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In Memory of Ramona Sue Mason/Montgomery

FEBRUARY 14TH 2025 BY DEE LOFLIN

In Memory of Ramona Sue Mason/Montgomery

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved mother Ramona Sue Mason/Montgomery on February 8, 2025, at the age of 57. Born on July 1, 1967, she brought love, warmth, and light to all who knew her. Her kindness and generosity knew no bounds; she would give anyone her last dollar or the shirt off her back without a second thought. She had an incredible ability to lift others up, always staying positive and bringing joy to even the darkest days.

Her family was her greatest treasure. She is survived by her daughters, Amanda June Hunsaker and Kristin Ruth Hunsaker, her grandson Misha Roland Hunsaker, her sister Tammy Kanavel, and her two brothers Wesley Montgomery and Kevin Brents, who will forever carry her love in their hearts. She was preceded in death by her husband, Terry Mason, her mother Barbara Montgomery, her father Philip Montgomery, her brother Clint Montgomery, and her youngest daughter, Brandi Mason, whose absence she bore with grace and strength.

Her love, spirit, and warmth will be sorely missed, not only by her family but by all those who had the privilege of knowing her. The world has lost a truly beautiful soul, and the void left behind will be felt by all who were fortunate enough to witness her kindness.

Though she may no longer be with us in body, her memory will continue to inspire and guide us. We take comfort in knowing that her love will live on in the hearts of her daughters and everyone whose life she touched.

Rest in peace, Mom. The world won't be the same without you, but your love will forever remain in our hearts.

A celebration of life service will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Saturday, February 15, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of James E Robinson

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In Memory of James E Robinson

James E Robinson, son of the late James Robinson and Veda Martin Robinson, was born on July 7, 1931, in Stoddard County, Missouri, and departed this life on February 7, 2025, at Aspire Senior Living in Advance, Missouri, at the age of 93 years.

Mr. Robinson was a former mechanic, school bus driver, carpenter and welder. He had attended the Assembly of God Church in Essex, Missouri, and was a resident of Dexter, Missouri. He enjoyed fishing and hunting, and he enjoyed working with wood, building Shepard's hooks for cemetery flowers.

On November 21, 1951, in Fisk, Missouri, he was united in marriage to Hazel Hamby. Mrs. Robinson preceded him in death on January 2, 2017.

He is survived by his daughter, Jamie Hutchison and husband Tom of Dexter, Missouri; by three sons, Rick Robinson of Dexter, Missouri, David Robinson and wife Christine of Dexter, Missouri, and Daniel Robinson of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; by thirteen grandchildren, Robbin Carter, Greg Jones, David Robinson, Kevin Robinson, Chauda Robinson, Heather Pawlik, JR Robinson, Matt Robinson, Dallas

Robinson, Payton Hutchison, Haley Hutchison, Aaron Hutchison, and Axel Robinson; and by many great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Other than by his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Marla Robinson; by his son, Terry Robinson; by his granddaughter, Angela Robinson; and by four sisters, Joyce Wamble, Edna Long, Edith Corbin, and Virgie Robinson.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Friday, February 14, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, February 14, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Dale Jones officiating. Interment will follow in Triplett Cemetery.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Steven Cary Millington

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In Memory of Steven Cary Millington

Steven Cary Millington, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away on February 9, 2025 at his home at the age of 67. His life was one of laughter, adventure, and unwavering love for those he held dear.

Born on September 5, 1957 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, to Wayne Millington and Pauline (Bailey) Millington, Steve was baptized on May 11, 1969 at Church of the Brethren in Frisco, Missouri. He married the love of his life, Julie Dawn (McElmurry) Millington on June 8th 1985. Steve is survived by his wife Julie, children Craig (Melissa) Millington of Willard, Missouri, and Jennifer (Ryan) Elder of Leawood, Kansas, grandchildren Rylie and Hayes Millington and Jackson and Hudson Elder, siblings Connie (William) Churchill, Janet (Gale) Cardwell, Tom (Jan) Millington, Melinda (Jim) Rainey, Harold (Paula) Miles, and Neil (Cindy) Miles, and many nieces and nephews who Steve loved so much. He was preceded in death by Pauline (Millington) Hart and Ruth Millington.

Steve graduated from Advance High School in 1975 and Southeast Missouri State University in 1983. A proud member and Past-President of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity (earning the nickname 'Bird') Steve has attended and enjoyed Pike float trips for the last 50 years—his presence on the river a testament to his lifelong spirit of camaraderie and adventure. He cherished the friendships he built through his fraternity and beyond, always the first to raise a glass, share a story, and ensure no one ever felt like a stranger.

For over 50 years, Steve dedicated himself to a successful career in banking, earning the respect and admiration of colleagues and customers alike. Inspired by Ruth Millington, at the age of 15, Steve began his banking career at the Bank of Advance. He has served as President, Regional President, Board Member of First Midwest Bank for the past 30 years, both in Sikeston and most recently Springfield, Missouri. Steve served his community in many ways, including the Sikeston Housing Authority, Sikeston School Board, as a member of Kiwanis, and several committees of First United Methodist Church. His integrity, work ethic, and genuine care for those he worked with and those around him left a lasting impact on the industry and the many lives he touched throughout his career.

Above all, Steve loved his family. He was a devoted husband to Julie, a loving father to Craig and Jenn, and the proudest grandfather, known only as "Gus", to Rylie, Hayes, Jack and Hudson. His grandkids were his greatest joy, and he filled their lives with laughter, wisdom, and the occasional mischievous twinkle in his eye. Whether he was playing board games, letting the kids sit in his lap to drive the boat, racing go karts or building sandcastles, Steve always brought a smile and a laugh. "Stevie Ray" was blessed by the best group of friends, sharing countless memories of concerts, weekends at the lake, beach trips, New Years Eve celebrations, and Superbowl parties. His friends were like family, and his ability to make everyone feel welcomed and valued was one of his greatest gifts.

In the spirit of his eternal youthfulness, we remember his favorite words from Peter Pan:

"Never grow up."

Though he has left this world, his legacy of love, friendship, and adventure will live on in all who knew him. May we honor his memory by embracing life with the same passion, humor, and kindness that he so effortlessly shared with us.

Visitation will be held at First United Methodist Church in Sikeston, Missouri on Saturday, February 15, 2025 at 11 am. until time of Funeral service at 1 pm. with Jennifer Moxley, officiating.

Interment to follow in Lightner Cemetery in Scott City, Missouri.

Pallbearers will be Karl Ritter, Craig Richter, Doug Kennedy, Jeff Allison, Tim Underwood and Bryan Young.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.nunneleefuneralchapel.com for the Millington family.

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In Memory of Verna Kay Daniels

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In Memory of Verna Kay Daniels

Verna Kay Daniels, 78, of Bell City passed away February 12, 2025, at her home. She was born September 18, 1946, in St, Louis, Missouri, The daughter of Vernal and Mary Vickers Matheny.

Verna was employed for 50+ at Madhatter Company in Oran, Mo, before retiring. She was also a member of the Bell City General Baptist Church.

Verna and Leonard Daniels were united in Marriage on October 22, 1966, He survives of the home.

Survivors include-two daughters Angela (Stephen) Welker of Bloomfield and Valerie (John) Arnold of Bell City, two sisters Nancy Clary and Judy (Roy) Green of Bell City, four grandchildren, Joshua (Kendra) Speakman, Jessica (Jason) Speakman, Ashley Clark, Madison Clark, Nine great-grandchildren, Carly Clark, Ashlynn Hildebrand, Knava Speakman, Preston Liggins, Layla Liggins, Kaylee Liggins, Tage Hildebrand, Joshua Speakman II, and Mariah Johnson.

She was proceeded in death by her parents and her brother Jerry Matheny.

Visitation will be held at Morgan Funeral Chapel in Advance, Mo, on Monday, February 17, 2025, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. A funeral service will follow in the chapel at 12:00 pm with Rev. Mike Lee and Rev. Roger Overby officiating. Burial will follow at Morgan Memorial Park.

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In Memory of Danny L. Freeman

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In Memory of Danny L. Freeman

Danny L. Freeman, age 78, went to be with the good Lord on February 6th in the year 2025. Mr. Freeman was born in Osceola Arkansas on April 10, 1946, to Charles and Pearl Freeman who preceded him in death.

He is survived of the home by his loving wife, Sharon Courter Freeman who he married on November 12, 1993. Mr. Freeman was preceded in death by his daughter, Lori Anne Freeman Ditto. He is survived

by three daughters, Michele Dickey (Jerry) of St. Louis, Missouri, Leslie Freeman of Sikeston, Missouri, and Carrie Freeman Young of Jefferson City, Missouri; by seven grandchildren, Dalton Ditto, John Young, Lydia Young, Lily Golightly, Sam Golightly, Ricky Bascom, and Britney Bascom; by two sisters, Linda Norton (Daniel S.) and Charline Chambers (Tim) both of Sikeston, Missouri; by three nephews, Zachary Chambers, Tyson Chambers, and David Norton, and by four nieces, Alexandria Stowe (Steve), Jeannie Jones (Rich), Amanda Moore (Scott), and Jennifer Williams.

Danny graduated from Sikeston High School in 1964 and attended Southeast Missouri State University. Mr. Freeman worked for the State of Missouri Division of Employment Security as a State Supervisor for twenty-seven years. He retired from the state in 1999.

Danny was a 100% service-connected disabled Vietnam Veteran. He served in the infantry in Vietnam in 1966 and 1967 with the First Calvary Airmobile Division. He was awarded the Combat Air Medal for 125+ combat missions, the Combat Infantry Badge (CIB) and six Army Achievement Medals with four Bronze Stars. He was awarded the Order of the Silver Rose by Congress Woman Joann Emerson for life long physical and mental injuries sustained while in Vietnam. He was Honorably Discharged from the Army on February 8, 1968. He joined the Missouri National Guard in 1983 and retired from military duty as a Sergeant First Class (SFC E-7) in April 2006 with twenty-eight years of military service. Danny loved his country and prided himself on being A Great Soldier!

Danny was an accomplished Artist who had murals in several government offices throughout Missouri. He also painted murals in nursing homes, shopping malls, stores, restaurants and private residences. He loved doing paintings and giving them to friends as gifts. He was also a lifelong fan of the St. Louis Cardinals Baseball team and the University of Missouri and University of Arkansas football and basketball teams.

Danny will be missed by his friends and family.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38101

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Thursday, February 13, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. with Rick Stanfield and John Nedler officiating. Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield with full military honors.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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