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## In Memory of Norman T. (Trey) Fortner III

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### In Memory of Norman T. (Trey) Fortner III

Norman T. (Trey) Fortner III, son of Kathy Allstun Fortner of Dexter, Missouri, and the late Norman Thomas Fortner II, was born on June 6, 1997, in St. Louis, Missouri, and departed this life on January 16, 2025, at Mercy Hospital South in St. Louis, Missouri, at the age of 27 years.

Trey attended Dexter Public Schools and graduated from Annapolis High School, he was an employee of Republic Services in Dexter, Missouri and a resident of Dexter. He enjoyed deer hunting.

Along with his mother, he is survived by his brother, Dustin Hadley of Dexter, Missouri; by his aunt, Candy Waggoner Miller of Dexter, Missouri; and by his cousins and many friends.

Other than by his father, he was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Walter and Martha Louise Allstun; and by his paternal grandmother, Louise Waggoner.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow in Armstead Dowdy Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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## In Memory of Nancy Ann Menley,

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### In Memory of Nancy Ann Menley,

Nancy Ann Menley, daughter of the late Fred Eaton and Madge Harper Eaton, was born on August 12, 1940, in Clines Island, Missouri, and departed this life on January 17, 2025, at NEA Baptist Hospital in Jonesboro, Arkansas, at the age of 84 years.

Mrs. Menley was a former seamstress for Elders Manufacturing in Dexter, Missouri. She was a member of Castor River General Baptist Church and a former resident of Aquilla, Missouri. She enjoyed raising flowers, camping, sewing and crafting.

On November 17, 1961, in Clines Island, Missouri, she was united in marriage to Farrell Menley. Mr. Menley preceded her in death on November 6, 2020.

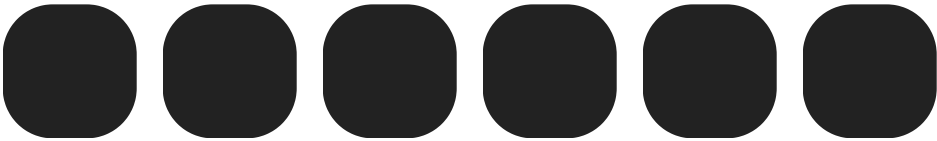
She is survived by her son, Wayne Menley and wife Barbara of Jonesboro, Arkansas; by her daughter, Teresa Hattenhauer and husband Cliff of Loreda, Arkansas; by three grandchildren, Meghan Allen and husband Mikey, Dalton Menley and wife Samantha, and Morgan Barr and husband Cameron; and by one great-grandson, Jaxson Allen.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Sunday, January 19, 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 20, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow in Walker Cemetery in Bloomfield.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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# In Memory of Brenda Cox

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## In Memory of Brenda Cox

Brenda Cox, daughter of the late Bobby D. Barrett and Correene Sitton Barrett, was born on December 7, 1951, in Dexter, Missouri and departed this life on January 17, 2025, at Mercy Stoddard County Hospital in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 73 years.

Mrs. Cox was a former clerk for Stovall's in Dexter, JC Penney Catalog Store and Wal-Mart in Malden, Missouri. She enjoyed bowling and softball in her younger years. She was an avid Cardinals fan and loved attending games as often as she could. She had yearly trips with her friend Jan Shuffler. One of her favorite places was Destin, Florida.

On March 25, 1978, in Dexter, Missouri, she united in marriage with Leslie F. Cox. Mr. Cox preceded her in death on April 17, 2005.

She is survived by one brother, Robert Barrett and his wife, Christine of Bloomfield, Missouri; one sister, Donna South and her husband James of Dexter, Missouri; sister-in-law, Cathy Starnes and her husband Gary of Dexter, Missouri; brother-in-law, Floyd Cox, Jr. of Edgewater, Florida; nieces and nephews,

Amber Starnes, Ashley Starnes, April Wamble, James Adam South, and Amy Kay South; great-nieces, Scarlett South, Kaycee Wamble, and Maycee Wamble.

Other than her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one brother, Larry Lynn Barrett.

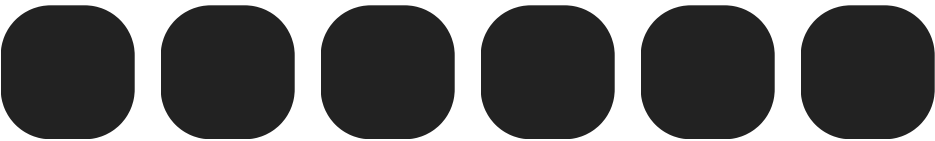
Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, January 23, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday January 23, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow at the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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# In Memory of Debra Lou Kern

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Debra Lou Kern, daughter of the late James Calhoun and Florence Owens Calhoun, was born on April 19, 1952, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and departed this life on January 17, 2025, at the Lutheran

Home in Cape Girardeau at the age of 72.

Her friends and family knew her as Debbie. One of her proudest achievements was being crowned Mrs. Missouri in 1986. Awarded a scholarship from this title, she pursued her undergraduate degree at Southeast Missouri State University and later earned her graduate degree there as well. Debbie held many occupations throughout her life, including real estate, teaching, sales, social work, and administrative positions in care facilities. Above all, she was a loving and caring mother to her children, stepchildren, and many of their friends throughout her life.

Debbie was an incredibly talented and self-taught artist. Many of her creations hang on the walls of her loved ones' homes. The art studio at her home was one of the great pleasures during her later years after retiring. Many leisurely hours were spent creating beautiful paintings, teaching her grandchildren how to paint, and sharing her love of art with family and friends. Many of her final paintings were inspired by ocean landscapes, another of her great loves, and where her husband Larry took her on vacation every year in Destin, Florida.

On September 14, 2006, she was united in marriage to Larry Kern in Destin, Florida. Mr. Kern survives in their home in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

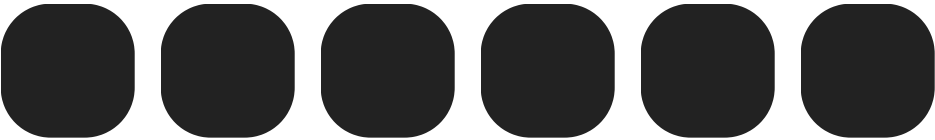
Along with her husband, she is survived by her son, James Ringer, and wife, Desirae, of Corpus Christi, Texas; by her daughter, Lora Cecil, and husband, Joe, of Dexter, Missouri; by her stepdaughter from her previous marriage, Lisa Ringer, of Los Angeles, California; by two step-sons, Kenneth Kern and wife Jamie of Dunedin, Florida and Richard Kern of Scott City, Missouri; by her sister Kim Shambo of Scott City, Missouri; by four grandchildren, Kristin Bailey, Taylor Cecil, Harrison Ringer, and Cassius Collins; and by her great-granddaughter, Kassidy Bailey.

Other than by her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, James Calhoun Jr., and by her sister, Marsha Dohogne.

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## In Memory of Thelma Joyce Bostic

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### In Memory of Thelma Joyce Bostic

Thelma Joyce Bostic was born on December 28, 1945, in Parma, Missouri to the late Hollis and Margie (Nance) Mathis, and passed away on January 15, 2025, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at the age of 79 years old.

On November 13, 1987, Cecil Bostic and Thelma Mathis were united in marriage in Bloomfield, Missouri, and he preceded her in death on January 25, 2008.

Thelma lived in the area for nearly 40 years, and attended the Bible Tabernacle Church in Bloomfield, Missouri. She loved to sew, read, crochet, do needlework, write poetry, do photography, watch westerns and listen to her late husband play music.

Surviving family include her children, Bobby Cordell Jr., and Debbie Cordell-Milam, both of West Memphis, Arkansas, her grandchildren: Brandon and Felecia Cordell, both of Tyronza, Arkansas, her great grandchildren: Eli, Bradley, Trinity, and JJ, 3 brothers: Bruce Mathis, Paul Mathis, and Tony Mathis, all of West Memphis, Arkansas, and 2 sisters, Stella Dejournett, of Bloomfield, Missouri and Patricia Burch, of West Memphis, Arkansas, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Thelma was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Cecil, 1 sister, and 4 brothers.

The visitation will be on Monday, January 20, 2025, beginning at 11 A.M. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Bloomfield, Missouri.

The funeral will be on Monday, January 20, 2025, beginning at 1 P.M. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Bloomfield, Missouri, with Pastor Charles Robertson officiating.

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