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In Memory of Mary Ann Fairchild

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In Memory of Mary Ann Fairchild

Mary Ann Fairchild, daughter of the late Oscar Masterson and Mary Jarrell Masterson, was born February 13, 1928, in Dexter, Missouri and departed this life on March 7, 2025, at Memory Lane Skilled Nursing in Dexter, Missouri at the age of 97 years.

On August 25, 1945, in Dexter, Missouri, she united in marriage to Tom Fairchild. Mr. Fairchild preceded her in death on January 7, 2020.

She is survived by her daughter, Libby Parks and husband Bill of Benton, Missouri; and by her grandson, Wade Parks.

Other than by her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers, James Masterson, Adam Masterson and Louis Masterson; and by five sisters, Nancy Masterson, Melissa Masterson, Mae Ridenour, Sophia Deason and Ella Casey.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri on Tuesday March 11, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday March 11, 2025, at 1: 00 p.m. with Rev. Scotty Smothers 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 April Pennington

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April Pennington, daughter of Patricia Sidwell Loomis of Sikeston, Missouri, and the late Ricky D. Smith, was born on September 24, 1982, in Cookeville, Tennessee, and departed this life on March 5, 2025, at her residence in Bloomfield, Missouri, at the age of 42 years.

Ms. Pennington worked for Walmart in Sikeston, Missouri. She was of the Baptist faith and loved listening to music.

Along with her mother, she is survived by her daughter, Brianna Pennington of Sikeston, Missouri; and by her sister, Amber Steiner of Knoxville, Tennessee.

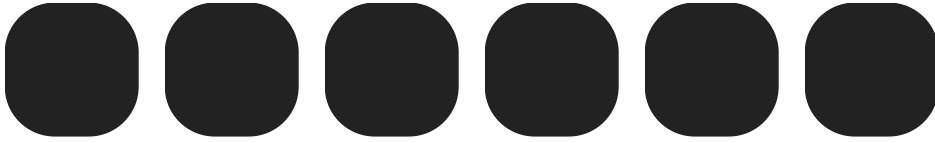
Private family service will be held at a later date.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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In Memory of Donald "Don" Roy Mallory

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In Memory of Donald

Donald "Don" Roy Mallory of Dexter, Missouri was born on November 4, 1936, in Dudley, Missouri, to the late John Henry Melvin and Irene (Runyon) Mallory, and passed away on March 7, 2025 in Dexter, Missouri, at the age of 88.

On September 2, 1956, Don Mallory and Nellie Lyons were united in marriage, and she survives of the home.

Don was a member of the Friendship Baptist Church in Dexter, Missouri, and enjoyed working with the Special Olympics, Boy Scouts of America, camping, hunting and watching football.

Surviving family include his loving wife of almost 70 years, Nellie, a son, David Wayne (Carol) Mallory, of Columbia, Missouri, a daughter, Cheryl Mallory, of Dexter, Missouri, two grandchildren: Josh Mallory, of Columbia, Missouri and Brian Vice of Key West, Florida, two great grandchildren: Naomi and Shawn, a great-great grandchild, Leighann, two brothers: James Mallory, of Mississippi, Kenneth Mallory, of Florida, and two sisters, June Teets, of Dexter, Missouri, and Ruth Tippen, of Bloomfield, Missouri.

Don was preceded in death by his siblings, Duane, Dan, Gerald, Irma, Charles, Dennis, Mac, and Lonnie.

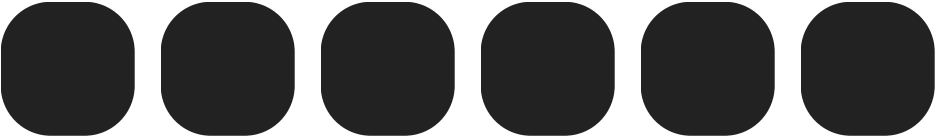
The visitation will be on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, beginning at 9:00 A.M. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

The funeral will be on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, beginning at 11 A.M. at the Watkins and Sons Funeral Home in Dexter, Missouri.

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In Memory of Johnnie Dale Johnson

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Johnnie Dale Johnson was born January 25, 1953, in Gideon, Missouri to the late Charlie Otis and Tommie Marie (Rodgers) Johnson, and passed away on March 7, 2025, at Mercy South in St Louis.

Johnnie lived in this area since 2004 with his longtime girlfriend, Pamela Kay Smart. He retired from grain work in 2004 and continued his life enjoying rabbit hunting, loved music and his dog Susie was always by his side.

Surviving family include his son, Eric Smart of Dexter, Missouri and one daughter, Michelle Barks of Farmington, Missouri. He had 8 grandchildren: Levi, Carl, Jayden, Bella, Mason, Nicole, Angel, and Tony Ryan Matheney Jr. He had 1 great grandchild, Rosie.

Johnnie has 3 brothers and 3 sisters: Jimmy, Michael, Gary, Carolyn, Kathy, Minnie. He has an aunt Mary Alice Beta from IL and Gavin Kingston as well as his nephews. Preceded in death are Matthew Kingston who passed August 23, 2013, a brother Charlie and a brother, Charlie.

The family is holding a private family service with no other services planned.

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In Memory of Olivia "Livy" Ann Zunkel

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In Memory of Olivia

Olivia "Livy" Ann Zunkel, 82, passed away peacefully on March 4, 2025. Born on June 2, 1942, to George and Ruth Baker, who preceded her in death, Olivia grew up with a love of learning and adventure. She attended William Woods before graduating from Murray State University.

On December 28, 1962, she married the love of her life, Dr. Alan "Doug" Zunkel, at the Essex Methodist Church. Together, they built a beautiful life filled with love, laughter, and a shared passion for travel. They explored the world side by side, making cherished memories with friends, whether on the Oregon Coast, at their beloved villa in Portugal, or anywhere else their adventurous spirits led them.

Olivia was a devoted mother to her two children, Ken Zunkel of Essex and Lea Ann Zunkel of Philadelphia, and a proud grandmother to Bonnie. She adored her family and was a loving presence in their lives. A woman of many passions, she found joy in golf, a good catfish dinner, and most of all, the companionship of her beloved pets.

When she moved back home in 2016, Olivia became an active member of P.E.O., where she formed deep and lasting friendships. She carried with her a love for the Pacific Northwest, especially the rugged beauty of the Oregon Coast, which always held a special place in her heart.

She was preceded in death by her dear Doug in 2014, but her love for him and the life they shared never faded. Olivia will be remembered for her adventurous spirit, kind heart, and the warmth she brought to everyone who knew her.

Her family and friends will miss her dearly but take comfort in knowing she is once again reunited with Doug, embracing the next great adventure together.

May she rest in peace, surrounded by love and the memories she so graciously shared with the world.

A celebration of Olivia's life will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, March 10, 2025, visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. with funeral services following at 12:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

Memorials may be made in her honor, reflecting her deep love for animals, to the Dexter Animal Shelter, 601 E Grant Street, Dexter MO 63841

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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