to the late Raymond and Geneva (Adams) Bradley. He peacefully departed this life on October 8, 2024, at the age of 76 years, 6 months, and 14 days, leaving behind a legacy of love and fond memories.

Cecil was united in marriage to Clelah (Medley) Bradley on July 29, 1969, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Their union was a beautiful chapter until her passing on January 24, 2012. A devoted member of the 2nd Baptist Church in Poplar Bluff, Cecil found joy in his faith and community. He had a passion for riding motorcycles and hunting, yet his greatest joy came from the time spent with his grandchildren, cherishing every moment with his family.

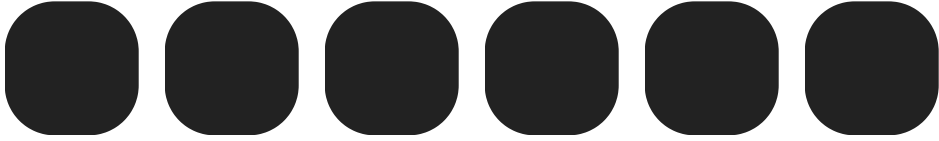
He is survived by his loving daughter, Christina Bradley, and his son, Cecil Bradley, both of Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Cecil's legacy continues through his siblings, James and Paul Bradley of Midwest City, Oklahoma, and Lesa Bradley of Casso, Oklahoma, alongside his six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, all of whom remember him with love and admiration.

Friends and loved ones are invited to pay their respects during the visitation scheduled for Friday, October 11, 2024, at 11 A.M. at the 2nd Baptist Church in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. The funeral service will follow at 1 P.M., officiated by Brother Curtis Crowley of Ellsinore, Missouri, celebrating a life well-lived. Interment will take place at Dudley Cemetery in Dudley, Missouri.

Watkins and Sons Funeral Service has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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