## **Terry Lynn Howerton Obituary**



Terry Lynn Howerton, age 71 of Berryville, AR, peacefully passed on April 16, 2025, at 9:48 pm during Holy week before Easter. Terry grew up on a farm in Rudd, AR. He graduated as a Berryville Bobcat in 1971.

Terry was a natural-born entrepreneur. He built many businesses in Berryville:

A-1 Custom Digging, Howerton Construction, Classic Mobile Wash, Clean Scene Laundry, and Berryville Pre-Owned Furniture and Appliance. Terry was an honest, hardworking man whose sole purpose was to provide a good living for his family and offer trustworthy service to the community.

In September 1976, Terry met the love of his life, Donna, by divine appointment. From the very first date, Terry knew he wanted her as his wife. After dating for a long 10 months, on June 3, 1977, they

were married at the First Freewill Baptist Church of Berryville. Together they traveled and lived life fully for five years before Chase came into their lives in 1982 and four years later welcomed Chance.

Terry was always planning family vacations or his next adventure out west. The mountains were always calling, whether hunting, jeeping, four-wheeling, or camping. Family was his everything, and sharing the love of the outdoors with them was his passion. Terry loved his wife & boys deeply. He was a true family man and taught his boys respect, honor, faith, and love. After a long day of work, he never said no to a game of basketball. Terry and Donna raised their family in church. He taught his boys about hard work, integrity, and character. Terry instilled in his boys the knowledge of business ethics, and son Chase worked with Terry at Berryville Pre-Owned Furniture until he retired in 2010.

On January 7, 1954, Terry was born to Opal (Jennings) Howerton and Junior Howerton in Harrison, Arkansas. He is survived of the home by Donna (Ayers) Howerton, just shy of 48 years of Berryville, AR, sons Chase Howerton and wife Crystal of Berryville, AR, Chance Howerton and wife Stephanie of Gulf Breeze, FL, grandchildren Cambry, Creed, and Chloe Howerton, along with Avery and Oliver as honorary grandkids, mother-in-law Peggy Ballard, brother-in-law James Ballard, niece Alisha Elmore, nephews Brian Elmore, Trevor and Mark Riley, and a host of other family and friends. Terry is preceded in death by his mom, Opal (Jennings) Howerton, and father, Junior Howerton; sister, Sue Elmore; brothers-in-law, Keith Elmore and Travis Riley; sister-in-law, Glenda Riley; father-in-law, Dwight (Slim) Ballard.

Visitation is 5:00 to 7:00 pm, Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel, Berryville, AR. Funeral service is 10:00 am, Thursday, April 24, 2025, at Towering Oaks Church, with graveside following at Snow Cemetery in Berryville, AR. Cousin, Reverend Bill Griffith, Pastor Dave McMellon, and Pastor Larry Montgomery will be officiating.

Pallbearers honoring Terry are Chase Howerton, Chance Howerton, Jimmy Jennings, Danny Bolinger, Brian Jones, and Bill Coleman. Memorial pallbearers greeting Terry in paradise were Jordan McNair, Keith Elmore, Travis Riley, and Steve Burkett.

In place of flowers, donations may be made to the Snow Cemetery Fund, c/o Darlene Green, P.O. Box 95, Oak Grove, Arkansas 72660. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson's Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.

## **Oliver Christopher Wallace Obituary**



Oliver Christopher Wallace of Green Forest was born April 26, 1959, in Yellville, Arkansas to Oliver and Margaret (Jones) Wallace. Chris passed away April 11, 2025, in Rogers at the age of 65. Chris graduated from Green Forest where he played football and basketball for years. He was an avid turkey hunter and also hunted deer. Chris was a member of the N.W.T.F., Christian Cowboys of the Ozarks. He enjoyed learning the history of the Civil War, and the history of the American Indians. Chris would hunt arrowheads from a young age as well as teaching himself how to chip out his own arrowheads. He loved watching the Razorbacks. Chris's family was most important to him especially his grandchild. January 8, 1983, Chris was united in marriage to Connie (Hayes)

January 8, 1983, Chris was united in marriage to Connie (Hayes) Wallace who survives him of the home. He is also survived by his children Oliver Jacob Wallace of Green Forest, Mary Wallace and

Austin Patton of Harrison; grandchildren Oliver Colton Emery Wallace; sisters Kathy Palmer and Husband Miles of North Carolina, Djini Grassman and husband Gary of Green Forest. Chris is preceded in death by his parents Oliver and Margaret Wallace.

Memorial service will be 10:00 am, Saturday, May 10, 2025, at Nelson's Green Forest Chapel with Brother Doug Blevins officiating. Memorial donations may be made to Arkansas Game & Fish Commission, 455 Dam Site Road, Eureka Springs, AR 72631 or N.W.T.F., 770 Augusta Road, Edgefield, SC 29824. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.

### Mike Davis Obituary



Mike Davis of Little Rock, Arkansas passed away March 31, 2025, at the age of 76. He was born to Harold Lester and Erma Lou Davis on July 20, 1948, in Berryville, Arkansas.

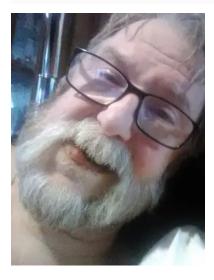
Mike is survived by his wife of 29 years, Jody Davis of Little Rock; his daughter, Kristie Needham (Paul) of Rogers; Jody's daughters, Jessica Watson (Rob) of Cabot, and their families, Bethany Semans (Jonathan) of Little Rock, and their families; brother Harold Davis (Christine) of Fayetteville; and grandchildren Kace, Kennelley, and Kerrigan Loyer of Rogers, and Hannah Hanby (Hunter) of Springdale, Hope Needham, and Jonah Needham of Destin, Florida; and his niece and nephew, Amy and John.

Mike is preceded in death by his father, Harold Lester Davis; mother Erma Lou Allred Molder, her husband, Carroll Molder; sister, Pat Davis Norris and brother-in-law Jr. Norris.

Growing up in Berryville, Mike played football and ran track for the Berryville Bobcats. He, his sister, and cousins spent countless hours at their grandparents' farms and were raised as faithful members of the Moore Church on Highway 21. After college, Mike served in the U.S. Navy. Mike was fortunate to work for more than 30 years as a COBOL computer programmer for the state of Arkansas, Systematics Inc., and Fidelity Information Services. He enjoyed scuba diving, taking road trips, gardening, collecting vinyl records and was an avid car collector.

Visitation for Mike will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Saturday, April 5, 2025, at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to National Fish and Wildlife Federation at https://nfwf.org. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc.2025

### Joseph A White Obituary



Joe White, 58, of Green Forest, AR, passed away March 29, 2025, in his home.

He was born August 31, 1966, in Harrison, Arkansas. He worked at Tyson Foods for 25 years doing various jobs but was best known for his time as a forklift driver. He left Tyson in 2023 due to his declining health.

On January 18, 2013, he married the love of his life, Kathy White. Kathy took care of him faithfully and was with him when he passed. Joe was known for his joking and sarcastic humor. He could make anything a joke to try and lighten any situation. He had many great friends throughout the years whom he cared for deeply. He was a member of the Cowboy Church in Green Forest, Arkansas. He loved going to church every Sunday and would watch the Wednesday service online to never miss one of Pastor Doug's

sermons. He would go to church early on Sundays to make sure he could talk to everyone and play with the dogs who also attended.

He is preceded in death by his mom, Fern, and his sister, Jeanette. He is survived by his loving wife, Kathy White, two sons, AJ and Zach White, one sister, Jeannie Young, two stepdaughters, Erin White and Stephanie Keck, six grandchildren, twelve nephews, and five nieces. No memorial service scheduled at this time. Memorial donations may be made to Green Forest

Cowboy Church, 687 Hwy 103 N, Green Forest, AR 72616. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelsons Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc 2025.

#### Jim Girkin Obituary



Jimmy Keith Girkin was born on June 27, 1936, in Melbourne, Arkansas, to Festus Pierce Girkin and Clara Smith Girkin. A man of deep kindness, unwavering dedication, and a quick wit, Jim passed away peacefully at his home in Holiday Island at the age of 88, leaving behind a legacy of service, generosity, and love. After serving in the United States Air Force, Jim found his true home in Eureka Springs, moving there in January 1966 and purchasing Eureka Drug Company. For more than 40 years, he worked tirelessly as the town's pharmacist—often the only one—becoming a trusted figure in the community. His job was never just about filling prescriptions; it was about taking care of people. Whether delivering medicine in the middle of a snowstorm or stepping away from his own Thanksgiving dinner to help a neighbor get a roll of film to capture family memories, Jim never hesitated to lend a hand. It was just the kind of man he was.

Upon retiring from pharmacy, Jim turned his attention to real estate, establishing Girkin Rental Properties with his beloved wife, Patsy. With their daughter Jennifer's help, the business thrived and continues today, providing affordable housing for the Eureka Springs community—one more way Jim left a lasting impact on the town he loved.

Jim's dedication to service didn't stop at business. He was a devoted member of Kiwanis, Rotary, and the Elks Club and served for years on the Eureka Springs School Board, always working to improve the community he held dear. He believed in hard work, fair play, and looking out for his neighbors.

Beyond his career and community service, Jim had a sharp mind and a love of competition—especially at the poker table. He played tournament poker at an elite level, mastering the art of patience, strategy, and knowing when to take a risk. He didn't win every hand, but he won far more than he lost, which, as he would say, is what really matters in poker. For years, he was a familiar presence at the casino, where younger players quickly learned not to underestimate the sharp-witted gentleman across the table.

Above all, Jim's greatest joy was his family. He is survived by his children: Tracy and Heather Girkin of Eureka Springs; Sandy and Robert Battioni of South Korea; Brent and Deborah Girkin of Blue Springs, Missouri; Robert and Kathy Girkin of Eureka Springs; Jennifer Girkin; and Casey and Suzanne Cahoon of Fayetteville. He also leaves behind his sister, Shirley Moon of Searcy, Arkansas; eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and a large circle of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends who will carry his memory forward.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Festus and Clara Girkin; his first wife, Jane Girkin; his second wife, Patsy Girkin; and his brothers, Bob and Gene Girkin.

Jim will be laid to rest at Eureka Springs Cemetery, the town that shaped him and that he, in turn, helped shape. Service details are pending.

In honor of Jim's lifelong dedication to service and community, donations may be made to the Tunnels to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, New York 10306. Jim lived his life much like he played poker—with patience, skill, and just the right amount of risk. Though his seat at the table is now empty, his presence will always be felt in the town, the family, and the friendships he left behind.

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## Marvin Lance McCullough Obituary



Marvin Lance McCullough of Berryville, Arkansas passed away in Missouri, in March of 2025 at the age of 55. Lance was born to Marvin and Carolyn McCullough on April 13, 1969, in Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

Lance had a special bond with his Grandpa Billy who he loved to go fishing with. He and his cousin Jeff also enjoyed time spent together fishing at the lake. He and his brother Drew took great pleasure in floating, fishing, 4-wheeling, and camping trips. When Lance was younger, he enjoyed the thrill of riding his motorcycle and driving his Trans Am. He was a great talker and would be able to sell ice to an Eskimo. He was a skilled cook and bartender. Lance worked hard at any job or task at hand, and he always gave his all.

Lance is survived by his mother Carolyn Gentry, brother Drew Gentry and Mindy and nephew Jarrett Gentry, all of Berryville. Survivors also

include stepdad Mike Gentry and Uncle William McCullough, as well as many cousins, aunts, uncles and friends who will miss him dearly.

Lance is preceded in death by his father Marvin Leon McCullough Jr. and grandparents Bill and Dixie Etheridge and Marvin and Irene McCullough, as well as baby nephew Timothy Gentry. Memorial for Lance will be Monday, April 28, 2025, at the Berryville Memorial Park Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com.

# Lavonna Dale Schell Obituary

Lavonna Dale Schell, affectionately known as Moms to family and dear friends, passed from her earthly home to her heavenly home on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

Moms was born October 27, 1934, in a log cabin about ½ mile from where she lived out the vast majority of her life, to parents Lloyd and Juanita Helmlinger.

In 1954 she was married to Edward Patty and from this union her four children were born: Laurel, Greg, Kent, and Deneen.

In October 1979 she married her soulmate, Will Schell, who preceded her in death in August of 2023. After years of long, hard work at their water well drilling business, Schell Drilling, they retired in 1995. From then on, they spent many years traveling. They visited all 50 States, 8 Canadian

provinces, more than a dozen foreign countries and many islands. This gave Moms the opportunity to photo document and journal their travels, with each adventure receiving its own album.



Moms was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a lifetime member of the Carroll County Master Gardeners. As both she and Pops were Master Gardeners, they devoted much sweat equity into creating their beloved Schells Nob. Those who visited marveled at the beauty of the landscape they created. They hosted many gatherings and had several weddings performed in its beauty, beginning with their own.

Family and making memories was of utmost importance to moms. She and Pops made certain we did that as a family by organizing many family getaways. These trips included adventures both locally and also to Colorado and Hawaii. This summer will mark our 27th consecutive outing.

Moms was also preceded in death by her parents, brother Derrall Helmlinger and son Greg Patty. She is survived by brother Eldon Helmlinger and wife Linda of Berryville, daughter Laurel Ashworth,

son Kent Patty and wife Sharon, daughter Deneen Foster and husband Terry, Greg's partner Sheri, all of Berryville and step daughter Regina LeRoy of Stockton, California, grandchildren were the light of her life and they include Tyler Ashworth and wife Crystal of Berryville, Destiny Osnes and husband Jarred of Harrison, Ciera Foster of Springfield, Missouri and Darby Foster of Berryville. If her grandchildren meant that much, you can only imagine what her great grands meant. They include Mason and Annlee Ashworth of Berryville and Bently and Calvin Osnes of Harrison. Visitation will be 5:00 pm till 7:00 pm, Sunday, March 23, 2025, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel.

Chapel service will be 10:00 am, Monday, March 24, 2025, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel with Pastor Billy McCall, and Pastor Brad Graves Officiating. Burial will follow at Farmer Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made in her honor to Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road, Springdale, 72762 and Farmer Community Cemetery Fund, PO Box 782, Berryville, AR 72616. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelsons Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc.2025.

## Harold Gene Ray Obituary



Harold Eugene (Gene) Ray passed away March 19, 2025, at Mercy Hospital in Joplin, Missouri. Gene was born on December 30, 1964, in Kansas City, Missouri.

Gene was a graduate of Berryville High where he enjoyed playing football for the Bobcats. He served three years in the army where he became a great chef. He was a very kind and compassionate man and made friends easily with his charisma and big heart. Gene had many talents such as cooking, woodworking, whittling and making people laugh.

He is survived by his sister Kimberly Ray Armstrong, brother Robert Cremeen and two stepsisters Robin Arnold and Denise VanHook.

Gene is preceded in death by his father Odel Ray, mother Linda Sparks, sister Leslie Ray and his stepmother Evelyn Ray.

Graveside service will be 2:00pm, Monday, March 24, 2025, at High Cemetery with Pastor Randy Williams officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelsons Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc.2025.

# **Ester Nadine Whiteley Obituary**



(Ester) Nadine Whiteley was born on December 1, 1938, to Chester and Eula (Newberry) Cook of Kingston, Arkansas.

She married the love of her life Wayne Whiteley in Twin Fall, Idaho on May 17,1957.

She went from her earthly home to her heavenly home on March 16,2025.

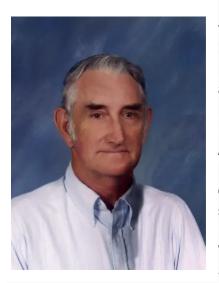
Nadine lived a full life. She was a homemaker and took pride in all things she did.

She loved to garden and always had beautiful flowers. She loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her three daughters, Tiffany and Jeff Miles, Susan and Kevin Whittaker of Berryville, Arkansas, Tamera and Steve Geldmacher of Farmington, Arkansas; nephew Keith and Judy Cook of Twin Falls, Idaho; grandchildren: Rick and Tonya Light, Devin and

Angeline Light, Caelan Young, Eli Young, Nicole and Mark Ashby, Wayne Whiteley, Dustin Blackston, Shane and Comallita Blackston; great-grandchildren Mason Ashby, Whitney, Sydney Ashby, Levi Ashby, Layla Blackston, Henry Blackston, Charlee Belle Whiteley, Jasmine (Light) Butler, Skyler Light, Ryder Light, Hunter Light; along with other family members and friends. She preceded in death by her husband Wayne Whiteley, parents Chester and Eula Cook, and her brother Cleabern Cook. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel in Berryville. Funeral service will be at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at Charles M. Nelson Chapel. Memorial donations may be made to Dean Cemetery c/o Judy Whiteley, 808 High St Hwy 21 S, Berryville, Arkansas 72616. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025

## Harold Dean Hill Obituary



Harold Dean Hill of Berryville, Arkansas was born in Viola, Missouri to Harold and Nellie (Swofford) Hill. Dean passed away Friday, March 14, 2025, in Berryville at the age of 85. Dean was a volunteer for the Berryville Fire Department for 33 years and was a member of Towering Oaks Church. Dean is survived by wife Harriet of Berryville, son Carl and Valerie Hill of Central City, Arkansas, son Roger and Laura Hill of Lowell, Arkansas, step children Clifton Wilson of Southwest City, Missouri, Ricky Wilson and Pam of Southwest City, Missouri, Karen Crosson of Branson, Missouri and Billy Stewart and Jenny of Green Forest, sister Edna Smith and Lieu of Shell Knob, Missouri, brothers Howard Hill and Donna of Berryville, Harlan Hill of Mt. Vernon David and Vicki Hill of Republic, Missouri, Bobby Hill and Von of Eureka Springs. As well as five grandchildren, seven great grandchildren,

and many bonus grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren! Dean is preceded in death by his parents Harold and Nellie, and two grandchildren Whitney Wilson Gardner and Kasi Jo Weston.

Graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 22, 2025 at the Berryville Memorial Park cemetery. Memorial Donations can be made to Gideons International P.O. Box 362 Berryville, Arkansas 72616. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelsons Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.

# **Yvonne Calhoun Obituary**

Yvonne Calhoun of Bryant, Arkansas was born September 3, 1927, in Jamestown, North Dakota to Orville and Agnes (Gilbertson) Brumm. Yvonne passed away March 8, 2025, in Bryant at the age of 97.

Yvonne and Malcolm raised five daughters. Yvonne was active in their daughter's activities, such as scouts and school. She was active in the community organizations, teaching swimming and lifesaving, and 7 years as July 4th parade chairman in Webster Groves, MO. She loved music and sang with the Holiday Island Singers, Sweet Adelines and church choirs wherever she and Malcolm were residing. She was an artist, creating many works of art in different mediums. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family and her motto was "Anything for a party".

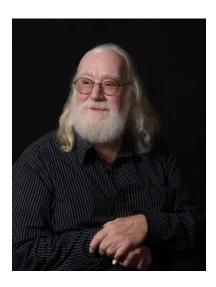


Yvonne is survived by her daughters Corine Egendoerfer (Bob), Jeanne Huffman (Tim), Sarah Calhoun (Jeff Muehlberg), and Melissa Marschel (Lee). She also survived by 9 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents Orville and Agnes Brumm, husband Malcolm Calhoun, daughter Elizabeth White, and granddaughter Laura Jean Sitzes. Visitation will be 10:00am till 11:00am, Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at Nelson's Chapel of the Springs, Eureka Springs, AB, Graveside

at Nelson's Chapel of the Springs, Eureka Springs, AR. Graveside service will be 11:30am, Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at Eureka Springs Cemetery. Following the graveside service, there will be a memorial service at Holiday Island Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Holiday Island Presbyterian Church, St. Jude's Hospital, or the charity of your

choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelsons Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc 2025.

### **Robert L Clark Obituary**



Robert Lewis Clark of Berryville, Arkansas passed away peacefully at his home on March 7, 2025. Robert was born on June 20, 1950, in Eureka Springs, Arkansas to Grover Floyd and Anna Lee Clark. Robert was a long time Eureka Springs resident and spent many happy childhood years at Lake Lucerne where his father was employed. After graduation from Eureka Springs High School, he joined the army and proudly served two tours of duty in Vietnam. When he returned to Eureka Springs he became a member of the Great Passion Play, and played many of those different characters through the years. He also took care of the animals which appeared in the play. After he left the Passion Play, many people remember his friendly face at the counter of Bunch's Quick Check. Robert was a longtime student of the history of Eureka Springs. His hobby was collecting as many books as he could find on the subject. This library served him well when he created Eureka Tours in 1996. He was

united in marriage to Cindy Ambrose in 1997, and together they took thousands of people on tour of the area. He was probably best known to the children of the area as Santa. He loved to see the happy smiles of the children that came to see him in the Basin Park and the Christmas Parade. He was also known as the Easter Bunny when spring arrived. He appeared in several movies, including The Blue and the Grey, and Mister Christmas. Robert enjoyed living life and brought joy to many people.

Robert is survived by wife Cindy Clark of Berryville, stepson Matthew Myrick and wife Carol of Springfield, Missouri, stepdaughter Misty Myrick and wife Wendy of Willard, Missouri. Brother Floyd Clark and wife Lovenia of Eureka Springs, brother Bennie Clark and wife Linda of Eureka Springs,

brother David Clark of Berryville and brother James Clark and wife Irene of Springdale, Arkansas. One brother-in-law, Joe Ambrose and Jenny of Steeleville, Missouri; sister-in-law Betty Lynn and John Long of Berryville, Arkansas, and sister-in-law Danette Ambrose and Tommy Joe Davis of Oak Grove. He is also survived by three step grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, friends and relatives, all who will dearly miss him. Also surviving is one very faithful and loyal white German Shepherd (Dolly) that he rescued from the Good Shepherd Humane Society in Eureka Springs. Robert is preceded in death by his parents Grover Floyd Clark and Anna Lee Wilson. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelsons Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc.2025

## **David L Grosshans Obituary**



David Lemmon Grosshans, 68, of Eureka Springs, passed away unexpectedly, but peacefully on March 6, 2025. He will be remembered for his love of family, friends, music, outdoors, international travel, and dancing with his wife to polka and country and western music. David was born on December 24, 1956 in San Francisco, California

to Richard Porter Grosshans and Lilly Smart Grosshans. He grew up in Sapulpa, Oklahoma alongside his two younger sisters, Carol and Beth. David was active in the Boy Scouts and ultimately earned the Eagle Scout award. He graduated from Sapulpa High School and studied at the University of Tulsa.

David continued to pursue his interest in music. He joined the German-American Society of Tulsa, where he played drums in the house band and was a member of the dance group.

David worked as a Personal Financial Analyst at Primerica. In 2005,

he became a Regional Vice President.

In 1990, David met Nancy Krueger. They were married in May 18, 1991 at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Tulsa. Nancy joined the German-American Society of Tulsa and then in 1991, they traveled to Germany with the dance group, performing at local festivals, meeting the mayors, and staying in homes of local families. Through this experience, they discovered a mutual love of travel, especially to European countries. Throughout their 32 year marriage, they traveled to Europe seven times, visiting Germany six times, in addition to Italy, England, Ireland, Scotland, and many other countries.

In 1994, David and Nancy moved to Spring, TX. While it was difficult to leave Tulsa, friends, and family behind, they quickly adjusted to life south of the Red River.

On November 15, 1996, they welcomed a baby girl, Jessica. As soon as she was old enough to go with them, they resumed their travels. When Jessica was four-years-old, her parents signed her up for the YMCA Princess Adventure program. For the next ten years, she and her dad spent many weekends together at campouts and participating in father-daughter activities. Some of David's

happiest memories are of the times he and Jessica spent together at Princess Adventure Campouts.

David and Nancy also had a mutual love of lake life and water sports. Every summer, they traveled to Oklahoma to meet Nancy's family at a lake where they enjoyed boating, water skiing, tubing and jet skiing. When the Grosshans bought a couple of jet skis, David discovered his new happy place - riding across the lake at full throttle, with his music blasting.

In 2016, David and Nancy retired and moved to their dream home on Lake Richland Chambers in Streetman, TX. David enjoyed working on the two acres of water-front property and teaching himself the art of woodworking and fractal burning. He converted an overhead garage space into a music studio and spent most mornings up there playing his drums. Much of his free time was spent relaxing in the boat house. Nancy described it as a second living room and David's peaceful place. David was a member of the Volunteer Fire Department and he was active in the music ministry at Lakeside United Methodist Church.

When Jessica moved to Maine after college, they often visited her and had many adventures exploring Maine. They always loved time spent with Jessica and David was so proud of the young lady she'd become.

In 2023, they made the difficult decision to divorce. David moved to Eureka Springs, Arkansas where he bought an historic house and spent six months renovating it. He even created a music studio, patterned after the one he built at the lake house. David joined the First Christian Church of Eureka Springs and became active in the music ministry; he started volunteering at 'A Cup of Love' food pantry, and made many new friends along the way. Most of all, he was looking forward to traveling to Scotland in August to attend the wedding of his daughter, Jessica, to Patrick Groening. However, God had other plans for him. David went to sleep on the evening of March 6th and woke up in his eternal home.

David is survived by his ex-wife, Nancy Krueger and their daughter Jessica Grosshans; his sister, Carol Creason and her two sons; as well as many in-laws, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Rick and Lilly, and by his sister, Beth.

Memorial services will be held at First Christian Church in Eureka Springs on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at noon. Memories and condolences can be shared on his tribute wall at Nelson Funeral Home in Berryville, Arkansas. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to 'A Cup of Love' food pantry <u>https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/3806132</u>.

# Karen Jean Widner Obituary

Karen Jean (Walker) Widner was born in Lampe, Missouri to Vernon and LaDonne (Yocum)Walker on May 29, 1958. She resided in numerous places throughout life but always called Oak Grove home. She passed away on March 4, 2025, in Green Forest Arkansas at the age of 66. Karen loved the outdoors and being at the creek. She was a very strong-minded, independent, and a very opinionated person. She loved her family and friends tremendously and always put them first no matter what. Wherever she went she always seemed to make new friends and always enjoyed a good time and a good laugh. She was known as "mom" and "grandma" to many throughout the years and always put the "hip" in hippy. Karen married to Roger Widner on June 3, 1977. She was a loving mother and grandmother and



numerous loved ones. She is survived by her daughter Shadi Widner of Oak Grove, Arkansas, son Jessi Widner and wife Nikki of Green Forest, Arkansas, brothers Richard Walker, Arlis Walker, and sister Cheryl Masters. She is also survived by grandchildren Jada Lowery, Bruce Widner and wife Shannin, Mikhail Fritz, Juniper Widner, Great Granddaughter M.J. Asbury along with several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends around the community.

took great joy in spending time with her family, friends, and

Karen is preceded in death by her husband Roger Widner, parents Vernon and Ladonne Walker, and brothers Kenny Ralph and Johnny Walker.

No service is scheduled at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be

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#### James W Mitchell Jr Obituary

Our beloved James W. Mitchell, Jr. has passed on to the next life on May 12, 2025. He was born in Little Rock, Arkansas to James and Dorothy (Robinson) Mitchell Sr.

He was a father, husband, grandfather, friend and was passionate about trains. We miss him, but know he lived a full life. He was a bit of a character who could fix just about anything. He could talk your ear off, especially if the subject was trains. And if the topic wasn't trains, he would soon spin the focus until it was.

He was very proud of his career as an architect and the plethora of projects he accomplished from the Cleburne County

Courthouse to a nautical remodel of a river barge for a residence, and even the Sistine Chapel of chicken houses in Eureka Springs. He recently shared his favorite project, the gravestone for a former mayor of Little Rock. He would often say to his medical professionals, "Well I'm no doctor, but I can tell you about sick buildings."

James, often referred to as "Mitch" or "Mitchie" by his wife, loved helping people and was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Eureka Springs.

James's wife Ruth noticed, after about 20 years, that the last name she took upon marriage had the letters "H E L L" at the end. She stayed with him, anyway, celebrating 46 wonderful years together.

James' children, Christopher James Mitchell, Stephanie Marie McDonald, Cecelia Star Cecil, and Erin Rae Mitchell and his brother, Michael Tate Mitchell, as well as 10 grandchildren remain here to grieve and carry on.

He was preceded in death by his parents James and Dorothy Mitchell Sr. and sister Virginia Ann King.

Memorial Service to be held 11:00 am, Friday, May 16th at First United Methodist Church, 195 Huntsville Rd, Eureka Springs, AR 72632. Memorial donations can be made to: MN&A RR Depot Museum, PO Box 142, 110 HWY 65, St. Joe AR 72675. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.

## Martin McNeill Obituary

Martin Lee McNeill passed away June 9th, 2025, at the age of 43. Martin was a beloved employee



at Ball and Prier Tire for 25 years and most recent at Magness Tire. He made lasting friendships with coworkers and customers alike. Above all else, Martin was a devoted father to his two sons, Michael and Jackson McNeill, who were the center of his world. His greatest joy came from being their dad, his love for them was unwavering and unconditional.

Martin was proceeded in death by his parents, Lee and Patricia McNeill.

He is survived by his sons Michael and Jackson McNeill; their mother Amanda Weems; his brother Brian McNeill and many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation will be from 5:00 pm till 7:00 pm, Friday, June 20, 2025, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial chapel in Berryville. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com, Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.

## Alex D Bernhardt Obituary



Alexzander Drake Bernhardt, age 19, of Green Forest, Arkansas, passed away on July 9, 2025, in Oak Grove, Arkansas. Born on June 20, 2006, Alex brought light and love to everyone around him. His bright, beautiful smile and warm spirit left a lasting impression on all who knew him. He cherished time spent with his family and friends and lived each day with kindness, laughter, and joy. Alex is deeply loved and will be forever missed. He is survived by his mother, Stephanie Griffith, and her husband, Micheal; his father, Allen Bernhardt; his brothers, Nathaniel and Joseph; his grandmother, Yvonne McConnell and Greg ; his uncles, Grant Hosman, Dylan Collins, and Uriah Tanner and Bobby Bernhardt and his great uncle Danny Tanner and Aunt Dawn, who loved him as their own—as well as a host of other loving family members.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Eric Tanner, and his great-grandparents, George and LuAnn Tanner.

A memorial service to celebrate Alex's life will be held on Saturday, July 19, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at Church on the Hill in Berryville, Arkansas, with interment to follow at Glenwood Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.

Though gone far too soon, Alex's love, laughter, and light will continue to shine in the hearts of all who knew and loved him

## Cody Ryan Veach Obituary



Cody Ryan Veach, of Green Forest, born June 20, 1984, in Harrison, Arkansas, passed away on July 9, 2025, at the age of 41. Cody enjoyed the outdoors and loved spending his time fishing, hunting, and being with his family and friends. He will be remembered for his kind heart, adventurous spirit, and the love he shared with those closest to him.

He is survived by his parents, Robert and Bonnie Veach; his son, Caden Veach; his sister Kim and her husband Bob Armstrong; his brother J.C. and his wife Amalia Veach; and his sister Erica and her husband Steve Mitchell. He also leaves behind several nieces, nephews, cousins, and many dear friends. Cody was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Carl and Gladys Veach, and his maternal grandparents, Johnny and Mildred Jones.

He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Memorial Service will be Saturday, July 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel. Memorial donations may be made to Carroll County Bass Club and Highlands Oncology Group (HOG) Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.

#### Howard L Hill Obituary



Howard Lee Hill was born November 4th, 1944, in Carr Lane Missouri to Harold and Nellie (Swofford) Hill, he passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones July 18th, 2025, in Springdale Arkansas at the age of 80.

Howard's faith and hard-working nature began at a very young age. He was a part of the Southern Baptist faith that his grandfather was a preacher of. He grew up on his parent's dairy farm and milked cows with his brothers every morning before school. By age 12 he was picking up rocks for cash and at age 14 began work stocking shelves at Williams Supermarket then became the head butcher after attending Berryville High School.

At 19 he married the love of his life, Donna (Ellis) Hill. They had a love for going on trips with one another including being baptized together. To their family they are the most true and selfless form of

love anyone could strive for in 61 years together. Shortly after getting married and still a full-time butcher at Chafin's Supermarket, he joined the volunteer Berryville Fire Department where he proudly and selflessly serviced his community and surrounding areas for 20 years. Three of those years he served as the Fire Captain and five of those years he served as Assistant Fire Chief. His dedication and caring nature for his community was apparent in many ways. He was one of the many firemen who went door to door on his own time for 8 months soliciting funds to help towards the purchase of the City of Berryville's first set of the "jaws of life." He then trained at the Police Academy and continued to service his community as a member of the Berryville Police Department. He proudly and selflessly wore that uniform for many years too. He also served on the Berryville Chamber of Commerce and assisted with securing funds for the community's summer youth program and baseball field renovations. During this time he and his wife Donna had three children, Deborah, Kristie, and Greg. He loved watching, coaching, and being actively involved in all his kids' school activities and programs and taking them on family beach vacations.

Later in life he discovered a new passion, the car business. He was a natural at his position in sales and sales manager at Davis-Barr. He proudly represented all the brands he sold and was named Pontiac Master Sales Guide of the Year two years in a row.

Howard then had his most favorite role in life; becoming a Poppy to Tara, Tate, and Mariel. He was also ecstatic about becoming a great-grandfather in the last few years to Lynlee. Nothing lights up his eyes more than being a Poppy to all of them.

Howard loves his family fiercely. He is an honest man, has an infectious smile, and loved always providing for his family. His favorite things include fishing on the lake, cars (especially the fast ones), Arkansas Razorback sports, spending time with his family, and bargaining over deals.

He is preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, brother Dean Hill, and sister-in-law Cherlyn Hill. He is survived by his wife of 61 years Donna Hill, his daughters Deborah Lea Williams and Kristie Jeanette Hill/Patton, his son Gregory Howard Hill, his granddaughters Tara Jo Davis and Mariel Kristin- Lea Williams, his grandson R.Tate Jordan Patton, and his great granddaughter Lynlee Jo Davis. As well as his sister Edna Smith, brothers David & wife Vikki Hill, Harlan Hill, Bobby & wife Vaughn Hill, and various nieces and nephews. Howard's deep love and commitment to his family will continue even after his death.

As we all grieve together, we also rejoice together because of Howard's belief in the Lord our Savior we know we will someday again see our husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend in his purest, healthiest, and most joyous form.

For as cowboys say, "It's not goodbye, it's see you soon."

Visitation will be 5:00 pm till 7:00 pm, Thursday, July 24, 2025, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel. Funeral service will be 10:00 am, Friday, July 25, 2025, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel with Pastor Jeffery Tanksley officiating. Burial will follow at Berryville Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Berryville Fire Department, PO Box 647, Berryville AR 72616. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.

#### John James Marsh Obituary



John James Marsh, a man of great spirit and loving heart, passed away peacefully in his home, surrounded by his wife (Joyce Marsh), his daughter (Jamy Hunter), and his son (Jeremy Marsh) on the 12th of July 2025, in Berryville, Arkansas, at the age of 77. John was born in Camden, Texas, as Johnny Wallace Bailey, on May 20, 1948, to his biological parents, Thelma Louise Fenley and JW Bailey. He was adopted at the age of 13, to the loving people that he would call Mom & Dad forever, the late Elmer and Janice (Worthey) Marsh. At that time, he was renamed John James Marsh. John's life was one of service and dedication, as evidenced by his honorable time in the Navy. He carried the discipline and commitment learned in service throughout his entire life, touching the lives of many with his generosity and work ethic. After serving his country, John found solace in raising his family and the joy of the open road, riding his beloved Harley, and embracing the freedom it offered.

A true craftsman, John was happiest when working with his hands, whether it be in his shop, fishing by a tranquil stream, or tinkering with a new project. His shop was not just a place to tinker and let his creativity flow; but a hub where friends and family would gather, drawn by the promise of good conversation and hearty laughter.

John was a cherished husband to his wife, Joyce Marsh, and a guiding light to his children, Jeremy Marsh and Jamy Hunter, alongside her husband Keith. His legacy continues to thrive through his adoring grandchildren, Bailey, Kali, and Kason Hunter, who will forever carry the lessons and love he imparted.

He leaves behind his sisters, Brenda Smith, Jan Foerster, and Jenny Joye, with her husband Jeff, as well as his brothers Jimmy Denton and James Fowler. The void left by his passing will be felt deeply by his many relatives, including nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and a multitude of friends who all held a special place in his heart. John was preceded in death by his biological parents, his forever adoptive parents, his in-laws (Wanda and Floyd Johnson), and his brother, Kenny Beasley. He now joins them in eternal rest.

Memorial service will be 11:00 am, Saturday, July 26, 2025, at High Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Arkansas Hospice: 310 S Main Street Suite D, Berryville AR 72616 or High Cemetery Fund % Randy Hooten: 1057 CR 422, Berryville, AR 72616. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.

## Martha Dean Sisco Obituary



Martha Dean Sisco, 90, of Berryville, Arkansas, passed away peacefully on July 10, 2025. Born on October 4, 1934, in Clifty, Arkansas, to Melvin Baron and Dena Obenshain Graham. Martha lived a full life rooted in faith, family, and simple joys. Martha retired from Tyson Foods after years of hard work and dedication. She found joy in the everyday—sewing, cooking, reading her Bible, and spending time at yard sales. A true "prayer warrior," she was a woman of deep faith who loved the Lord and never hesitated to pray for those in need. She cherished her family above all else. Martha was a proud mother

She cherished her family above all else. Martha was a proud mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, always happiest when gathered around the dinner table with those she loved. Her sense of humor, warm smile, and quick wit brought laughter to every family

meal and gathering. She especially enjoyed hunting mushrooms and sharing stories, and she held a very close bond with her grandchildren.

Martha is survived by her daughters: Carolyn Sue Sisco, Lela Jeannie Sisco, and Maudie Faye Sisco; grandsons Jim Evans (and fiancée Jodi Cook), Clifton Duncan, and Michael Duncan; granddaughter Desirae Ham (and husband Clint); great-granddaughter Arin Camp; great-grandsons Collin Ham, Michael Ham, Jacob Croissant, and Chance Evans; and several nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends who will miss her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband, James Sisco, and her brothers: Lee Eddie Graham, Dale Graham, and M.B. Graham.

Martha's life was a testament to love, strength, and faith. She leaves behind a legacy of kindness, laughter, and unshakable devotion to her family and her faith. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Graveside service will be 10:00 A.M. Friday, July 18th, 2025, at Grandview Cemetery with Pastor Jerry Scitern and Pastor Jerry Spurlock officiating. Memorial donations may be made United Baptist Church or Coin Baptist Church. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com, Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.

## Linda Louise Crider Obituary



Linda "Lin" Louise Mitchell Crider, 76, of Holiday Island, Arkansas, passed away peacefully on July 9, 2025, surrounded by the love of her family.

Lin was born on October 13, 1948, in Eunice, Louisiana, and carried with her a deep and proud Cajun French Catholic heritage. Her faith was central to her life, with the Holy Eucharist being especially dear to her heart. She was raised in Elton, Louisiana, by her devoted mother, Ella Buller Mitchell, alongside her sister and brother. Even from a young age, Lin stood out—she was active in 4-H, known for her poise and beauty, and crowned a local beauty queen.

In 1971, a chance moment while washing her car led Lin to meet her soulmate, Mack Crider. Their connection was instant, and just three months later, they were married—a love story that lasted more than fifty years.

Lin was known for her Cajun cooking, gentle spirit, her joyful laugh, and her unwavering love for her family. She was happiest when surrounded by those she loved most, and in her final days, she was held close by her family, just as she had always held them.

She is survived by her beloved soulmate, Mack Crider; her children: Missy Crider, Chris Crider and his fiancée Hilary Parks, and Paul Crider; her adored grandchildren: Levi Crider, Ana Jane Crider, and Madelyn Crider; her sister Sharon Fontenot; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

She was welcomed into eternal rest by her parents, Ella and Harry, and her brother, Larry Mitchell.

Lin's life was a beautiful reflection of love, faith, and grace. Her presence will be deeply missed, and her memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Lin had requested a private family Mass instead of a funeral. Memorial donations may be made to St. Elizabeth Catholic Church 30 Cresent Dr, Eureka Springs, AR 72632 . Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.

## Janie Maxine Strough Obituary



Janie Maxine Strough, 90, of Berryville, Arkansas, passed peacefully at her home, surrounded by her loving family. Born on June 3, 1935, in Rule, Arkansas, to Martin Van Buren and Myrtle Ruby Sims Bradshaw, Maxine lived a life devoted to her family, her faith, and her community.

On February 10, 1957, she married the love of her life, Burton Dale Strough. Together they shared 68 years of unwavering love and partnership, raising a family grounded in faith, hard work, and compassion.

Maxine was a dedicated homemaker and a faithful member of Moore Baptist Church. She found deep joy in caring for her loved ones, offering warmth and support to everyone she met. Her gentle spirit, quiet strength, and selfless heart were the foundation of her family.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Burton Strough; sons Marty (Darlene) Strough and Mark (Lori) Strough; grandchildren Kara (Scott) Branton, Devyn (Joe) Strough-Yoder, Erik Strough, Jenna Strough, and Brooklynn Strough; and great-grandchildren Conner Branton, Parker Branton, Tyler Branton, Raelynn Jane Strough-Yoder. She is also survived by her sister, Delores Houser and brother Russell Bradshaw.

She was preceded in death by her parents; five of her siblings; and one precious, much-loved grandchild, Russell Dale Strough.

Visitation for Maxine will be held on Monday, July 14th, from 5pm to 7pm at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel. A funeral service will be held Tuesday, July 15, at 9:30am at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel in Berryville, officiated by her former pastor Bro. Larry Montgomery and

her Hospice Chaplain Rex Griffin who she called her Pastor. She will be laid to rest at Moore Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Moore Cemetery or Arkansas Hospice Maxine's life was a beautiful testimony of grace, humility, and devotion. Her memory will live on in the lives of those she loved so deeply and faithfully.

## **Nola Fenix Obituary**

Nola Marcella Fenix, 87, of Holiday Island, Arkansas, passed peacefully into the arms of her Savior on July 6, 2025. Born on August 27, 1937, in Oak Grove, Arkansas, Nola lived a life rooted in faith, love, and selfless service to others.

A devoted member of the First Christian Church in Eureka Springs, Nola's faith was the cornerstone of her life. She joyfully taught Bible study, shared the gospel with all she met, and led many to Christ through her words and actions. Her life was a testimony to grace, kindness, and unwavering compassion.

Nola loved being in nature — feeding local wildlife near her home and spending time outdoors, especially during camping trips to the mountains of Colorado. She found joy in the simple things: baking for others, giving care without being asked, and ensuring every grandchild left her home with a lovingly prepared goodie bag.

She also had a soft spot for classic Westerns, especially Cheyenne and Gunsmoke, which



reminded her of a simpler time. With a nurturing heart, she was always making sure others were alright, never hesitating to put others before herself.

Nola is survived by her beloved son, Jackson Fenix; her niece, Starla Godsey, Kristin Wheeler and Stephanie Farhat and Nephew Doug Fenix: grandchildren: Heather Thomas, Tonya Nance, Spencer Washburn, Keith Lawson, and Cody Lawson;

Brother-in-law, James Fenix, as well as many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren who will carry on her legacy of love and faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charley and Grace (Standlee) Downs, and husband Robert Fenix.

Nola will be deeply missed by all who knew her and remembered for her generous spirit, joyful presence, and unwavering devotion to her

family and her Lord.

Services will be Monday, July 14 at 10:00 A.M. at the Nelson Church of the Springs in Eureka Springs with Pastor Chuck Bengston officiating. Memorial donations may be made to Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road Springdale, AR, 72762. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com, Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.

#### Steve W. Stubbs Obituary



Steven Wayne Stubbs was born April 18, 1963, to Luther and Lennis Stubbs in Berryville Arkansas. He died peacefully in the early morning of July 5th, 2025.

Memorial services will be Saturday July 12th, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at the Church of God Holiness with Pastor Mark Pepple officiating. Steve is preceded in death by his Parents, Luther and Lennis Stubbs, and his brother Ronald Lee Stubbs.

Steve is survived by: Paul and Carol (Stubbs) Engskov, Mike and Debbie Stubbs, Charles Stubbs, Betty (Stubbs) Harris, David Stubbs, Mark and Lois Stubbs. Since Steve did not have kids, he was very close to his Nieces and Nephews: Andrew Dean, LeAnn Morrissey, Megan Gage, Corie Post, Keri Stubbs, Mariah Harp, Jeremiah Harris, Graham Stubbs, Maurin Stubbs and Isaac Stubbs.

Steve got to be a "Great" uncle to these wonderful people that were his Great Nieces and Nephews: Keilan Morrissey, Madison Gernhart, Grace Gernhart, Navi Prince, William Dean, Drew Dean, Brooklea Dean, Hadlie Post, Hayes Post, Charli Post, Harrison Harp, Winston Harp, Camille Harris, and Violet Harris.

Steve was a very special brother, son and friend. His smile and hugs made you feel special too. He was super eclectic in his hobbies and interests. He loved all dogs, cats, horses, and all family pets. Steve, with his brother David, kept Stubbs Grocery going long after their parents died. He worked 44 years talking St Louis Cardinal baseball, yelling "WOO PIG SOOIE" for the Arkansas Razorbacks or "Go Bobcats Go", and, ok yes, he made the best plain lunch meat and cheese sandwiches that kept people smiling and always coming back to see him again. Steve was quiet, funny, and so smart, that he was the first choice for family Trivia games. Some of his favorite collectibles were baseball cards, Universal Monster movies, Beatles memorabilia and music. His favorite meal was chicken strips, mashed potatoes and corn. He loved black and white movies of the 30's and 40's, collecting music CD's, watching reruns from the 50's and 60's of the Andy Griffith shows. That was his best entertainment besides watching Baseball and Football games. Steve was a member of the Church of God Holiness. He also belonged to and was a past Noble Grand of the 1.0.O.F. Lodge #82 in Berryville.

Steve was a hard worker, but his nap times were great. His family dearly loved him, and he will be greatly missed every day. He lived his whole life in Berryville and only worked at Stubb's Grocery his entire life. He had his share of illnesses and hardships, but his work ethic and values were strong. He carried the Stubbs name proudly. He was a very good man to know.

In Lieu of flowers, please give a Memorial donation to Loaves and Fishes PO Box 149, Berryville AR, 72616, the Church of God Holiness 3806 County Road 601, Green Forest AR 72638 or the Berryville Library Fund 104 Spring ST Berryville AR 72616 for furnishings. Any remembrances of Steve are greatly appreciated.

## Hacken Matthew Wolfinbarger Obituary



Hacken Matthew Wolfinbarger, age 44, of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, passed away on July 3, 2025, in Eureka Springs. He was born on June 21, 1981, in Fayetteville, Arkansas, and lived a life full of love, generosity, and spirit.

Hacken is survived by his loving children: son Cole Matthew Wolfinbarger, daughter Bree Ann Stark and her husband Ethan Stark. He was a proud and adoring grandfather to Lena Stark, who brought him endless joy. He also leaves behind his parents, Michael and Barbara Wolfinbarger; his sister, Sonya Wolfinbarger; nephews Justuce Faught and Hunter Faught; niece Ivy Faught; and his beloved grandmother, Peggy Wolfinbarger. Hacken will be deeply missed by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and many dear friends. He was preceded in death by his grandfather Frank Wolfinbarger,

maternal grandparents Mattie and Tillman Vaughn, his uncle Kevin Wolfinbarger, aunt Carolyn Vaughn, and cousin Lacy Wolfinbarger.

Hacken was an avid outdoorsman who found peace in fishing and freedom on his Harley-Davidson. A dedicated father, he never missed a chance to cheer his kids on at their sporting events. He had a big heart and was always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. A lifelong Denver Broncos fan, Hacken's loyalty and spirit matched the team he loved. More than anything, he was proud of his family, especially his granddaughter, whom he cherished deeply.

He will be remembered for his kindness, his love for the open road, and his unwavering support for the people he loved most.

Celebration of life will be 2:00 pm, Saturday, July 19, 2025, at Winona Springs Church, in Eureka Springs. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2024

### **Charlie Dale Hull Obituary**



Charlie Dale Hull departed this life on July 2, 2025, peacefully at home with his family surrounding him at the age of 98. He was the last leaf of his immediate family tree.

Charlie was born on September 7, 1926, in Eureka Springs Arkansas to Authur and Nina (Mark) Hull. Charlie served in the Army in WW2 in Japan. This was part of his life which he did not talk about. He enjoyed fishing and liked to go out on his friend's boat. He enjoyed jigsaw puzzles. He could work on them for hours on end. He made hand sewn quilts that were beautiful and will always be treasured by his family. He did go to the Senior Center at least once a day and somedays he went twice. He always stayed very busy and was never idle. This shows the kind of work ethic he had and passed that on to the ones around him. He had many friends at the Senior Center that he played pool and dominos with. He was extremely competitive at dominos and if you ever played with him, then you know what I mean! When he won at Dominos, his smile would light up the room. He always had the most wonderful smile. He was always ready to ride the Senior Bus to the casino, and he usually did pretty good when he was there.

He was a hard-working man that lived a simple life. He was a carpenter and in his 80's, it was not unusual to see him up a ladder, building a new porch roof. He always kept a meticulous yard, so you could find him out mowing or weed eating his yard! He liked to stay busy and was always building something or doing one of his hobbies.

Charlie is preceded in death by his parents, Authur and Nina (Mark) Hull,

his wife, Dollie (Amos) Hull, 3 brothers and 3 sisters, a grandson, Michael Weems and a nephew, Ronnie Stoppel.

Charlie is survived by is daughter, Delilah Weems, 6 Grandkids: Gail, Donald, Joshua, Amanda, Rebecca and Travis. 10 Great Grandkids: Justin, Sarah, Michelle, Rachael, Michael, Jackson, Michaela, Isabella, Brantley and Charlie Don. 4 Great-Great Grandkids: Tinleigh, Savannah, Ethan and Addelyn. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, other family members and many friends.

Services are July 10, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. at Eureka Springs Cemetery in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com. Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.

# James Sonny Inman Obituary



James (Jim) Theadore Inman 74 from Chetopa Kansas passed from this life on June 30th, 2025. Jim was of the Christian faith and loved spending time with family and friends.

James was born on April 18th, 1951, in Seminole, Oklahoma to the late John James and Rosielee (Doss) Inman. He was a man of many names know best by family and friends as Sonny and Cowboy James. Jame's attended Charles Page High School and graduated in 1969. He furthered his education at various colleges including the University of Arkansas and Northwest Arkansas Community College. James is preceded in death by his parents John and Rosielee Inman, maternal grandparents Theodore and Alice Doss and paternal grandparents John Henry and Margaret Inman, one sister Margaret Alice Inman and two brothers Lloyd Gail Inman and Johnny Ray

#### Inman.

James was united in marriage to his sweetheart and love of his life Taylene Veazey on March 12th, 2004.

James is survived by his devoted wife Taylene Inman; his six children, Lance Inman and Wife Brandy of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, Taña Helms and Husband Travis of Bixby, Oklahoma Jonathan Woodruff of Chetopa, Kansas, Joshua Woodruff and Wife Ashley of Joplin, Missouri Janene Spyker and Husband John of Langley, Oklahoma and Juliette Fleske and Husband Tyler of Joplin, Missouri; fourteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; two brothers Roger Inman and Wife Shirley Inman of Berryville, Arkansas, Danny Inman and Wife Cindy Inman of Berryville, Arkansas; sister-in-law Glenna Inman of Berryville; nieces and nephew Stacy Boyd, Melissa Chasteen, Amy Leivan, Candy Regalado, Amanda Inman, Terresa Walker, Allison Jones , Ryan Epley, Brenan Epley; along with numerous great nieces, nephews and a host of family and friends. James was a pillar of strength and love leaving behind a legacy of family, friends, and cherished memories. He will be deeply missed.

James had many jobs and was a jack of all trades. He found his passion for carpentry. He worked at many cabinet shops throughout the years and made lifelong friends. James was a perpetual member of the Masonic lodge in both Missouri and Oklahoma; he also obtained positions of a 33rd degree mason

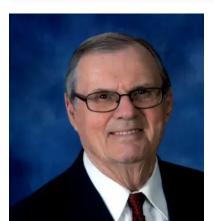
His other passion was music. James was a talented and charismatic musician who captivated everyone who had the privilege of hearing him sing and play. James love for music started at a young age and it followed him throughout his life. He played at many venues including the Cains Ballroom with his band Sonny and the Sundowners. He also appeared on the John Chick show performing live on TV.

He was the life of the party at every family gathering. He always had a guitar in hand to sing a tune, and if there was a piano around, he would play it and entertain everyone for hours. There was never a dull moment. He had endless stories and jokes better than any comedian, and he never failed to tell you what he really thought.

James was the rock and foundation of the Inman family. A fierce protector, husband, father, and friend. His strength and character inspired countless people and his love for Christ was evident. The family invites friends and loved ones to share stories, memories, and laughter as they celebrate Cowboy Jim life. His legacy will live on through the countless lives he touched, and his memory will be cherished forever.

Graveside service will be 11:00 am, Thursday, July 3, 2025, at Farmers Cemetery with Pastor Doug Blevins officiating. Memorial donations may be made to Farmer Cemetery Fund, PO Box 782, Berryville AR 72616. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com.

## Charles B Ferrill, Jr. Obituary



Charles Bailey Ferrill, Jr., age 86, of Berryville, Arkansas, passed away peacefully June 28, 2025. A memorial service is scheduled for July 10 at 2:00 p.m., at First United Methodist Church in Berryville. He will be interred in the Columbarium at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church in Little Rock at 2:00 p.m., on July 28, 2025. Charlie was born on October 30, 1938, in Granada, Mississippi, to Charles and Ruth Rogers Ferrill. He graduated from Grenada High School. Charlie then attended Ole Miss on a football scholarship. He majored in Business Administration and was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity. He played tackle for the Ole Miss Rebels and was a member of both the 1959 and 1960 National Championship teams. After graduating, Charlie served in the United States Army and then in the Army Reserves. His professional career began in Memphis with IBM. He later moved to Little Rock and worked for Morgan Keegan and Brookstreet Management before going out on his own. It was in Little Rock that he married Ann Yancey Jackson in 1991.

Charlie was an avid golfer. He was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church. He was also a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. After moving to Berryville, his wit and love of storytelling made him an excellent tour guide for ghost tours and the Basin Park Hotel in Eureka Springs. Charlie loved northwest Arkansas, especially his life in Berryville and Eureka Springs.

Charlie is preceded in death by his parents and by Sandy Peeples Ferrill the mother of his two daughters.

Charlie is survived by his wife of 33 years, Ann Yancey Ferrill: daughters Leigh Garlington (Gary) of Beaufort, South Carolina and Shannon Horton (Norman) of Varnville, South Carolina; step-son Scott Jackson (Missy); grandchildren Lynsey Griffeth-Talley (Jeremy), Jordan, Mary-Kennedy and Mills Jackson; and great-grandchildren Maxwell and Emilia Griffeth-Talley. He is also survived by his sister Cornelia Ferrill Laird of Oxford, Mississippi; brother-in-law Earl Lee Laird, Jr.; and many nieces and nephews.

Expressions of sympathy or memorial contributions may be made to M Club, P. O. Box 1374, Oxford, MS. 38655

### Hal Hudgens Obituary



Robert Howard (Hal) Hudgens Jr., age 57 of Berryville, Arkansas, died June 23, 2025. He was the son of Robert Howard Hudgens Sr. and Patricia Hudgens. He is survived by his wife, Laura Catherine Hanby Hudgens; his four children with their spouses, Robert Jackson (Jack) Hudgens and Allison Hudgens, Mary Michael Christopherson and Joseph Christopherson, Catherine Carter Hudgens, and John Chester (Chet) Hudgens; his grandchildren Robert Cassidy Hudgens, John Carter Christopherson, and one who is on the way; his mother Patty; his sisters Holly Williams Friar and Heather Hudgens; and numerous other family members, all of whom loved Hal greatly and looked to him as the rock of the family.

Though raised in Little Rock, Hal quickly took to life in Berryville after he married Laura in 1992. A fast learner, Hal became a lumberman, a farmer, and a pillar of the community where he made his home. But

he was, above all, a loving husband and a devoted father. He taught his children to love God and to know the difference between right and wrong. He taught them how to work and prepared them to

take up their place in the family and the community when their time came. He was so proud of them and took endless delight in them. Often when the family would gather around the pool or down by the river, Hal would pop open a beer, kick back, and exclaim, "Man, does it get any better than this? Look at these kids—they're all great." Hal loved to cook. He loved to eat. He loved spending time with his friends at deer camp or at the cabin on the river. He loved being generous to his nephews, treating them like his own sons. He was lovingly devoted to his father as he cared for him during his battle with Alzheimer's. He loved taking his mother out for ice cream. He loved fishing with his sister. He loved his in-laws, Butch and Beverly, and constantly looked after them. Hal loved to surprise his children with gifts. He loved his young grandchildren. And, of course, he loved Laura with all his heart and was eagerly looking forward to growing old with her and glorying in their grandchildren together. This is just what Hal did, always and everywhere: he loved us with everything that he had and "he loved them till the end" (Jn 13:1). We are devastated by his loss and will love and miss him for the rest of our lives.

Funeral service will be 10:00 am, Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at Saint Anne Catholic Church with Father Joseph Archibong officiating. Memorial donations may be made to Mennonite Disaster Services, 1063 CR 708, Berryville, AR 72616, Berryville City Library, 104 Spring Street, Berryville, AR 72616, or St. Anne's Catholic Church, 614 S Main Street, Berryville, AR 72616. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com. Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.

## Emma J Cash Obituary



Emma Joyce Cash a resident of Eureka Springs, AR was born June 10, 1933, in Eureka Springs, AR, a daughter of Ernest Allen and Georgia Emma (Boyd) Cash. Emma was escorted through the Golden Gates of Heaven on June 15, 2025, at the age of 92. Emma Joyce was a strong lady who loved to share her family photos with everyone around her. She enjoyed bird watching, cooking her morning biscuits and oatmeal and caring for her community of cats. She is survived by her loving great nephew, Brian Easley of Cassville, MO, who watched over her and was her voice when she needed him the most. Plus, several nieces and nephews, and a host of other relatives and many friends. Emma was preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Georgia

Cash, three sisters, Ernestine Cash, Opal Easley and Dorothea Cash, and two brothers, James Cash and Glen Cash.

Graveside service will be 10:00 A.M. Friday, June 20, 2025, at Rock Springs Cemetery with Tim Garrison officiating. Memorial donations may be made Good Shepherd Humane Society, 486 Hwy 62 E, Eureka Springs, AR 72632. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com, Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.

## **Curtis Landon Edwards Obituary**

Curtis Landon Edwards passed away on June 13, 2025, in Eureka Springs, Arkansas at the age of 25. Curtis was born on February 11, 2000, in Mountain Home Arkansas.

A proud graduate of Berryville High School, Curtis's craftsmanship led him to a career as a self-employed artisan. He was very creative at wood carving and leather work. Curtis's talent extended to the crafting of knives and jewelry, each piece a testament to his attention to detail and the love he poured into his work.

Above all, Curtis was a family man. His greatest joy was his daughter, who was the apple of his eye.



His love for her was evident in every action, every sacrifice, and every moment they shared. Curtis's selfless nature led him to go out of his way to help others no matter who they were.

Those who knew Curtis will remember him for his smile and the depth of his character. His legacy is one of love, kindness, and artistry, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of his family, friends, and all who were fortunate enough to have known him.

Curtis is survived by his wife Alondra Izaguirre and daughter Autumn Rosalind Edwards of the home, his mother Gina Catherine Gustin, his father Gary Edwards, Maternal Grandparents, Don and Anita Gustin Paternal Grandfather, Matt Masters, six siblings, Terra Grace Edwards, Aurora Davi Edwards, Jordan Renne Edwards, Riley Edwards, Aaron Riley Edwards, Jarrod Max Edwards, cousins, Devon Smith, Kelsey Worley and his best friend Ethen Palmerton,

He was preceded in death by James Garrett, Great-Grandfather, Clara May Garrett, Great Grandmother, one sister, Autumn Rae Edwards and Uncle Bo Gustin.

Curtis "Curt" was also a First Responder and a Firefighter for the Inspiration Pointe Fire station in Eureka Springs. Memorial donations may be made to the Inspiration Pointe Fire station at Station 2, 19800 Highway 62 W. You may also call Chief Brian Young at 319-538-8532 to pick up the donations personally to go to Curtis's wife and daughter. Chief Brian has also set up a PayPal account for donations under the name of Brian Young.

Visitation will be 1:00 pm till 2:00 pm, Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel. Funeral service will follow with Pastor David Kline officiating. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.

# **Bernice Trigg Obituary**



Bernice (Lawrence) Trigg passed away June 11,2025 at the age of 90 in Harrison, Arkansas Bernice was born March 5, 1935, at Enon, Arkansas to Edward and Gladys (Badley) Lawrence. Bernice graduated from Blue Eye High School in Blue Eye, Missouri in 1953. After graduating she worked at the Garment Factory in Branson, Missouri and was then united in marriage to Bob Trigg on November 23, 1955. Together they owned and operated a cattle farm at Farewell, Arkansas. She enjoyed going with Bob opening gates and working cattle. She loved gardening and working in the yard. She always had a pot of coffee on for family and friends when they would stop by and visit.

Later, Bernice worked at Green Forest Daycare/HeadStart and also worked as a teacher's aide for many years at Green Forest School.

After retiring from school, she continued to work on the farm with her husband. She also enjoyed working the elections for several years.

Bernice was a Christian and attended the First Baptist Church in Green Forest. She is survived by her husband, Bob Trigg and one son, Kent Trigg of Green Forest, Arkansas. Two sisters; Joyce Brokaw of Oak Grove, Arkansas, Carolene Villines of Green Forest, Arkansas and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Edward and Gladys Lawrence, one brother Gerald Dean Lawrence, niece Marilyn Ann Davis and nephew Melvin Dwayne Lawrence. Visitation will be at 10:00 am, on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at Nelson's Green Forest Chapel in Green Forest. Funeral services will be at 11:00 am at Nelson's Green Forest Chapel with speaker Kevin Robertson. Interment will follow the service at Farewell Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Memorial donations may be made to the Farewell Cemetery Fund at Anstaff Bank or Countryside Assisted Living Facility at Rock Springs in Harrison, Arkansas. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com, Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.

### Louise Ryland Spurlin Obituary



Louise Ryland Pistole Spurlin, a longtime resident of Berryville, passed away peacefully at home on June 5, 2025, at the age of 87, in Berryville, Arkansas. Born on May 6, 1938, in Crossett, Arkansas, to the late Vaughn and Lois (McCain) Pistole, Louise's life was a testament to the power of love, education, and the simple pleasures of life.

Louise earned a bachelor's degree in English education from the University of Arkansas in 1960. From 1969 -1979, she and her husband owned a commercial greenhouse. Together, they built, owned and operated Hickory Ridge Plaza from 1979 -1989. She was an avid gardener, cultivating beauty in both her garden and her heart, and her love for bird watching reflected her appreciation for nature. She enjoyed bowling, golfing, travelling, and cheering on the Razorbacks. Her enthusiasm for these activities was infectious.

On January 29, 1960, Louise was united in marriage with

Robert M. Spurlin. Louise's legacy is lovingly cherished by her daughter, Laura Spurlin; her sister, Nancy Morton; her brother, Don Pistole; five grandchildren; and eleven nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind a host of other relatives and friends who will miss her dearly.

Louise was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Robert M. Spurlin, her parents, Vaughn and Lois Pistole, her daughter Sara Elizabeth, her son Robert Stephen, and her sister Bobbie Reynolds. Honorary Pall Bearers are:

Jack Carmichael, Robert T.P. Newell, John B Amason, Vaughn McCain Spurlin, Mike Armstrong, James Ryland Arnold and James Shell

Memorial Donations may be made to the American Lung Association @www.lung.org, Arkansas Children's Hospital @ Giving.ARChildrens.org or the Berryville United Methodists Church. Visitation will be 10:00 am, Saturday , June 21, 2025 with Funeral Services following at 11a.m. at the Charles M Nelson Memorial Chapel in Berryville with Minister Michael Daniel and Pastor Allen Morton officiating. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.

## **Evelina Long Obituary**



Evelina Acuff Long of Berryville was born January 21, 1927, in Tupelo Arkansas to Linzey and Easter (Jackson) Acuff. She died on June 5th, 2025, in Bentonville Arkansas at the age of 98. Evelina taught at the Bobo School in Carroll County for a short time. She married Arthur (Tuck) Long on August 10, 1946, and to their union 4 children were born: Jack Long, Jerry Long, Judith Long-Mosley and John Long. She was blessed with 15 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren that she was immensely proud of. She is survived by her daughter Judith Long-Mosley, her son John and his wife Betty, her three sisters, Theda, Lavinia and Ethel. She has numerous family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers Ben and Lyman Acuff, her two sons Jack and Jerry and her husband of 57

years, Arthur (Tuck) Long.

After Tuck and Evelina were married, they moved to their farm on Indian Creek north of Berryville where Evelina continued to reside for almost 79 years.

Evelina was baptized in 1958 and remained faithful as one of Jehovah's Witnesses until her death. She enjoyed spending many hours every month sharing Bible truths that she loved with others in the community.

Many in the area knew her as the "Sample Lady" at the local grocery stores for several years. She had many talents, such as being a gifted seamstress, gardener, and craft maker. She enjoyed passing these talents on to her children and grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 P.M. at the Berryville Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. Memorial donations may be made to the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York at donate.jw.org. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.

### **Cecil James White Obituary**



Cecil James White (Jim) passed away Friday, June 6, 2025, at Circle of Life in Bentonville. Jim was born April 9, 1929, in Moko, Arkansas to James Cecil and Vetus Haslett White.

This kind and generous man of faith will be remembered for his love for family and friends.

He married the love of his life on July 17, 1948, in Mammoth Spring, Arkansas. Together they raised three children, Linda Gail White Neal (Glenn), Kenneth James White (Shirley), and Cynthia Deanne White (Tom).

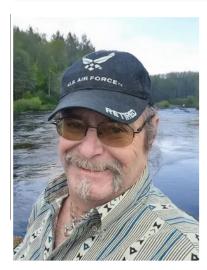
He is survived by his wife of 76 years, Willa Mae Davis White, his daughters, Linda and Cynthia, daughter-in-law Shirley, seven

grandchildren: Rick Keyes, Jamea Preston, Jeff Neal, Abbie Turiansky, Ryan Neal, Cheryl White Tamas, and Kyle White. Also surviving are 18 great grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren and sister Freda Gray.

Preceding him in death were his parents, siblings Jewel, Georgia, Robert and his precious son Kenneth James White.

Funeral service will be 2:00 pm, Monday, June 9, 2025, at Nelson's Green Forest Chapel with Pastor Paul Woodhouse officiating. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.

#### Alan R. McCalister Obituary



Alan Roy McCalister was born on March 8, 1956, and went to meet the lord at the age of 69. He was the third child of Albert Donel McCalister and Dorothy (Scarrow) McCalister. He was joined in marriage to Lori Sue (Posey) McCalister on September 8, 1980, in Columbus, Mississippi.

Alan proudly served his country in the United States Air Force from 1979 to 1999, retiring after 20 years of honorable service at Whiteman

Air Force Base in Knob Noster, Missouri. After his retirement, he and Lori made their home in Windsor, Missouri.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy (Scarrow) Moore; his father, Albert Donel McCalister; a brother, Michael McCalister; and two of his beloved daughters, Chrystal Renee McCalister and Brandi Leigh McCalister. He is survived by his loving wife, Lori McCalister; his children, David Posey of Florida, Christopher McCalister of Missouri and Lisa Williams of Arkansas; a sister, Patricia Taylor and a brother, Earl McCalister, both of Eureka Springs, Arkansas; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Alan was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, son and brother. He loved spending time outdoors, especially hunting, fishing and camping. He also enjoyed bowling, playing pool and watching his favorite western, Lonesome Dove, but found his greatest joy in making memories with his family. Alan's strength, humor and love for his family will be remembered always.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at the Rock Springs Baptist Church, Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Burial will be at the Rock Springs Cemetery, Eureka Springs. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.

## Barbara I Lynch Obituary



Barbara Irean Lynch was born on Dec 20, 1941. She left this world on May 27th, 2025. Barbara was born in Chester, AR to Charles and Mable Friddle.

Her early years found her family in Fayetteville, AR. In 1958 she moved to Berryville to live with her older sister and graduated from Berryville High School in 1959.

She met Doyle Lynch shortly after high school graduation and they were married on Dec 13th, 1959. Barbara soon had a family of 3 children which she supported and encouraged as they grew up. Barbara was a wonderful cook. She loved to decorate for birthdays, weddings, baby showers, and other gatherings. Flowers were her specialty. She had a love for dogs, and she also had empathy for the

poor, helping start the Green Forest food pantry to assist those in need.

Barbara was involved in church activities and led a number of Bible studies.

Barbara was proceeded in in death by her parents, her husband Doyle, and her sister Thelma Walker. Barbara leaves to this world her 3 children - Anita Doss(Jeff) of Rogers, AR, Deborah Spate(Matthew) of Green Forest, AR, and David Lynch(Cheryll) of Cummings, GA, 13 grandchildren and 7 + Spate great grandchildren.

She will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Barbara requested no public services to be held. Memorial donations may be made to Beth'el Agape Food Pantry, PO Box 437, Green Forest AR 7263 or St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.

#### **Randall Fultz Obituary**



RANDALL WAYNE FULTZ, departed this life on May 26, 2025, at the age of 70. Randall was born July 31, 1954, in Harrison, Arkansas, to Jarld Dean and Bonnie Sue (Sisco) Fultz. A life-long resident of Green Forest, Randall was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He was a hardworking farmer and avid bowler. Randall enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling, and watching the Razorbacks.

Randall was a 1972 graduate of Green Forest High School and earned his carpentry license from Twin Lakes Vocational Technical College. On August 11, 1973, he was united in marriage with Karen Sue Standlee. Together, they owned and operated a farm business that included various enterprises over the years including beef, dairy, and poultry. Randall and Karen also owned and operated two

restaurant businesses, including Jim's Drive In.

Randall's 51-year marriage with Karen produced three children, Latisha Ann Fultz (Dan) Settlage of Fort Smith, Steven Dean (Lynette) Fultz of Eureka Springs, and Brian Wayne (Bridgette) Fultz of Green Forest. Randall was the proud grandfather of 11 grandchildren: Madison Settlage, Mackenzie Settlage, Amanda (Victor) Brown, Xander (Madison) Long, Anistyn Long, Jace Fultz, Ashlyn Gilbert, Aisley Faught, and Addilyn Fultz, and 2 great grandchildren.

Randall is preceded in death by his father, Jarld Dean Fultz; his father-in-law, Fay George Standlee, his mother-in-law, Bonnie Lea Standlee, a sister and brother-in-law, Deanna Sue (Dennis) Whitaker, and grandson, Ryan Grassel.

He is survived by his wife, Karen, of the home. His mother, Bonnie Fultz, of Green Forest, a sister, Teresa Wright, of Green Forest, his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and several close family, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Visitation will be 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Friday, May 30, 2025, at Nelson's Green Forest Chapel, Green Forest, Arkansas. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 31, 2025, at Nelson's Green Forest Chapel, Green Forest, Arkansas with Jack Sams officiating. Interment will follow the service at the Rule Cemetery, Green Forest, Arkansas, under the direction of Nelson Funeral

Service, Inc. Memorial donations may be made to the Rule Cemetery Fund, c/o Steven Newberry, 1060 CR 802, Green Forest, Arkansas 72638. Online condolences may be sent to the family at <u>nelsonfuneral.com</u>.

### Carolyn J Burney Obituary



Carolyn Jean (Doss) Burney passed peacefully from this world on May 24, 2025, in Fayetteville Arkansas at the age of 82.

Born in Chaplin, Arkansas on July 8, 1942, to Fred and Zona (Scates) Doss, Carolyn began life as the 11th child of her parents in a simple farmhouse in Rock House Arkansas. Her married life began when she was 21 and wed Donald Burney on May 8, 1964. Over the next 60 plus years they enjoyed a life filled with love and joy not without some challenges, but one that persevered and left a legacy for their children and grandchildren. Along the journey she became a loving mother to her girls, and Nana to her grandchildren who always filled her life with pride and joy. Carolyn was an avid reader, a lover of Jesus, and faithful friend to many in the community. Her life was, and remains, an example of perseverance and love. Carolyn was a

member of the Green Forest United Methodist Church and loved old time hymns and reading the monthly devotionals from Upper Room.

Carolyn is survived by daughters Dawnette King and husband Jerry, Jennifer Waller and husband David, grandchildren Zachary, Nora, Hannah, and Allison. She is also survived by her brother Clarence Doss; sister Lola Thompson; brother-in-law Bill Ray; along with many nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents Fred and Zona Doss; husband Donald Burney; brother George Doss; sisters Daisy Worley, Dailey Harp, Jessie Willhite, Lorene Walker, Bonnie Reynolds, Fredalene Ray, and Ina Worley.

Visitation will be 10:00 am, until 11:00 am, Friday, May 30, 2025, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel. Funeral service will follow at 11:00 am, with Pastor Michael Bolin officiating. Burial will follow service at Berryville Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Berryville Library Building Fund, 104 Spring Street, Berryville, AR 72616. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.

#### **Maribeth Kimber Obituary**

Maribeth "Beth" Roberts Kimber

January 20, 1960 - May 18, 2025

Maribeth Roberts Kimber, lovingly known as Beth, passed away peacefully on May 18, 2025, with her daughters and husband by her side. Born on January 20, 1960, in Harrison, Arkansas, to a hardworking farming family, Beth developed a deep love for horses and a strong work ethic that defined her life.



In October of 2010, she married the love of her life, Dave Kimber. Together, they traveled the country working on the pipeline, sharing beautiful views and unforgettable memories.

Beth was a woman of many talents and an even bigger heart. She was known for her incredible sewing skills - creating pieces for friends, family, and many residents in rest homes. She loved crafting, gardening, and cooking for others.

Her greatest joy, however, was being "Memaw." She adored her grandchildren - Carson and Claire Howle, Parker, Piper, Phorrest, and Prim Chaney - and took special pride in teaching them how to cook and do crafts, passing down her creativity, love, and life lessons with each moment they shared. Root beer floats and ice cream with Memaw were treasured times they'll always remember.

Beth was preceded in death by her parents, James and Billye Sue Roberts and her beloved son, James Elmore and nephew, Jacob Doss.

She is survived by her devoted husband, David Joseph Kimber; daughters Buffy Jo and her husband Clinton Howle, and Phylicia and her husband William Chaney III; and her beloved grandchildren, also survived by Brittany Kimber Nunez and her husband Alejandro Nunez and their children Gianni and David Nunez, along with Jayme Kimber.

Beth worked as hard as any man and proudly passed that strength on to her family. She taught her daughters to be independent, strong, and to never shy away from hard work—a legacy they now live out in their own lives and families

Her life was one of love, resilience, and generosity —a woman who gave endlessly and asked for little in return. She leaves behind a legacy stitched together with strength, kindness, and unwavering faith.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Rule Cemetery Fund, 1060 CR 802, Green Forest, AR 72638. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." - Luke 23:42

#### **Betty Thompson Obituary**



Betty Grace Thompson of Green Forest was born March 17, 1932, to Jess and Mabel (Gray) Disheroon. Betty passed away May 16, 2025, in Sedalia, Missouri at the age of 93.

Betty was united in marriage with Roy Kirk Thompson on January 14, 1949, who preceded her in death on January 25, 2017. In addition to fishing with her husband, she enjoyed gardening and antiquing, with special interests in jewelry, oil lamps, and depression glass.

Betty was a beloved mother and grandmother. She is survived by her children Carolyn Riggleman and Kathryn Teague; grandchildren Tracy Morris, Kimberly Shifflett, Kevin Teague and wife Jody, Justin Teague and wife Lillian, Jeremy Teague and wife Johni Beth; great grandchildren Joey Shifflett, Kristin Sherman, Jeremy Shifflett, Kaelyn

Teague, Kadin Teague, Kolton Teague, Dally Teague, Bailey Teague, Tripp Teague, Tinley Teague; along with other family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Kirk Thompson; her parents, Jess Disheroon and Mabel (Gray) Disheroon; four brothers, Deveer, Loyd, Billy Rex and Jimmy Disheroon; and one sister, Maxine Waggoner.

Graveside service will be 2:00 pm, Thursday, May 29, 2025, at Fair Grove Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Fair Grove Cemetery, c/o Kay Bing, 345 CR 804, Green Forest, Arkansas 72638. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025

### Gerald D Rash Obituary

Gerald Dean Rash of Berryville, Arkansas, was born June 8, 1938, in Alexander, North Carolina, to Arthur Ray and Anna (Smith) Rash. Gerald passed away peacefully in his sleep at his home on May 13, 2025, in Berryville at the age of 86.

Gerald proudly served his country in the US Army from 1955 to 1958. He was a member of the 101st Airborne during boot camp, served with the 7th Infantry in Korea, and finished his enlistment with the 1st Armored Division at Fort Polk, Louisiana. On December 19, 1959, he married the love of his life, Mary Lee Fox. Gerald was a licensed master plumber in both North Carolina and Arkansas and ran his own plumbing business for over 40 years.



An avid outdoorsman, he loved hunting, fishing, and shooting. He also enjoyed reading and reciting poetry and had a very witty sense of humor. Above all, Gerald was a devoted family man who cherished time spent with his sons and grandchildren. Known for his kindness and generosity, Gerald was always willing to help others. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) Lodge #82 and the Friends of the Berryville Library.

Gerald is survived by his wife of 65 years Mary Lee Fox Rash of Berryville, Arkansas; son Jeff Rash and wife Vicki of Seymour, Missouri; daughter-in-law Aimee Rash of Lowell, Arkansas; granddaughters Shirley Rash of Berryville, Arkansas, and Mary Barker and husband Ken of Rockhampton, Australia; brothers Millard Rash and Tony Rash of Leicester, North Carolina; sisters Janette Brown and Barbara Pinkerton of Marion, North Carolina; sister-in-law Barbara June Rash of Leicester, North Carolina; and many nieces and nephews.

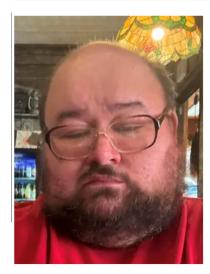
He is predeceased by his parents Arthur Ray and Annie Rash, son John Keith Rash, grandson Arthur S. Rash, and brother Bobby Rash.

Gerald's family would also like to extend a special thank you to Arkansas Hospice and their staff, particularly Everett, Rex, Sheyli, Janice, and Dr. Taylor, for their kindness, care, and compassion for Gerald and his family in the last few months of his life.

A joint visitation and memorial service for Gerald and his grandson Arthur will be held Saturday, May 31. Visitation will be 1 to 3 pm at Westside Full Gospel Church, with the memorial service at 3 pm, also at Westside with Chaplain Rex Griffin and Pastor Joe Fancher will be officiating.

Memorial donations for Gerald can be made to Arkansas Hospice, 310 S. Main Street Ste D, Berryville, AR 72616 or online at www.arkansashospice.org; the Berryville Library Building Fund, 104 Spring St., Berryville AR 72616; Gideon's International, PO Box 362, Berryville AR 72616; and I.O.O.F., 504 Meadowmere St. Berryville, AR 72616. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.

### Jordan Pflueger Obituary



Jordan David Ray Pflueger of Eureka Springs was born October 17, 1990, in Eureka Springs to Ray and Abbie (Colvin) Pflueger. Jordan passed away May 13, 2025, in Eureka Springs at the age of 34.c

He volunteered at the Library on Wednesday for a couple of hours. Jordan enjoyed video games, artwork and writing. When it came to art and writing stories, Jordan had a very creative mind.

Jordan is survived by his father Ray Pflueger, grandfather Dennis Pflueger and uncles Roy and Troy Pflueger. He is preceded in death by his mother Abbie Pflueger and grandmother Lynn Colvin.

Visitation will be 5:00 pm till 7:00 pm, Sunday, May 18, 2025, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel. Graveside service will be 10:00 am, Monday, May 19, 2025, at Rockhouse Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Rockhouse Cemetery, c/o Jimmy Clark, 1381 CR 509, Eureka Springs AR 72632. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.

### **Chrystina Suzette Stephens Obituary**



Chrystina Suzette Stephens of Berryville was born February 20, 1946, in Fort Smith, Arkansas to Gilbert and Patsy Huelsbeck. Chrystina passed away May 10, 2025, in Berryville at the age of 79.

Chrystina (Tina) was a very loving and giving person, you never left her home empty handed. Tina loved to make things and was always painting and crafting things for the people around her. She was a fantastic cook and enjoyed sharing her many recipes with her loved ones. Tina had a huge heart and loved to feed the stray animals that showed up at her doorstep. She also loved to tell jokes and make others laugh.

Chrystina is survived by her two daughters Amanda and Jennifer Stephens of Berryville, three sisters Jan Caballero of Berryville, Peggy Myers Newman of Lampe, Missouri and Robin Donahue of

Joplin, Missouri. She also has four nieces Janalee Kaylor, Jerilynn Caballero Hover, Sara-Beth Payne and Amber Meza and two nephews Chris Olhausen and Jason Erickson.

Chrystina is preceded in death by her father Gilbert Carl Huelsbeck, her mother Patsy and stepfather Richard Hallendorff.

Memorial donations can be made to The Purple Flower at 109 W. Church Ave. Berryville, Arkansas 72616.

A private memorial service for the family will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service Inc. Online condolences may be sent to the family at <u>nelsonfuneral.com</u>.

## **Thester Williams Obituary**



Thester (Tony) Leo Williams, Jr., 73, passed away on May 5th, 2025, in Rogers, Arkansas. Born on December 18th, 1951, in Jonesboro,

Louisiana, Tony lived a life marked by dedication to family, faith, and work. He was the beloved husband of Carol Williams of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, and a devoted father to James (Jamie) E. Williams and his wife Leslie of Louisiana; Craig A. McKendall and his wife Mindy of California; and Kirk S. McKendall and his wife Patty of California. He was a proud grandfather to Reagan Williams, Colby Williams, and Maddox Williams of Louisiana; Eric McKendall of California; Matthew McKendall of Illinois; and Amanda McKendall of California.

Tony was preceded in death by his parents, Thester L. Williams and Alvis L. Bryant Williams, as well as his sister Virginia (Ginny) Williams.

After attending Louisiana Tech, Tony served honorable in the United States Air Force as a rocket engine mechanic and missile mechanic. Following his military service, he pursued a multifaceted career as a licensed building contractor and owner of Sunland Construction in California, as well as a licensed real estate agent in Arkansas.

In 1980, Tony moved from Louisiana to California, where he continued to grow professionally and personally. In 1999, he retired to Eureka Springs, Arkansas, where he embraced the natural surroundings, he cherished.

A man of deep faith, Tony was a devoted member of Faith Christian Family Church in Eureka Springs. Even when facing pain and sickness, Tony found comfort and even joy in knowing the Lord. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, and golfing.

Tony's legacy is one of service, devotion, and joy. May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him.

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## Frederick W. Walker Obituary



Frederick W. Walker of Eureka Springs was born in Texarkana, Arkansas, March 22, 1943, to Addie Van Walker and Charles Walker. He was raised in Texas before coming to Eureka Springs in 2017. Ted passed away May 4, 2025, in Eureka Springs at the age of 82.

Ted was stationed in Europe as a civil employee for the military, where he worked as a digital cartographer. He was a kind and gentle man who loved to bake cakes and give them away to people who were having a birthday or who may have helped him and other members of the community. Ted also loved any animal and took in 3 stray cats.

April 9, 2002, Ted was united in marriage to Sandra Walker who survives him of the home. He is also survived by his sons Austin

Walker and Colin Walker, along with other family members and friends.

Ted is preceded in death by his parents and brother Wes Walker.

No services are scheduled at this time. Memorial donations may be made to Good Shepherd Humane Society, 486 Hwy 62 E, Eureka Springs, AR 72632 or Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road, Springdale, AR 72762 or Museum of Eureka Springs Art, 95 S Main St, Eureka Springs, AR 72632. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service Inc. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc.2025.

## Jerry D Barton Obituary



Jerry Dean Barton of Holiday Island, Arkansas was born August 31, 1956, to Billy Joe, "Jody", and Laura Belle (McGain) Barton. Jerry passed away on May 4, 2025, in Holiday Island, at 68.

Jerry loved to have a good time and be with friends. Some of his favorite memories came from spending time at lakes, especially the Lake of the Ozarks, with his family and friends who became family. He loved attending festivals as well. Jerry also enjoyed throwing parties, especially epic pool and Halloween parties. He was always the life of the party wherever he went and never met a stranger. Jerry dedicated much of his career to workplace safety, before he transitioned to working for a title company.

On April 30, 2009, Jerry was united in marriage to Thomas Craig who survives him of the home. He is also survived by 2 daughters Nicole McGee and husband Bradley of Kansas City, Missouri, and Jessica Shaddox and husband Chad of Overland Park, Kansas. His grandchildren Jackson, Katie, Jessica, Logan, and Sydney. He is also survived by his in-laws George and Dorthy Rasmussen and Dennis and Kathy Craig of Bellevue, Nebraska.

Jerry is proceeded in death by his parents, grandparents Lawerence and Jessie Barton and Robert and Edna McGain.

"Life is precious and short. It is to be full of whatever makes you happy." -Eleanor Roosevelt

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## **Deborah Elise Quigley Smith Obituary**



Deborah Elise Quigley Smith was born July 7, 1963, in Kodiak, Alaska to Glenn & Patsy Quigley. She passed from this life on May 1, 2025, from cancer.

Debbie was a life long follower of Jesus Christ and loved to read and study the Bible. She was always looking forward to her life after this one because of the hope she had in Jesus.

She loved her family, her family farm and gardening at Quigley Castle. For 35 years, she worked to keep her grandmother's legacy alive at Quigley's Castle, maintaining her grandmother's perennial garden, the house and showing guest around, telling them the story of her Grandmother, Elise Quigley.

Debbie loved to write. Some of her poetry has been published in periodical reviews. She has written 3 books, which remain unpublished. For 7 years, Debbie has written and directed the Voices Cemetery Walk, a fundraiser for the Eureka Springs Historical Museum, of which she was a member of the board. Debbie loved to make quilts, doilies and other knitting projects.

She was a member of the Eureka Springs School Board for 9 years and served her community by delivering meals on wheels, especially during the COVID pandemic. Debbie loved spending time with friends who were so precious to her. She served as a leader at Celebrate Recovery in Rogers, Arkansas and made so many precious friends there.

Throughout, her family was her life. There was nothing she would not do for her family, often sacrificing to see that her family was cared for.

Debbie is preceded in death by her father Glenn Webster Quigley of Eureka Springs. By her Grandparents, Curtis & Opal Hull of Berryville, and Albert (Bud) & Elise Quigley of Eureka Springs.

She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Kenneth Eric Smith of Eureka Springs, Daughter, Callie Michael Smith Sanchez and husband Rudy of Bentonville, Arkansas. Daughter Kendra Gabriel Priscilla Smith of Eureka Springs and by her pride and joy, her beloved grandsons, Aiden Paul Sanchez and Grayson Michael Sanchez of Bentonville. She is also survived by her mother, Pasty Lee Hull Quigley of Eureka springs and one sister, Caroline Elizabeth Quigley Widhalm and husband Marty of Lincoln Nebraska, several cousins and many, many dear friends.

Memorial service will be held at 11:00 am, Thursday, May 15, 2025, at Nelson's Chapel of the Springs, in Eureka Springs. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Research, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service Inc. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc.2025.

## Dan William Gordon Obituary



Dan "Dano" Gordon of Berryville, Arkansas was born in Duncan, Oklahoma on September 13, 1960, to Richard and Sondra (Cool) Gordan. Dan passed away April 27, 2025, in Berryville at the age of 64.

He worked at Tysons for 29 years. After retirement Dan, enjoyed reading his newspaper, crossword puzzles, fishing and wearing his flip flops. He would help anyone that he could. Dan loved spending time with his mother. You would find him working on his home and doing yardwork.

Dan is survived by his mother Sondra Gordon; stepchildren Ericka Durossett, Rachell Cagle, Travis Walker, Tony Walker, Trevor Collins; companion Kim Collins; sisters Janelle Bean, Laura Flowers; along

with other family members and friends.

He is preceded in death by his father Richard Gordon.

Memorial service will be 2:00 pm, Monday, May 12, 2025, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service Inc. Online condolences may be sent to nelsonfuneral.com © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc.2025.

### Jerry Lee Carlton Obituary



It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of our beloved dad Jerry Lee Carlton who passed away on April 25, 2025, at the age of 87 at Circle of Life Hospice House in Springdale, Arkansas.

Jerry was born on May 31, 1937, in Clyde, Texas to Paul M. Carlton and Annie Dell Hubbard Carlton. On February 16, 1957, Jerry was united in marriage with his high school sweetheart, Patsy Ann Peden in Blue Eye, Arkansas. They were blessed to have been married 66 years before her passing.

Jerry proudly served his country in the United States Air Force between the years of 1956-1965 as an aircraft mechanic. After his military service, Pat and Jerry made their home in Oak Grove, Arkansas where they lived out the rest of their days. They were

blessed with four children.

Jerry worked for Tysons for 33 years as a knife technician, leaving behind a legacy of hard work, dedication and a reputation as one of the most skilled knife sharpeners in the area, with many bringing their knives to him even after retirement.

Jerry was an avid golfer during his retirement. He competed and won many local tournaments. One of his proudest moments was a hole-in-one while golfing with his oldest grandson. He also taught several of his grandchildren the game of golf. His many hobbies and interests also included: gardening, cutting firewood, Elvis, tinkering on cars and being the ultimate "do-it-yourselfer". He passed many of these skills down to his children and grandchildren.

Jerry was preceded in death by his wife Patsy, parents, sisters Betty Bentley, Pauline Meyers, Virginia Peterson, brother Kenneth Carson, and son-in-law Bruce Robinson. He is survived by his twin sister Mary L. Higdon of Sacramento, CA, sons Jackie Carlton (Janita) and Jerry Dale Carlton (Jacklynn) both of Green Forest, AR, daughters Leanne Robinson of Lexington, OK and Lisa Martin (Ed) of Edmond, OK, twelve grandchildren: Jerrod (Kristie), Josh (Ally), Janessa (Kyle), Ashleigh, Alyssa, Andrea (Andrew), Reece (Dez), Parker, Amber (Gustavo), Alaina (Nathaniel), Charity and Aaron. He is also survived by ten great grandchildren: Malachi, Kenzie, Kaden, Everlyn, Samuel, Caroline, Sienna, Adrian, Nicolas, and Abram. Other close family members include Lois Peden, Jack and Debbie Peden, Mervin and Elaine Church, and many nieces, nephews, friends, and his beloved cat, Annie.

Visitation will be Tuesday, April 29, 2025, from 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. Nelson's Chapel, Green Forest, AR. Celebration of life will be held Wednesday, April 30, at 10:00 A.M. with Pastor Jim Goins officiating. Memorial donations may be made to Circle of Life Hospice House, 901 Jones Rd Springdale, AR.

## Johnnie Lee Scroggins Obituary



Johnnie Lee Scroggins, 81, of Busch, Arkansas, went to be with his Lord on April 22, 2025.

Johnnie's love for the Lord was immense. He took joy in sharing testimony with friends new and old, encouraging them to trust in God and to follow His tenets of love and generosity.

Johnnie served his country in the Vietnam War as part of the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Screaming Eagles.

His courage and diligence earned him the Bronze Star Medal, and his devotion to his comrades shaped the rest of his life. He often spoke to

fellow veterans about their war experiences, helped them secure benefits, and opened his home to those struggling.

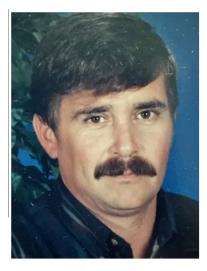
Born to Harry and Lucille (Weston) Scroggins in Beaver, AR, on February 10, 1944, Johnnie helped build the Beaver Dam and later worked all over the United States and abroad in the pipeline industry. He operated heavy equipment and transported oversized loads.

Johnnie loved to work on his property. In his backhoe almost daily, Johnnie never ran short of projects to work on or of people to instruct.

He is survived by his spouse, Amanda, his stepchildren, two siblings: Mike Scroggins and Harriet Scroggins Franklin and husband, Don, as well as a many nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Lucille Scroggins, his brother, Donnie Scroggins, and his much-loved dogs, BooBoo, Polly, and Mackie.

A service for Johnnie Lee Scroggins will be held at 11:30am on Saturday, May 10, 2025, along with military funeral honors at 140 Flamingo Lane in Busch, AR, followed by a BBQ luncheon like Johnnie held every year for friends and family. Internment will be at Beaver Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to the family at <u>nelsonfuneral.com</u>.



## **Charles Kent Epperson Obituary**

Charles Kent Epperson of Bella Vista, formerly of Berryville, Arkansas, passed away on April 21, 2025, at the age of 70. Charles was born September 12, 1954, to WR (Bill) and Helen Fancher Epperson.

Charles, known by many as Charlie, enjoyed watching westerns and had a great sense of humor. While living at Concordia in Bella Vista, he had a wonderful companion, "Fat Cat," a sweet kitty that survives him.

Charles was of the Berryville High School class of 1972. He was also a military veteran. He spent 4 years in the Air Force, stationed at Wurtsmith AF Base in Michigan and was a member of the 142nd

National Guard Field Artillery and was deployed in Desert Storm. He retired as Sergeant E-6 from the service.

He was a hard worker, employed by propane companies in NW Arkansas for a number of years, and before retiring worked for Beaver Lake Aviation in Rogers.

Charles is survived by his mother, Helen Epperson, daughter Ashley Lee of Bella Vista, his son Brooks Epperson (Sammie) of Bella Vista, sister Ann Barnett of Arizona, two brothers Bob Epperson of Arizona and Bill Epperson (Randi) of Elkins, Arkansas, four grandchildren: Maddox and Sam Lee, Charlee Epperson, Landon Anderson, as well as nephew Wes Edens (Melanie) of Glendale, AZ, and niece Susan Edens of Clarksville, Arkansas.

Charles was preceded in death by his father William Robert Epperson.

Service is currently being planned for autumn, Charles' favorite time of year.

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## Frances C Harp Obituary

Frances Clarke West Harp, age 86 of Fayetteville, Arkansas, died April 10, 2025. She was the daughter of Rollo Granger West and Julia June Webster West of Berryville, Arkansas. She is survived by her three children with their spouses, Jennifer and Bill Hudspeth, Stephanie and Michael Hanby, David Harp and Louise Hancox. Grandchildren Hannah Keegan, William Hudspeth, Andrew Hudspeth, Rowan Hanby, Thomas Hanby, Maddie Harp, Benjamin Harp, five great grandchildren, sister and brother-in-law Judith and Joe Colclasure - all of whom she loved greatly.

Frances, affectionately known by family and friends as Francie and as 'Mimi Francie' by her grandchildren and great grandchildren, was always the life of any gathering. From Christmas Eve



family dance parties to simple conversations, Francie was fully present, living every moment with joy and her beautiful laughter. She remained joyful even in the midst of the suffering that was an ever-present part of her later life. No one loved being alive more than she did. By the end, her suffering had made her holy. As her disease reduced her to child-likeness, she became ever more the child of God. With great joy and a child-like faith, she was received into the Catholic Church in 2018.

Francie was thoughtful, kind, beautiful, and smart. She was larger than life, delighting in its absurdities, and she faced every day with a lively and irreverent sense of humor. Some of the funniest Mimi Francie stories cannot be printed, but the memory of them will forever bring a smile to the faces of her family and friends and to anyone who

spent more than a few minutes around her. Above all, she could laugh at herself, even as her

disease progressed. As she aged and her dementia symptoms increased, she never lost the capacity to find joy or to find the opportunity to laugh.

Francie had a great love for beauty and culture and loved to travel the world. Once asked about the favorite place she had ever been, she simply responded "wherever I am". This perfectly summarized the way she lived: soaking up the richness of life in every circumstance she found herself.

Francie's love for her family, as a daughter, a mother and a grandmother, was nothing less than ferocious, and she was adored in turn by her family and friends, who will miss her tremendously. She taught us how to love, how to live, and now, how to die–all with laughter, joy, and great beauty. No words can express our gratitude for these great gifts or how much we will miss her.

The family would like to thank Patricia Barnes, Cathy Keck, Marcy Benham and numerous other caregivers for the great love they have shown while caring for Francie during the years of her illness. We would also like to thank the staff of the Special Care Unit at Butterfield Trail Village for their care and the countless acts of kindness they have shown to Francie and to all of us. Finally, we wish to express our gratitude to Fr. Jason Tyler and the other priests and parishioners of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fayetteville for their steadfastness in ministering to Francie.

The funeral Mass for Frances Clarke West Harp will take place at 2 pm on Tuesday, April 15, at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church in Eureka Springs, Arkansas followed by the interment at the Berryville Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Berryville Library Fund for New Building, 104 Spring Street, Berryville, AR 72616, online at berryvillelibrary.org/building, St Joseph Catholic Church for New Building Fund, 1722 N. Starr Drive, Fayetteville, AR 72701, online at https://www.sjfay.com/our-future-church, or Alzheimer's Arkansas, 201 Markham Center Drive,

# Bruce Spillman Obituary



On July 5, 2025, Bruce Lee Spillman left his earthly abode and entered into eternity. He was born on October 10, 1946, in Joplin, Missouri, to Harold Spillman and Wintress Shull Spillman. His family moved to Springfield, MO, where at the age of 17 he joined the United States Marine Corps Reserve. Upon graduating from Central High School in 1964, he served in the Vietnam War with a one year tour of duty in Wakani, Japan. He was honorably discharged from the Marines in 1969 with the rank of Lance Corporal.

In 1974 Bruce landed in Eureka Springs where he lived the remainder of his life. To locals he was known as "Street Bruce." He was the first bartender to work at Chelsea's, and he had a window washing business along with various other side hustles. Bruce was known to wander off, only to return with tales of great adventures from his journeys of hitchhiking around the country. He loved the beauty and quiet of the outdoors, and lived off grid on his land for decades. He enjoyed canoeing, hiking, exploring and shooting guns. He was artistic, creative, an avid reader, and one cool cat. He was a unique individual who always spoke his mind, and was a true friend to those he was close to. He will be dearly missed and forever in our hearts.

Bruce will be interred at Fayetteville National Cemetery on Friday, August 1, 2025, 10:30 - 11:00 AM. Fayetteville National Cemetery, 1000 S Lt. Col. Leroy Pond Ave., Fayetteville, AR 72701. Online condolences can be made at smithfamilyfuneralhome.net



## Glenda Scott Obituary

Glenda Jean Scott, known to all simply as Glenda, lived a life characterized by unwavering love, infectious friendliness, and thoughtful generosity. Born on January 14, 1953, in the close-knit community of Berryville, Arkansas, Glenda's journey came full circle as she passed away peacefully in the same town on July 5, 2025. Her spirit, imbued with the warmth of her personality and the depth of her Christian faith, continues to inspire all who knew her.

Glenda's life was a testament to the power of dedication and the beauty of simplicity. A proud graduate of her local high school, she went on to devote 33 years of service to Tyson Foods, where her commitment to excellence was evident to colleagues and friends alike. In her later years, she channeled her passion for helping others into her work with St. Vincent De Paul, serving her community with the same vigor and compassion that marked her

entire career.

Her family was the cornerstone of her existence. Glenda's love story with her significant other, Ed Lunsford, and his cherished son, Brady, was one of enduring partnership and mutual respect. Her children, Jennifer Johnson, Terry Newberry, and Jerod Newberry, were her pride and joy, and she instilled in them the values of kindness and integrity. Glenda's siblings, Jay Dee, Dale, Dwayne, and Charlyn, shared not only a familial bond with her but also a deep friendship that stood the test of time. The light of her life shone brightly in her grandchildren – Grant, SeAnna, Aaron, Ian, Cash, Avaleigh, Harrison, Bennett, and Lydia – each of whom carried a spark of her spirt. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and Mike Scott.

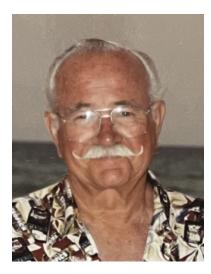
Glenda's Christian faith was the guiding star of her existence, providing her with the strength and serenity to face life's challenges with grace. Her love for God was evident in her every action, and she lived her beliefs through her kindness and charity toward others.

A woman of diverse interests, Glenda found joy in the simple pleasures of life. She was a culinary artist, with every dish she cooked infused with love. Her hands were rarely still, as she found peace in the meticulous art of cross-stitching. Her home was a reflection of her heart, decorated with care for every holiday, each corner telling a story of celebration and togetherness. The garden was her sanctuary, where she cultivated not just flowers but also moments of tranquility and reflection.

Glenda's legacy is one of love and friendship. She had the remarkable ability to make everyone feel like someone special, to listen with an open heart, and to offer a smile that could brighten the gloomiest day. Her life was a lesson in generosity, showing us that the most profound impacts are often in the small acts of kindness we bestow upon one another.

Let us honor Glenda's memory by emulating her virtues: by loving without reservation, by extending friendship to all, and by living thoughtfully with an awareness of the beauty that surrounds us. Glenda's journey on earth may have concluded, but the story of her impact is far from over. It is carried forward in the lives of those she touched, in the laughter of her grandchildren, and in the countless memories shared with family and friends. Glenda Jean Scott, your radiant spirit will forever be a beacon of light in the hearts of those you've left behind.

Memorial Visitation will be 5-7 PM, Friday, July 11, 2025 at Smith Family Funeral Home in Green Forest.



## Dan Ohler Obituary

Dan Perry Ohler, age 88, of Alpena, went home to be with his Savior on Saturday evening, July 5, 2025, with his loving family by his side. Dan was born December 7, 1936, at Osage, AR, to Ellis Ray Ohler and Vina Beulah Armstrong Ohler. On May 16, 1964, he married the love of his life, Wilma Snow, and they settled in their hometown of Alpena, raising 3 children: Danny, Shawn, and Staci.

Dan left a legacy of love for God, family values, and hard work for his children and grandchildren to follow. He spent his career working as a master electrician/HVAC technician, working many years for Milam Refrigeration and Air Conditioning in Harrison. He enjoyed rebuilding motorcycles and trucks, especially 1960's model pickup trucks. He

would often rebuild a truck, drive it for a short time and then sell it, only to turn around and buy another truck to rebuild and sell. He served his country in the U.S. Navy, working as master diver and metalsmith, serving on the USS Renshaw (DD-499) in the Pacific. He was a member of Alpena Church of Christ.

Dan will be missed dearly by all who loved him. He is survived by his wife Wilma of the home; children, Danny (Traci) Ohler of Harrison, Shawn (Tracey) Ohler of Alpena, and Staci (Travis) Prewitt of Alpena. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Leiken (Drew) Morgan of Greenbrier, Jacob Prewitt of Alpena, Chase (Morgan) Ohler of Greenbrier, Brynn Prewitt and Will Reed of Little Rock, Barron Ohler of El Dorado, and Cassidy Ohler of Alpena; great grandchildren Vivienne Jo Morgan of Greenbrier, and Bentley Chase Ohler of Greenbrier; sister Mary Black of Springfield, MO; and a host of special nieces, nephews, cousins, and brothers and sisters in laws.

He is preceded in death by his parents Ellis Ray Ohler and Vina Beulah Ohler Armstrong, and Curley Armstrong; brothers Ray Ohler, Eugene Ohler, and Dale Ohler; sisters Lorene Bowman, and Alene Morris; and granddaughter Ariel Danene Ohler.

Celebration of Life service for Dan will be 10:00 AM, Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at Smith Family Funeral Home in Green Forest, with brother-in-law Rick Snow officiating. Interment will follow at Alpena Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-7 PM, Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at the funeral home. Military honors will be provided by the U. S. Navy Honor Guard, Eureka Springs American Legion Honor Guard, and Warriors Watch Riders. Online condolences can be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhome.net.

Pall Bearers: Barron Ohler, Chase Ohler, Jacob Prewitt, Drew Morgan, Martin Sims, Will Reed, Larry Black, and Jeff McNair

Honorary Pall Bearers: JR Snow, LD Blevins, Rob Fraracchio , Rick Snow, Ron McNair, Steve Smith, Eddie Snow, Perry Black, and Manolo Santos AKA "Papi"

## Ann Davis Obituary



Annabelle "Ann" Langston Davis, passed away peacefully on July 3, 2025, at the age of 95 in the Highland Court Rehabilitation Facility in Marshall, Arkansas. Born on December 10, 1929, in Green Forest, Arkansas, Ann's life was a testament to her enduring strength and boundless love for her family and friends.

Ann Davis was not only the cherished matriarch of the family, but also a professional who dedicated her life to the care and well-being of others. Her career as a Nursing Home Administrator, Medical Clinic Administrator, and Juvenile Court Officer reflected her innate ability to lead with both authority and empathy. Ann's exceptional dedication extended to her role as a long-term caregiver in the later part of her work career, ensuring that those under her care always felt supported and loved.

A Christian, Ann's faith was the cornerstone of her life. It guided her through trials and triumphs and was evident in her unwavering commitment to her family and friends. Her loving spirit was a source of comfort to all who knew her.

Ann's passion for nurturing extended beyond her professional and family roles, and into her personal interests. An avid gardener, she found joy in the simple pleasure of tending to her plants and flowers. Her hands, always busy, created crafts that reflected her keen eye for detail and her love for creating warmth and beauty in her home.

Her family was the heart of Ann's world. She is survived by her two devoted sons, Don Yarbrough and his wife Reita, and Alan Yarbrough and his wife Brook, all of Marshall, Arkansas. Her legacy continues through her beloved sister, Mary Jo Langston Wolf of Green Forest, and her brother, Jack Langston and his wife Kay, of Enola. Ann's grandchildren, Billy and Chris Yarbrough, Garrett Hudson and Heath Yarbrough, Jason and Kyle Yarbrough, Caden Wallis, and Bella Yarbrough, will carry forward her teachings and love. The Light of her life shone brightly on her great-grandchildren – Ryleigh Hudson; River, Jasper, Colt, Sawyer, Harlan, Kamden, Karson, Stephanie, Michael, and Eric Yarbrough; and Erica Nickel – as well as her great-great-grandchildren, Kyah Yarbrough, and Atlas and Arthur Nickel.

Preceding her in death was her beloved husband JC Davis, her father and mother, Ray and Monte Langston, and her brothers Buford, Gene and wife Geneva, Joy and wife Anna Langston, and an infant grandson Toby Yarbrough. Ann's life was a constant reminder of love, wisdom, and courage, qualities that she embodied until her last breath.

Ann Davis will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, whose guidance and care shaped the lives of many. Her memory will remain a guiding light for her family and all who were fortunate enough to have been touched by her gracious spirit. Today, we honor Ann's remarkable journey and celebrate the indelible mark she left on the world.



## Susan Chatterton Obituary

Susan Angela Chatterton Wilkins, known affectionately as Susan Chatterton, was a beacon of love and creativity whose life touched countless hearts. Born on April 7, 1966, in the beautiful city of Charleston, SC, Susan's journey was one of warmth, friendship, and unwavering care for those around her. Her life was a testament to the power of simple joys and the beauty of everyday moments until she passed away peacefully on June 28, 2025, in Eureka Springs, AR.

Graduating from Green Forest High School in 1984, Susan carried with her the memories of a youth filled with promises and dreams. She dedicated her life to her family and is survived by her beloved children—Nathan, Aaron, and Nicole Fitchue—who were the center of her universe and whom she raised with boundless love. She is also lovingly remembered by her brother, George Chatterton; her grandchildren; aunts; and many dear friends.

Susan's parents, Charles and Misako Chatterton, who preceded her in death, instilled in her the values of kindness and imagination, which she carried throughout her life. She found solace and joy in the company of her cats, the nostalgic tunes of 80s music, the expressive world of art, and the serene embrace of the outdoors. Her love for these interests was infectious, often bringing together friends and family for moments of shared happiness and reflection.

Those who knew Susan would describe her as the epitome of being loving and friendly, with a creative spirit that could brighten even the darkest days. She had an innate ability to see the beauty in the world and in the people around her, making each encounter with her a cherished memory. Her laughter was a melody that echoed in the hearts of those she loved, and her presence was a comforting embrace in times of need.

Reflecting on Susan's approach to life, the words of renowned author Maya Angelou resonate deeply: "Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud." Susan lived by this sentiment, always striving to bring light and color into the lives of others, even on their cloudiest days with the brightest smile. Her legacy is one of unwavering positivity and the courage to find hope in every situation. As the sun sets on a life lived with such vibrant passion and love, we bid farewell to Susan Angela Chatterton—a loving mother, a cherished sister, and a friend to all. Her memory will continue to inspire us, reminding us to embrace life's simple pleasures and to always be a source of kindness in the world. Susan's journey may have reached its gentle close, but her

spirit and the memories she created will forever remain in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing her.Celebration of Life memorial service will be 12:00, Thursday, July 3, 2025, at Smith Family Funeral Home in Green Forest. Visitation will be 11:00-12:00 before the service begins

## Tommy Snow Obituary



Tommy Kay Snow departed this life June 16, 2025, in his home. He was 73 years old when he left this world to be with his Lord and Savior. He was born February 8, 1952, in Harrison, AR, to John Rayburn Snow and Essie Elizabeth (Bailey) Snow. He was blessed with 10 siblings whom he loved dearly.

Tommy was a self-employed electrician for many years. He certainly made a comfortable living on a 7th grade education. He loved what he did for a living, but he loved talking even more. If you knew Tommy, you knew that to be true, especially later in years when Bill began working with him. They were more than brothers, they were best friends. They were so close, that they often finished each other's sentences. Oh, the stories they could tell! And Tommy never knew a stranger; they were simply friends he hadn't met yet. This trait he passed on to his children.

Tommy was extremely passionate about fishing. He shared that passion with Paula and Johnny. They both passed that love and passion on to their children, a legacy he was so proud of. If you've never heard him tell a story about fishing the creek drops at Enon, or the stories of fishing under lights, you hadn't talked to him long enough.

Tommy had a laugh so contagious, you couldn't help but laugh too. He knew once he had you laughing with him, he had you hooked. You might as well take your coat off and have a seat because you were going to be there a while, especially if he led the story off with, "Now listen...", you were going to be there another hour! He was also a member of North Ark Church of Christ.

Above all, Tommy's deepest love was that for his family. He had one true love in his life, Helen Louise (Epley) Snow. They were united in marriage November 17, 1971. His brother Fred did the honors. Out of this union was born two children, Paula Dawn Snow and Johnny Thad Snow and his wife Richell of Green Forest. Even though Tommy and Helen divorced not once, but twice, Helen continued to care for Tommy until her death on January 26, 2024.

Tommy was also extremely proud of his grandchildren, Natosha K. DeMeyer and her husband Cody, Weston J. Parton and his partner Lexy, and Cullen Richardson, all of Green Forest, and Kaylin R. Snow of Bella Vista. Tommy adored his 7 great grandchildren, Hudson, Hyatt, Nola, Holden, Hixon, Hayes, and Timber.

Tommy is survived by his children, Paula and Johnny, 3 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, and siblings Edith (L.D.) Blevins, Shirley Baughman, Wilma (Dan) Ohler, JR (Fairye) Snow, Phyllis (Ron) McNair, Rick (June) Snow, and Laura (Rob) Fraraccio, and a host of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents John and Essie Snow, brother Fred (Sonny) Snow, brother and best friend Bill Snow, and sister Ruthie Snow Smith.

Celebration of Life service for Tommy will be 10:00 AM, Saturday, June 21, 2025, at Smith Family Funeral Home in Green Forest with Kevin Smith officiating. Interment will follow at Alpena Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-7 PM, Friday, June 20, 2025, at the funeral home. Online condolences can be made at smithfamilyfuneralhome.net.

# Bonnie Newberry Obituary



Bonnie Lucille Newberry, a long-time resident of Green Forest, Arkansas, was called home to be with our Lord and Savior on June 7, 2025, at the age of 84. She was born in Jane, Missouri, on October 30, 1940, to Willie Homer and Dora Ellen (Mahurin) Stephens. Bonnie was the youngest of ten children in the Stephens family.

Bonnie married the love of her life, Theodore "Wilson" Newberry, on May 2, 1959, in the home of Reverend Bob Cooper in Granby, Missouri. They were married for 62 years. The couple moved to Lodi, California, shortly after their wedding, and in October of 1960, Bonnie and Wilson welcomed their first child, Kathy Eleen. The family moved to Neosho, Missouri, in 1962, where their second daughter, Sandra Ellen, was born. They spent a few years in Osage, Arkansas where Danny Allen was born, in 1965. Bonnie and Wilson settled in Green Forest, Arkansas in 1966. Their youngest daughter, Dianna Lynn, was born in 1969.

Bonnie was a dedicated and hardworking mother. Over the years, she held several jobs. Her first job was babysitting for a family in Boulder City, Missouri. She also worked as a Teacher's Aide at Green Forest HeadStart, cashiered at Tanner's Grocery store, and was employed at Stephen's Glass, and Tyson Foods for many years. Bonnie was also known for owning and operating the Purple Iris, a local business, and for helping Wilson to raise Tyson's chickens for ten years on their farm.

Bonnie is survived by her three daughters: Kathy (Jimmy) Wolfinbarger of Berryville, AR; Sandra (Brent) Ahne of Conway, AR; and Dianna (James) Marshall of Green Forest, AR. She also leaves behind her beloved sister, Naomi Lee Haviland Bailey Lewis; fourteen grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Wilson Newberry, and her son Danny Newberry. She was also preceded by her siblings: Zola Griffith, Oleta Cargile, Myrle Stout, Vivian Blevins, Dean Rodney, Pearl Blevins, Kenneth Stephens, and Carnie Enlow Stephens.

Celebration of Life service for Bonnie will be 10:00 AM, Friday, June 13, 2025, at Smith Family Funeral Home, with Brother Scott Bailey and Brother Melvin "Hap" Anders officiating. Interment will follow at Rule Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Thursday, June 12, 2025 at Smith Family Funeral. Online condolences can be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhome.net.

In loving memory of Bonnie Lucille Newberry, she will forever be remembered for her kindness, strength, and the love she gave to her family and all who knew her

### Alene Woods Obituary



Loral Alene Woods passed this world on May 27, 2025. She was 94 years old.

Born Loral Alene Howard in Dry Fork on March 21, 1931, to Olney and Edna (Gage) Howard. Loral's first marriage was to Clay McCollough of Rudd with whom she had three children, Jerry McCollough of Hog Eye, AR, Sharon Wade (husband Dale) of Hindsville, AR and Laura Heiskell (husband Dan) of Yellville, AR. Her second marriage of 41 years was to Troy Woods from Huntsville who had three children from a previous marriage. They lived in Springdale until they retired to "the farm" in Rudd where they lived until their passings. She was "Granny" to 5 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and 16 great great grandchildren.

Loral worked in the poultry processing industry all her life, starting out in Berryville for Ocoma Foods and in 1966 moving to Springdale to work for Springdale Farms, Wilson & Co. and working until retirement at Tyson Foods.

She was preceded in death by her husband Troy Woods, an infant daughter, her mother Edna Howard, father Olney Howard, sister Dixie Howerton, son Jerry McCollough, and daughter Sharon Wade.

For many years she loved to crochet and made and gave away many beautiful afghans. She also had a talent for sewing, everything from home decor to Barbie doll clothes to clothes for her children. She also liked the feel of working her hands through the dirt planting flowers and seeds for the garden.

Although she didn't like to leave her home, she was always waiting at her back door to greet whoever came up her driveway but mostly anticipating a visit from her children.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be sent to Gobbler Cemetery, c/o John Howerton, 12305 Highway 103 S, Berryville, AR, 72616.

Graveside service for Alene will be 11:00 AM, Saturday, May 31, 2025, at Gobbler Cemetery with Rev. Greg Lentz officiating. Online condolences can be made at <u>smithfamilyfuneralhome.net</u>.

## **David Fultz Obituary**



On May 21, 2025, David Eugene Fultz was called home to be with the Lord, leaving behind a legacy of unwavering love, devotion, and faith. Born on July 9, 1949, in Harrison, Arkansas, to Floyd Eugene Fultz and Iva Marie Fultz, David was the first of four children. He grew up on the family dairy farm, where he learned the values of hard work, dedication, and love for the land.

During his high school years, David fell in love with his sweetheart, Judy Lee McCullough. They were married on June 26, 1970, and shared a beautiful life together for 41 years until she preceded him in death in 2012. Their love was built on a foundation of faith, commitment, and deep devotion to one another, serving as an inspiration to all who knew them.

David was a beloved spouse, father, grandparent, and friend, whose unconditional love and steadfast devotion reflected Christ's teachings. His life was a testament of strength, faithfulness,

and courage, always willing to offer the shirt off his back and a word of encouragement. He was a true prayer warrior, not only through his own trials but in the trials of others. Many notes were jotted down, mentioning those he was dedicated to praying for, demonstrating his deep care and intercessory spirit.

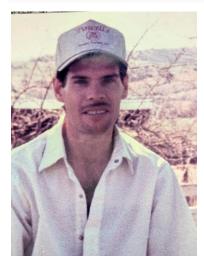
As a dedicated member of Osage Baptist Church, David's faith and commitment to the Lord were the foundation of his life. His love for God, family, and his fellow man was a true reflection of his walk with Christ. He served as a deacon there, and lived each day with a servant's heart, sharing kindness, wisdom, and generosity with those around him. David also volunteered for the Alpena Fire Department in his service for years processing reports on the national registry.

Though we grieve, we find comfort in knowing that David is now in the presence of our Savior. As Hebrews 6:19 reminds us, "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." His unwavering faith was a guiding light, offering hope and assurance to all who knew him.

David is preceded in death by his parents, Floyd Eugene Fultz and Iva Marie Fultz; his sister, Marianne Fultz; his wife, Judy Fultz; and his great-grandson, Warren Gene Cole. He is survived by his sisters, Jill Wolf (Greg) of Springfield, MO, and Pamela Disheroon (Mike) of Alpena, AR. His children, Monica Colbert (Russell), Mark Fultz (Dena), and Tony Fultz (Shelly), all of Alpena, AR, continue his legacy. Also surviving him is the pride of Papa and Nan's lives, their 11 grandchildren: Savannah Cole (Jordan), Erica Ewing (Dalton), Rusty Colbert (Jen), Wesley Colbert, Asher Fultz, Addyson Fultz, DJ Colbert (Olivia), Maelee Richardson (Colton), Judah Fultz, Zion Fultz, and Ireland Fultz. He enjoyed eight great-grandchildren: Rosie, LinLee, and Chase Ewing; the late Warren Gene Cole; Hank and Lennan Cole; Ezra Colbert; and Tripp Colbert.

A celebration of David's life will be held on May 28th at Osage Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m., with Pastors Wade Edwards and Lannie Younger officiating. Interment will follow at Carrollton Cemetery. The visitation will take place on May 27th at Osage Baptist Church from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. As one of the charter members of Osage Baptist Church, any donations may be made in honor of David to the OBC Youth Group. Online condolences can be made at <u>smithfamilyfuneralhome.net</u>.

#### **Peter Charnley Obituary**



Peter Michael Charnley, passed away peacefully on May 8, 2025, at the age of 63. Born in Lynn, MA, on September 4, 1961, son of Bruce Charnley and Mary (Swahn) Barber.

Peter is survived by his sisters, Kathryn McGehee (and husband, Carl) of Green Forest, and Susan Anderson (and her husband, Andy),

of Eureka, CA, and one brother, Joseph Charnley (and his wife Rose) of South Deerfield, MA.

His early years in Lynn fostered a deep connection with family that would remain a constant throughout his life. After moving to Green Forest, Peter started his respected career as a truck driver for Carroll County Solid Waste.

Those who knew Peter understood his love for the outdoors. He was an avid fisherman, often found by the banks of a river or lake, patiently waiting for the next catch. His joy in cooking and grilling was another facet of his personality.

Peter was a man of few words, his loyalty knew no bounds, whether it was to his family, his friends, or the animals he so dearly loved. A dependable brother, a caring friend, and a compassionate soul, Peter's presence was a source of stability for many.

Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to Smith Family Funeral Home of Green Forest. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhome.net

## Gary West, Jr. Obituary

Gary Allen West, Jr., passed away in his home on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at the age of 51. He was born in Harrison, AR on November 8, 1973, to Gary and Beverley (Thomason) West.

Known to be happy and talkative, Gary enjoyed so much in life, from tinkering with and inventing things, to gardening, to cooking. When he was younger, he would ride his bike all over the neighborhood, enjoying the simple life of being a kid in a small town. He enjoyed watching TV, but he always had something else going on at the same time, either tinkering with something, playing a game, or watching more than one show at a time. He also had a special love for dogs.

Gary is survived by his daughter, Cheyenne West, his father Gary West, Sr. and wife Marilyn, his



mother Beverley West, sister, Robin West, niece, Andrea Conner, nephews, Anthony Conner and George Passmore, uncle, Wayne Thomason and wife Mary, cousins, Coetta Lindt, Siera Martin, Clifford Thomason, Christopher Thomason, Judy McCullah and son Christopher Johnson, Robert Leach and daughter Jennifer, grandmother, Margie West, many grand-nephews and nieces, as well as other family and friends.

He is preceded in death by grandparents Manley and Geneva West, Clifford and Thelma Thomason, Clifford and Dixie Leach, Lena West Ashley, great aunt Donnie Opal Dierking and, cousin Rachel Carson. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Christopher Keehner, who Gary considered as his own son. Chistopher was a wonderful friend and caregiver.

Celebration of Life service for Gary will be 2:00 PM, Friday, May 30, 2025, at Smith Family Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at smithfamilyfuneralhome.net.

## **Ron Guinn Obituary**



Ernest "Ron" Guinn, age 78 of Berryville, passed away on Wednesday, April 30, 2025. He was born July 15, 1946, in Santa Ana, CA, to Wesley and Mary "Galloway" Guinn.

Ron and his family eventually relocated to Green Forest, AR, where he worked in construction as a carpenter. Throughout his career he would travel back to California for various construction jobs, but the Ozarks were his home. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, fishing, and woodworking. He was generous and he enjoyed giving to help people in their time of need. Ron will be missed by his family and friends.

Ron is survived by his son Eric Guinn, daughters Sondra Williams and Robin Rasser, brother Allen Guinn, ex-wife and best friend/ caretaker Mary Lou Guinn, and several step siblings, cousins, and

extended family.

He is preceded in death by his parents Wesley and Mary Guinn, and brother Eddie Guinn.

Arrangements for Ron are under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Home in Green Forest. Online condolences can be made at smithfamilyfuneralhome.net.

#### **Wilson David Obituary**



Wilson D. David passed away peacefully on April 26, 2025, in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, at the age of 83. Born on July 1, 1941, in Habaniyah Ramadi, Iraq, to the late Daryawish David and Araxi Mosesian, Wilson's journey was one marked by dedication, service, and the warmth of his generous spirit.

Wilson's early years were shaped by the rich cultural tapestry of his birthplace, but his ambitions and dreams led him to a life of distinguished service. His career was characterized by countless roles as a manager, where he demonstrated exceptional leadership and a steadfast commitment to excellence. His commitment to his country was evident in his contract service with the Department of Defense. In his retirement, Wilson found joy in simpler pleasures, greeting customers with his warm smile at Walmart, a role he cherished for the opportunity it gave him to connect with people from all walks of life.

Family was the cornerstone of Wilson's life. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Vera David, with whom he shared a beautiful and enduring partnership of 49 years. His legacy continues through his son, Jonathan David, the light of his life, and his six grandchildren, who brought him immeasurable joy. Wilson was a cherished brother to his surviving siblings, Alice, Gladys, Juliana, and Dixon David. He was predeceased by his father, Daryawish David; his mother, Araxi Mosesian; and his brother, Johnson David.

Wilson found solace and strength in fellowship with his church community, where he was known for his interesting stories and conversations. His generosity extended beyond his immediate circle, touching the lives of many who had the privilege of knowing him. Wilson's presence was a blessing to his friends and loved ones, and his absence will be deeply felt by all.

An avid family man, Wilson's happiest moments were spent in the company of his six grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, and his cherished daughter-in-law, participating in family activities.

Wilson Daryawish David's story is one of love, service, and unwavering commitment to his values. As we bid farewell to a man of great character, we celebrate the legacy he leaves behind—a legacy of love, faith, and generosity that will continue to inspire those who knew him. Wilson's life was a testament to the power of kindness and the enduring strength of family bonds.

Celebration of Life service for Wilson will be 2:30 PM, Saturday, May 3, 2025, at Kings River Church in Berryville with Pastor Doby Williams and Pastor Randy Cunningham officiating. Visitation will be 1:30 - 2:30 PM, prior to the start of the service. Online condolences can be made at smithfamilyfuneralhome.net.

### **Jimmy Jetton Obituary**



Jimmy Lee Jetton of Berryville, Arkansas was born July 29, 1954, in Eureka Springs. Jimmy passed away April 25, 2025, in Bentonville at the age of 70 with his wife by his side.

He was a loving husband, Daddy, and Papa. Jimmy was a hard worker, always talked about not having much, but his family always had what they needed. He started working at the age of 16 for Blondie Clark at Clark's Super Market in Eureka Springs and later worked for many years at Harts Family Super Market before relocating to Gentry, Arkansas where he and his family owned a Chicken Farm until moving back to Eureka Springs. Jimmy then joined the Carroll County Road Department where he operated heavy machinery and graded roads for 30 plus years until retirement. When he wasn't working, he loved fishing, hauling and delivering gravel with his dump truck, and spending time with his family.

Jimmy is survived by his wife of 49 years, Linda Carol Jetton of the home; sons Greg (Esther) Foster of Washburn Mo, Brad (Mindy) Gilley, Daughters Delinda (Jared) Blevins, and Cindy Allen all of Berryville; Brother Randy (Dee) Jetton of Berryville and Sister Isabell (Brent) Harris of Fayetteville; 10 Grand Children, 18 Great Grand Children, and 22 Great Great Grand Children.

He is preceded in death by his Father; William Wesley Jetton, Mother Dorothy Faye Hawkins Masters, Son, Kevin Gilley, Granddaughter, Brittany Allen, three Brothers, Robert, Wayne, and Dale Jetton, one Sister Jane Jetton Scallorn.

Visitation will be from 5:00 pm till 7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 29, 2025, and Funeral Service will be 2:00 pm, Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at Smith Family Funeral Home in Green Forest with Pastor James Kelly officiating. Interment will follow at Grandview Cemetery. In leiu of flowers, memorial donations can be sent to Circle of Life Hospice, 1201 NE Legacy Parkway Bentonville, AR 72712 info@nwacircleoflife.org (479) 750-6632. Online condolences can be made at smithfamilyfuneralhome.net.

## Carolyn Stark Obituary



Carolyn Sue Stark age 80 of Green Forest, AR, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, April 10, 2025. She was born July 7, 1944, in Harrison, AR, to Harvy and Ina York Fultz Smith. She was a graduate of Alpena High School.

On September 5, 1974, Carolyn was united in marriage to Darrell Lee Stark and together they raised their 2 children on the family farm where she worked along-side her husband. Known for her compassion and love for people, she worked as a CNA with the Area Agency on Aging for over 20 years, and she was a beloved Girl

Scout Leader where she had many adopted children who called her "momma." She was a member of Union Church south of Green Forest where she was also a preacher for many years.

Carolyn is survived by her son Curtis Stark of the home, daughter Anita and her husband Ben Gasper of Green Forest, and brother Jerry Smith of San Bernardino, CA. She is preceded in death by her parents Harvy and Ina Smith, husband Darrell Lee Stark, and 1 brother, Leon Smith. Celebration of Life service for Carolyn will be 10:00 AM, Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at Smith Family Funeral Home in Green Forest with Bro. David Maybe officiating. Interment will follow at Pickens Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-7 PM, Monday, April 14, 2025, at the funeral home. Online condolences can be made at <u>smithfamilyfuneralhome.net</u>.

## Velma Tranbarger Obituary



Velma Nadine Tranbarger of Green Forest passed away April 6, 2025, at the age of 90. She was born April 6, 1935, in Mountain View, MO to Paul and Averil Smotherman.

Velma was known for her friendliness and understanding to her family and friends. As one who loved being around people, she loved to talk. She was a "go-getter" who believed in working hard. She was a homemaker, and she enjoyed gardening, and cooking, especially food from Guam from when the family lived there. She had a passion for making homemade decorations and her greatest love was making Christmas decorations.

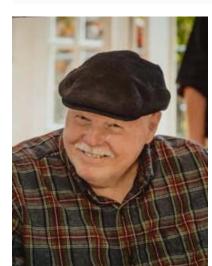
Velma is survived by her daughter Aleta Fanning of Green Forest, stepson Daniel Tranbarger and his wife Selina of Texas, granddaughters Tessa, Danett, Justin, and Sarah, sister Vera

Thirkield and her husband Dwight of Seattle, nephew Wesley Thirkield and his wife Cindy and their children Jon, Danny, and Kira, and nephews Kevin Speer and Kerry Speer.

She is preceded in death by her parents Paul and Averil Smotherman, husband Gene Tranbarger, sister Violet Dinwiddie, and son Paul Tranbarger.

Arrangements are under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at smithfamilyfuneralhome.net.

### Larry Thomas Obituary



Larry Wayne Thomas of Eureka Springs went home to be with his Lord and Savior on March 29, 2025, at the age of 73. He was born January 22, 1952, in Merced, CA, to Leroy and Aileen Fisher Thomas.

On June 13, 1970, he married Susan Venhaus, spending 54 wonderful years in marriage and together they raised 1 son, Jason Thomas. They eventually relocated to Searcy, AR, where Larry

owned and operated Advanced Restoration Service, and he served faithfully as a pastor of 2 Baptist churches. In retirement, Larry and Sue relocated to Eureka Springs where he kept busy as a transit driver for Eureka Springs Transit.

Larry was a sincere man who enjoyed the quiet. He loved a good, deep conversation, and he didn't mind arguing to help make his point known. He enjoyed hunting, history, and riding motorcycles. He was a member of the Optimist Club. But most important to Larry was his faith and his family. He was interactive with his family, and he enjoyed being with them as much as possible. He loved to spend time reading and studying the Bible, and he was a member of Faith Christian Family Church in Eureka Springs where he was known for having a servant's heart, being involved in many ministries.

Larry is survived by his wife Sue of the home, son Jason Thomas of Eureka Springs; 2 grandsons, Tyler Thomas of Eureka Springs and Gabriel Thomas of Berryville; 1 great granddaughter, Lyra Sulffridge; 1 sister, Rebecca Hollingshead of Searcy; 1 nephew, Allen Thomas; and 2 nieces, Traci Niece and Suzette Thomas.

He is preceded in death by his parents Leroy and Aileen Thomas and 1 brother, Richard Thomas.

Celebration of Life service for Larry will be a graveside service at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery in Letona, AR, Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 2:00 PM with Pastor Chad Hill officiating. There will be a viewing from 1:30 - 2:00 prior to the start of the service. Online condolences can be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhome.net.

### **Dorothy Johnson Obituary**



Dorothy L. Johnson, age 69, of Green Forest, AR, passed away Tuesday, March 25, 2025, with her loved ones by her side. She was born April 13, 1955, in Tulsa, OK, to James Clarence and Frances P. Huff. She grew up in Sand Springs, OK as the eldest sister to Marie and James.

Dorothy attended school in Sand Springs throughout her life and graduated with the Class of 1973 from Charles Page High School.

She briefly pursued an interest in music through an undergraduate program before moving on to other dreams.

On July 3, 1975, Dorothy married Dan Johnson at the Lutheran Church

in Sand Springs. They were blessed with two sons, Jeremiah and Nicholas. Though Dorothy and Dan later went their separate ways, their shared love for their family endured.

Her career began with a long tenure of nearly 20 years at the Bank of Oklahoma before she left to pursue undergraduate studies at the University of Tulsa in psychology and Russian. During her course of study, she joined a language study abroad program wherein she lived in Russia with a local family for six weeks. After returning home, she further hosted the son of this same family for his own English language study in the US.

After TU, Dorothy changed her career and worked for Oklahoma Tag Agencies for the next decade. She then changed again, working briefly at a medical instrument's facility and then Goodwill where she discovered her future lifelong calling as a caregiver. Dorothy would go on to care for a great number of people in a variety of health conditions, always providing the very best preventative and maintenance care in her own unique way.

Her great compassion for others and her immense capacity to do seemingly any task, regardless of difficulty or disgust, with such a high degree of excellence is one of her single most endearing qualities which is admired by so many who know and love her.

It is within this role of an amazingly compassionate caregiver that so many have come to know and appreciate her. This is also what brought her future partner, Steve Smith, into her life as well. After caring for Steve's ailing mother until her dying day, a relationship that neither of them were looking for, began and blossomed. In a very short time, both found the help and love they needed in each other, sharing a great many good times and sweet moments with family and friends. The tables were turned, however, with Dorothy's cancer diagnosis and treatment in that she was now the grateful recipient of so much love, prayer, care, and practical daily assistance that she had once rendered so faithfully to others. In a divinely sweet twist, Steve and close family were able to be with Dorothy until her last breath.

Dorothy had a joy and love for life that made a positive impact on everyone around her. She was a caring and loyal friend, always putting others first, and that compassionate spirit led to a life of service as a caretaker for those in need. She would often worry about anyone else but herself. Her faith in God was important to her, and she would bless and pray for anyone at any time, often with stunning results and fun stories to share.

Dorothy enjoyed fishing, reading self-help books, and spending time with friends and family. She had a passion for vitamins, herbs, and miracles. She will be dearly missed by all who loved her.

Dorothy is survived by her sons Jeremiah Johnson and wife Kimberly of Cleveland, OK, and Nic Johnson and wife Mioto of Sendai, Japan; sister Marie Huff-Solomon and husband Keith of Mannford, OK; grandchildren: Kayleigh Brown, Samantha Brown, C.J. McIntire, Alyssa McIntire, Mordacai Johnson, Phinehas Johnson, and Eleazar Johnson; great-grandchildren: Bryson Brown, Dean Miller, Spencer Miller, Malechai Miller, Kadan Sturch, Hazel Sturch, Elliott Sturch, Paetyn McIntire, Jayce McIntire, Brinleigh Schroeder, and Bella McIntire; sister-in-law Connie Kallberg-Huff; niece Natasha Jensen and husband Kacey; great nieces and nephews Caroline McClure, Albert McClure, IV, Casen Jensen, Maddie Jensen, and Violet Smith; partner Steve Smith of Green Forest; and a host of dear cousins, relatives, and friends who dearly loved her. She is preceded in death by her parents James C. and Frances Huff, brother James C. Huff, Jr., and ex-husband Dan Johnson.

Celebration of Life service for Dorothy will be 2:00 PM, Saturday, March 29, at Smith Family Funeral Home with Pastor Mike Bishop officiating. Online condolences can be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhome.net.

## Aletha Heil Obituary



Aletha Jane Heil, age 93, went to be with the Lord on March 24, 2025. She was born on July 27, 1931, in East Prairie, MO, the daughter of the late Henry Lester and Martha Alma Sweet. She attended East Prairie High School where she played basketball and then graduated in 1949.

She was married to Billy Heil for 75 years. They moved to California in 1957 where she worked as a bookkeeper at Finley Rexall Drug Store. In 1983, at retirement, they moved back to Arkansas. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, machine embroidery, and going to craft fairs. She started the Awana program at Osage Baptist Church and was the first Commander. She loved her family and her church. She will be missed by many.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Beverly Marcil of Colorado and Rebecca (Thomas) Carrillo of Mississippi, 4 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents Henry Lester and Martha Alma Sweet, husband Billy Heil, 2 brothers, Henry Lester Sweet and Tony Sweet, and 2 sisters, Margaret Foster and Martha Johnson.

Celebration of Life service for Aletha will be 10:00 AM, Thursday, April 3, 2025, at Osage Baptist Church with Brother Lannie Younger officiating. Visitation will be 9-10 AM prior to the start of the service. Interment will be at Gobbler Cemetery. Online condolences can be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhome.net.

## **Brian Landin Obituary**



Brian Loyd Francis Landin, age 64, of Green Forest, passed away on Saturday, March 15, 2025. He was born March 10, 1960. He married Trissia Koone on October 19, 2002.

Brian enjoyed the simple things of life. He enjoyed collections of swords and guns, and he enjoyed hunting. He loved country music, especially old country, and he loved to sing. But dear to his heart was the Bible, something very precious to him, and he could quote a lot of Scripture. He worked many years at Tyson Foods, most recent as a forklift driver.

Brian is survived by his wife of the home, Trissia Landin, daughter Amanda Foster and her husband Gary, daughter Kimberly Bohannon, son Shawn Landin, and son Cody Landin, 3 grandchildren, 1 brother Carl Cain, Jr., and 1 sister Rose Marie Elizabeth Skonberg and her

husband Mark. He is preceded in death by his mother, Lois Cain, son Michael McCoy, brother Rodney Cain, and sister Tracy Kennedy.

Celebration of Life service for Brian will be 10:00 AM, Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at Smith Family Funeral Home with Rev. Davis Maybee officiating. Interment will be 2:00 PM at Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Rupert, AR. Visitation will be 5-7 PM, Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at the funeral home. Online condolences can be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhome.net.

### **Duane Smith Obituary**



Burl "Duane" Smith, Sr., lovingly known as "Papa," passed away on March 7, 2025, at Circle of Life Hospice Springdale, Arkansas. Born on May 23, 1948, in Alpena, Arkansas, to Faye Coxsey and Efton Smith, he was the youngest of his siblings.

Duane spent his early years on the family farm in Alpena and later earned his GED, completing college courses at the University of Arkansas and Texas A&M. He dedicated over 38 years as a USDA inspector before retiring in 2010.

A passionate fisherman, Duane made history in 1979 as the first sponsored angler in Northwest Arkansas. He and his son, Burl,

shared many victories, including a first-place finish in the 1993 Big Bass Tournament and representing Arkansas in 2000's state championship win. He cherished crappie fishing, often taking his family out on the water and hosting fish fries.

Duane also had a love for gardening, growing special vegetables for his grandchildren. In retirement, he enjoyed his daily trips to the casino – except Sundays, which he reserved for the Lord and his Bible. His quick wit, storytelling, and signature birthday calls will be dearly missed.

He is survived by his children, Burl and Michelle, daughter-in-law Nancy, seven grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and his beloved dogs. He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings James, Lloyd, and Jentie, and his great-grandson Kayden.

Now casting his line in the Big Lakes of Heaven, his memory remains forever in our hearts.

Celebration of Life service for Duane will be held at 10:00 AM, Saturday, March 15, 2025, at Smith Family Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Carrollton Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:30 – 7:30 PM, Friday, March 14, 2025, at the funeral home. Online condolences and memories can be shared at www.smithfamilyfuneralhome.net

## **Ricky Jones Obituary**

Ricky Lee Jones, age 62, of Green Forest, AR, passed away on Friday, March 7, 2025. He was born January 24, 1963, in Harrison, AR, son of Marvin and Dessie "Keys" Connell.

Ricky was a truck driver for many years and drove local and coast to coast. He had a Great Dane named BJ that was his best buddy for nearly 10 years. Ricky loved good food and all kinds of music, especially classic rock. He enjoyed making tapes and cd's for his family and friends of all their favorite music.

He is survived by sister, Kathy White and her husband Ronnie of Oak Grove, AR, one brother Barry Connell of Green Forest, AR Sister, Deanna Snyder and husband Bruce of Green Forest, AR,



nephews, Aaron White and wife Nina of Oak Grove AR, Brandon White and wife Lindsey of Sallisaw OK, niece Kaileigh Walker and husband Riley of Green Forest AR, and 3 great nephews and a great niece.

He is preceded in death by his father Marvin Connell and his mother Dessie Connell.

Celebration of Life Memorial service will be 10:00 AM Thursday, March 13, 2025, at Smith Family Funeral Home in Green Forest. Pastor Joe Summers will officiate. Interment will follow at a later date.