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In Memory of Robert Kirkland

OCTOBER 23RD 2024 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Robert Kirkland

Robert Kirkland, son of the late Elmer Kirkland and Alice Flowers Kirkland, was born on September 3, 1930, in Center Ridge, Arkansas, and departed this life on October 19, 2024, at his residence in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 94 years.

Mr. Kirkland was a former truck driver and enjoyed building and remodeling houses.

On August 10, 1949, in Piggott, Arkansas, he was united in marriage to Shirley Brown. Mrs. Kirkland preceded him in death on October 11, 2006.

He is survived by his son, Mike Kirkland and wife Nancy of Lancaster, South Carolina; by two daughters, Deborah Schott and husband Buck of New Hamburg, Missouri and Cheryl Parker and husband Ricky of Sikeston, Missouri; by his brother, Dwight Kirkland of Center Ridge, Arkansas; and by ten grandchildren, twenty-three great grandchildren, and five great-great grandchildren.

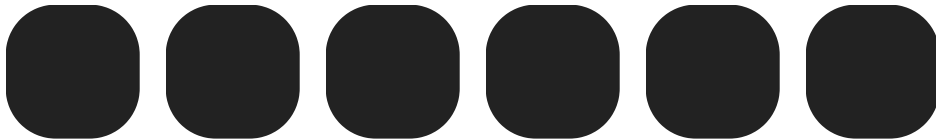
Along with his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Harley Kirkland, by two sisters, Martha Maulding and Emmie Freeman; and by two grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, October 24, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, October 24, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. with Bro. Steve Francis officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Brenda Strickland

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Brenda Strickland, daughter of John Goodale of Wappapello, Missouri, and the late Marietta Casey was born on December 13, 1963, and departed this life on October 17, 2024, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 60.

Mrs. Strickland was a resident of Dexter and had worked as a dental assistant for several area dentists: Dr. Mathis, Dr. Simmons, and Dr. Demaree and Dr. Mitchell. She enjoyed shopping, social media and playing cards against humanity. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

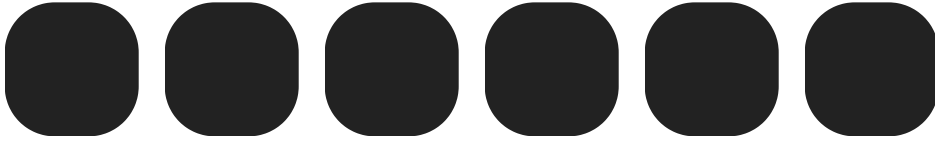
Along with her father, she is survived by her son, Brandon Mitchell Seabaugh (Austin) of Dexter, Missouri; by her daughter, Tiffany Pflasterer (Charles) of Dexter, Missouri; by two brothers, Roger Goodale Jr. of Wappapello, Missouri, and Eugene Goodale of Puxico, Missouri; by her sister, Linda Beard of Mountain Home, Arkansas; and by two grandchildren, Trenton Mitchell and Vyvianne Pflasterer.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Sandra Kay Love-Barks

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Sandra Kay Love-Barks, a cherished member of the Dexter, Missouri community, was born on October 30, 1947, to the late Milford and Ludia (McGath) Love. She departed this life on October 15, 2024, surrounded by her family in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Sandra had a fulfilling career, retiring as a Pharmacy Technician from K-Mart Pharmacy in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. After her retirement, she dedicated her time and compassion to serving others as an in-home caregiver with Southern Care and Comfort in Dexter.

On September 11, 2004, Sandra married Jerry Barks in Dexter, Missouri. She leaves behind her beloved husband, Jerry Barks; her daughter, Brenda (Rodney) Brown of Poplar Bluff; her sons, Berlin (Amy) Robertson of Poplar Bluff and David Sechrest of Dexter; and step-daughter, Jerra

(Jeff) Surrat of Austin, Texas. She was a proud grandmother to nine grandchildren: Tyler Davidson, Parker (Megan) Davidson, Bailey (Mallory) Davidson, Zach Brown (Alyson Sieben), Blake (Brittany) Robertson, Brady Robertson, Jenna (Matt) Durette, Bailey Sanders, and Kaity Sanders. She also is survived by her great-granddaughter, Grayson Durette, and two sisters, Shirley (Leo) Brewer of St. Louis and Darlene (Carl) Price of Colorado Springs.

A devoted member of the Bernie Christian Church, Sandra actively participated in numerous church fundraisers. She had a passion for watching her grandchildren play sports and enjoyed painting, cooking, gardening, scrapbooking, and crafting. Most importantly, she treasured spending time with her family, her best friend Nora Hardin, and her special neighbors Jody & Pam Laramore.

Sandra is preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Beverly West and Naomi Ruth Love.

In honor of Sandra's memory, contributions may be made to the Bernie Christian Church in Bernie, Missouri.

Visitation will be held on Monday, October 21, 2024, at 11 A.M. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter. The funeral service will follow at 12 P.M., with burial at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery near Bloomfield, Missouri.

Watkins And Sons Funeral Service is entrusted with the arrangements.

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In Memory of Robert Joseph Morgan (Bobby)

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In Memory of Robert Joseph Morgan (Bobby)

Robert Joseph Morgan (Bobby), 70, of Dexter, MO, passed away peacefully on October 14, 2024, surrounded by his family.

Bobby was born on June 15, 1954, to William Joseph Morgan and Barbara Jean Peevyhouse Meeks in Cairo, Illinois. On September 11, 1985, he married the love of his life, Terri Holden. Together, they shared seven children, 22 grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and two great grandchildren on the way.

Bobby built a successful business that he was proud of. He had a generous spirit and supported several organizations, especially those serving children and battling hunger. He often included his grandchildren in his charitable endeavors hoping to inspire the generosity in them.

Bobby loved his family. He was a man of many words and was always there to provide guidance. His presence and sense of humor could fill the room. Endearing nicknames, imaginative stories, and memorable catch phrases captivated those around him.

He had been through a lot the last few years. He fought so hard to stay here with his family. Once he knew the reality of his illness, he continued to fight for his family through unity, restoration and witnessing. He is now fully restored with his Savior and will be waiting on that bench for each of us he loved so dearly. Until then..."Be careful, be safe, be blessed and I luva you."

Bobby was preceded in death by his mother (Barbara Peevyhouse Meeks), father (William Morgan), sister (Kimberly Joann Meeks), cousins Kathy Bruce and Wesley Johnson, and grandson Jaiden Atherton. He is survived by his loving and dedicated wife, Terri Morgan; his children, Misty (Steven) Smith, Shelly (Brett) Bennett, Jennifer (Quinton) Stone, Jason (Cristi) Comfort, Josh (Ashley) Comfort, Amy (Kip) Lemons, Bobby (Rosanna) Morgan; his grandchildren, Samantha, Jacob, Jessica, Jonathon, Isaac, Ava, Eli, Maci, Cali, Jase, Clair, Wyatt, Charlie, Jase, Addyson, Aslyn, Taylor, Kylee, Mason, Harleigh, Hayden, and Hanna; and his brother Billy (Bev) Morgan.

Visitation will be held from noon until 2 p.m. Saturday, October 19, 2024, at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter. Funeral services will then be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, October 19, 2024, in the Mathis

Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in the Dexter Cemetery.

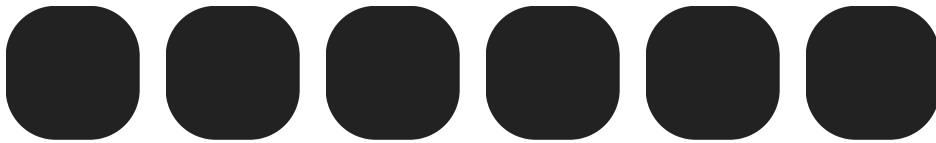
Memorial donations may be made to Stoddard County Gospel Mission, PO Box 305, Dexter, Missouri 63841 or the Stoddard County Children's Home, PO Box 164, Dexter, Missouri 63841.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of James Grover McCoy (Updated Obituary)

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[In Memory of James Grover McCoy \(Updated Obituary\)](#)

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.

SERVICES: 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.

Donations in memory of James McCoy can be made to the James McCoy Educators Scholarship Fund. Please make checks to:

Jaime McCoy

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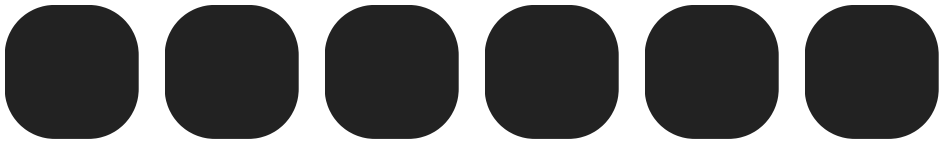
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