

## Nelson Funeral Home Obituaries

**Bobby Dexter Snow** of Shell Knob, Mo. was born June 22, 1954, in Berryville, Arkansas, the son of Deck and Vennie Alderson Snow. He passed away Saturday, September 16, 2023 at the age of 69.

Bobby is survived by his four children; daughter, Misti McGowan (John) of Fayetteville, AR; sons, Timothy (Angela) of McKinney, TX; Dustin (Jana) of Rogers, AR; Cody (Kaila) of Jay, OK; grandchildren, Kerby Sue, Riley Renee', and Clara Grace McGowan, Autumn Mae and Ronnie Boone Snow, Satara Mae and Kenna Kayte Smith. Sisters; Cookie Graham of Forum, AR; Peggy Moon of Shell Knob, MO; and Judy Evans (Ron) of Berryville, many nieces and nephews, and Dog, Dixie.

Bobby was preceded in death by his mother and father, brothers Don and Elbert Snow; sisters, Dixie Beal and Betty Etchison, and Dog, Likker.

Bobby was a machinist and retired from Delta Systems and Automation Co. in Lowell, although he continued to work part time. Bobby loved spending time with his friends and family, mushroom hunting, brewing moonshine, boat rides on Table Rock Lake, the Razorbacks, Dodgers and Raiders, fishing, listening to music and sitting around the fire with his family and friends. He was loved by all and will be missed every day.

Visitation will be 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 21, 2023, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel in Berryville. Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m., Friday, September 22, 2023, at Moore Church with Brother Bill Anderson officiating. Interment will follow at Moore Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Nelson Funeral Service, PO Box 311, Berryville, AR 72616, to help the family with final expenses. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Robert Milton Jones Sr.** of Eureka Springs, Arkansas was born January 31, 1932 in Hurley, Mississippi to Willard and Leola (Davis) Jones. Bob passed away Friday, September 15, 2023 in Fayetteville, Arkansas, at the age of 91.

Bob served in the Navy during the Korean War. He then served as a fireman for 32 years for the

Mountain View Fire Department in Mountain View, California. Locally he volunteered with the Eureka Springs Fire Department, was an Eureka Spring Mason, attended Lonestar Bible Church, and enjoyed the Morning Breakfast Club.

Robert married the love of his life, Rosemarie Sirois Jones, on May 11, 1957, who survives him of the home. They were 66 blessed with years together. He is also survived by their children: Robert Steven "Duck" Jones of Hurley, MS, Robert "Boy" Jones (Alison) of Eureka Springs, AR, Cynthia Bradley of Diamond, MO, David Jones (Chris) of Berryville, AR, and Linda Holst (Dwayne) of Chapel Hill, NC; grandchildren: Patrick Jones, Robert Jones, Rachele Jones, David Barbato, Rebecca Otten, Nathan Jones, Daniel Jones, David Jones, Michael Jones, Dimitri Holst, and Cordelia Holst; twelve great grandchildren; one brother Edward Jones of Hurley, MS, as well as many other family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents Willard and Leola Jones, grandson Brandon Jones, three sisters and one brother.

Visitation will be 5:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m., Friday, September 22, 2023 at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel in Berryville. A memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m., Friday, September 29, 2023 at Lone Star Church with Pastor Don Carter officiating. Memorial donations may be made to Lone Star Bible Church, 3807 Hwy 23 South, Eureka Springs, AR 72632. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**James William Goldsmith** of Eureka Springs, Arkansas was born in Eagle Rock, Missouri on April 5, 1947, to Walter and Opal (Ware) Goldsmith. James passed away Tuesday, September 12, 2023, in Exeter, Missouri at the age of 76.

He enjoyed going to auctions, going on trial rides, running fox hounds, and spending time outdoors. Most of all, he loved his family dearly.

James was survived by his children Roy Goldsmith and wife Barbara of Eureka Springs, AR, Larry Don Goldsmith and wife Theresa of Collierville, TN; grandchildren James R. Goldsmith and wife Megan of Eureka Springs, AR, Jennifer McMillan and husband Robert McMillan, William Prine of Eureka

Springs, AR, Robert Goldsmith of Collierville, TN, Trisha Goldsmith of Collierville, TN; great grandchildren Robert McMillan, Jr., Rebecca McMillan, Violet Goldsmith, Jacob Goldsmith, Miliyah McMillan, Azaylee McMillan, Laken Goldsmith, Mercedes Prine, Maddox Prine; half-sisters Joyce and Carolyn; along with several nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

He is preceded by his parents Walter and Opal Goldsmith; wife Wanda Goldsmith; siblings Cecil Goldsmith, Minnie Horn.

Visitation will be 5:00 pm till 7:00 pm, Monday, September 18, 2023, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel in Berryville. Funeral service will be 3:00 pm, Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel with Pastor Billy McCall officiating. Memorial donations may be made to Nelson Funeral Service, PO Box 311, Berryville AR 72616 to help the family with final expenses. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Darrel Dewayne Allen** of Berryville, Arkansas was born in Harrison, Arkansas on April 2, 1968, to Billy and Cora Genell (Smith) Allen. Darrel passed away Friday, September 8, 2023, in Berryville at the age of 55.

He enjoyed fishing, drawing, hunting, working on cars, but most of all he enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Darrel is survived by his mother Cora Genell Smith Allen; children TaSheena Hale and husband A.J., Kaylee Thornton and husband Nathan, Billy Darrel Allen and wife Kiley, Isabella Grace Allen, Genna Danee Allen; brother Stanely Allen and wife Jennifer, Russel Allen and wife Brandy; grandchildren Cashton, Tanner, Huxton, Ava Gene, Bentley, Addi, Reid, Gracelyn, and one on the way Liza Jane; along with many other family members and friends.

He is preceded in death by his father Billy D. Allen, and grandson Jaxon Thornton.

Visitation will be 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 11, 2023, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel in Berryville. Funeral service will be 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel in Berryville with Pastor Billy McCall officiating. Interment will follow at

Blackjack Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Blackjack Cemetery, c/o Diane Reynolds, 540 CR 3171, Eureka Springs, AR 72632. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Michael Allen Ryan** of Berryville, Arkansas was born July 8, 1966, in Madison, West Virginia to Jimmie and Christa (Griffith) Ryan. Michael passed away September 6, 2023, in Fayetteville, Arkansas at the age of 57.

Michael was fun loving and quick witted. He loved his family and friends above everything else. He took every opportunity to spend time with them, in person or on the phone. He loved to cook and was quite a grill master. He loved to cook for family and friends gathered together and always enjoyed a cold beverage.

He was a member of The Redneck Brothers and always enjoyed the annual Redneck Reunion with his lifelong friends. He was also a member of the Bassmasters and the NRA. Michael was an avid fisherman, he loved to bass fish and was happiest on the water with a fish on the line and friends in the boat. His absolute favorite was to fish with his son, Logan. He was a world class bow hunter and a competitive archer. He traveled the world on many hunting trips.

Michael loved listening to music and was always up for a road trip. One of the best road trips was the annual Talladega trip. He made lifelong friends there that were like family. He loved to visit his home state of West Virginia, time with family and friends, and taking his mom on float trips.

He is survived by his partner Gloria Brewer of Berryville, Arkansas; son Logan Ryan of Morris, Alabama; parents Jimmie Ryan of Daniels, West Virginia, Christa Ryan of Madison, West Virginia; Carmen Hall and family of Berryville, Arkansas, Casey Reid and family of Berryville, Arkansas; nieces Kendyl Harvey and family of Mann, West Virginia, Matney Ryan and family of Madison, West Virginia, Dylan Ryan of Madison, West Virginia; close friends Brad Maberry and Karla Gray; mother of his son, Tina Cicero, along with so many family members and friends.

Michael was preceded in death by his brother Chris Ryan; grandparents Jim and Doris Ryan, Bert and Susie Griffith.

Visitation will be 2:00 pm, Monday, September 11, 2023, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel with a Memorial Service following at 3:00 pm.

**Stephen Dale Miller** was born November 18, 1941 in New Iberia, Louisiana to Donalta Stephenson and Versales Dale "Spike" Miller. He passed away after a debilitating illness on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

Steve served in the U.S. Army in the early 1960s. He loved music and played guitar and sang for friends in coffee shops. In Tulsa, Oklahoma he had a successful career in commercial real estate and made many lifelong friendships there. It was in Tulsa that he met Frances "Francie" Stout Hull, the love of his life. Steve and Francie moved to Eureka Springs, home of his great grandparents and great-great grandparents, the Van Winkles, in the early 1980s. They bought and renovated the historic Palace Hotel and Bathhouse. Together they created a wonderful retreat for their grateful guests, many of whom returned often and became fast friends. Many of their staff became like family and remained friends and family long after they left the hotel. Steve was known for the twinkle in his eye, his warm contagious smile, his ready wit and good nature. He was an active and caring member of the community. During his final illness he was cared for by dear friends Bianca and Rio Walters and Linda Page, assisted by the staff of Amazing Grace and Circle of Life Hospice, who came to know and care for him, and many loving, faithful friends.

Steve leaves a legacy of love and humor and will be greatly mourned and missed by family and friends.

He is survived by his adored wife, Francie Miller; cousins Bobbie Ruth Halliday and husband Doc William Halliday, Sharon Fluitt Lemoine and Howard L. "Rip" Fluitt, step-grandchildren Richard Hull, Jacqui Hull and many dear friends.

A celebration of his life will be held at the end of October. Check website for updated service dates. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Ula Thurman (Sarge) Newberry**, a resident of Green Forest, Arkansas was born January 11, 1934, in Rule, Arkansas, a son of William Burk and Mary Bessie (Griffith) Newberry. He departed this life Monday, September 4, 2023, at Countryside at Rock Springs in Harrison, Arkansas.

Mr. Newberry served in the United States Army. On his 18th birthday he was fighting in the Korean war in the Battle at Heartbreak Ridge. He enjoyed boxing (in and out of the ring). He won many awards and medals while on the Armed Forces Boxing Team. A minor injury disqualified him from a spot in the US Olympics.

He wore his military uniform on his first day to work and that is how he got the nickname "Sarge". Sarge was a lifelong member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local #953. He worked in the pipeline industry for 60+ years. He traveled to all 50 states and 12 foreign countries. He helped build the Trans Alaskan Pipeline. Sarge met many lifelong friends during his career and enjoyed helping others get started in the industry.

He is survived by his wife Saowapha Newberry and daughter Jennifer Phuzak Newberry both of Green Forest, Arkansas.

On May 16, 1972, he was united in marriage to Daisy Mae (Villines) Newberry who preceded him in death. They are survived by their children: daughter Teresa Owens and her husband Wes of Green Forest, Arkansas, daughter Alechia Meador and her husband Chris of Green Forest, Arkansas, son TJ Newberry of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, daughter Tracy Newberry and son Todd Newberry of Chisago City, Minnesota, six grandchildren: Madison Baugh and Matthew Owens, and Mason, Jace, Cole and Blaze Meador, and one bother Cecil Newberry.

Sarge was also preceded in death by his parents and five brothers: Von Dean, Tompie, Johnny, Gene and Wayne Newberry.

The family would like to extend a very special Thank You to the nurses and staff of Countryside at Rock Springs for their care of Sarge.

Funeral service will be 10:00 am, Saturday, September 9, 2023, at Rule Cemetery with Brother Mark Bryant officiating. Memorial donations may be

made to the Assembly of God Church in Green Forest, PO Box 1000, Green Forest, AR 72638, or help support his love for animals and contribute to The Good Sheperd Humane Society, 486 HWY 62 E, Eureka Springs, AR 7262. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Ruby Dalene Studer Baker** was called home to our Lord on Labor Day, Monday, September 4, 2023, 19 days before her 92nd birthday. Born September 23, 1931 to Earl Luther and Mary Margaret Studer, Ruby genuinely cared for others and touched the lives of all who knew her.

She married Robert L. Baker in 1953 and lived the military life, raising two loving children and having more adventures than anyone could count. She was fearless, brave, strong, a woman of faith, and always looked for the best in everyone. She loved people and people loved her. She was dedicated to her family and to helping others.

She was a graduate of Navarre High School and began studies in nursing before getting married and moving across the country. Prior to her marriage she worked in a soda fountain, portrait studio (as a model), bakery, steel mill, and was the assistant for two town doctors. She was a Miss America contestant and vocalist, singing with a band, a quartet, and the USO. She was a soloist, performing a wide range of music for churches and weddings. Later she became a realtor and landscaper, although she continued to model well into her 60's. She was politically active as a lobbyist in Washington DC, instrumental in getting military ex-spouses benefits they deserved. She was president of the National Wives' club in Washington, DC, entertained foreign dignitaries, and also worked retail.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Luke and Margaret Studer, and her sister Rhea Jean Bushman. She is survived by her children, Deborah Baker, Bryan Baker and his wife Susan, and her grandchildren, Lauryn, Kaitlyn, and Luke Baker.

Her visitation hours will be at Porter Loring North (2102 N Loop 1604 E) from 2:00 – 4:00 pm on Sunday, September 10, 2023, with her funeral being held the next day, Monday, September 11th at 2:00pm in the chapel at Porter Loring North. She will

be interred at the Baker family plot in Berryville, Arkansas. If you would like to send flowers, Ruby's favorites were red and white carnations.

Ruby loved deep, rich, bright colors, so the family suggests wearing a splash of bright color. Ruby's favorite colors were red, fuschia (hot pink) and turquoise.

Rubymania!, her super birthday celebration is in its fifth year and will still be held in memory of her on Saturday, September 23rd.

Graveside service will be 10:00 am, Saturday, September 16, 2023 at Grandview Cemetery with Pastor Billy McCall officiating. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**June Owen**, age 97, of Eureka Springs, Arkansas passed away Saturday, September 2, 2023. June was born February 26, 1926 in Valier, Illinois to Frank and Ida (Tadlock) Burnam.

June was a member of the Red Hatters and the Tuesday Brunch Club.

She is preceded in death by her husband Asa Wayne Owen, parents Frank and Ida Burnam, and three brothers.

Survivors include her children: Carl E. Owen, Brenda Campbell, Peggy Feltrope (Cliff), and Berry Wayne Owen, brother Tom Burnam, multiple grandchildren and great grandchildren, a host of other family and friends.

**Cliffie Sue Youngblood** of Berryville, Arkansas was born in Berryville to Floyd Bulia and Cliffie Gladys (West) Mann on September 15, 1943. Sue passed away September 1, 2023, at her home surrounded by loved ones at the age of 79.

Sue worked at Glick Manufacturing for many years. She also worked at the school catering. She really loved the kids and had great compassion for them. Sue enjoyed traveling, Hawaii being her favorite destination. She was an avid sports fan, rooting especially for the Razorbacks, Chiefs, and Cardinals. Sue married her loving husband, Gary Lynn Youngblood, on September 22, 1963, who survived her of the home. She is also survived by her daughter Courtney Smith and husband Tracy of Berryville, AR, granddaughter Baylea Smith of Berryville, AR,

siblings: Donald Mann of Berryville, AR, Elaine Hudson and husband Gary of Knoxville, TN, Sherry Todd and husband Larry of Cassville, MO, and Danny Mann and wife Ilene of Cassville, MO, several nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

She is preceded in death by her son Floy Mark Youngblood, parents Floyd and Cliffie Mann, brother Mike Mann, and sister Helen Sue Mann.

Visitation will be 5:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel. Graveside service will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 7, 2023 at Berryville Memorial Park Cemetery with Pastor Wayne Writer officiating. Memorial donations may be made to Arkansas Hospice of Berryville, 310 S. Main Suite D, Berryville, AR 72616. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Jim Ellyett, 76**, of Holiday Island, Arkansas, passed away September 1, 2023.

Jim was the oldest of five children born to James and Dorothy (Wolfe) Ellyett Jr. As a child in a military family Jim got the experience of growing up in several countries abroad before his family settled in Nebraska. He graduated from Aurora High School in 1965. He went on to continue his education earning his associate degree in electronic technology.

He worked for several years in the technology industry before his career later relocated to Northwest Arkansas where he accepted a position with LaBarge, from which he later retired. While in Arkansas he met his loving wife, Pat Logan. They were united in marriage on October 23, 1999. This marriage blessed him with stepchildren, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He enjoyed playing golf, collecting stamps, watching gameshows, and his dog Molly. He loved to spend time with his grandchildren and could often be found in the stands watching their events.

He is survived by his wife Pat of the home, their children Mike Logan, Kim McAlevey (Craig), Bill Logan (Heather); grandchildren Bryce and Brok Logan, Ebony Kohrs, Patrick, Sarah, and Hannah McAlevey, great grandchildren Gavin Rist, Beckett Kohrs, and Harper Logan, siblings, Greg Ellyett (Joan, Amy Wiseman (Mike), Marge Czaplewski (Mike) and

Patti Ellyett, nieces and nephews Andrea Wiseman, Sara Boles, RJ Banse, and Elliot Banse; three great nephews, a great niece, a great-great nephew; and friends.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents.

A celebration of life service will be held 10:00 am, Saturday, September 30, 2023, at Golden Baptist Church, with Bro Shaun Crawford officiating. Memorial donations may be made to S. Jude's Research, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Michael Alan Pittman** was born in Upland, California on February 10, 1958 to Norman and Janet (Craig) Pittman. Michael passed away Wednesday, August 29, 2023 in Fayetteville, Arkansas at the age of 65.

Michael enjoyed many hobbies including: playing guitar, fishing, skiing, shooting, 4wheeling, motorcycling, playing baseball, drawing and other art working activities but most of all spoiling his grandkids. He is a veteran who served in the Marines and worked at Tyson Foods for many years.

He is survived by his daughters Christine Wilson of Berryville, AR and Michell Rivera and her husband Manuel of Harrison, AR, six grandchildren: Josh Wilson, Hunter Wilson, Dominic Duguay, Zachary Duguay, Hector Rivera, and Enrique Rivera and his wife Ashlee, two great grandchildren, brothers Ron Pittman and his wife Joyce of Harrison, AR and David Pittman of Green Forest, AR, sister Teri Keller of St. Joseph, MO, companion Lena Combs of Berryville, AR, several nieces and nephews, and a host of other family and friend who will miss him greatly.

He is preceded in death by his parents Norman and Janet Pittman, wife Marie Alice Pittman and brother-in-law Mike Keller.

Visitation will be 5:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m., Friday, September 1, 2023 at the Charles M. Nelson Funeral Service Funeral service will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, September 2, 2023 at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel. Interment will follow at Berryville Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Nelson Funeral Service, PO Box 311, Berryville, AR 72616 to help the family with final

expenses. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Timothy Knight**, of Rackerby, California, the son of Chuck and Betty (Powell) Knight, passed away Monday, August 21, 2023, in California, at the age of 74.

Timothy was always in the woods and enjoyed hunting and fishing and well as taxidermy.

Timothy is survived by his brother Bobby Knight, niece Penny Tilson and husband Mark, niece Jennifer Allen and husband Stanley, grandnieces Kylie Tilson and Shelby Allen, great grandnephew Randy Crisp.

He is preceded in death by his parents Chuck and Betty Knight and his wife Lori Knight.

Graveside service will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, September 16, 2023, at Glenwood Cemetery with Pastor Michael Daniel officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Raymond Lee Lasseter, Jr** of Green Forest, Arkansas was born March 18, 1950, in Mammoth Springs, Arkansas to Rev. Raymond and Vivian (Moore) Lasseter. Junior passed away August 17, 2023, in Blue Eye, Missouri at the age of 73.

He was a member of the Green Forest Cowboy Church and a long-time member of UKC.

August 7, 1971, Junior was united in marriage to Joan (Coffelt) Lasseter who survives him of the home. He is also survived by his children Jodi Hunt and her husband Jason of Green Forest, AR., Jared Lasseter, and his wife Sherry of Drumright, OK., Janae Lee and her husband Jay of Berryville, AR.; grandchildren Gentry Hunt and his wife Madison, Graydon Hunt and his wife Lindi, Justin Snyder and his wife Savannah, Jerrit Snyder and his wife Sammi, Jenna Booth and her husband Charlie, Alexis Shaw and her husband Russell, Dawson Lasseter and his wife Destiny; Grant Lee, Alyssa Lee, Aubrey Lee, Addison Lee, Harper Lee; nine great great grandchildren; siblings Brenda Lasseter and significant other David Waters, Gwenda Plummer and husband David; Tim Lasseter and wife Terry; a host of other family, friends and loved ones.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Reverend Raymond Lee and Vivian Virginia (Moore) Lasseter, a

host of family, and friends that he called family, and several of his world-famous coon dogs.

Junior's life was marked by the four things he loved the most: His God, His Loving Wife, His Family and Coon Hunting. He gave his life to Christ at a young age and was not at all bashful in sharing the Gospel with others as he never knew a stranger. His Christ-like love for others was also shown by his willingness to always help someone in their time of need. His greatest passion while here was loving and caring for his wife of over 52 years. Joan was, and always will be, his "honey" and the love of this life. A close second was his family. It didn't take long for you to know all about his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and he loved them unconditionally. And last but not least, he loved coon hunting and all things outdoors. He loved helping young people get their start in coon hunting by giving them a dog to carry on the coon hunting tradition. When given the chance, you would know all about his dogs and probably exactly what they sounded like.

Those were his loves, but he also was an avid sports fan. He was always at not only any of his family's sporting events, but it was not uncommon to see him supporting the Blue Eye Bulldog nation and Berryville Bobcat nation even when none of his kids or grandkids were playing. He also was the biggest fan of Joan's cooking, even when she would try to convince him otherwise. Especially her homemade ice cream, because there was always a special compartment for that.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 pm, on Sunday August 20, 2023, at the Charles M Nelson Memorial Chapel in Berryville. Funeral Services will be held at 10 am on Monday, August 21, 2023, at The Church on the Hill. Memorial donations may be made to Nelson Funeral Service, PO Box 311, Berryville, AR 72616 to help with final expenses. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Garrett Houston Brown** was born in El Dorado, Arkansas on December 18, 1970 and departed this realm on August 14, 2023 in Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

Left to grieve his absence are his wife Cathy Barker-Brown, daughter Megan Barker (Vince),

mother Rosamond Brown Banks, brother Stewart Brown (Megan), sister Susan Favazza (Tony), aunts Carol Felton, Cynthia Sample, and Cecilia Andon along with an extended family of cousins, nieces and nephews. Additionally, he is survived by his furry family, their beloved dogs Ruby and Sally.

He also had a family spread across the country, woven together by the fabric of music. From the Grateful Dead Dead Heads to the Yonder Mountain String Band Kinfolk he developed lifelong friendships that became a band of brothers and sisters, and they too will grieve his passing and all he brought to the community.

He was a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, and he loved his Razorbacks. He was also a fan of baseball, and will be forever rooting for the St. Louis Cardinals.

Waiting to greet him on the other side of the veil are his father, Colonel Harry L. Brown VSAF, uncles John Houston Brown and Barry Felton, grandparents Rosie and Emmett Coley, Alice and Harry Brown Sr., father-in-law Lyndon Barker and sister-in-law Marian Barker, as well as beloved dogs Kaleidoscope and Henry Brown.

Garrett was diagnosed in 2021 with head and neck cancer that was caused by the HPV virus, a cancer that can now be prevented with a simple vaccine. It was developed too late to help him, but let his fight be a light to motivate you to get yourself vaccinated if eligible and save someone the pain of the loss his loved ones are feeling today.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Chelsea's Closet at [www.chelseahicksfoundation.org](http://www.chelseahicksfoundation.org) or Unconditional Love Pet Rescue, 129 CR 6031, Green Forest, AR 72638, <https://ulpr.rescuegroups.org/>. As we all know Garrett liked dogs far more than he liked humans.

A drop in Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, September 16, 2023 at Gotahold Brewery from 4:00 p.m. till 6:00 p.m. The address is 409 W Van Buren, Eureka Springs, AR 72632 Cremation arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Betty Jean Davis** of Berryville, Arkansas was born in Ontario, California to Byron Pruitt and Bertha

(Smith) Foell on November 14, 1931. Betty passed away August 14, 2023, in Springdale, Arkansas at the age of 91.

Betty enjoyed cooking, baking, reading, yardwork, and feeding the birds and squirrels. She traveled the world with her family and used the experience to expand her culinary skills and palate. Betty, along with her husband Ron, loved sharing their travel experiences with others whenever given a chance. She was a member of Cup of Love ministry in Eureka Springs where she cooked and baked for their pantry for many years. Before that, she attended Shiloh United Methodist Church and was an active member of the Women's Christian Club of Carroll County.

Betty is survived by her children Kenneth Davis and wife Cheri, Karen Turley, Kerry "Lee" Davis, Kevin Davis, Karla Davis; grandchildren Cole Davis and wife Tara, Ty Davis and wife Amanda, Kristina (Turley) Payne and husband Michael, Shaun Helmlinger and wife April, Tiffany Helmlinger-Nester and husband Jaxon; great grandchildren Kyle, Brian, Myles, Elizabeth, Madeline, Dacia; sister Ardella Plott.

She is preceded in death by her parents Byron Pruitt and Bertha Mae Foell; husband Ronald Eugene Davis; brothers Clint, Don, Jim, Kenneth, Earl; sister Anna Mae Pruitt; grandchildren Christopher Helmlinger and Katrina Schepper (Turley).

Memorial service will be 2:00 pm, Saturday, August 19, 2023, at Shiloh United Methodist Church in Dry Fork. Memorial donations may be made to Cup of Love, 4032 E Van Buren, Eureka Springs, AR 72632. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Will J. Schell** was born August 10, 1934, in Benton County, Arkansas to Lester J. Schell and Offa Schell Epperson. He departed this earthly home on Sunday, August 13, 2023, at the age of 89.

He was united in marriage with the love of his life on October 6, 1979, and they spent almost 44 years working hard, and after retirement, traveling the world together.

He is survived by his loving wife Lavonna Helmlinger Schell; sisters Dalene Toovey (Charles) of Staplehurst NE and Patsy Graves of Rogers, AR;

daughter Regina Schell LeRoy of Stockton CA; step children Laurel Ashworth, Greg Patty, Kent Patty, Deneen Foster (Terry) all of Berryville, Pat Galley (Robert) of Waxahatchie, TX ; grandchildren Daelana Burrell of Oakland, CA, Tyler Ashworth (Crystal) of Berryville, Destiny Osnes (Jarred) of Harrison, AR, Ciera Foster of Springfield, MO, Darby Foster of Berryville, Josh Hamilton of Greenland, AR; great grandchildren Mason and Annlee Ashworth of Berryville, Bently Foster and Calvin Osnes of Harrison, AR and Abigail Marie Hamilton, of Greenland, AR.

Will was preceded in death by his parents, infant daughter, Melony Gaylene Schell, and daughter, Kimberly Alesa Schell.

In 1983, Will became one of the first six Master Water Well Contractors in the United States having drilled for 43 years.

Being actively involved in his community was very important to Will and he was a two-time president of the Arkansas Water Well Association, president of the North Arkansas Beef Clinic (Super Cow), president of the Carroll County Master Gardeners, and a member of the Arkansas Water Well Construction Commission for 16 years. He served on the Carroll County Quorum Court, Community First Bank Board of Directors, Carroll County Fair Board of Directors and the Farmer Community Center Board of Directors.

Will attended Grandview Baptist Church and had given his life to God, thus his tired, old body is now made new.

Visitation will be 5:00 pm till 7:00 pm, Thursday, August 17, 2023, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel in Berryville, Arkansas. Funeral service will be 10:00 am, Friday, August 18, 2023, at Grandview Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers feel free to make a donation to Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road, Springdale, AR 72762, Farmer Community Fund, PO Box 783, Berryville, AR 72616. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Rickie Lee Shrum** of Berryville, Arkansas was born May 6, 1965 in Springdale, Arkansas to Charles and Dorothy (Kuhl) Shrum. Rickie departed this life

on Monday, August 7, 2023, in Berryville at the age of 58. He enjoyed collecting guns and antique cars.

Rickie is survived by his wife Gilson Shrum of Berryville, Arkansas, children Zachariah Shrum and Zoie Shrum, brother George Hightower of Kansas City, Kansas, and sister Donna Guntharp and her husband Jackie of Jonesboro, Arkansas.

He is preceded in death by his parents Charles and Dorothy Shrum, sisters Mary Ann Hobbs and Kathy McDole, and one brother Mike Shrum.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m, Saturday, August 26, 2023 at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel. Memorial donations may be made to Nelson Funeral Service, PO Box 311, Berryville, AR 72616 to help with final expenses. Cremation arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com).

**Stephen Craig Gordon**, age 75, of Holiday Island, AR, (formerly of Des Moines, IA) passed away Saturday, August 5th, 2023 after a several week-long battle with Covid.

Steve Gordon was born March 14th, 1948 in Des Moines, Iowa to Howard and Helen (Stamper) Gordon. He graduated from East High School in 1966 and worked in various jobs over the years, ranging from laboratory work to supporting the railroad. He eventually made his way into construction sales, where he spent many successful years and enjoyed traveling around the world making airport runways safe and functional. He married his wife Barbara in 1984, with whom he enjoyed nearly 40 years of marriage. He was a natural salesman, never knew a stranger, and never forgot a face. He had an amazing sense of humor and laugh, always telling lots of jokes and stories that drew people naturally to his warm nature. He and Barb decided to semi-retire to NW Arkansas 21 years ago, where he worked for the Eureka Springs Public Works Dept prior to retiring completely in 2010.

Steve truly enjoyed a full life. As a younger man he camped, fished, boated, and waterskied regularly with family, often vacationing at Tablerock Lake in southern Missouri. Later in life he enjoyed traveling



with his beloved wife, visiting his family, spending time with friends, and fishing.

Steve is survived by his wife Barbara, daughter Jennifer (Ray) Schafer of New Mexico, his sister Sandra Smithhart, brother Larry Gordon, three nieces, a grandson, granddaughter, and great grandson. He is preceded in death by his parents, his sister Judith, his brother Chuck, and his son Terrence.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 12th at 2:00 p.m. at Holiday Island Community Church, in Holiday Island, AR. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Holiday Island Community Church, PO Box 3055, Holiday Island, AR 72631.

**Bert Wright** of Green Forest was born in Berryville on July 24, 1933, to Charlie and Ruth (Percival) Matney. Bert passed away August 2, 2023, in Huntsville at the age of 90.

He served his country in the Army from 1955 until 1957. Bert worked at Kimes Auto Parts in Green Forest for many years and he always had a story to tell. He lived a full life filled with wonderful experiences and lessons learned. He was very smart and always had good advice to give.

Bert was an amazing man. He was filled full of love, compassion and gratitude. Bert loved the Lord and his family more than anything. Bert's family was his whole world. He always put everyone before himself. Bert's wife, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren will always have special memories with their papa.

September 10, 1955 Bert was united in marriage to Betty (Warden) Wright and had a wonderful 67 years together. He is also survived by his daughter Anessa Walker; grandsons Ramsey Walker and wife Megan, Riley Walker and wife Kaileigh; great grandchildren Paislee, Reagan, Sophie, and Raeleigh Walker; sister Virginia (Matney) Peters; brothers Jerry Matney, Phillip Matney; along with other family members and friends.

Bert is preceded in death by his parents Charlie and Ruth Matney; son Arthur Wright; son-in-law Ricky Walker; brothers Robert Wright, Delbert Wright, Lynn Matney; sister Susie (Matney) Lovett, Rose (Matney) Johnson, Earnestine Woodall.

Graveside service will be 10:00 am, Friday, August 11, 2023, at Farmer Cemetery in Berryville with Pastor Joe Summers officiating. Memorial donations may be made to Beth'el Baptist Church, PO Box 437, Green Forest AR 72638. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Dana Sue Bailey**, 59, passed away peacefully at her home Monday July 31, 2023. She was born November 6, 1963, to Kermit Chandler Landua and Virginia Dean Roe. She was raised by her mom and dad Marvin Douglas Parker.

Dana graduated from Lakeview Centennial High School in Garland, TX, class of 1982.

She had many jobs throughout her life including climbing telephone poles for GTE and working with at risk youth at Collinsville ISD, but her true passion was 911 Emergency dispatching. She dedicated 20+ years of her life providing support to law enforcement.

Dana married the love of her life, Mark Bailey, on August 22, 2008. Dana was a very vibrant person. Her family would describe her as giving, hard working, and one of the strongest women that they have ever known. She loved her family and had a certain way about her. She kept everyone on their toes.

Dana was predeceased by her mom Virginia Dean Parker, her dad Marvin Douglas Parker, her biological father Kermit Chandler Landua, her brother Alan Landua, and her beloved husband Mark Bailey.

She is survived by her 4 children: Christopher Garcia and Girlfriend Melanie Beristain of Alpena, AR, Shelby and Cody Cockerham of Oak Leaf, TX, Shannon and Jay Lowe of Tom Bean, TX, Haylee and Jared Griggs of Durant, OK; 6 Grandchildren: Kennadi, Kash, Keller, Hazel, Beaux, and Scout; brother-in-law & sister-in-law Junior and Debbie Bailey; sisters: Susan Landua, Cindy Parker, Patti Durham & husband, and Sharon Wahl; Brothers: Johnnie Parker, Joe Don Parker, and David Landua; many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A visitation and Celebration of Life will be held 12:00 pm, Friday August 11, 2023, at New Hope Fellowship Church at Woodland Acres in Green Forest, AR. Visitation will be at 11 with the Celebration of Life at

Noon with a meal to follow. Online condolences may be sent to [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com)

**Tara Leanne Worley (Whitlock)**, 51, of Frisco, TX passed away Saturday, July 29, 2023 after a very short illness. Tara was born October 14, 1971 in Shreveport, LA to Mary Branch (Brandon) and Frank Roubieu.

Tara graduated from Huntington High School in Shreveport in 1989. While there she came out of her shell as a member of the dance team. After starting her family, Tara returned to school and graduated from Louisiana State University in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in nursing and became certified as a Registered Nurse. She returned to school and received a master's degree in nursing from the University of South Alabama and became board certified as an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner in 2013. Tara loved her career in medicine. As a new LSU grad, she was placed right into the Cardiac Critical Care Unit at Oschner Medical Center in New Orleans as a CCU nurse. She excelled in that role and moved over to the Oschner Heart Transplant Clinic where she found her calling working with critically ill cardiac patients. While there, she became a transplant nurse, a heart transplant coordinator and eventually the Nursing Supervisor for the Heart Transplant Clinic. She was also the Chairperson of the Quality Assurance and Performance Insurance Committee as well as the Left Ventricular Assist Device (LVAD) Program Director and was responsible for obtaining Joint Commission certification for the program. Tara felt like she had more to contribute to her patients and returned to school to become a medical provider as an NP. She followed her husband, Jim, when his military orders changed to Williamsburg, Virginia in 2014. She worked at Riverside Regional Medical Center in Newport News splitting her time between general cardiology in the clinic and working in the hospital on the cardio-thoracic surgery service. At Riverside she found a new love of teaching when she took the role as preceptor to several nursing students. She and Jim moved to Texas in 2022 to build their 'forever' life. Tara was hired at Baylor Scott & White Heart Hospital – Plano where she worked on the High Risk

Cardiology service which she was quick to say was her dream job. Tara was universally loved by her co-workers and most importantly to her, by her patients.

Tara and her husband Jim were married at her favorite place, on the beach in Hawaii, in 2012. Tara spent her free time engrossed in her second passion which was the law and the legal system and taking care of her beloved hairless cat and emotional support animal, Jasper. Tara knew her Savior from a young age and was a member of the Church of the King in Mandeville, LA and attended the Williamsburg Community Chapel in VA.

Tara is preceded in death by her mother and father. Survivors include her husband Jim; her daughter Lindsey (Neyland) LeBouef and her husband Stephen of St Louis, MO; her son Charles 'Trey' Neyland, III of Frisco, TX; her step-son Tayler Worley of Dubuque, IA; one sister, Tangie Sadat and her husband Shawn of Houston, TX; two half-brothers, Jerry DeFatta of Keithville, LA and Adam Roubieu of Bethany, OK; many nieces nephews and cousins and extended family that all she loved dearly.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in Tara's name to these charities that support causes she was passionate about; American Heart Association, [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org), or Futures Without Violence, [www.futureswithoutviolence.org](http://www.futureswithoutviolence.org), supporting abused women and children. If you have a local or preferred charity that supports these causes, she would fully endorse supporting them in her name.

Funeral service will be 10:00 AM, Saturday, August 5, 2023 at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel. Interment will follow at Gobler Cemetery.

**Donald Ray Phillips** was born in Berryville, Arkansas on November 12, 1926, to Charlie and Mary (Downs) Phillips. Donald passed away July 28, 2023, in Harrison at the age of 96.

He proudly served in the US Army during WWII. Donald taught Sunday school at Freeman Heights Baptist Church. He enjoyed fishing, playing music and guitar. Donald and Elaine loved to sit on the porch together to watch and talk about the birds.

Donald is survived by his wife Elaine Phillips; children Mike Phillips of Bentonville, Pat Phillips and wife

Tonya of Springfield, Missouri, Mary Ann Ciulla and husband Mike of Fayetteville; several grandchildren, great grandchildren; along with other family members and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents Charlie and Mary Phillips, great grandson Mike Phillips, brothers Joe Phillips, Ed Phillips, Kenneth Phillips, Vertis Phillips, sisters Wanda Kisner and Johnnie Matney.

Private memorial service at a later date. Cremation arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Charlene L Gates-Phillips** was born in Louisiana on January 29, 1947, to Marjorie (Amacker) Lyons. Charlene passed away July 27, 2023, in Eureka Springs at the age of 76.

Charlene married her best friend, James Phillips, on July 9, 2010. She enjoyed gardening, Christian movies and owning and managing The Christian Bookstore. Charlene liked to organize events and was active in El Shai Ministries.

Charlene is survived by her husband of 13 years James Phillips, son Charles Chambers and wife Leah, grandchildren Matt, Samuel and Bryce, along with other family members and friends.

She is preceded by her parents Burleigh and Marjorie Lyons, son Chad Chambers, and first husband Bobby Gates

Funeral service will be 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at Kings Hill Pioneer Church in Berryville. Memorial donations may be made to Nelson Funeral Service, PO Box, 311, Berryville, AR 72616 to help the family with final expenses. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**William Garrett Howard** of Fayetteville, Arkansas was born on January 26, 1994 in Springfield, Missouri to Mark Howard and Rachel Potteet. William passed away Saturday, July 22, 2023, in Berryville at the age of 29.

William enjoyed hunting and riding his motorcycle. He had a great love for his family.

He is survived by his mother Rachel Potteet of Eagle Rock, Missouri, father Mark Howard of Fayetteville, Arkansas, brother Jesse Potteet of Berryville, Arkansas, sister Holly Howard of Newport, Arkansas,

daughter Kinsley Howard, grandmother Marleen Wheeler of Fayetteville, Arkansas, many other family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his grandfather Bill Potteet and grandmother Margaret Thompson.

Graveside service will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, July 28, 2023, at the Pension Mountain Cemetery, with Rev. JR Polson officiating.

**Stephen Archie Swofford** of Berryville, Arkansas was born October 27, 1950, in Berryville to Archie and Mary Ellen (Holland) Swofford. Stephen passed away Saturday, July 22, 2023, in Berryville at the age of 72.

Steve enjoyed everything farming. The family would like to thank the staff at Peach Tree Assisted Living for going above and beyond in their care for Steve. A favorite saying of his was "It's not goodbye, it's see you later".

Steve is survived by his sisters Marjorie White and her husband Gary and LaVon Nance and her husband Reyburn, five nieces and nephews, eleven great nieces and nephews, and four great great nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents Archie and Mary Ellen Swofford and nephew Michael Nance.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the cemetery of your choice. Cremation arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Jacob Pat Doss** of Green Forest, Arkansas was born July 20, 1985, in Harrison, Arkansas to Joe Richard and Janelyn (Roberts) Doss. Jake passed away Saturday, July 22, 2023, in Madison County, at the age of 38.

Jake was a happy, fun-loving person who loved people and enjoyed hunting, especially bow hunting. He was employed by Carroll Electric COOP in Berryville as a heavy equipment mechanic. Jake loved his children wholeheartedly and he adored his fiancée Tiffany Darity and her girls.

He is survived by his mother Jane Roberts of Springdale, Arkansas, children Hunter and Perry Doss, fiancée Tiffany Darity and her two girls Asha and Alara Parker of Berryville, Arkansas, brother

Jerod Doss and his wife Kayla of Green Forest, Arkansas, two half-brothers Tyler Ballard and his wife Jessica of Berryville, Arkansas and Joey Head and Mattie Armstrong of Blue Eye, Missouri, maternal grandparents James and Billye Sue Roberts of Green Forest, Arkansas, paternal grandmother Martha Sue Doss of Branson, Missouri, many aunts, uncles, several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his father Joe Doss, grandfather Jerry Doss, first cousins James Elmore and Jonathan Beck.

Visitation will be 5:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel. Funeral Service will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 27, 2023, at Church on the Hill. with Pastor Keith Butler officiating. Interment will follow at Rule Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Rule Cemetery Fund, 1060 CR 802, Green Forest, AR 72638.

**Ralph Edward (Ed) Tatro** of Eureka Springs, Arkansas was born May 18, 1943, in Kingman, Kansas to Ralph and Lucille (Clark) Tatro Jr. Ed passed away July 21, 2023, at the age of 80.

He enjoyed gardening with a special love for cactuses and succulents, Nascar, collecting rocks and fossils. Ed liked to shoot guns and was an excellent shot. He loved animals especially dogs and cats.

Ed is survived by his wife of 44 years Kathy (Arbuckle) Tatro; children Natalie Howe, Kelly Tatro, Carrie Tatro, Lynn Tatro; numerous grandchildren; sister Jeannie Belt along with other family members and friends.

He is preceded by his parents Ralph and Lucille Tatro Jr; brother Donnie Tatro; aunt Beulah Potter.

A special thank you to Aaron Howe for all the love, care and support he has shown to Ed and Kathy.

Memorial service will be 10:00 am, Saturday, August 5, 2023, at Nelson's Chapel of the Springs. Cremation arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Delbert Allen ("Deb") Carey**, 84, of Berryville, AR, passed away, Tuesday, July 18, 2023, after a long illness. Deb was born December 14, 1938, in Guthrie,

Ok to Delbert Woods ("Jake") Carey and Ethel Ellen Carey (Waller).

Delbert graduated from Guthrie, Ok High School in 1956 and went on to earn his first bachelor's degree in Animal Science from Oklahoma State University (OSU) in 1961. He later returned to his beloved OSU and earned a second bachelor's degree in Trade and Industrial Education in 1981 along with a teaching certificate.

He had a diverse career spanning agriculture, manufacturing, business owner and his favorite thing, teaching. Delbert lived for many years in the Boise City, OK community where he owned businesses and taught high school vocational arts. He farmed wheat, corn and beef cattle for many years in the Guthrie, OK area alongside his father and brothers. He spent the last 30 years living in Berryville, AR where he retired from Tyson Foods as a Shift Maintenance Supervisor. No one appreciated a machine of any type, adjusted properly, running smoothly and working as designed more than Deb.

Deb was a longtime member of the Freeman Heights Baptist Church where he was a Sunday School Teacher and constant volunteer for any task. While there, he became a surrogate father and grandfather to countless people. He enjoyed any opportunity to teach and mentor both kids and adults. He received the most joy from seeing his students succeed at all things in life.

Delbert is preceded in death by his parents and his son, Glen Carey.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Carey; his daughter, Kathryn Carey of Enid, OK; three brothers, Victor Carey and his wife Christine of Santa Fe, NM, Robert Carey and his wife Ann of Guthrie, OK and Michael Carey and his wife Jane of Guthrie, OK; 2 Step-sons, Scott Worley and his wife Kameron of Berryville, AR, Jim Worley and his wife Tara of McKinney, TX and 2 grandsons; Tayler Worley of Dubuque, IA and Charles "Trey" Neyland of McKinney, TX; Tayler's mother Melanie Simmons of Polo, MO; many nieces, nephews and other extended family that Deb loved and enjoyed.

There will be a memorial service at Freeman Heights Baptist Church in Berryville at 3:00 PM, Sunday, July 23. No visitation is planned.

**Deborah Kay (Wahlstrom) Thompson**, 74, passed away peacefully surrounded by family at Willard Walker Hospice in Fayetteville, AR on July 19, 2023. She was born on February 3, 1949, in Tulsa, Oklahoma to Albert Lawrence Wahlstrom and Lois Geraldine Moyer.

She is preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Claudia, and a brother, Paul.

She is survived by her son, Aaron Thompson, Aaron's father, Scott Thompson, her grandchildren, Kaela and Gehrett Thompson, a sister, Donna Corbitt, and an immeasurable amount of other friends and family.

At Deb's request there will be no formal funeral and a "short and sweet" obituary. Deb's family encourages those mourning her to take some time to do some of her favorite things such as tending your garden, petting a doggy or kitty, or painting a rock.

No services are scheduled at this time. In Lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Good Shepherd Humane Society, 6486 Hwy 62 E, Eureka Springs, AR 72632. Cremation arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

In the early morning of July 15th, 2023, **James Louis Chipouras**, 77, of Eureka Springs, AR, affectionately known as "Chip", passed away. Earlier in the evening a thunder and lightning storm heralded his final hours.

Chaptered memoirs would not be enough space to capture the adventures, and misadventures, of Chip, his life, his family, and his friends. Growing up in Maryland, residing literally all over the world for varied amounts of time, he called Arkansas, and mainly Eureka Springs, home after marrying his wife, Sue. Eureka will always remember Chip called it his home, enjoying his community and his reputation as an outlaw hippie. One of the originals.

Chip logged literally thousands and thousands of hours of travel in his life. First as a free-spirited young man seeking the bohemian ideals of his era. Again, as a building contractor, helping drive nails, pull wire, and float mud on more projects all over the country than most tradesman get their hands dirty on in one lifetime. Never one to settle, the siren song of the Grateful Dead tour life called Chip, his family, and many random friends on the road again. This was a

badge of honor and the music of the Dead was a source of pure joy for Chip, exemplified by the blaring record player and crazy old man dancing in the middle of Prospect Street. And amongst all of these pursuits, he always found time to travel back and forth to Mexico and Central America seeking wisdom, imports, "remedies", God, and ultimately, himself.

Never alone, most often with family. Chip took nothing more serious than his family and friends. While many may have dismissed Chip and his hustle later in life, it was always deeply rooted in preserving his family's independence and his belief that the counterculture represented that ideal. For many, Chip was an experience, "yeah man, he's a trip", for the rest of us, he was a partner on that trip.

Chip, the youngest of three children, was born on March 12, 1946, in Washington, D.C. After graduation he went on to serve in the Army. Upon completion of his service, Chip earned his degree in theater arts. The perpetual entrepreneur, a list of Chip's business ventures include the trades, restaurants, a record store, campgrounds, landlord, and always a handy-man. Utilizing his degreed skills in local performances at Inspiration Point, The Auditorium, and many local venues, Chip brought professional passion to sound and lights when not working the daily grind as a skilled tradesman.

With Charity, in action, Chip always tried to exemplify his love of Christ by reaching out to everyone. Literally. Everyone. If you spent any amount of time hanging out with Chip, you invariably spent time with strangers. Hitchhikers, outcasts, and strays always had a place at the Chipouras table. With Sunday community dinners becoming so largely attended they had to be moved to the Episcopal Church across the street from their home, by invitation of the church. Walking through the Chipouras home on a Sunday afternoon had each room displaying high-spirited engagement with live music, soul singing, spiritual debate, gut laughing, and tearful expressions all knit with the sweet aromas of cannabis and pot-luck dishes.

Chip's spiritual journey was overwrought and challenging. He did not walk the straight and narrow path, but as one spiritual leader once said, "I sure in hell try to cross it as often as I can." and when

allowed, Chip would not hesitate to testify of Jesus Christ and that His Love would conquer all.

Chip was predeceased by his wife, Sue.

He is survived by five children, Asa, Elizabeth, Hannah, Megan, and Michael, their spouses and partners, and 13 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Also leaving behind his two older siblings George and Angeliki.

A Celebration of Life will begin at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, July 23, 2023, at Chelsea's in Eureka Springs with Earl and Them playing after 5:30 p.m. Graveside service will be 2:00 p.m., Monday, July 24, 2023, at the Eureka Springs Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Flint Street Fellowship & Food Bank, 33 N Main St., Eureka Springs, AR 72632.

**Anita Joyce Boyd** of Berryville, Arkansas was born September 9th, 1930, in Chicago, Illinois, daughter of Stanley and Bernice Serwitz. She departed this life July 14, 2023, in Berryville Arkansas at the age of 92, at home, surrounded by her family and several loved ones. On October 20, 1951, Anita was united in marriage to her husband Ronald P. Boyd for 66 years until his passing in 2017. She is survived by four daughters, Lynn Boyd (life-partner, John Scott) of Bethesda, Maryland; Leigh Smith (husband David) of Shell Knob, Missouri; Lisa Boyd of Holiday Island, Arkansas; Lori Williams (husband Monty) of Jasper, Arkansas; one brother, Stanton Serwitz (wife Sharon) of Crystal Lake, Illinois; six grandchildren, Andrew, Emily, Samuel, Hannah, Nicholas, and John Parker; four great grandchildren, Luke, Hudson, Eli, and Hadley; several nieces and nephews, and many loved ones. Anita also leaves behind her fur-baby, Paisley.

She is preceded in death by her husband and her parents, two sisters-in-law, and one brother-in-law.

Anita was a dedicated homemaker, loving wife, and nurturing mother to her family. In her earlier years, she found fulfillment in her work in Berryville at Nita Faye Flower Shop, Carr's Dry Goods, and The Smart Shop. As time passed, Anita's passion for serving others led her to become an auxiliary volunteer at Mercy Hospital in Berryville, Arkansas. Alongside her husband Ron, she actively participated in the lives of their daughters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren,

church, and community. Together, they leave behind a cherished legacy of love, lots of laughter, and family.

We extend our gratitude to the dedicated caregivers, Brandy, Terri, Glenda and Tamara, who provided unwavering support to Anita for the last several years. Their kindness and compassion brought comfort to her and our family. We also want to express our sincere appreciation to Chris and the compassionate team at Circle of Life Hospice Care for their expert care and guidance. Their presence made a profound difference in Anita's life, and we are forever grateful for their support. We also thank Father Joseph for his friendship and always making Anita laugh.

Graveside services will be 10:00 am, Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at Berryville Memorial Park Cemetery with Father Joseph Archibong officiating. Donations in Anita's memory may be made to Alzheimer's Arkansas, 201 Markham Center Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Lorene Plumlee** of Berryville, Arkansas was born November 12, 1934, in Carr Lane, Missouri to Denton and Clara (Pace) Swofford. Lorene passed away July 14, 2023, in Berryville at the age of 88.

She loved her kids and grandkids and was affectionally known as "Memaw" to them. Lorene enjoyed pets, flowers, gardening, being on the farm, sports and Nascar. She loved to go back roading with her kids. Lorene was very generous to her family. She was a loving and caring mother.

Lorene is survived by her daughters Elaine Norris of Berryville, Shelley Plumlee and Gary Miller of Eureka Springs, Gwyn Plumlee and Rod Holman of Exter, Missouri, Danette Youngblood and husband Keith of Berryville; grandchildren Mickey Plumlee, Josh Plumlee, Christopher Plumlee, Kenton Plumlee, Tangie Plumlee, Shannon Plumlee, Damon Fuson, Amber Cole, Kadan Plumlee, Kaleb Youngblood, Jacob Youngblood; ten great granddaughters; five great grandson; along with other family members and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents Denton and Clara Swofford; sons Rick Plumlee, Bryan Plumlee, grandson Darren Plumlee, Richard Plumlee, sister Bernice Standlee, brother Harlan Swofford.

Visitation will be 5:00 pm till 7:00 pm, Monday, July 17, 2023, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel. Funeral service will be 10:00 am, Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel in Berryville, with Pastor Doby Williams officiating. Memorial donations may be made to Arkansas Hospice, 310 S Main Street Suite D, Berryville, AR 72616, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 4241 N Gabel Dr, Fayetteville, AR 72703. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Elizabeth Saint Ives** of Berryville, Arkansas was born on July 26, 1940, to Robert and Rachel (Pohl) Ives. Elizabeth passed away Thursday, July 13, 2023, in Rogers, Arkansas at the age of 82.

Elizabeth was born in Iowa before moving to Berryville at the age of 4. At the age of 16 she moved to Tucson, AZ where she completed high school and attended the University of Arizona, eventually receiving a master's in education. While attending U of A, she married Jerald Lee Schnor. She and Jerry then moved to California, eventually settling in Stockton, CA. While teaching in Stockton, she also attended Humphrey's University and received her law degree. After retiring from law, she opened a home for developmentally disabled adults. In 2015 she returned to Berryville and became active in the First Christian Church.

She is survived by her former spouse, Jerry Schnor of Kelso, Washington, their son John Ives (Kristen Young) of Berkley, California, grandchildren Winter Ives (Jennifer Costley) and Dharma Ives, nieces Michelle Saint Ives Cowles (Jon Cowles), Andrea Plebani (Chris Plebani), and Alicia Saint Ives, nephews Robert Laurence Whitman (Carol Lynn Whitman) and James Nell Whitman (Deana Brook Whitman), other family members and many friends.

Elizabeth is preceded in death by her parents Robert and Rachel Ives, brother Loren Saint Ives, and sister Ruth (Ives) Whitman.

A memorial service will be held at a later date with Pastor Mark Golaway officiating.

**Richard G. Carlsen III** passed away July 12, 2023, he was 57 years young. He was loved by so many people. Rich was part of the Eureka Springs

community, as are many of his family and loved ones. Rich was born in Tampa, Florida on August 1, 1965, where he began his journey. He traveled in his young life, living in New York state, attending kindergarten in Galion, Ohio and finishing High School at Parkview High in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Rich won a scholarship to Oklahoma University to study political science where he began college. He graduated with a degree from the University of Arkansas. He had many credits in many different fields and was awarded a Bachelor in Liberal Arts, political science, finance, business, and photography were all in his realm of study. His photos of the Cristo umbrellas were chosen by the Brooks Institute in Santa Barbara for graduating seniors from over 10,000 applicants.

He worked during his college years for Little Rock Distributing. His territory was Northwest Arkansas. For ten years, this job took him into the beautiful nature of NW Arkansas. Rich was their top salesman for his last five years. At this point an opportunity presented itself and he was able to fulfill a dream. In 2000 he bought Silver Ridge Resort in Eureka Springs. Rich took a huge step and retired from corporate life. He continued his passionate adventure and in 2005 purchased Sugar Ridge Resort.

Rich also supported the Nature Conservancy and was active in helping them to complete significant projects and accommodations. He served as president on the board at Eureka Fitness. Rich was a member and supporter of Trout Unlimited of Arkansas, as well as a member of the Eureka Springs Chambers of Commerce.

He loved the rivers, boating, fishing, and kayaking. Being outdoors was where he was the happiest. At 13 he attended Philmont Boy Scout Camp in the rugged mountains of New Mexico, it was a defining time for him and his love for the outdoors. Curiosity followed Rich throughout his life. With a wonderful spirit and smile, he made you laugh, told great stories and loved people and his life. Always thinking, planning, and never bored; he was quick to give a helping hand to anyone who needed it.

Rich is survived by his two daughters Ashley Nicole Carlsen born in 2000 and Lindsay Belle Carlsen born in 2004, of NW Arkansas. He was a devoted father

and also a devoted son to his surviving mother Beverly Schenck Carlsen and father Richard G. Carlsen Jr. of Camarillo, California. He is also survived by his spouse Lisa Lynn Mullins of Eureka Springs, Arkansas; step daughter Hayden K Knighten and husband, Clay of Conway, Arkansas; step son Robert Benjamin Mullins Jr. of Eureka Springs, Arkansas; sister Elizabeth Dawn Shelton and husband, Gary of Little Rock, Arkansas; aunt Judy Carlsen Smith and husband, Tom of Littleton, Colorado; aunt June "Junebug" Simmons Ackerstein and husband, Hal of Sarasota, Florida; grandchildren Kate K, Easton, Hudson aka "Lil Richie" and Kinley Knighten of Conway, Arkansas; as well as a host of other relatives and friends. His love and care will be felt by all of us for the rest of our lives.

He is preceded in death by his paternal grandmother Stella Mathews Carlsen and grandfather Richard G. Carlsen Sr. and step grandmother Agnes Mulkey Carlsen; and his maternal grandfather Eugene Lewis Schenck and grandmother MaryAnn Mason Schenck. Whether walking on the sandy white beaches of Florida or fishing on rivers in Arkansas, Rich was most at home on the mountain and at home with family. There is an empty place on the Mountain, and it leaves us in sorrow. But, love and memories fill every void and save us. Time can never erase the soul we knew and the smile we remember on his beautiful face. He left us too soon.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to ECHO Village, 4004 E. Van Buren, Eureka Springs, AR 72632,

**Edris "Edie" Elaine Christians** was born March 6, 1952, in Bemidji, Minnesota to Elmer and June (Gibson) Church. Edie passed away July 12, 2023, in Fayetteville, Arkansas at the age of 71.

She was a brilliant mother, grandmother, great grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, friend, neighbor, confidant, mentor, lover of love, life and family, which included her very beloved dog Beaslie and a long list of incredible friends. All these roles throughout life she embraced and perfectly exemplified. Edie was passionate, strong willed and stubborn to a fault! She knew what she liked and what she didn't... clarity we

should all hope for. My mother was a "Master of unconditional love". She always saw the good in everyone and it certainly was not difficult to see the good in her. "To know my mom was to love her!" If someone met my mom and didn't love her, they aren't worth knowing.

Edie is survived by her children Jennifer Hyde of Eureka Springs, Jared Christians and wife Joey of Farmington; mother June Church of Bemidji; grandchildren Whitely Ward, Emily Wade, Kate Christians; great grandchild Kaleah Wade, Stella Ward; siblings Michael Church, Rodney Church, Kevin Church all of Bemidji, Minnesota; along with several nieces, nephews and friends.

She is preceded by her father Elmer Church and sister Jolana Hughes.

Date and Time for services will be posted soon. Memorial donations may be sent to St. Jude's Research Shop, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or Good Shepherd Humane Society, 486 Why 62 E, Eureka Springs, AR 72632. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Effie "GiGi" Virginia Steele** of Berryville, Arkansas was born in Marlin, Texas on May 6, 1945, to Ernie and Viola M. (Sibley) Cox. Effie passed away July 12, 2023, in Bentonville, Arkansas at the age of 78.

She was a professional Bridge player, she loved pigs and the color pink. Her dog Bear was her baby.

She is survived by her son Patrick Steel of Harrison, Arkansas, daughter Cinda Steele of Harrison, Arkansas, two grandchildren and other family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband Jack Ward Steele and her parents.

No services are scheduled at this time. Memorial donations may be made to the Carroll County Senior Center, 202 W Madison Ave, Berryville, AR 72616. Cremation arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Harriett Juanita Dudley** departed this world on Saturday, July 8, 2023, in her home, surrounded by love. She left her failing body behind and ran into the arms of her Savior. She is preceded in death by her



father, George Rhoades, her mother, Emma Rhoades, her brother, Ted Rhoades, and her husband, Clifford Dudley.

She is survived by her three children, Rebecca Phillips, wife of Jon Phillips; Tim Dudley, husband of Becki Dudley; and Lydia Matthews, wife of Curtis Matthews. She deeply loved her 11 grandchildren: Aubrey Peden, Matty Phillips, Robert Phillips, Jordan Dudley, Josh Dudley, Taylor Stewart, Will Vancuren, Ben Vancuren, Hannah Vancuren, C.J. Matthews, and Meghan Scholtens. She is also survived by 18 great grandchildren and her beloved niece, Kathy Cummings.

Harriett was born on June 14, 1929, in Hinsdale, IL, to George and Emma Rhoades. Her mother passed when Harriett was young. She and her brother were brought up by her father and grandmother, Rozetta. She frequently recalled accepting Christ as her personal savior at the knee of her grandmother when she was about eight years old. Loving Jesus and following his commands continued to be her one goal in life as she entered college. She attended Missionary Training Institute in Nyack, NY, in 1947 and studied there for three years. She graduated in 1950 and joined the Chicago Hebrew Mission in Chicago, IL in 1950 and worked there for four years. While living in Chicago she attended A.W. Tozer's church for several years. Harriett and Cliff met while they both worked for this mission. They married on September 11, 1954. Cliff took a job at Moody Press and after the birth of their three children, they moved to Harrison, AR, in 1974 where Harriett and Cliff started New Leaf Press.

Harriett's joy in her faith and her family kept her working at the Press until about three weeks ago and shortly after her 94th birthday. She loved being able to hug three grandchildren and two of her children every time she went to work. Harriett commonly opened her home to missionaries, Bible studies, or whoever needed a bed or a meal. She participated in jail ministry for many years in Carroll County. She was an integral part of an organization called Higher Ground and she attended Church on the Hill in Berryville for decades. Harriett's family jokes that her prayers were a direct line to the ear of Jesus. We continue to believe this, as her deepest desire in life

was to see those she loved love the Lord their God with all their heart.

Her favorite piece of scripture comes from Philippians 4: "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." She leaves behind a beautiful legacy built on faith, trust, and true reliance on Christ.

Visitation will be held 5:00 pm till 7:00 pm, Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel. The funeral will be held at Church on the Hill in Berryville, 10:00 am, Thursday, July 13, 2023. Harriett will be buried at Zion Hill Cemetery in Green Forest, AR, alongside her husband. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Roy Dean Malotte** of Berryville, Arkansas was born on November 11, 1950, in Quincy, California to Jasper and Reva (Beach) Malotte. Roy passed away Saturday, July 8, 2023, in Springfield, Missouri at the age of 72.

Roy retired from the Army in 1977 and later became a member of CERT. He enjoyed camping, dutch oven cooking, baking and wood crafting.

He is survived by his daughters Peggy Jo Kilpatrick of Bald Knob, Arkansas, Kristin Malotte (Kevin Hughes) of Berryville, Arkansas, and Dove Lively (Shannon) of Berryville, Arkansas; ten grandchildren: Zach Kilpatrick (Fallon), Harley Irizarry (Paul), Thad Kilpatrick (Makayla), Tristin Kilpatrick (Shade), Dima Zaidi (Adlan), Marcus Fullerton, Andrew Coalter, Brandon Bolerjack, Ean Bolerjack, and Mika Bolerjack; five great grandchildren: Isabelle Kilpatrick, Millie Jo Kilpatrick, Logan Irizarry, Lorelai Irizarry, and Evvalore Kilpatrick; five siblings: Raymond Malotte, Ruby Garris, Royce Malotte (Sherri), Marlon Malotte (Pennie), and Daryl Malotte (Christine); longtime friend Nora Hudspeth; other family and friend who will miss him greatly.

Roy is preceded in death by his parents Jasper and Reva Malotte and brother Roland Malotte.

Visitation will be 5:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m., Friday, July 14, 2023, at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel. Funeral service will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 15, 2023, at Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church with Brother Curtis Bradley officiating. Interment will follow at Blue Eye Cemetery.

**Dolores Jane Ward** of Berryville, Arkansas was born on July 17, 1938, in Kemp, Texas to Morris and Helen (Anderson) Neal. Dolores passed away July 6, 2023, at her home in Berryville at the age of 84.

Dolores worked for Tyson Foods for many years and had a great love for her family, especially her grandchildren. She also enjoyed gambling.

She is survived by her daughter Sharon Ward, sons Michael Ward and Patrick Ward, several grandchildren and great grandchildren, sister Martha Ward, brother Walter Neal, several nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents Morris and Helen Neal, sons Billy Joe Ward and Morris Wayne Ward, and brother Phillip Neal.

A Celebration of Life will be 5:00 p.m., Sunday, July 16, 2023 at Dolores's home, 1295 CR 602, Berryville, AR 72616, refreshments will be provided.

**Michael Neal Weiss**, 46, passed away with his wife Amy Weiss, 44, on July 5, 2023, in a car accident near their home in Eureka Springs. Michael was born and raised in Maryland, the beloved son of Ron and Helen Weiss of Cotter, and Karen Curran of Charlotte, NC. As a teenager, Michael was a gifted athlete who played many sports. After high school, Michael joined the United States Marine Corps and served part of his time in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In 2021, Michael and Amy moved to Arkansas from Maryland to help care for his mother Helen as her health was failing. Michael and Amy celebrated their wedding in Cotter on November 26, 2022.

After their marriage, Michael and Amy began a life together in Eureka Springs. Michael enjoyed being outdoors, hiking, fishing, and restoring his '79 Monte Carlo. He spent his time working on his new house, landscaping, and caring for his dog Lilly.

Ultimately, Michael's two greatest loves were his daughter Brea and his wife Amy. Michael is survived

by his daughter Brea Weiss, his stepsons Jacob and Jeremy Moore, his father Ron Weiss, his mother Karen Curran, his sister Kelly Weiss Blank, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. Michael was joined in death with his wife Amy and preceded in death by his mom Helen Weiss and his grandparents Ralph and Evelyn Weiss.

A memorial service has not yet been scheduled. In lieu of flowers, his family requests that those who wish to donate would please give to Disabled American Veterans (DAV) on Michael's behalf, PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service

**Jimmy R. Harp**, 71, of Grandview, Arkansas, passed away July 2, 2023. He was born March 19, 1952, in his grandmother's house in Madison County to the late Betty and Junior (Woods) Harp. He resided in Grandview on his cattle farm and graduated from Berryville High School.

As a small boy he helped his Dad in the log woods, and then drove a truck for Powell's. He was a mailman and cattle hauler, but his passion in life was being a cattle farmer. He loved to hay and work on his farm. His favorite pastime was team roping with his friends. He was a man of his word and a very honest person. If he told you he would do something, he did it! He was never late for anything he did.

He loved life and he loved his Grandson Jaxston very much. As soon as he was big enough to stand his Papa had him roping. Jimmy, Jaxston and Jaxston's favorite horse had such a wonderful time together. Jimmy and Jaxston went to every play day at the Cowboy Church. They played a lot of basketball and worked in the shop – they liked to build stuff!

Survivors include his partner Ruth Hill, son James (Bucky) Harp and daughter Bailey Grady, Ruth's children Jeremy Hill, Rhonda Harp, and Jake Hill, five grandchildren (Tori, Callie, Kolby, Riley, and Jaxston), and two great grandchildren (Karson and Joseph). He is also survived by his sister Sharon and her husband L.N. Burch. He was preceded in death by his sister Doris and her husband Dearl Wilson.

Graveside service is at the Grandview Cemetery on Saturday, July 8, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. with Billy

Williams and Billy McCall officiating. Following the graveside service, gather for refreshments at Grandview Church. Memorial donations may be made to Grandview Cemetery, c/o Karen Crain, 230 Hockett Drive, Berryville, AR 72616. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Michael Stanley Mitchell** of Holiday Island, Arkansas passed away Sunday, July 2, 2023, in Holiday Island at the age of 62.

Michael was born on November 22nd, 1961 in Chattanooga, Tennessee to Thom and Jayanne (Greene) Mitchell. He spent much of his youth riding motorcycles and dirt bikes, playing the drums, and driving his mustang in Plano, Texas where he grew up. He started his degree at Stephen F Austin State University, but eventually received his Bachelors in Information Technologies from the University of North Texas. After graduating, Mike worked first as an psychiatric technician at Charter Hospital of Grapevine where he met Virginia Roberts, whom he married in 1993. He then started a career at Perot Systems until 2001, when he then moved on to other Technical Support companies such as DFW Technology and CTG Health Solutions.

In his free time, Mike dedicated himself to counseling others through addiction, spending much of his time as a sponsor in AA to countless men. He did this all throughout his career living in and around Dallas, Texas. He found great satisfaction in helping people find their centered and best selves, and he did this through all the outlets he could. Mike also enjoyed fishing, billiards, movies and music, his motorcycle, and spending time with his son. Mike moved to Arkansas to be closer to what he loved, the outdoors and great motorcycle rides, after the passing of his mother in Plano, Texas.

He is survived by his son Benjamin Robert Mitchell and his wife Anna Angelica Mitchell of Plano, Texas, father Thom Mitchell of Florida, half brother Thor Mitchell of Oregon, and other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother Jayanne Slaughter (Greene) and brother Kris Mitchell.

Mike requested no formal service be held for his death, and that he be remembered by those who

choose to do so in their hearts in their own way, and without sadness.

**Shirley J. Jones** peacefully went to be with her Lord and Savior on July 1, 2023, at the age of 86. She was a loving mother, wife, and sister and she will be greatly missed.

Shirley was born in Edingburg, Texas to Leo and Edith (Rollins) Kelley. She is survived by her son Raymond Glenn Jones. She is preceded in death by her husband Harold and her son Jimmy. She was the best mom anyone could have.

No services are scheduled at this time. Cremation arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

It is with great sadness that the family of **Thomas John McHattie** announce his passing on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at the age of 79.

After courageously battling Peritoneal Mesothelioma, Tom passed peacefully at home with his best friend and wife of 16 years, Sarah, by his side.

Originally from Regina, Canada Tom moved permanently to Eureka Springs in 2019, having lived and worked as an obstetrician in the US, New Zealand, Australia, Caribbean and the Northern Marianas.

Tom will be lovingly remembered and sorely missed by Sarah, his nine children and stepchildren, nine grandchildren and great grandson: his brother and sister-in-law and nephews, as well as numerous relatives and friends from both hemispheres. Tom is predeceased by his parents Clifford and Crystal (better known as Tip & Grace).

At Toms request, private cremation. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road, Springdale, AR 72762. Cremation arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Mary Ellen Sheard** of Eureka Springs, Arkansas was born on October 19, 1928, at her grandmother's home in Kit Carson County, Colorado to David and Edna (Scruby) Bretthauer. Mary passed away

Thursday, June 29, 2023, in Bentonville, Arkansas at the age of 94.

Prior to her life in Eureka Springs, Mary Ellen had a banking carrier that she was very proud of covering six states. Next becoming a longtime valued member of the Eureka Spring community, a member of the Antiques Dealers Association and owner of Crystal Gardens Antiques. She was very knowledgeable about antiques and had customers from all over the world. She was a long-time faithful member of the Frist Presbyterian Church of Eureka Springs, serving as an Elder and Sessions Member. Mary was also the first female president of the Eureka Springs Rotary Club and a member of the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce.

She is survived by her son Michael Sheard of Eureka Springs, Arkansas; her sister who turned 103 Loretta Saracino of Denver, Colorado; grandsons Brandon Sheard and Benjamin Sheard and his wife Samantha; nieces Cheryl Lewis and Patrice Matteson; daughter-in-law Libby Brandon Sheard.

Mary Ellen is preceded in death by her son Gregory Alan Sheard, parents David and Edna Bretthauer, brothers Ted and Dale Bretthauer, and benefactors and grandparents in love to the boys Esther and Walt Padgett.

Memorial service will be 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at the First Presbyterian Church of Eureka Springs with Rev. John Arnold officiating.

**Timothy Earl Wright** of Berryville, Arkansas was born on November 12, 1966 in Oxford, Mississippi. Timothy passed away Thursday, June 29, 2023 in Bentonville, Arkansas at the age of 56.

Timothy graduated from Eureka Springs High School in 1985 who loved cooking and was a well-known chef in the Eureka Springs area. He also enjoyed carpentry, paint balling, and Dungeons and Dragons. He is survived by his daughter Megan Wright, brother Christopher Wright, uncle Eugene Carroll Stone III, aunts Susan S. Stone, Mae Stone, and Melanie Stone, Megan's mother Gloria Valdez, and Megan's sister Chenoweth Valdez.

He is preceded in death by his mother Jeanne Ramu and his grandparents Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Carroll Stone.

Memorial service will be 2:00 p.m., Thursday, July 6, 2023 at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel in Berryville, AR with Brother Marvin Peterson officiating.

**Margaret Louise Holmes "Peggy"**, age 65, of Green Forest, Arkansas, passed away on Thursday, June 29, 2023, in Berryville, Arkansas. She was born on April 12, 1958, in Norfolk, Virginia.

Margaret had a love for the beach and particularly Cape Hatteras as that is where she spent the best years as a child. She grew up in a military household and traveled all around the United States. She was an avid reader and collected plants.

She is survived by her two daughters, Virginia Lynn Altstatt and husband Rusty of Alpena, Arkansas and Carol Danlyn "Dani" Burkett and husband Daniel of Green Forest, Arkansas. She has four grandsons that were the light of her life, Brennin Tranbarger, Christopher Altstatt, Jackson Burkett and Oliver Burkett. She is also survived by two brothers, Daniel Leon Tranbarger and wife Selina of Corpus Christi, Texas and Charles Wally Blinn of Norfolk, Virginia. She has one niece, Tessa Tranbarger of Corpus Christi, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles R. Blinn of Norfolk, Virginia and Sally S. Davis of Lindreth, New Mexico and adopted father Guy Eugene Tranbarger of Green Forest, Arkansas.

There will be no memorial service as Peggy's wishes were to be cremated. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com).

**William "Willie" Lee Galyen** of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, born on October 23, 1991, to Thomas and Dianna (Davenport) Galyen, passed away in Eureka Springs on Sunday, June 25, 2023, at the age of 31.

Willie attended Eastside Church of Christ in Eureka Springs. He graduated from the University of Arkansas with a bachelor's degree in animal science and a master's degree in ruminant nutrition. Willie also attained a grain merchants license and proudly published multiple scientific journal articles on cattle research. He was a member of the Equity Bank regional board, the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association, the American Brahman Breeders

Association and The American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists. Willie treasured the opportunity to work on the family cattle farm with his grandfather, Lynn. Most recently, Willie and his fiancée, Kaci, founded a Brahman breeding operation of their own called Rockin' WK Ranch. Willie loved farming, hunting, being outdoors, taking care of his grandparents and being an uncle. He had an insatiable thirst for knowledge and a lifelong love of learning. Above all, Willie was a kind and generous man who spent his life serving others. He will always be cherished by his friends, family, and community.

He is survived by his beloved fiancée Kaci Pezoulas of Plano, Texas; parents Thomas and Dianna Galyen of Eureka Springs, Arkansas; siblings Nathan Galyen and his wife Joanna of Eureka Springs, Arkansas and their children Annalynn and Henry, Amanda Geary and her husband Buster of Rogers, Arkansas and their children Daxton and Audrey, and Ryan Ramberg and his wife Crystal of Eureka Springs, Arkansas and their daughter Clara; Papa Bill; uncles Jay Galyen and his wife Jill of Eureka Springs, Arkansas and Bart Davenport and his wife Lana of Vilonia, Arkansas; as well as a host of other family, friends, and loved ones.

He is preceded in death by his Grannie Annie and grandparents Lynn and Dollie Galyen.

Memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 7, 2023, at Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center, 207 W. Van Buren, Eureka Springs, Arkansas 72632. Memorial donations may be made to Eureka Springs Volunteer Fire Department, 144 E. Van Buren, Eureka Springs, AR 72632, Arkansas Children's Hospital Northwest, 4093 W. Sunset Ave Suite 102, Springdale, AR 72762 or PKD Foundation, PO Box 871847, Kansas City, MO 64187, [pkdcure.org](http://pkdcure.org). Cremation arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com). © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2023.

**Dollie Mae Galyen** of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, born on June 10, 1942, to Jewell and Fern (Wagner) Pendergraft, passed away in Eureka Springs on Sunday, June 25, 2023, at the age of 81.

Dollie enjoyed sewing, cooking and serving recipes to her family, and spending time with her loved ones, especially her grandchildren. She attended the Church of Christ in Eureka Springs.

She is survived by her sons Thomas Galyen and his wife Dianna, and Jay Galyen and his wife Jill of Eureka Springs; grandchildren JJ Galyen and wife Stacey of Bentonville, Kristina Galyen of Eureka Springs, Nathan Galyen and wife Joanna of Eureka Springs, Sara Sneed and husband Daniel of Eureka Springs, Amanda Geary and husband Buster of Rogers, Dallas Killcrece and husband Jake of Fayetteville, and Ryan Ramberg and wife Crystal of Eureka Springs; great grandchildren Keenan, Melissa, Tyler, Daxton, Annalynn, Clara, Henry, Audrey, Nora, and Kenna; sister Carol Frost of Cassville, Missouri; brothers Max Pendergraft of Seligman, Missouri and Robert Pendergraft of Tennessee.

Dollie is preceded in death by her parents Jewell and Fern Pendergraft, one infant brother and her grandson William Lee Galyen.

Memorial service will be 1:00 p.m., Friday, July 7, 2023, at Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center, 207 W. Van Buren, Eureka Springs, Arkansas 72632. Memorial donations may be made to Eureka Springs Volunteer Fire Department, 144 E. Van Buren, Eureka Springs, AR 72632, Arkansas Children's Hospital Northwest, 4093 W. Sunset Ave Suite 102, Springdale, AR 72762 or PKD Foundation, PO Box 871847, Kansas City, MO 64187, [pkdcure.org](http://pkdcure.org). Cremation arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Lynn Thomas Galyen** of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, born on February 27, 1939, to William and Elsie (Green) Galyen, passed away in Eureka Springs on Sunday, June 25, 2023, at the age of 84.

Lynn and his family moved to Eureka Springs in the 1970's. He was the owner of Harts Family Center and was proud to be an Emeritus Board Member of the Equity Bank Advisory Board in Eureka Springs, the Missouri Grocers Association, Arkansas Cattlemen's Association, and a member of the Church of Christ. Lynn enjoyed cattle farming and spending time with his kids, grandkids, great grandkids, and helping his community.

He is survived by his sons Thomas Galyen and his wife Dianna, and Jay Galyen and his wife Jill of Eureka Springs; grandchildren JJ Galyen and wife Stacey of Bentonville, Kristina Galyen of Eureka Springs, Nathan Galyen and wife Joanna of Eureka Springs, Sara Sneed and husband Daniel of Eureka Springs, Amanda Geary and husband Buster of Rogers, Dallas Killcrece and husband Jake of Fayetteville, and Ryan Ramberg and wife Crystal of Eureka Springs; great grandchildren Keenan, Melissa, Tyler, Daxton, Annalynn, Clara, Henry, Audrey, Nora, and Kenna; brother Dayne Galyen and wife Lynda of Seligman, Missouri; niece Dana Sutton and husband Fred of War Eagle, Arkansas; nephew Dayne Galyen Jr of Seligman, Missouri; as well as many more family and friends who will miss him greatly.

Lynn is preceded in death by his parents William and Elsie Galyen, one infant brother Wayne Galyen, and his grandson William Lee Galyen.

Memorial service will be 1:00 p.m., Friday, July 7, 2023, at Inn of the Ozarks Convention Center, 207 W. Van Buren, Eureka Springs, Arkansas 72632. Memorial donations may be made to Eureka Springs Volunteer Fire Department, 144 E. Van Buren, Eureka Springs, AR 72632, Arkansas Children's Hospital Northwest, 4093 W. Sunset Ave Suite 102, Springdale, AR 72762 or PKD Foundation, PO Box 871847, Kansas City, MO 64187, pkdcure.org. Cremation arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Nelson Lane Peterson Jr "Pete"** of Holiday Island, Arkansas was born Feb 28th, 1938 in Weston, West Virginia to Nelson L. Peterson and Daisy Lucile Forinash. Nelson passed away on June 25th, 2023, in Springdale, Arkansas after a short battle with Cancer. He was 85 years old.

Pete has reunited with his beloved wife Patsy P. Peterson who passed 13 years ago. He is survived by his 2 children Christopher A. Peterson and Tammy M. Peterson, His daughter-in-law Marlene A. Peterson and 3 grandchildren Cameron Peterson, Kayla Nealy, and Nicholas Nealy. He was a great Husband, Father, Grandfather, and protector. He was raised by his grandmother and entered military school at a young age where he eventually joined the service as a

182nd airborne paratrooper. He served his country and was honorably discharged.

Pete was a salesman his entire life and enjoyed the company of people. He could talk to anyone and relate to everybody. He spent many years travelling and touching lives. He was the real deal when someone said Pete would do anything for anyone. His honor was his word and he always kept his promises. He loved wildlife and nature and was always curious about animals.

A Special thanks goes to the Holiday Island Community where Pete met most of his closest friends over the last 20 years. He always said Holiday Island was a special place and rightfully so. Most of the community knew Pete from the Holiday Island Country Club where he worked as a go-to for many things. He loved playing golf and was one of the best around. Pete was a coach, mentor, confidant, and most of all a friend to everyone.

Rest In Peace Dad! "It is not length of life, but depth of life."

Memorial Service will be 2:00 p.m. till 4:00 p.m., Saturday, July 1, 2023 at the Holiday Island Country Club. Cremation arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Steven Wayne Womack** was born August 10, 1964, in Norman, Oklahoma to Doyal and Patsy (Crawford) Womack. Steven passed away on June 24, 2023, at Rogers, Arkansas at the age of 58.

Steven retired after 30 years of working for the city of Norman, Oklahoma. Then moving to Eureka Springs where he enjoyed boating and owning Starkey Marina. Steven cared about his staff and started the Starkey Scholarship Fund for his employees. He was incredibly funny. His passions were his kids and Starkey Marina. It was questionable though about who would come first, his kids or Starkey Marina. A favorite pastime was spending time with his good buddies on Thirsty Thursday's.

He is survived by his wife Deanna Womack of Eureka Springs, Arkansas; daughter Amber Womack (Angel Vargas) of New Castle, Oklahoma; son Ryan Womack (Lauren) of Eureka Springs, Arkansas; five grandchildren Andrew Womack, Riley Womack, Mattox Miller, Elaina Womack, and Leonidas

Womack; brother Jimmy Don McCord of Conway Arkansas; stepmother Marsha Womack of Noble, Oklahoma; other family and friends that will miss him greatly.

Steven is preceded in death by his parents Doyal Womack and Patsy Crawford.

Memorial service will be 2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 29, 2023, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel with Rev. Scott Reed officiating. Memorial donations may be made to Starkey Scholarship Fund, 4022 Mundell Road, Eureka Springs, AR 72632. Cremation arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Cha Tate** of Berryville, Arkansas was born January 1st, 1974 in Hlaing Bwe, Burma to Pah Thoo and Ma Yee. Cha passed away on Thursday, June 22nd, 2023, in Springfield, Missouri at the age of 49.

Cha enjoyed listening to music, news, and stories. He loved to cook.

Cha is survived by his wife of 31 years Mu Po of Omaha, Nebraska, daughter Mu La Paw and husband Eh Kler Moo of Omaha, Nebraska, sons Pa Sor Htee of Berryville, Arkansas and Kler Moo of Greenly, Colorado, grandchildren Legend Moo, Kayden Cha, Leona Moo, and Therblay, five sisters and other family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents Pah Thoo and Ma Yee, son Eh Htee Cha, granddaughter Liliana Moo, and brother Chalu Ku.

Funeral Service will be at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, June 29th, 2023, at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel.

**Inas Marie Walker** of Berryville, Arkansas was born September 23, 1924, in the Snow community near Berryville, to George and Mattie Perdue and passed away peacefully at her home near Metalton, Arkansas, at the age of 98.

She enjoyed her cattle and maintained a herd well into her mid-nineties. Neighbors always said she had the fattest cows in the country. At 90 she still operated the headgate at calf vaccination time. Marie was of the Baptist faith and a devout Christian.

She was a member of Mizpah Rebekah Lodge 41.

Marie is survived by her daughter Loretta Hoeffner (Frank) of Berryville, son Gary Walker of Vicksburg, Mississippi; grandchildren Dawn Pawlow of Cumberland, Mississippi, Ethan Walker of Collinsville, Mississippi, and Rea Lynne Williamson of Mountain Home, Idaho; six great grandchildren. Survivors also include special caregivers Lisa West and Rachel Karnes; loving neighbors and friends Loren Teague, Greg and Melinda Gifford, Marty and Darlene Strough.

She is preceded in death by her parents George and Mattie Perdue, husband of 45 years Otis D. Walker, two brothers Lonzo and Rit Perdue, two sisters Ona Jennings and Gladys Shaw; daughter-in-law Katherine Walker; and special friend John Mitchell.

The family wishes to express thanks to all of the caregivers and Circle of Life Hospice.

Visitation will be 9:00 am till 10:00 am, Saturday, June 24, 2024, at Moore Church. Funeral service will follow at 10:00 am with pastor Keith Moore officiating. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Thelma May "Willis" Gustin "Mimi"** was born September 1, 1928, in Nara Visa, New Mexico. To Guy E. Willis and Ruth M. "Haney" Willis. She passed away on June 19, 2023, at her home in Berryville, Arkansas. 94 glorious years!

Her family moved from New Mexico to Dalhart Texas where she grew up on a 1200-acre farm. She met and married William F. Gustin Jr., her forever love, on February 16, 1946, they had six children, four survive her, Richard Gustin of Oak Grove, Arkansas, Diana Conard of Green Forest, Arkansas, Don and Anita Gustin of Berryville, Arkansas, Allen and Kevilene Gustin of Yellville, Arkansas, a daughter-in-law Shirley Gustin of Berryville, Arkansas.

She loved to play the piano and did so on most days. Her mother taught her to sew, embroider, crochet, and quilt. Her favorite holiday was Christmas which meant embroidered towels and homemade jelly. She loved to travel going to France, Holland, Switzerland, and more. She was always ready to go!

Surviving her to carry on her legacy are 15 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, 23 great great-grandchildren, her Texas family which includes

many nieces and nephews, and brother and sisters-in-law.

Open arms welcome her to her resting place. Preceding her in death, were her husband Bill Gustin, and infant son Larry Gustin, her youngest son Bo Gustin, a son-in-law Lanny Conard, a daughter-in-law Sara Gustin, Great granddaughter Autumn Edwards, her parents and her two brothers Marvin and Bob Willis.

Funeral service will be 10:00 am, Saturday, June 24, 2023, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel with Mr. Dean Lee officiating. Memorial donations may be made to Berryville Memorial Park Cemetery, c/o Berryville City Hall, 305 E Madison, Berryville, AR 72616 or Arkansas Hospice, 310 S. Main St. Suite D, Berryville, AR 72616. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Zachary (Zach) March** was born December 10th, 1987, in St. Joseph, Missouri to parents J March and Elizabeth Barbosa. December 10, 1987 - June 15, 2023. He is preceded in death by his grandfather Dave March, grandmother Antonia Barbosa, and nephew Dominick Matt.

Zach is survived by many loving family members including his grandfather, Faustino Barbosa; grandmother, Sherry March; grandmother, Linda Cottle; his father, J March and wife Chancelee; his mother Elizabeth Barbosa; siblings, Nick Matt and his wife Evelia, Amber Matt and her fiancé Jimmy Carty, Noah March, Jaselyn Barbosa, Olivia Barbosa, and Kamdein March. Many nephews and nieces also had the pleasure of getting to love and cherish him.

Those who knew him will remember him for his soft-spoken nature, his loyalty, and his ability to stay grounded during times of chaos. If ever you happened upon him while he was in his own space you would hear music filling up his room as he was a lover of tunes and artistry.

Introverted as he might be, Zachary could be found enjoying a cold beer while sitting around with family. He thrived in quiet company and enjoyed intellectual conversation with his brothers Nick Matt and Noah March. He found happiness in being a patient uncle to all nine of his nephews and nieces over the span of two decades and will be greatly missed by them.

Family and friends are invited to share in a remembrance memorial on Sunday, June 25, 2023, from 12:00 to 4:00 P.M. in his hometown at 4730 Frederick Ave, St. Joseph, Missouri 64506. His family invites you to pay tribute to his ever-lasting memory by taking a moment to hug your child, sibling, uncle, grandkids, friend, or take a moment to reconnect with nature. Time waits for no one.

Cremation arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Loretta Ruth Cartwright** of Shell Knob, Missouri was born August 2, 1926, in Granby, Missouri to Charles and Stella (McGahan) Gibson. Loretta passed away Tuesday, June 13, 2023, in Berryville, Arkansas at the age of 96.

Loretta graduated from St. Luke's School of Nursing in Kansas City, MO in 1947. She worked at McCune Brooks Hospital in Carthage, MO after her graduation. She then became an occupational therapist at St. John's Hospital in Joplin, MO. She and her husband formed Cart's Ceramics in 1973 where she worked until her retirement in 1995. At that time she relocated to Table Rock Lake. An avid fan of the Lady Bears basketball team, Loretta also loved to fish and was active in water aerobics. She was a member of the Peace Lutheran Church in Shell Knob and a member of the LWML.

Loretta is survived by her son Peter Cartwright (Clara) of Shell Knob, Missouri, daughters Ann Cartwright (Pat Harfst) of Phoenix, Arizona and Virginia DePetro (Matt) of Denver, Colorado, four grandchildren: Nick DePetro (Laura), Sam DePetro, Aaron Cartwright (Deb), and Sam Cartwright, four great grandchildren: Sara Cartwright, Abbey Cartwright, Josiah Cartwright, and Samantha DePetro, as well as other family members and friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband William Cartwright, parents Charles and Stella Gibson, great grandson Hunter Cartwright, two brothers Elton Gibson and Bob Gibson, and daughter-in-law Nancy Cartwright.

A memorial service will be 10:30 AM on Saturday, July 8, 2023, at the Peace Lutheran Church in Shell Knob, Missouri, with Pastor Bob Alexander



officiating. Memorial donations may be made to the Peace Lutheran Church, PO Box 407, Shell Knob, MO 65747. Cremation arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Jack Ward Steele** of Berryville, Arkansas was born September 28, 1940, in Columbus, Ohio to Arthur and Kathleen (Ward) Steele. Jack passed away June 12, 2023, in Berryville at the age of 82. He loved to travel and read; he also had a passion for native American History.

Jack is survived by his wife Effie Steele, children Patrick Steele and Cinda Steele both of Harrison, Arkansas, two grandchildren, daughter-in-law Robin Nelson of Florida, and son-in-law David Fife of Berryville.

He is preceded by his parents Arthur and Kathleen Steele.

Visitation will be 5:00 pm till 7:00 pm, Thursday, June 15, 2023, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel in Berryville. Memorial donations may be made to Berryville Senior Center, 202 W. Madison Ave, Berryville, AR 72616. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**John Kevin Whiteley** of Green Forest, Arkansas was born on December 2, 1958, in Huntsville, Arkansas to Henry Clay and Clara Maxine (Phillips) Whiteley. Kevin passed away surrounded by family Saturday, June 10, 2023, at the age of 64.

Kevin was a member of the Oneness Church of God in Denver, AR, where he was a deacon, helped with different teaching opportunities, and contributed to the music by picking at a mandolin. He was a devout Christian who loved his church and considered its members his family.

Kevin and Eunice were married in June of 1979 and started the marriage off with a very memorable shivaree. At the time, Kevin worked at Green Forest Lumber and then later at Powell Farms. The young couple spent most of their free time running around with friends, traveling, tent camping at the lake, elk hunting in Colorado, and enjoying ice cold Mountain Dew from Bonhams Texaco.

He started his career at Empire Pump Service in the late 1980's. Spending 35 years with the company

allowed him to become well known throughout the Ozarks and he was often referred to as "the pump man". His coworkers, old and new, quickly became his extended family and fast friends which meant that there was always room for them at his dinner table, on his fishing trips or even a family vacations.

Fatherhood started for Kevin in March of 1985 with the birth of his daughter, Kara. This created a memorable moment because for the first time in his adult life Kevin shaved off all his facial hair because he was afraid to rub his "who who's" on his baby. To this day, only Eunice has any recollection of ever seeing his upper lip. In June of 1990, his son Kalin was born. This was also the year that the family moved into their current home that Kevin and his father, Clay, built on Hwy 311.

Kevin was an amazing father and loved his children dearly. He showed his love by giving the best "horsey rides", teaching them the important things like how they should eat popcorn with a slice of cheese, and coaching their ball teams. He took them on many adventures such as camping, trail riding, hunting, fishing and instilled in them a love for the mountains. His love for his kids extended right into his role as PaPa when, first, his granddaughter Merritt arrived and then later, his grandson Lochlan. Kevin was born to fill the role of being a grandparent. He often joked about the family all moving in together because, like it or not, he was going to be checking in on those kids about every day. He rarely missed a day without at least making a phone call to check on his grandbabies and he never missed a babysitting opportunity, recital, game, birthday or any event that his grandbabies participated in, even once it became almost impossible for him to walk on his own, he wasn't going to miss it. Heartbreakingly, missing out on watching them grow up was his biggest regret and his deepest sadness in the acceptance of his diagnosis. He often said his grandbabies were as mesmerizing as "watching a campfire" and would spend hours watching and playing with them.

Kevin was a kind, quiet, and witty man who did not waste words and easily commanded your attention when he spoke. He believed in helping others whenever he could and was rarely seen without a smile. He was the kind of man that you could talk to about your deepest thoughts and worries but you

knew it would be held in high regard and with the strictest of confidence. He was a deep thinker who always had big dreams, most of those somehow involved being in the mountains. He hated humidity and complained about it every Summer when it started to climb. He loved an ice-cold mountain dew and anything that would satiate his sweet tooth, as well as being on a perpetual quest to find the perfect hamburger. He was quick in his wit and often made up poems and songs on the fly that had everyone cackling. He loved a good "Kevinism" such as "don't eat yellow snow" or "you don't take sand to the beach" but was also very thoughtful and serious in his words of wisdom. He spent a lot of his time calling the Hogs and even more of his time griping about them. He loved a good hike through the Rockies, scouting for elk and taking in the scenic landscapes. He dreamt daily of retiring to the mountains where he would feel the cool breeze and listen to it as it shuddered through the Quakies. But most of all, Kevin Whiteley loved the Lord, his family, and his friends.

Kevin is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Eunice Terherst Whiteley, who survives him of the home, daughter Kara Arnold and husband Travis of Harrison, Arkansas, son Kalin Whiteley of Green Forest, Arkansas, grandchildren Merritt Arnold and Lochlan Arnold, sister Debbie White and husband Richard of Joplin, Missouri, several other aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and many close friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents Henry Clay and Clara Maxine Whiteley.

Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m., Friday, June 16, 2023, at Nelson's Green Forest Chapel. Funeral service will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 17, 2023, at Green Forest First Assembly of God Church. Interment will follow at Denver Cemetery. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**Shirley Lavaughn (Francis) Harp** of Holiday Island passed away in Springfield on June 7, 2023, at the age of 85. She was born September 9, 1937, to Lynn and Ruth (Oxley) Francis at Bado, Missouri. The family later moved to Mountain Grove, Missouri

where Shirley graduated from High School, after which she attended Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri, after that she was employed by various large businesses throughout her career.

Shirley loved gospel music and grew up participating in a southern gospel quartet with her parents who did weekly live radio shows over various radio stations and doing personal appearances throughout the area in Missouri. She was also a member of a girl's quartet during her High School years who had Sunday morning appearances on live radio shows. Shirley also accompanied her husband's "Big Band" on many occasions, and she also was with him for moral support when he played taps on his trumpet for hundreds of military and Veterans funerals, nursing homes, etc.

In 1988 Shirley was united in marriage in Honolulu, Hawaii to Laddie Joe Harp of Eureka Springs, Arkansas. They then located to Eureka Springs to assist his parents with their family businesses until their deaths.

After then they spent several years traveling across country with Shirley's dad in their motorhome and attended various national quartet conventions and other gospel concerts while sight-seeing along the way but returning to their home in Florida to spend the winters. In 2006, they returned to Eureka Springs and located at Holiday Island.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband Laddie Joe Harp, parents Lynn and Ruth Francis of Mountain Grove, Missouri, her sister and brother-in-law Delores and Allen Lindley of Roswell, New Mexico, brother and sister-in-law Eugene and Mary Francis of Callahan, Florida, grand parents Charles and Cora Francis of Bado, Missouri, John and Margaret Oxley of Cabool, Missouri, several uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Survivors include niece Marjorie Bohnker of Deland, Florida, nephews and their wives Gene and Julie Lindley of Springfield, Missouri, Buddy and Rhonda Francis of Jacksonville, Florida, Lynn Francis of Florida, Larry Lindley of Riverside, California, step-son and wife Mark and Cindy Harp of Springfield, Missouri, step grandson Joey Harp and Danielle of Springfield, Missouri, step great grandson Jason Harp of Springfield, Missouri, and a host of

great nephews, great nieces, great great nieces and great great nephews and cousins.

Note: This obituary was drawn up by Shirley L. (Francis) Harp in her own words.

Graveside service will be 2:00 pm, Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at Eureka Springs Cemetery alongside Shirley's husband. In lieu of flowers Shirley has requested donations to be made to Veterans organizations or the Elks Lodge, 4 Parkcliff Drive, Holiday Island, AR 2631, or Holiday Island Community Church of Holiday Island, Arkansas. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

**William DeForrest (De) Howes** of Holiday Island, Arkansas was born October 13, 1931, in Manhattan, Kansas to John and Mary (Hungerford) Howes. De passed away Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at the age of 91.

De was raised on a farm in northeast Kansas and graduated from Whiting High School in 1949. After attending technical school, De became a television and radio technician for Advance Music Company. In 1959, De began his career as a customer service engineer for IBM and retired in 1993. De enjoyed camping and sailing with his family and had a passion for woodworking and electronics. De was the ultimate "do it yourselfer" and taught his kids valuable skills like how to hold the flashlight and which end of the screwdriver to use. De and his wife Nina were married for 64 years and enjoyed square dancing and traveling together.

De is survived by his sons Donald Howes and wife Jan of Holiday Island, Arkansas and Richard Howes and wife Cheryl of Lake Lotawana, Missouri, daughter Anita Fuller and husband Mike Loveall of Independence, Missouri, eight grandchildren: Jim, Julie, Emily, Bobby, Sarah, Amber, Matthew, and Jenny, sixteen great grandchildren, brother Terry Howes of Golden, Colorado, sister-in-law Phyllis Holmes of Shawnee, Kansas, as well as many other family members and friends.

De is preceded in death by his wife Nina Mae (Smith) Howes, parents John and Mary Howes, half-sister Theola Carey and half-brother Herbert Howes.

A Celebration of Life memorial will be scheduled in Kansas City later this fall. Memorial donations may be made to Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Rd, Springdale, AR 72712. Cremation arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service.

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**Neal E. Nichols**, 73, passed away June 26, 2023, as a result of lengthy and debilitating health problems. He was born January 8, 1950, in Enid, Oklahoma to Sylvia Mae and George V. Nichols. He was a military soldier who voluntarily joined the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. Neal was serving as Sargent during the war and was severely injured and consequently suffered from serious complicated health problems for the remainder of his life. He loved nature, people, and animals and was well known in the community around Carroll and Boone counties. He was always ready and willing to help a friend and will be sorely missed. Neal was born the third of four children and two stepchildren. He was preceded in death by Sylvia Mae Smith (mother) and George V. Nichols (father) Paul E. Smith (stepfather), Nathan L. Nichols (brother) and Randy Nichols (nephew.) He is survived by Dr. George V. Nichols (brother) and Dr. Patsy A. Nichols (sister-in-law), Murray, KY; Vickie L. Parras (sister) Dallas, TX; Pauletta Norman (stepsister) Green Forest, AR; Tina Allen, Oak Grove, AR, Christopher C. Nichols (son) Dermott, AR, and Sara Smith (daughter) Tacoma, WA, in addition to several nieces and nephews. A private graveside military service will be conducted at 2pm on July 1, 2023, by Smith Family Funeral Home.

**Mary Ann Shafer**, age 68, of Alpena, AR, passed away in Fayetteville, AR, Sunday, June 25, 2023. She was born February 26, 1955, in Waterloo, Iowa, daughter of Leo and Ola (Dixon) Barker. On February 24, 1979, she was united in marriage with Gene Shafer. Mary Ann had been employed at a number of places, including Mass Merchandise and Tyson Foods. She loved spending time with her family and was a loving mother and sister.

Mary Ann is survived by her children, Jesse Shafer of Alpena and daughter Vanessa Lee Shafer of Alpena, grandchildren, Logan Lee, Isabela Lee, and Areana Lee all of Alpena, sisters, Tereasia Marshall and husband Steve of Green Forest, Gwenda Fryar and husband Sheldon of Green Forest, Pamela Barker of Green Forest, Gail Howard and husband Raymond of Rogers and a host of nieces and nephews who loved her dearly.

She is preceded in death by her husband Gene Shafer, parents, Leo and Ola Barker, brother and sister-in-law Leo Jr. Barker and Laurie Barker, sister, Brenda Bass, nephew, Raymond Howard Jr. of Rogers, grandparents, Polly Ann Mitchel Dixon, Samuel Dixon, Harry James Barker and Mary Francis Foster.

Celebration of Life service will be 10:00 AM Friday, June 30, 2023, at Alpena Cemetery. The visitation will be 5-7 PM, Thursday, at Smith Family Funeral Home.

**Betty Jane (Getting) Strole**, of Kingston, Arkansas passed away Wednesday, 6/21/2023. She was born February 29, 1932, in Lake Preston, South Dakota to the late Clarence Getting and Della Marion (Farnsworth) Getting.

She grew up on farms in South Dakota and Iowa and graduated high school in Sanborn, Iowa. She loved trumpet, 4H and farm life. She obtained a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Iowa and worked as a nurse in the Los Angeles, California area. Because she was a registered nurse (RN), she became a stewardess for Slick Airlines. She traveled worldwide and especially loved visiting Wake Island, Hawaii, and Japan. On August 23, 1958, she married the late Charles (Chuck) Strole in Van Nuys, California. She was a homemaker in Palmdale, Northridge, and Three Points, CA. She worked as an elementary school nurse for the LA City School District. She was a member of Granada Hills Methodist Church, Leona Valley Baptist Church, Osage Baptist Church and Rudd Baptist Church; she enjoyed serving in the choir, the kitchen, the nursery and anywhere she was needed. She and Chuck were

married 59 years. She loved to cook, bake, share recipes, sew, read, garden, and travel; she especially loved hosting and being with friends and family.

She is survived by her sisters, Marlene Sherman, and Helen Buse and her husband Ray, brother Dennis Getting and his wife Pauline; sons, Greg Strole and wife Cindy of Siloam Springs, Doug Strole of Kingston, daughter, Jeanette Pierce and husband John of Citrus Heights, California, grandchildren, Jereme Pierce and wife Catherine, Kaeti Roberts and husband Jay, Hannah Prevost and husband Ed, Rachel Jordan, Sarah Strole and husband Pete, Curtis Strole and wife Cheriese, Emily Vilbrun and husband Mickenson, Dorothy Letelier and husband Casey, Molly Asamura and husband Andrew, Linda Woltman, Forest Woltman; 27 great-grandchildren and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and sister Virginia (Getting) Rohwer. A memorial service to celebrate this special life will be given at Smith Family Funeral Home in Green Forest on Saturday, July 29, 2023 at 2:00 PM with Pastor Greg Lentz officiating.

**Wilburn Walker Watts**, also known as Willy, passed away peacefully on June 21, 2023, at the age of 90 in Harrison, AR. He was born in Leslie, AR on August 26, 1932, and he is survived by his sons and daughters, as well as his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Shirley.

Willy was a devoted family man and he had a strong faith in the Lord. He was also an accomplished baker, HVAC company owner, and a pilot. His hobbies included woodworking, fishing, and target shooting.

Willy served in the Army and was proud of his military associations. He graduated from East Peoria High School in East Peoria, IL.

Celebration of Life service for Willy will be Tuesday, June 27, at 2:00 PM at Smith Family Funeral Home in Green Forest with Pastor Greg Lentz officiating. Interment will follow at Gobbler Cemetery with military honors provided by the Eureka Springs American Legion Honor Guard.

**Carolyn White**, of Green Forest, AR went to her heavenly home on Sunday, June 18, 2023, at the age of 78. She was born January 22, 1945, in Carthage, MS to Leon and Evelyn Floyd Adams.

On July 3, 1965, she married the love of her life, Lee White. Together, they raised 1 daughter, Leah Motzko. She enjoyed cooking, crafts and traveling, and she loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband of the home, Lee White, daughter Leah Motzko and her husband Greg of Berryville, and granddaughters Savannah Motzko of Little Rock and Micaela Motzko-Hutchcroft and her husband Austin of Tulsa, OK. Also surviving are 3 brothers, Dennis Adams and wife Hilda of Carthage, MS, Randy Adams and wife Carolyn of Columbia, MS, and Kevin Adams and wife Debbie of Tupelo, MS, and many nieces and nephews and extended family members.

She is preceded in death by her parents, brother Winfred Adams and sister Paulette Adams.

Celebration of Life service for Carolyn will be held Saturday, July 22 at 12:00 PM at Smith Family Funeral Home in Green Forest with Missionary Rev. Randy Adams officiating.

**Leroy Wayne Wood** of Omaha, AR, passed away on Monday, May 1, 2023, at the age of 78. He was born in Berryville on August 5, 1944.

Leroy was a passionate NASCAR fan, and he spent many years racing cars locally at many of the area tracks. He was an Arkansas Razorbacks fan, and he loved fishing and spending time on the lake. He spent most of his career working in sales. Many people will remember him when he worked at Castle Pawn Shop and Sears in Harrison. He loved working with people, telling stories, and joking around. He was a graduate of Green Forest High School, and he was a member of New Hope Baptist Church in Omaha.

Leroy is survived by his children, Randy Wood of Oklahoma and Debi Wood-Richardson of Phoenix, AZ; 2 sisters, Linda Tresler and her husband Sam of Berryville, and Brenda Caivano and her husband

Dominic of Glens Falls, NY; brother-in-law Ernest Ramsey of Harrison; and many nieces and nephews and close friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, Dean and Louise Cooper Wood, and 1 sister, Diana Ramsey.

Celebration of Life service for Leroy will be Friday, May 5 at 2:00 PM at Smith Family Funeral Home Chapel in Green Forest with Rev. Gary Sloan officiating. Interment will follow at Berryville Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1-2 PM just prior to the start of the service.

**David Allen Grisham** of Alpena relocated to his heavenly home on September 13, 2023 at the age of 79 years. He was born to the late Edd and Sue Grisham at Lick Branch near Alpena.

David, a graduate of Alpena, was the jack of all trades. He was an assistant manager at Wal-Mart, worked at KC Meat Wholesale, was an auctioneer, and worked in construction. David also worked at Alpena Schools where he kept his eye out for two of daughters. He drove the athletic bus and enjoyed supporting all of his "ball boys". In David's later years, he worked in the telecommunication field and was a mechanic at Kubota Tractor. David was a lifelong farmer.

David was known by loved ones as "D.G.", while others called him by the nickname "Windy". D.G.'s claim to fame was his ability to laugh so hard that he would end up in tears. His chuckle would turn into a full belly laugh. David could often be found following his grandchildren to their activities. One of his favorite pastimes when he was younger was going with the men of the family to deer camp. D.G. enjoyed fishing trips with buddies and camping trips with his family. David had an extensive hat collection. On Easter, all the kids knew that there would be at least one egg hidden under his cap. He was a woodworker who often made clocks, picture frames, chairs, and cedar chests for his family. In his later years, he spent time going to sale barns and sitting outside in his chair. David was never late to anything a day in his life. He was tormented by a

special friend, Danny Youngblood, for over forty years.

Along with his parents, David was preceded in death by his sister, Edna Kay Maybee and his brother, Gary Grisham.

David is survived by his wife of 51 years, Connie (Savage) Grisham; his "girls" -Melissa Smith (Don), Jennifer Grisham, Alisha Norris (Heath), Shelley Fason (Dustin); grandchildren Drew Smith (Candice), Aubrey Fausett (Chris), Makayla Smith, Austin Boyle, Rachel Graham (Jacob), Madison Fancher, Alivia Norris, Hudson Norris, Hagen Norris, Karleigh Fason, and Baylee Fason; 9 great-grandchildren, and sister Sarah Newman (Randy).

Celebration of Life service will be 2:00 PM Monday, September 18 at Smith Family Funeral Home. Internment will follow at Alpena Cemetery. Visitation will be 6:00-8:00 PM Sunday, September 17 at the funeral home.

Pallbearers are Danny Youngblood, Randy Newman, Don Smith, Heath Norris, Dustin Fason, Roger and Ricky Grisham. Honorary Pallbearers are his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, Curt Savage, David Savage, Rick Savage, Steve Savage, James Fancher, & Ricky Stone.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to Dr. Tom Langston and staff, Cox Medical in Branson, and Hospice of the Hills. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you would goose, prank, or pester Danny Youngblood for all the suffering David enjoyed/endured over the years.

**Ashley McCool**, age 39, of West Fork, AR passed away Thursday evening September 7th, 2023. She was born September 14th, 1983, in Eureka Springs, AR, the daughter of Debra and Randall Holliman.

By June 2005, Ashley was a mother of three. Devoting her time, love and care to the children that were her world now. As time went by Ashley spent every second she could holding her children close as they grew up. Working hard to be the best mother she could be. Along her years of life Ashley made many

friends she cherished with everything she had. On May 22nd, 2020, she met the person who would hold her up past her heartaches and give her three other children to cherish. Kevin Cook, and his children gave her four more reasons to see the joy in the world. Ashley also 'adopted' many of her children's friends, becoming a second mother to many kids. Her heart was open to anyone and everyone, it was a second nature to become "Mom" to any child who walked through her doors. She spent time crocheting with her family's conversations surrounding her or reading books she loved to talk about. Ashley's favorite pastime was playing games with her family, and cherishing the seconds where love knew no bounds. Family was everything to her.

She is survived by her grandmother Pauline Cox, brother Randy Holliman as well as wife Nancy of San Antonio, TX, significant-other Kevin Cook of West Fork, AR, sons Kobe Brecheen, Jordan Brecheen, and Xander Cook, as well as daughters Rainey Brecheen, Keyera Cook, and Serenity Cook. She is also survived by nieces, Valery and Alejandra Holliman-Pecina, and nephew Angel Holliman-Pencia, and grandson Axel Cook.

Ashley was preceded in death by her parents, Debra and Randall Holliman.

Celebration of Life service for Ashley will be Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 3:00 PM at Smith Family Funeral Home in Green Forest.

**Leonda Gay (McCreary) Wilson**, of Green Forest, AR, departed this life Sunday, August 20, 2023, at the age of 64 years. The daughter of Fred and Linda McCreary was born September 27, 1958, at Harrison, AR.

Leonda was raised and attended school in Blue Eye, MO and spent most of her adult life in Green Forest. She devoted most of her life to caring for others through Home Health and the Carroll County Senior Center. For over 20 years she was a bus driver and Meals On Wheels deliverer.

Her greatest joys in life were her grandkids, her kids, and her family. She enjoyed reading, fishing, playing bingo, watching Senior Olympics and Star Trek. Leonda was a friend to all and had a heart of gold.

She is preceded in death by her father, Fred McCreary, ex-husband Marvin Lee Wilson, grandparents, Georgia and Charlie Marshall and Joe and Vada McCreary, mother and father-in-law Jay and Rena Wilson, also good friend David Fritz.

She is survived by her mother, Linda McCreary; children Chandra Leigh (Wilson) Rose, Jacob Leon Wilson and wife Leslie, grandkids, Hayze Conway, Russell Wilson, lean Conway, Kendall Gonce Wilson, Valeigh Rose, and RuthAnne Wilson, sisters, Freda McCreary and Theresa McCreary and best friends, Teresa Fritz and Kim Bailey and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and loved ones.

Celebration of Life will be 11:00 AM, Saturday, August 26, 2023, in the Fellowship Hall at First Freewill Baptist Church in Berryville. Please feel free to bring a dish and join the family for a Potluck luncheon as they share memories of a life well lived.

**Johnny (John) Darrell McCreary** of Green Forest, born December 28, 1944, in Blue Eye, Missouri left this life on August 20, 2023. He served America for 6 years in the Army and Reserves and received special recognition as a Sharpshooter. His passions were Driving Race Cars, throwing Horseshoes, Hunting, Fishing and NASCAR. He spent many years of his professional career as a Truck Driver for Daisy Manufacturing.

He was preceded in death by his parents Joe & Vada McCreary. Three brothers Edwin, Fred and Roy Lee (Bimbo) McCreary. Two children Leslie Dodson and an infant daughter, Angela Jo McCreary.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years Jean Ann McCreary, one brother Rex McCreary and one sister Lorine Newboles both of Green Forest, and his daughter Shelly McCreary Owens of Pineville, AR and two Sons Joe McCreary Macon and his husband Michael of Springdale, AR and Noah McCreary and

his wife Casey of Green Forest, AR. Debbie Hall a close family friend. Seven Grandchildren and 16 Great-Grandchildren.

Johnny will always be known for his love of Family, Community and a good, brewed beverage. Gone from this world but forever in our hearts.

A Celebration of Life service for Johnny will be scheduled for a later date. Cremation services are under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Home.

**Linda Elaine (Allred) Wishon** passed into the gracious, loving arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus, at 10:30 AM on Friday, August 11, 2023, after a brief but intense battle with cancer.

Linda is survived by her husband of 47 years, Larry, and two beautiful daughters, Bethany Wishon and Lindsay Crum. She is also survived by six grandchildren, Brendan Yandell, Ariana Slayton, Ella Williams, Whitley Crum, Rylan Evans, Nolan Kirk, and one great grand-daughter, Vivienne Bell. She also had a special place in her heart for two men whom she considered her sons, Chris Yandell and Ron Crum.

Linda retired from being the Court Clerk for the Western District of Carroll County in 2019. She was an honored co-worker to those who knew her, and a spiritual advisor and confidant to many. She will be missed by all who were blessed with having crossed her path, and will eagerly look forward to seeing her in that city, whose builder and maker is God.

Celebration Of Life graveside service will be 10:00 AM Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at Friendship Cemetery in Springdale, AR with Rev Delbert Cronister and Pastor Mark Bryant officiating. Interment will follow at Friendship Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-8 PM, Monday, August 14, 2023 at Smith Family Funeral Home in Green Forest, AR.

**Carroll Donaldson Battin** of Green Forest went to his heavenly home on Thursday, August 10, 2023, joining his wife Jennifer and loved ones who have gone before him. He was born May 24, 1942, to Earl

and Gertrude Neal Battin. He was a lifelong resident of Green Forest.

On May 11, 1963, Carroll was united in marriage to the love of his life, Jennifer Sue Mowbray, and together they raised 2 children, Mark and Shelly.

Carroll was a hard-working man, a master craftsman known throughout the community for his amazing woodworking skills, building cabinets, rustic style furniture including nightstands, beds, and dressers, and novelty crafts such as toy trucks and gift shop type items. If it was made from wood, he could build it! He also enjoyed gardening, reading, and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his son Mark Battin of Green Forest, daughter Shelly Fultz of Green Forest, grandchildren Ronnie Fultz, Jacob Fultz, and Nakisha Fultz-Thomas and husband James, brother Clay Battin, and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his wife Jennifer Battin, parents Earl and Gertrude Battin, brother Donald Battin, and sister Nettie Fern.

Celebration of Life service for Carroll will be 10:00 AM, Wednesday, August 16 at Smith Family Funeral Home with Rev. Sam Felten officiating. Interment will follow at Fair Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-7 PM, Tuesday, August 15 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Beth'el Baptist Church of Green Forest. Online condolences can be made at [smithfamilyfuneralhome.net](http://smithfamilyfuneralhome.net).

**William Clay Bozarth** lived a life of faith, family, and service. Clay was born on February 1, 1934, in rural Ripley County, Missouri to Andrew Jackson Bozarth and Annie Bozarth. Clay was the fifth of eight siblings and the second son. Clay grew up with three older sisters and three younger sisters. Later in life, Clay would remark about how those six women kept him in line when he was a child.

When Clay was a young teenager, his family moved to Springfield, Missouri, where he attended school through the eleventh grade. In 1951 and upon

completing eleventh grade, Clay entered the labor force, working in carpentry for a year. In 1952, Clay joined the United States Navy. Clay served for four years, including a year afloat on the USS Taussig (DD-746) and a tour at Naval Base Guam. Clay completed his active-duty service in the summer of 1956 as a Damage Control Petty Officer Second Class, and received an honorable discharge in San Diego, California. A country boy at heart and missing home, Clay loaded up his car and drove back to Springfield to work in maintenance.

Unbeknownst to Clay, his younger sister Aletta had a plan for him. Soon after arriving back in Springfield, Clay visited Aletta at her job at Crown Drugstore. It was here that Aletta purposefully introduced Clay to a coworker, 18-year-old Wanda Conrad. Later in life, Wanda would often recount that she knew upon seeing Clay that "she was going to marry that boy." Wanda was right, and Clay and she were married on August 5, 1957. And so began a lifelong love and partnership.

In 1962, Clay, Wanda, and their infant daughter, Ruby, moved to Berryville, Arkansas. During their time in Berryville, Clay and Wanda had two more children, Rose and Tony, and numerous businesses, including small engine repair, sheet metal work, heating and air installation, and beef and poultry farming. While Clay turned the wrenches and climbed in the attics, Wanda managed the business finances. They both fed the cattle and walked the chicken houses.

In 1977, the Bozarth family joined and began regularly attending the Berryville Church of Christ. Throughout the remainder of his life, Clay was a devoted member of the Church, serving as a deacon and a long-time elder. Clay and Wanda raised their children and grandchildren in the Church. As a church leader, Clay was always standing at the entrance both at the beginning and end of church service to exchange hugs, handshakes, and warm words with members and guests alike.

Clay was a shining example of leadership through action. His military service inspired his son and grandsons to serve in the military. He led at church and in the Berryville community as a long-time



member of the Cattlemen's Association. He was patient and kind. He would not hesitate to help those in need, and there was no end to the love and support he provided his family.

William Clay Bozarth left this world and rejoined his beautiful bride in heaven on Thursday, August 3, 2023, just in time for their sixty-sixth wedding anniversary. While we are so happy that Clay and Wanda are back together again, our hearts ache from the loss of our patriarch and a foundational rock in our lives.

Clay was preceded in death by his wife, Wanda; his parents, Andrew and Annie Bozarth; siblings Everett Bozarth, Ethel Cecil, Etta Nettles, Lucille White, and Jane Hodge; and his first-born daughter, Beverly Bozarth. Clay is survived by his children, Ruby Edwards, Rose Spencer, and Anthony Bozarth; three grandchildren, Andrew Bozarth, Joel Bozarth, and Emma Spencer; five great-grandchildren, Kayan Bozarth, Naomi Bozarth, Rhys Bozarth, William Bozarth, and Charleston Bozarth; and two siblings, Aletta Essary and Sue Watson.

Visitation for Clay will be Monday, August 7, 2023, from 6-8 PM at Smith Family Funeral Home in Green Forest. Celebration of Life service with military honors will be Tuesday, August 8 at 12:00 PM at Springfield National Cemetery in Springfield, MO.

**Rose Mary Green Stamps** was born March 31, 1937, to Eugene and Mary (Angotti) Green of Kansas City, MO. Rose grew up with her five brothers, Frank, John, Joe, Richard, and Vince, and one sister, Patty, and a large extended Italian family in Northeast Kansas City, MO. She cherished her times with her grandmother, Teresa Angotti, and her Aunt Ernie. Rose attended Cardinal Glennon High School in Kansas City, MO before moving to Wichita, KS for work. Working as a waitress in Wichita, Rose met the love of her life, Lewis Wesley Stamps. Following a brief engagement, Lewis sold his pet cow, bought Rose an engagement ring, and Rose and Lewis were married in Kansas City, MO on July 21, 1956.

Living in Northeast Kansas City, Rose found joy in hobbies such as ceramics, crocheting, and hosting

Avon parties. These activities gave her opportunity to laugh, talk, drink coffee, and meet new people. Rose didn't know a stranger and was the first to offer all she could to others. Rose became fond of keeping up with local and national news with her weekly subscription to The National Enquire. She didn't miss a week of knowing the news of movie stars and politicians while finding every word in the tabloid's back-of-the-cover word search.

A job at the Sears Credit Department in Kansas City began Rose's career as a long-term Sears and Roebuck employee. Rose had a love for retail sales and quickly moved to a store assistant manager and later store manager. Her stores were always impeccably clean, and merchandise was always in order. Sears gave Rose the opportunity to meet people, find good bargains, but most of all create life-long friendships.

Rose and Lewis purchased land in Independence, MO in 1970, built their own home, and continued to raise their family on Highland Drive. The home gave Rose space to celebrate her Italian heritage by hosting large family gatherings where she served meals lovingly prepared in her mushroom clad kitchen. Her clean home was always open to friends and family for visiting, card games, or a hot cup of coffee and an Italian cookie. Rose began each day with prayer to Heavenly Father giving gratitude for her abundance of life. She then applied her perfect makeup, fixed her hair, added a pair of earrings, and presented herself to others with her beautiful smile.

In the Fall of 1997, Lewis said to Rose, "Green acres is the place for me!" Rose replied, "Independence is where I'd rather be!" Lewis responded, "Farm livin' is the life for me!" and with that said, Lewis and Rose moved to the Stamps Family Farm in Osage, AR. The farm life in Osage gave Rose many new life experiences. Bottle feeding calves, water from a spring, and the beauty of God's creation for miles to see. Rose quickly made new friends and reacquainted herself with Lewis' relatives. Attending the Osage Baptist Church, Rose enjoyed Sunday School, Bible Study, and Sunday morning services. With retail sales still a passion, Rose was hired to be a cashier at the Alpena, AR Dollar General. Rose

made quick time of the curvy country roads to make her way to Alpena for work. The theme stayed the same. Rose made lasting friends with each person she met. Rose finally retired at age 85 and spent her last year visiting family in Kansas City and CA while enjoying her dogs, birds, laundry, and friends in AR.

Rose was the loving mother of Lewis Wesley, Jr., Danny Phillip, Tommy Dean, and grandson Eric Dean. Family was a priority for Rose. She created special birthday celebrations for the boys, filled each holiday with over-the-top decorations and gifts, and ensured her boys were involved in church, Scouts, and all large family events. Rose taught her boys to love God, work hard, be honest, do right, and to love one another. Later, she would continue to share her loving kindness with grandson Nathan David, granddaughter Melanie Rose, and great granddaughter Ava Reese. All would receive carefully selected holiday greeting cards with special words doubled and triple underlined. Checks would arrive on birthdays with the dominations matching children's ages. And seasoned oyster crackers were given just because.

Rose loved animals. Her dogs were her other kids! The dogs always had treats and they knew if they sat long enough, they would get the last bites of each meal. Rose's bird feeders were always full and there was daily corn for the squirrels. She delighted in sitting each morning with a cup of hot coffee to watch the birds come and go from her feeders.

As Rose passes with the angels who surround her, may she be with her loving God and reunite with those who have gone before her. As we celebrate the life of Rose Mary Green Stamps, may we always hear the gentle ring of wind chimes and remember Rose in our hearts.

Rose is lovingly survived by her son Danny (Pegi) Stamps; grandsons Eric Stamps and Nathan (Mandi) Stamps; granddaughter Melanie Stamps; great granddaughter Ava Stamps; brothers Richard (Joanne) Green and Vince Cosentino; sister Patty Marchese; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Visitation for Rose Mary Green Stamps will be held Monday, August 7, 2023, at Osage Baptist Church from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM followed by a graveside service at the Liberty Cemetery in Dinsmore, AR

**Donald Ray Masters Jr.**, passed away peacefully in his home on Friday, July 28, 2023, surrounded by his family. Don (better known as Terry by his family) was born January 30, 1959, to Donald Ray Masters Sr. and Goldie Lavonne (Carteman) Masters in Woodward, OK. He worked as a caregiver of people with disabilities with Independent Living and had worked as an oil rig manager with Southwest Energy. He was also a minister.

He lived his life with the world's view, not knowing what all the Lord had in mind for him. In 1989, the Lord showed him the way to live his life. Don did a 180 to completely change his and his family's lives for the better. He was on fire for the Lord and was eager to spread the Gospel of Jesus. There was not a day that went by that he did not share the Gospel with someone.

In the last weeks of his life, while sick and weak in the hospital, he would talk to each nurse, doctor, resident, and anyone that came into his room about how God could help them. A nurse came into his room when he was very weak and not doing well. She wanted to share with Don's wife how his words from the Lord had encouraged her with a specific family need. In the last week and a half of his life, one of his grandsons came to visit, and while there, God gave Don the strength to lead him to the Lord. This tells the true story of Don Masters.

He loved everyone whether family or not. He was truly a servant of God and wanted to help anyone to lean on the Lord in time of need. If you have not been blessed by Don Masters, then you never met him.

He leaves a legacy of love; his loving wife of 46 years, Amalia, of the home; six children, Edgar Masters of Harrison, Lisa Masters of Harrison, Lori Strough (Mark) of Berryville, Terresa Weaver (Josh) of Harrison, Austin Robertson of Harrison, and Carlos

Robertson of Harrison; three brothers, Steve Masters (Donna) of Pryor, OK, Mike Masters (Kelly) of Berryville, AR, and Randy Masters (Qiana) of FL, and one sister Cheryl Roth (Gary) of WY; sixteen grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and an abundance of nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by his parents, one sister Vicki Masters, and brother Rick Masters. As Don would say, "We are blessed, highly favored, and destined to prosper.

Celebration of Life will be 11:00 am, Saturday, August 5, 2023, at Restoration Life Fellowship in Batavia, AR, with Pastor John Kindrix officiating. Interment will follow at Maple Leaf Cemetery in Harrison, AR. Visitation will be private, family only.

**Lois Omagene Butler** was born October 21, 1929, in Oso, Washington to James and Willie (Russell) Smith. She departed this life July 26, 2023, in Springdale, Arkansas at the age of 93. Early in life her family moved to California where they became cattle ranchers and developed a Prune orchard and later a Walnut Orchard in the Red Bluff area.

Omagene married Floyd Butler on June 2, 1947, in Reno Nevada. To this union was born Keith Butler (Carol) of Berryville and James Roscoe (Rusty) Butler (Suellen) of Green Forest who survive her.

Her family was very important to her, especially her grandchildren, Craig (Rachael), Krista (Nick), BJ, Roscoe, and Kent (Mallory). And her great grandchildren, Cali, Sydney (Tylar) Cami, Billy Jack, Raelin (Jackson), Avere, and Hinton. In her final weeks she was blessed to welcome her first great, great grandchild which saw the celebration of five generations. She would always ask about that baby, Riella Jo Annette.

Her younger years were spent moving from job site to job site when Floyd built motels in the south. She could be ready to go on a move anywhere at the drop of a hat. She lived in many places and many houses that she and Floyd would build and sell.

Much of her adult life was given to ministry with Floyd who pastored churches in Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, and Oregon. Many people remember her as a pastor's wife and were blessed by her quiet, soft-spoken way, always content to be on the sidelines serving. She was the Kool-Aide drink lady on Wednesday nights at Church On The Hill, serving the many kids. At church events and family gatherings her brownies and chili beans were always a favorite.

Omagene's favorite hobby/past time was working at the Heritage Center where she became interested in genealogy. Her research was extensive in family history of many of the Butler's and she has many books compiled of family history.

She was preceded in death by her husband Floyd, parents, and brother's Marvin and Jay.

Celebration of Life services will be Tuesday, August 1 at 10:00 AM at Church On The Hill in Berryville with her son Keith & Grandsons Craig and Kent officiating. Interment will follow at Rule Cemetery.

**Jan Khin**, age 63, of Green Forest, AR passed away Tuesday, July 25, 2023. She was born December 10, 1960, in Kyaukkyi, Ler Doh to Htoo Shwe and Bow Ghay.

Jan was employed for Tyson Foods in Green Forest. She enjoyed reading the Bible, listening to sermons, planting and going to the river. Jan was a loving wife and mother.

Survivors include her husband Ta Err, daughters, Paw Wah and Moo Wah and one son Wah Doh Soe.

Celebration of Life will be 1:00 PM Monday, July 31, 2023, at Smith Family Funeral Home in Green Forest. Interment will follow at Fair Grove Cemetery.

**Angel Alejandro Vasquez Orellana** was born silent into this world on Sunday, July 23, 2023, but his beautiful life will always be treasured in the hearts of his parents, Alejandro Vasquez and Daniela Orellana.

A graveside service will begin at 10:00 AM on Thursday, July 27 at Fair Grove Cemetery in Green Forest with Pastor Juan Rodriguez officiating.

**Carleta Taylor**, age 88, of Berryville, passed away peacefully to receive her heavenly reward on Sunday, July 16, 2023. She was born March 17, 1935, in Reeds Spring, MO to Walter and Ica Dahms.

In January 1950, Carleta met and married the love of her life, Carl Taylor. Together they raised 1 daughter, and their favorite pastime was square dancing, where they spent many happy times traveling to dances all around the Ozarks. She loved sewing and was an excellent seamstress. She was passionate about doing ceramic artwork as well as taking care of her flowers and roses. She enjoyed telling funny stories to her grandchildren, causing them to laugh hysterically. Most of her career was spent as a seamstress, working at local factories, including 30 years at Glick in Berryville.

Carleta is survived by her daughter, Nancy Swofford and husband Bill of Oak Grove, granddaughters Carla Bruegel and husband Billy of Oak Grove and Melissa Jacob and husband Matt of Berryville, great grandchildren Taylor Edmondson of Branson, MO, Alyson Bruegel of Oak Grove, and Ryan Bruegel of Oak Grove.

She is preceded in death by her parents and husband Carl, sisters Marie Buchloz and Aileen Anderson, and brother Bill Dahms.

Celebration of Life service for Carleta will be Friday, July 21, 2023, at 12:00 PM at Smith Family Funeral Home in Green Forest with Pastor Keith Butler officiating, with visitation 1 hour prior to the service from 11-12. Interment will follow at Blue Eye Cemetery.

**Karen O'Dell**, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, went to her heavenly home on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, surrounded by her family. She was born March 15, 1958, in Painesville, OH to Al and Marlene Denton Walker.

On October 5, 1974, she married Mike O'Dell, the love of her life. After starting their family in Tampa, FL, they relocated to Green Forest to raise their 2 children and to be close to family.

Karen was an artist to her core, and worked as a woodcarver at Silver Dollar City and led a craft center at Camp War Eagle, a Christian summer camp. She loved children, and she loved making sure they knew that Jesus loved them.

While living in Green Forest, she worked at a preschool and at the school, and she volunteered in preschool class and youth group at First Assembly of God Church in Berryville. Combining her love for the arts, her love for kids, and her love for Jesus made working at Camp War Eagle a job that was a dream come true. They eventually relocated to Little Flock so she could be close to Camp War Eagle.

Most of all, Karen loved her family, and spending time together with them was a joy. Every holiday and every birthday, she would have some kind of craft or messy project for the family to gather around.

Karen is preceded in death by her, parents Al and Marlene Walker.

She is survived by her husband Mike O'Dell of the home, son Bryan O'Dell and wife Shaanti of Berryville, daughter Amy Davis and husband Shannon of Cassville, MO, grandchildren Brett O'Dell, Bryce O'Dell, Jaycie Ertel, Kenzie Davis and Torrance Davis, and brother Mickey Walker and family of FL.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Sunday July 23 at 5:00 PM at Church on the Hill (First Assembly of God) in Berryville. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to be made to the Bentonville Circle of Life Hospice. Cremation services are under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Home in Green Forest.

**Torri Lee Wilson**, 63, of Berryville, AR, went to his heavenly home on July 5, 2023.

Torri was born March 5, 1960, in East Moline, IL to Charles and Ruth Wilson. On December 8, 2001, he

was united in marriage to Cathy Riddle. Torri was a veteran of the US Army. Throughout the years he worked in construction and as a custodian for the Green Forest School District.

Torri was a member of Faith Apostolic Church in Berryville where he loved to sing and play the guitar and drums. He enjoyed fishing and hunting as well as any work that would keep him outside.

Torri is survived by his wife Cathy Wilson of the home; son Jesse Wilson and children of IL; daughters Shena Wilson and family of FL, and LeeAnn Wilson of FL; step-daughters Kristi Salinas (Alex) and seven children of Berryville, and Sabrina Ledbetter (Darren) and son of Berryville; brothers Wayne Wilson of FL, Ricky Wilson of IL, and Shawn Wilson of IL, as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

Celebration of Life service will be 11AM Tuesday, July 11, at Faith Apostolic Church in Berryville with Pastor Steven Thrasher officiating. Interment will follow at Pickens Cemetery. The visitation will be 10AM Tuesday, July 11, before the funeral at Faith Apostolic Church in Berryville.

**Joetta Carol Youngblood**, 73, of Alpena, AR, went to her heavenly home on July 5th, 2023. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and faithful child of God.

Joetta was born on September 21st, 1949, in Huntsville, AR, to Frank and Mary Lee Dickard. She grew up on their farm in Dry Fork, AR, and always enjoyed outdoor work. She graduated from Huntsville High School in the class of 1966.

On March 27th, 1967, she married the love of her life, Bill Youngblood. They first met as teenagers at the Osage Assembly of God, where they would raise their family and serve in every possible way. Later they became members of Green Forest 1st Assembly of God. In her service for the Lord, Joetta played the piano, sang, taught at every age level, and led

Missionettes, Women's Ministries, Kids Church, and countless other types of service.

Joetta loved doing yard work, baking sweets, bird watching, and spending time with her kids and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents Frank and Mary Lee, and brother Doyn Ray Dickard of Harrison.

Joetta is survived by her husband, Bill Youngblood, sisters Nancy Armer and Brenda Dickard, son Billy Youngblood and wife Becky, son Jeremy Youngblood and wife Lucy, daughter Trudy Bartlett and husband John, and son Frankie Youngblood and wife Christen; 15 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and countless family, friends, and neighbors.

Celebration Of Life service will be 10:00 AM Monday, July 10, 2023, at Green Forest First Assembly of God Church with Pastor Mark Bryant officiating. Interment will follow at Alpena Cemetery. Visitation will be 3-5 PM Sunday afternoon at Smith Family Funeral Home in Green Forest.

**Dixie Ann Hewell Grim**, 86 of Hampton died July 4, 2023, at Timberlane Nursing Home in El Dorado while under hospice care with her twin daughters by her side. Born June 17, 1937, in Eureka Springs, she was the daughter of the late Pauline Wilson and Dallas Hewell.

She was a member of the Hampton First United Methodist Church and was a municipal court clerk and city clerk for 20 years. She loved going to the bible classes and working in her yard. Before her health diminished, her beautiful flowers and landscaping could have been in a magazine.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David Grim, her parents, her stepfather, L.B. Wilson Sr., and two sisters, Shirley Teeter and Betty Bean.

She is survived by her twin daughters, Shelly Sawyer (Tom) and Missy Overton, two brothers, L.B. Wilson Jr. (Paula) and Terry Wilson, two grandchildren, Lauren Gasawa and Zach Duran, and many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to express a special thank you for the love and excellent care shown by Ms. Jimmy Montgomery and Mrs. Theresa Hines.

Arrangements are by Benton Funeral Home in Fordyce and Smith Family Funeral Home in Green Forest. Graveside services will be held 11 AM Saturday, July 8, at Eureka Springs Cemetery with Rev. Ricky Smith officiating.

**Jayden Lamore Rae Harper** passed peacefully in the arms of family on June 30, 2023. Though his time on earth was brief, it was filled with hope and love that we will always treasure.

Jayden was the son of Makayla Harper of Green Forest and Branden Akins of Green Forest.

He is also survived by grandmother Elizabeth Ann Harper of Green Forest, great grandmother Ida Vickie Harper of Branson West, MO, aunt Rebecca Harper of Green Forest, aunt Donna Butler of Green Forest, aunt Cris Burrell of Reeds Spring, MO and uncle Roger Holliday of Green Forest.

Celebration of Life for Jayden will be Thursday, July 6 at 3:00 PM at Memorial Park Cemetery in Berryville with Pastor Doug Blevins officiating.