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In Memory of Freeda Waggoner

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In Memory of Freeda Waggoner

Freeda Waggoner, daughter of the later Johnie Pruett and Mary (Osburn) Pruett was born on June 22, 1936 in Aquilla, Missouri and departed her life on Monday, January 6, 2025 at Winchester Nursing Center in Bernie, Missouri at the age of 88 years.

Mrs. Waggoner was a homemaker and former owner and operator of Waggoner's Market in Dexter. She was a member of the Bridge Church of Christ and a former resident of Dexter. Above all, she loved her family dearly. Her children, Grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were her greatest joy. She loved her flowers and watching the birds outside her window. Mrs. Waggoner was a great cook and seamstress.

On October 8, 1954 she was united in marriage to Verlin Waggoner in Dexter, Missouri. Mr. Waggoner preceded her in death on November 23, 2012.

Survivors include two daughters, Sue Waggoner-Flowers and Sandra (Eric) Basham; by one son, Kenneth Waggoner; five grandchildren, Alana (Jeff) Davis, Chad Parris, Kristen (Scott) Mattingly, Bethany (David) Rudd, and Logan Waggoner; eleven great-grandchildren, Kindra, Warren, and Waylon Parris, Dalton, Wyatt, and Clara Mattingly, Brianna (Tommy) Wright, Bryson McRoy, Reese Waggoner, Oliver Barney, and Willow Rudd; two great-great-grandchildren, Avery and Ava Wright; one brother, Cletus (Sharon) Pruett; also, by many nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Edsel Pruett, Loran Pruett, and Carman Pruett; four sisters, Clodina Mann, Velda Metcalf, Lora Lee Cox, and Verma Nancy Pruett.

Graveside services will be conducted on Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 1:00 P.M. at the Chalk Bluff Cemetery in rural Dexter, Missouri. Interment will follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made out to 18 Fore Life, 705 Laurie Circle, Dexter, MO 63841 or St. Jude's children's hospital, Memphis, TN.

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In Memory of Rita Darline Stallings

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Rita Darline Stallings, daughter of the late Henry Albert Moser and Goldie Ellen Wilson Moser, was born in Sikeston, Missouri on June 27, 1949 and departed this life at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Missouri on January 12, 2025 at the age of 75.

Mrs. Stallings had worked at Elder Manufacturing in Dexter, Missouri, and was a homemaker and a resident of Bernie.

She was united in marriage to Kenneth Earl Stallings in Benton, Missouri on March 27, 1988. Mr. Stallings survives in their home in Bernie.

Other survivors include one son, Billy Griffin & wife Christy of Bernie, Missouri; by three step-daughters, Tryna Mitchell & husband Scott and Melissa Currie & husband Mike all of Dexter, and Sherry Stallings of Mount Morris, Michigan; by two brothers, Sonny Moser of Bloomfield, Missouri and Butch Moser of Sikeston, Missouri; by three sisters, Della Jones of Sikeston, Missouri, Bobbie Moser and Jerry Hinman both of Dexter, Missouri; by eight grandchildren, Riley Griffin, Sydney Griffin, Hannah Wilson, Hayli Finch, Kayla High, Zeth High, Jessica Pumfrey and Nathan Pumfrey; by several great-grandchildren; also by other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death other than by her parents, by one sister, Linda Crider.

No services are being planned at this time. Mathis Funeral Home of Bernie is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Betty McClintock

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Betty McClintock, daughter of the late Dan Duggins and Francis Gauden Duggins, was born Aug. 6, 1935, in Camdenton, Missouri, and departed this life Dec.15, 2024, at her residence in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 89 years.

Mrs. McClintock was a former school teacher for the Bloomfield R14 Public Schools, retiring after 30 years of service. She was a member of CrossRoads Global Methodist Church for 40 years, a former member of the Stoddard County Unit of the Retired Teachers Association, the Missouri State Teachers Association and the Bloomfield CTA, where she served as president for 2 ½ years. She had also served in the Altrusa organization to promote literacy, as a

community representative for Family and Children's Services in Stoddard County and on the Stoddard County Mental Health Board. She was a former member and secretary for the Daughters of the American Revolution, she was active in the Bloomfield's Women Club and Alpha Delta Kappa, and she and her husband, Bruce, were active members of the Christian Motorcyclists Association and Midwest Commissioners. She was also a former volunteer for Relay for Life, UCAN, The Center for Family Resources, and Keller Public Library in Dexter. In her younger years, Betty enjoyed riding motorcycles, traveling, painting and playing Scottish games and she loved watching her grandchildren play in the swimming pool.

On July 25, 1954, in Marshall, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Bruce McClintock. Mr. McClintock survives of their home in Dexter.

Along with her husband, she is survived by two sons, Dan McClintock and wife, Mary, of Waynesboro, South Carolina, Brian McClintock and wife, Shelley, of Dexter, Missouri; five grandchildren, Mark McClintock, Sara Owens, Colton Lobianco, William "Billy" McClintock, and Carson McClintock; and six great-grandchildren, Emily Hester, Eyan McClintock, Paisley Owens, Emery McClintock, Ely McClintock, and Charley Owens.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Dan Duggins.

Funeral services were held at CrossRoads Global Methodist Church in Dexter on Thursday, Dec. 19, 2024. Interment followed in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter assisted with arrangements.

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In Memory of Diana Lynn Metcalf

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In Memory of Diana Lynn Metcalf

Diana Lynn Metcalf, daughter of the late AJ Riddell and Hazel Corbin Riddell, was born on March 3, 1957 in Dexter, Missouri, and departed this life on January 10, 2025, at her residence in Bloomfield, Missouri at the age of 67 years.

Mrs. Metcalf was a former employee of Faurcia in Dexter, retiring with 20 years of service and she was a member of Pleasant Grove Church in Dexter. She enjoyed fishing and crafts and loved having picnics with her grandchildren.

On August 13, 2005, in Dexter, Missouri, she was united in marriage to David Metcalf. Mr. Metcalf survives of their home in Bloomfield.

Along with her husband, David, she is survived by two sons, Cecil Whitaker and wife Cindy of Dexter, Missouri, and Billy Joe Whitaker and wife Ashley of Dexter, Missouri; by her daughter, Jennifer Hector and husband Tim of Bloomfield, Missouri; by two brothers, Jim Riddell of Parma, Missouri, and Charley Riddell of Malden, Missouri; by her sister, Ruth Hicks of Rector, Arkansas; by nine grandchildren, Daisy Stoker, Ely Stoker, Luke Whitaker, Clayton Whitaker, Lydia Whitaker, Calysta Whitaker, Haney Whitaker, Addie McCord, and Bailey Whitaker; and by two great grandchildren, Stevie Stoker and August Padilla Varela.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Loyd Jarrett Jr, and by four brothers, Leonard Riddell, Steven Riddell, Clinton Riddell, and Wesley Riddell.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, January 12, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow in Hill Cemetery in Bloomfield.

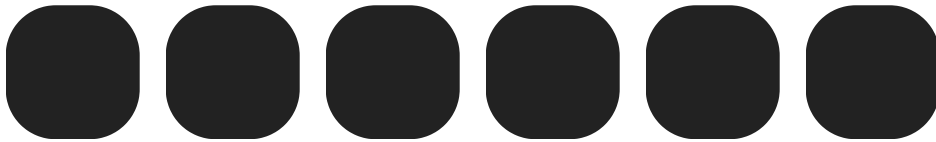
Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Lydia Clark

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In Memory of Lydia Clark

Lydia Clark, daughter of the late William Samuel Whitaker and Helen Myers Whitaker, was born on November 2, 1947, in Powe, Missouri, and departed this life on January 9, 2025, at Mercy Hospital Southeast in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 77 years.

Mrs. Clark worked for numerous years at Tool N Dye Metal Removal in Malden, Missouri, for 8 years she worked for SCA Hygiene and retired after 10 years as a Veteran's Financial Advisor at Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. She was of the Baptist faith and a resident of Bernie, Missouri.

On October 17, 1966, in Bowling Green, Kentucky, she was united in marriage to Robert Ernie Clark. Mr. Clark preceded her in death on November 5, 2009.

She is survived by two sons, Robbie Clark of Spring Lake, North Carolina, and William "Billy" Clark of Jackson, Missouri; by two daughters, Kathy Strange of Spring Lake, North Carolina, and Melissa Sypherd of Phoenix, Arizona; by two brothers, Bill Whitaker of Somonauk, Illinois, Roger Whitaker of Dexter, Missouri; by seven sisters, Donna Skidmore of Wappapello, Missouri, Suzette "Sue" Hendrix of Batavia, Illinois, Carol Vincent of Dexter, Missouri, Clara Wiseman of Sikeston, Missouri, Robin Gregg of Dexter, Missouri, Helen Ward of Wappapello, Missouri, and Cheryl Cowart of Bloomfield, Missouri; and by eighteen grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren.

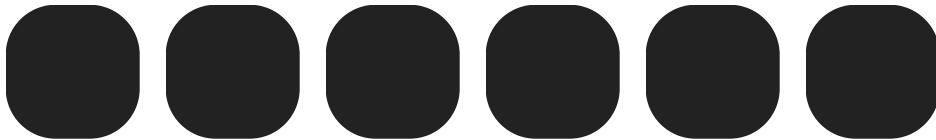
Other than by her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Cassandra "Sandy" McGowan, and by her brother, John Whitaker.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Bernie on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow in Dexter Cemetery.

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