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In Memory of Brenda Lee James

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In Memory of Brenda Lee James

Brenda Lee James, daughter of the late Ruben Adkins and Iva Doris Kiser Adkins, was born on December 6, 1948, in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and departed this life on January 2, 2025, at her residence in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 76 years.

Mrs. James was a former Registered Nurse for Cypress Point in Dexter, Missouri.

She is survived by her son, Kerry James and wife Beth of Golden Eagle, Illinois; by her daughter, Kalli Faulkner and husband Drew of Dacula, Georgia; by her sister, Debbie Adkins-Powers of Dexter, Missouri; and by two grandchildren, Maddison Faulkner and Jessica James.

The family has requested private services.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Patricia Merle Kelley

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Patricia Merle Kelley, age 77, of Puxico, Missouri, was born on January 10, 1947, in Charleston, Missouri to the late Richard and Merle (Spiller) Pace. She peacefully passed away on December 26, 2024, in Puxico, Missouri.

In 1982, Patricia married Clarence Kelley Sr. in Rockview, Missouri. She cherished their time together until his passing on May 22, 1996.

Throughout her life, Patricia remained a devoted Christian and spent most of her years in southeast Missouri. She found joy in various activities, including sewing, oil painting, knitting, watching Hallmark movies, fishing, and enjoying walks outdoors. Patricia held family Sunday dinners in high regard and took delight in puzzles, reading her Bible, participating in home bible studies, and celebrating her favorite holiday, Christmas.

Patricia is survived by her children: Keith Kelley of Haltom City, Texas; Gary Kelley and Donald Kelley, both of Missouri; Rebecca Alford of Gideon, Missouri; Becky Crowden of Columbia, Missouri; Theresa Powell of Jefferson City, Missouri; Cindy Kelley and Jamie Kelley, both of Jackson, Missouri. She is also survived by three brothers: Greg Pace of Jackson, Missouri; Steve Pace and Mark Pace, both of Texas; two sisters: Mary Hill and Martha Pace, both of Missouri; a niece, Cathy Bowers of Bloomfield, Missouri, four grandchildren: Brittany Thorn, Brent Thorn, Brandon Thorn, and Candace Cunningham; as well as several great-

grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Patricia was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence; a stepson, Robert Kelley; and a brother, Richard Pace.

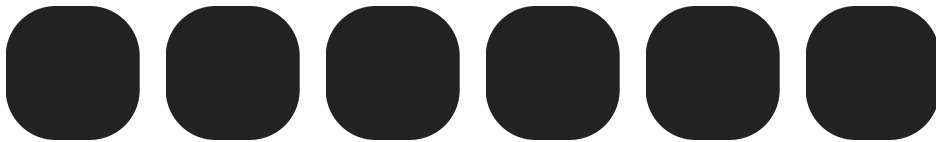
A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2025, at 11 A.M. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Bloomfield, Missouri.

Arrangements are being handled by Watkins and Sons Funeral Home. For more information, please visit [url_new=www.watkinsfuneralhome.com.

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In Memory of Ray Murphy

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Ray Murphy of Gideon, Missouri departed this life on Thursday, December 26, 2024 at Gideon Care Center in Gideon, Missouri at the age of 69 years, 10 months, and 5 days.

Ray was born on Monday, February 21, 1955 in Gideon, Missouri to Hollis Albert and Dorothy Mae Climer Murphy. Ray retired from Noranda Aluminum and was a member of Stanfield Missionary Baptist Church in Clarkton.

On August 30, 1975, in Gideon, he was united in marriage to Carol Adams. She survives. Other survivors include, daughter Rachel Edwards and husband Cody of Bloomfield; son, Josh Murphy of Gideon; six grandchildren, Ashlynn Dunham (Ethan), Mady Mosby, Maggie Murphy, Carter Edwards, Briar Edwards and MacKenzie Edwards; three great-grandchildren, Macklynn Dunham, Peyson Murphy and Wesley Wilson; brother, Gerald Murphy and wife Beth of New Madrid; sister, Judy Davis and husband, James of Lake St. Louis and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hollis and Dorothy Murphy and Patsy Ann Stevens and four brothers, Gene, Joe, Edward Lee and Charles Murphy.

Family visitation will be from 5 - 6 p.m. followed by a public visitation from 6 – 8 p.m. on Monday, December 30, 2024 at the Landess Funeral Home in Malden, Missouri. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, December 31, 2024 in Landess Funeral Chapel in Malden with Brother Vance Turner officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Gilead Cemetery in Clarkton, Missouri.

Landess Funeral Home and Crematory in Malden are in charge of the arrangements.

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In Memory of Terry Robinson

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In Memory of Terry Robinson

Terry Robinson, son to James Robinson and the late Hazel (Hamby) Robinson was born on September 23, 1955 in Dexter, Missouri and departed his life on Thursday, December 19, 2024 at his home in Wappapello, Missouri at the age of 69 years surrounded by his wife and children.

He was united in marriage to Stephanie Bolin on October 3, 1986 in Malden, Missouri. Mrs. Robinson survivors of the home in Wappapello, Missouri.

Terry was the owner and operator of Lil D's Bait & Tackle at Pisos Point in Wappapello. He was in maintenance for Fauercia until retirement. Terry was an avid hunter, fisherman, and enjoyed spending time outdoors.

Besides his wife and father, survivors include three sons, JR Robinson, Matthew (Kelli) Robinson and Dallas (MaKenzie) Robinson; two daughters, Heather (Adrien) Pawlik and Chauda Robinson; three brothers, Danny Robinson, Rick Robinson and David Robinson; a sister, Jamie Hutchinson; eight grandchildren, Ahna Robinson, Emma Robinson, Matt Robinson, Amelia Robinson, Drake Channell, Berklee Channell, Noah Pawlik, and Oaklynn Pawlik; a great-granddaughter, Calliope.

Besides his mother, he was preceded in death by a sister, Marla Kay Robinson and his daughter, Angela Robinson.

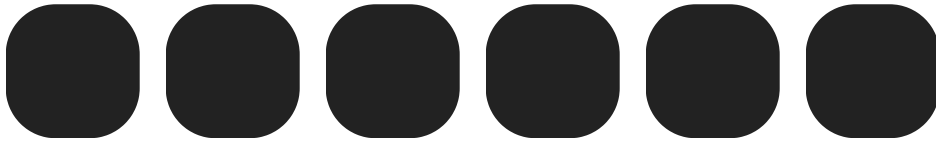
There will be a Celebration of Life at Dexter Elks Lodge in Dexter, MO on Saturday December 28th 11-2 pm.

Amick-Burnett Funeral Chapels assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Floella B. Deardorff

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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 [\[url_new=www.campallen.com\]](http://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. Terry 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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