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In Memory of Floella B. Deardorff

DECEMBER 27TH 2024 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Floella B. Deardorff

Floella B. Deardorff, daughter of the late Herman Norris and Elsie Sifford Norris, was born on February 11, 1928, at Rock View, Missouri, and departed this life on December 23, 2024, at Cypress Point Skilled Nursing in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 96 years.

Flo worked at Elder Manufacturing in both Bloomfield and Dexter for many years before leaving to help her husband on the farm. She married Jesse Deardorff on December 14, 1946, in Piggott, Arkansas. They were married 70 years. Jesse preceded he in death on July 28, 2017.

Flo was an active member of Liberty Hill General Baptist Church in Aid, Missouri where she taught Sunday School, worked in Vacation Bible School and volunteered at Camp Allen with her sister Vera. She also attended a bible study in her church and was a member of the Ladies Missionary Society. Both Flo and Jesse were active members of Gideon's International, and both volunteered at the John J Pershing VA Medical Center for 17 years. Flo was also on the board of the Stoddard County Gospel Mission for many years. She was also a member of the Ladies Aid Group and the Aid Extension Club during which time numerous quilts and crafts were made and donated to people in need. Flo loved taking pictures of her family, of church activities, club activities and trips. We have hundreds of albums in our possession proving this point.

Flo is survived by her son Gary Deardorff and wife Donna of Bloomfield; by granddaughters, Jill Deardorff of St. Louis and Katy Tarbutton and husband Greg of Dexter; by three great grandchildren, Caroline Domyan, John Parker Tarbutton and Reese Tarbutton; by her sister-in-law Jean Norris and by many nieces and nephews.

Other than by her husband and parents, Flo was preceded in death by her brother, Russell Norris and wife Martha, by her brother, Jim Norris; by her sister, Vera Almond and husband Bill; and by her stepmother, Edna Norris.

Memorials may be made to Camp Allen, 3104 Wayne Route F, Greenville, MO 63944 or at [url_new=www.campallen.com

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, December 27, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, December 27, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Terryl Almond officiating. Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Susan Watson

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Susan Watson, daughter of the late Richard Sargent and Anne Stafford Sargent, was born on May 5, 1934, in Holguin, Cuba and departed this life on December 19, 2024, at her son's residence in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 90.

Mrs. Watson was a former Spanish school teacher, retiring after 35 years of service. She was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, Daughters of the King of St. Mark's, and a resident of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. She enjoyed volunteering at her church, the gospel mission, and meals on wheels. She also enjoyed bird watching, Spanish guitar music, vacationing in Brevard, North Carolina, football, tennis, and working crossword puzzles. She loved flowers, her family and spending time with her grandchildren.

On December 21, 1963, in West Palm Beach, Florida, she was united in marriage to Thomas H. Watson. Mr. Watson preceded her in death on September 28, 2019.

She is survived by her son, Rev. Richard Watson and wife Trisha of Dexter, Missouri; by five grandchildren, Jeremy George Watson of Palm Beach, Florida, Tiffany Head of Sikeston, Missouri, Ethan Watson of Whiteman Air Force Base, and Carter Watson and Logan Watson of Powell, Missouri; by four step-grandchildren, Glen Parker (Lana) of Walnut, Mississippi, Olivia Parker of Dexter, Missouri, Jordan Holland (Whittany) of Broseley, Missouri, and Cory Holland of Dexter, Missouri; by seven great grandchildren, Jace, Brintley, Bryer, Amelia, Saylor, Sophie, and Wrenlynn; and by many nieces and nephews.

Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Thomas J. Watson; by her brother, Richard Sargent; and by her sister, Molly Perez.

In April 2024, Susan made the great flight to Dexter Missouri to be with her son and daughter-in-law. At that time she began attending the New Life United Pentecostal Church in Campbell Missouri, under Pastor George Needham, where she made many new friends and family. She became a new welcoming voice to the church and she loved each and every member of the church.

Visitation will be held at New Life United Pentecostal Church in Campbell, Missouri on Sunday, December 29, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. with a memorial service following at 2:00 p.m.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Danny Ray Delplane

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Danny Ray Delplane, son of Debbie Rice Williams of Dexter, Missouri and the late Donnie Delplane was born on January 5, 1972, in Sikeston, Missouri and departed this life on December 19, 2024, at the Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 52.

Danny had worked in construction and was a former resident of Hamilton, Ohio. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and drawing artwork, and he also spent time working on cars.

Other than by his mother he is survived by his son, Jarred Delplane of Joelton, Tennessee; by four sisters, Autumn Young of Michigan City, Indiana, Dawn Steele of Norfolk, Virginia, Trisha Taylor, and Kyla Chapman of Fort Meade, Maryland; and by two brothers, Brandon Harper of Florida, and David Coonce of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Other than by his father he was preceded in death by his sister, Jennifer Vanatta.

Visitation will be held on Monday, December 23, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. at the Mathis Funeral Chapel in Dexter, Missouri. Funeral services will then be conducted on Monday, December 23, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in the Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Tim Russell officiating. Interment will follow in the Dexter cemetery.

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In Memory of Randy Stafford

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In Memory of Randy Stafford

Randy Stafford, son of the late Willie Stafford and Zerlene Langston Stafford, was born on September 6, 1958, in Dexter, Missouri, and departed this life on December 19, 2024, at his residence in Dexter, at the age of 66 years.

Mr. Stafford was a self-employed contractor. He enjoyed gardening, hunting and going to yard sales.

He is survived by two sons, Travis Stafford and wife Melissa and Trent Stafford and wife Alexis, all of Puxico, Missouri; by two sisters, Teresa Moriarty and husband Mo and Diane Seiter and husband Steve, all of Dexter, Missouri; by five grandchildren, Riley Stafford, Raigan Stafford, Amelia Stafford, Ada Stafford, and Zachary Hopkins; and by his great-grandchild, Asher Hopkins.

Other than by his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Dayna Zoll-Cookson.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, December 22, 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, December 22, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Preston Owens officiating. Interment will follow in Hagy Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Raymond Galbraith

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In Memory of Raymond Galbraith

Raymond Galbraith, son of Jeremie Oliver Sr. and Stephanie Galbraith Oliver of Bernie, Missouri, was born on January 26, 1995, in Granite City, Illinois, and departed this life on December 17, 2024, at his residence in Bernie, Missouri, at the age of 29 years.

Raymond was a handyman and enjoyed working on cars. He attended Southeast Missouri State University on a band scholarship and could play any instrument. He enjoyed origami, collecting coins and spending time with his dog, Violet. Raymond was a loving son, big brother, uncle, nephew and brother-in-law and will be greatly missed.

Along with his parents, he is survived by his sister, Autumn Lee and husband Austin of Dexter, Missouri, by his brother, Jeremie Oliver Jr. and wife Jasmine of Dexter, Missouri; and by four nieces, Logan Jarrett, Vivian Fowler, Zealynn Oliver, and Olivia Oliver; and by his nephew, Bellamy Oliver.

Along with the miracle of birth and life, nothing is certain but death. Then like a plague the grim reappear arrives at your front doorstep to steal your last breath with no remorse nor even a chance to attest. Whether it's the loss of the unborn child or the expected arrival of the elder's last day, death's grip knows

no bounds in size, sex, race or age. Although the deceased may have been sprout and young, his life was surely ponderous, adventurous, and fun. Now that he is to be laid to rest in his friends and family one would be wise to invest. Though his physical being may be deceased, he will forever live in our heart like a magical masterpiece. So let us all now pray that he may forever rest in peace. Amen

No services are planned.

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