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## In Memory of Joyce Ann Hatton

OCTOBER 28TH 2024 BY DEE LOFLIN

### In Memory of Joyce Ann Hatton

Joyce Ann Hatton, daughter of the late D A “Doc” Helm and Opal Burns was born on October 1, 1944 in Monroe, Louisiana and departed this life on October 25, 2024 at her residence in Dexter at the age of 80.

Mrs. Hatton had worked in the offices for Piggly Wiggly and Town and Country. She retired from Overturf Drug Store. She was a member of Liberty Hill Church in Aid. She enjoyed decorating with flowers, and gardening. She loved to be with her family and support her grandchildren in the activities they participated in.

On January 21, 1971 she was united in marriage to Bill Hatton in Pensacola, Florida. Mr. Hatton survives of their home in Dexter.

Other than by her husband she is survived by two sons, Billy Hatton and wife Carrie of Paragould, Arkansas, and Tim Hatton of Dexter, Missouri; by her sister, Martha Sikes and husband Jerry of Monroe, Louisiana; and by four grandchildren, Ian Lane Hatton and wife Alison of Paragould, Arkansas, Griffin Shaw Hatton and wife Scout of Brookland, Arkansas, Keller Christian Hatton and Marlie Grace Hatton both of Dexter, Missouri.

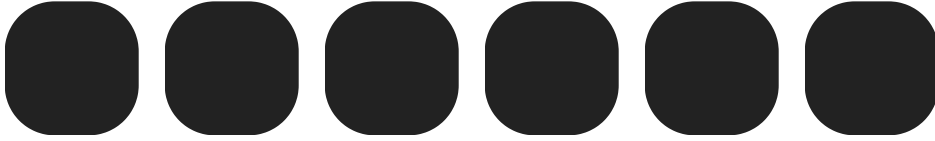
Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Carrie Hatton.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 29, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter. Funeral services will follow at 2:00 p.m. in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Preston Owens officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter cemetery.

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

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## In Memory of Gracie Smith

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### In Memory of Gracie Smith

Gracie Smith, daughter of the late Henry Welch and Pearl Hopper Welch, was born on August 30, 1937, in Connells Point, Arkansas, and departed this life on October 23, 2024, at Prairie View Skilled Nursing in Bloomfield, Missouri, at the age of 87 years.

Mrs. Smith was a former bookkeeper for her husband's farm, and she was a resident of Dexter. She enjoyed taking care of her home, being with her children and grandchildren, and family get togethers.

On June 15, 1952, in Clarendon, Arkansas, she was united in marriage to Carl Smith. Mr. Smith preceded her in death on September 26, 2011.

She is survived by two sons, Gene Smith and wife Janet of Dexter, Missouri, and Carl Smith Jr. and wife Marie of Jacksonville, Florida; by her daughter, Wanda Barker and husband Robert of Dexter, Missouri; by her brother, Johnny Welch of Memphis, Tennessee; by her sister, Mary Welch of Louisiana; and by thirteen grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Robert L. Smith in infancy; by two brothers, Henry "Shorty" Welch, and Lee Welch; and by five sisters, Mae Rowland, Nell Tyner, Mable Welch, Naomi Pryor, and Virginia Sevyors.

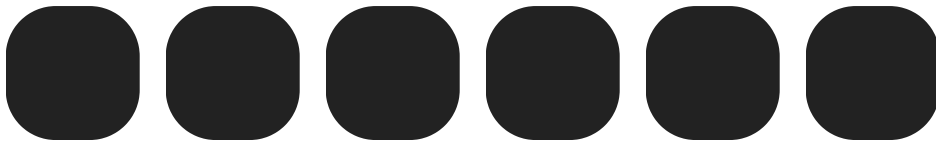
Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, October 26, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow in Chalk Bluff Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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## In Memory of Linda Price

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Linda Price, daughter of the late Delmar Price and Emma Louise Price, was born on March 26, 1953, in Dexter, Missouri, and departed this life on October 22, 2024, at Mercy Hospital Southeast in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 71 years.

Ms. Price had worked for the International Hat Factory, Elder Manufacturing, and WW Wood and she was a resident of Dexter, Missouri. She was a volunteer for the Stoddard County Food Bank and enjoyed gardening, canning, sewing, and crocheting.

She is survived by her son, Jeffrey Bowling and wife Ramona of Bloomfield, Missouri; by her daughter, Sherri Phillips and husband Jeremy of Dexter, Missouri; by her step-son, Cody Harris of Dexter, Missouri; and by two grandchildren, Emily Bowling and Lucas Phillips.

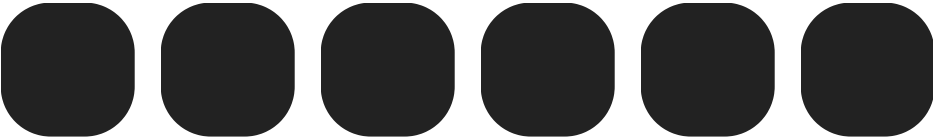
Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, October 25, 2024, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, October 25, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow in Triplett Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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## In Memory of David Orvel Keller

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David Orvel Keller, 76, of Centralia, formerly of Dexter, Missouri, passed away peacefully on Friday, October 18, 2024, at home.

He was born September 26, 1948, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, the son of Orvel Samuel Keller and Margaret "Olevia" (Gregory) Keller. In 1966, David married Wanda Lee (Maxwell) Keller Eason. David and Wanda's union of 25 years brought two children into the world. He later married Audrey Hyten Bates in 1993, and they were married 30 years.

David is survived by his two children, Christie (Keller)Krieg and husband Carl of Centralia and Sam Keller and fiancée Danielle Downey of Marble Hill, Missouri; and his four grandchildren, Aaron Krieg and fiancé Rachel Langfelder of Springfield, Illinois, Dustin Krieg of Goodyear, Arizona, Lindzie Krieg and fiancé Jayden Regnier of Centralia, and Samuel Keller of Springfield, Missouri; and 3 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, half-sister, Delorise Keller in 1936 and a step-son, Wesley Bates.

David lived in Dexter, Missouri most of his life. He was the past owner of Keller Heating and Cooling, a Bus Driver & custodial of maintenance for the Bernie School District in Bernie, Missouri, and later retired from Tyson Foods after 20 years.

David had a passion for serving in the Masonic Lodge. He was a 52-year member and a 32nd Degree with the Grand Lodge #573 of Missouri located in Bernie, Missouri. He was an avid reader, enjoyed traveling and camping, and spending time with his family.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, November 1, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. A Masonic Rites Ceremony will take place at 5:30 p.m. with a Celebration of Life Service following at 6:00 p.m. Burial will follow in Dexter Cemetery on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Memorial donations may be made in David's Honor to 18 FORE Life, c/o Scott Kruse 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, Missouri 63841 or SSM Health Hospice, c/o Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home, 235 North Sycamore Street, Centralia, Illinois 62801.

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## In Memory of Johnny Duke

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### In Memory of Johnny Duke

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Johnny Duke, a beloved resident of Bloomfield, Missouri. He was born on February 13, 1950, in Puxico, Missouri, to the late Ertle and Roana (White) Duke. Johnny departed this life on October 19, 2024, at the age of 74 years, 8 months, and 6 days.

Johnny lived in Southeast Missouri his whole life, where he worked in shipping at Tyson's until his well-deserved retirement.

He is survived by his daughter, Monica Duke, of Bloomfield, Missouri, and his two grandchildren, Veronica Simpson of Fairdealing, Missouri, and Jonathan Simpson of Bloomfield, Missouri. Johnny's loving spirit and kind heart will be missed by all who knew him.

Johnny was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, October 24, 2024, beginning at 11 A.M. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

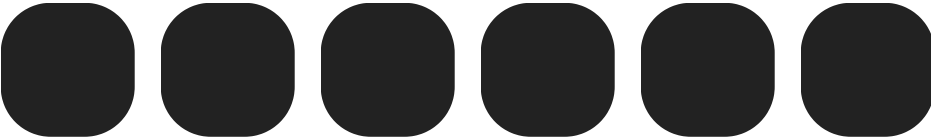
The funeral service will follow at 1 P.M. on the same day at the funeral home, with burial to take place at the Bernie Cemetery in Bernie, Missouri.

Arrangements are being handled by Watkins and Sons Funeral Service.

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