

# *Carroll County Historical Society Obituaries*

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## **Mable R Fultz Obituary**

Mabel "Ruth" Fultz, beloved sister, mother, and grandmother, passed away peacefully on January 5, 2025, at the age of 95 years. She was born on September 20, 1929, in East Concord, Arkansas, to Frank and Exie (Hittson) Morris. Ruth lived a full and rich life and was a cherished presence in the lives of her family and friends.

Ruth was a direct descendant of two remarkable figures in American history including Robert Morris, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and key financier of the Revolutionary War. She was also a descendant of Nancy (Moytoy/Fivekiller) Ward, a prominent Cherokee woman who played an integral role in aiding white settlers in the early years of the United States. Ruth witnessed countless events in the changing tides of history, including the Great Depression and World War II as well as vast changes in technology from the Model A Ford and silent films to today's global internet.

Ruth's early years were shaped by a love of adventure and hard work. She enjoyed riding horses, often riding six miles to Alpena to attend school. In time, she began driving the "first Alpena school bus," a truck with a tarp which she used to pick up many local children and ensure their transportation to and from school. Ruth attended Alpena High School through the 11th grade when she met her future husband, Clifford Fultz, at a Red Cross benefit pie supper. Clifford purchased her mother's pie, but Ruth switched it with her own to ensure they met, a decision that would forever change the course of her life. They were married on the day following her 17th birthday in 1946 and were blessed with a happy marriage of 72 years.

Ruth spent much of her adult life working alongside Clifford on their farm in the community of Rule where they milked cows, cared for sheep and beef cattle, and raised five children. She was skilled and hardworking, however, her talents extended far beyond the fields. Ruth was an accomplished musician, able to play the piano, guitar, and banjo. Bluegrass and southern gospel music brought her joy, and she eventually used her musical gifts to inspire her daughters, guiding them into their own musical endeavors as the Fultz Sisters. She instilled in her children the importance of hard work, community, and faith, ensuring they were active in 4H and church activities.

She was also known for her culinary expertise, feeding her family and community with love and devotion. Ruth's kitchen was a place of warmth and comfort, where she prepared three meals a day and became famous for her fudge, cobblers, and much adored custard pie. As a short-order cook to her grandkids, she never turned down a request, always ready to whip up whatever they desired. Ruth's Blue Heeler, Garth, was another important companion, and she also enjoyed spoiling him with his favorite treat—french fries.

Also a lover of crafts, she continued to keep her hands busy as an active member of a local quilting circle for many years. She created beautiful quilts, dolls, and stuffed animals that will be cherished for generations. Her continued love for entertainment was evident in her collection of VHS tapes, as she proudly owned the complete sets of I Love Lucy and The Beverly Hillbillies and enjoyed sharing the episodes with her grandchildren.

Above all, Ruth was a devoted mother and grandmother, deeply committed to her family. She leaves behind a strong legacy of love, tenacity, and kindness which was all grounded in her strong faith in Jesus Christ. Her influence will continue to provide direction for her loved ones for years to come.

Ruth is survived by four daughters and sons-in-law: Joyce and Gene Fultz, Connie and Tim Kleffman, Marilyn and Kenny Bonham, and Barbara and Rick Carter; nine grandchildren: Lindsay Turner and husband Kevin, Chris Fultz and Sandy Bounkhong, Tabetha Cyr, Caroline Russell and husband Joe, Tonya Paluh and husband Ian, Jennifer Fultz, Trista Raines and husband Chris, Troy Carter and wife Hope, and Kyle Kleffman and wife Janessa; brothers Lewis Morris and Billy Morris; sister Shirley Massengale; brother-in-law Zane Wall; sister-in-law Bonnie Fultz; thirteen great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews, all of whom were blessed to have had her as a guiding force in their lives. She is preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Exie (Hittson) Morris, husband Troy Clifford Fultz, son Brian Scott Fultz, sister Deborah Wall, brother Larkin Morris, and grandson Jeremy Bonham, whom she has been reunited with in Heaven alongside her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She will be deeply missed by her family and all who knew her. A visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m. followed by a service in her honor at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at the Nelson's Chapel in Green Forest, Arkansas, and interment following at Rule Cemetery with Jim Goins officiating. In lieu of flowers please send donations to Rule Cemetery, c/o Steve Newberry, 1060 CR 802, Green Forest, AR 72638. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com). © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.



## Tommy M Stacey Obituary

Tommy Mason Stacey of Greenwood, Arkansas was born October 22, 1951, to Carl and Rita (Middleton) Stacey in Berryville. Tommy passed away January 6, 2025, in Greenwood at the age of 73.

He worked at the Fort Smith Mall for 40 years as a janitor, but greeting people and making them smile was his passion in life. Tom loved trying different foods, flea markets, long walks but mostly loved to talk to people. He didn't know a stranger.

Tommy is survived by his sister Glenda Stacey of Springdale, and numerous nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews and friends.

He is preceded by his parents Carl and Rita Stacey, sisters Lela Mae Chapin, Peggy Brellent, brothers Jimmy Rae Stacey, and Duane Stacey.

No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com). © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2024.



## Alberta J Howerton Obituary

Alberta Jean Howerton of Berryville was born December 7, 1933, in Dog Branch, Arkansas to Denver and Janie (Fultz) Phillips. Alberta passed away Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at her home surrounded by loved ones at the age of 91.

Alberta worked for Tyson Foods where she retired after 30 plus years. She attended Metalton United Baptist Church. She spent her free time working in her yard, going to auctions, yardsales, and spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by her children Patricia Angelow, Roger Howerton and wife Belinda; grandchildren Justin Hill and wife Jennifer, Jason Hill and wife Tilenna, Danny Howerton and

wife Kristi, Mandy Malotte and husband Curtis; thirteen great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; along with other family members, friends, the wonderful ladies and Hospice employees who cared for her the last four years.

Alberta is preceded in death by her parents Denver and Janie Phillips, husband Joy Howerton, siblings Cleo Phillips, Clyde Ray Phillips, and Margie Webb.

Visitation will be 1:00 p.m. till 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel. Funeral service will begin at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel. Memorial donations may be made to Gobbler Cemetery, c/o Kathy Bunch, 914 CR 501, Berryville AR 72616 or Metalton United Baptist Church, c/o Belinda Howerton, 858 CR 518, Berryville AR 72616. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com). © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.



## Patsy Gunn Obituary

Patsy Hale Gunn (Pat E. Gunn), 86, passed into her next life on Monday, January 13, 2025, in Rogers, AR. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish Center at 232 Passion Play Rd., Eureka Springs, AR where the St. James' Episcopal Church temporarily holds services. The Rev. David Angus officiating.

Pat was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Charles T. Gunn, father, Lesley G. Hale, mother, Bertha Holbert Hale Evans, stepfather, Coy Manton Evans, sister, Betty Loyd, brother Lesley J. Hale, beloved

sister-from-another-mother, Joy Watson Pike and Biscuit.

She is survived by daughter, Kathryn Janeice Gunn of Holiday Island, son, Charles David Gunn of Brighton, CO; grandsons, Matthew Graeme Bice and wife, Julie, of Milwaukee, WI, Sean Cameron Bice and wife, Marisol, of Sachse, TX, Joseph Colin Bice of Fort Worth, TX, Joshua Taylor Gunn and wife, Jordan, of Lochbuie, CO, Jacob Ryan Gunn-Sandell and wife, Lauren, of Denver, CO; great-grandsons, Bradley Cameron Bice and Walker Taylor Gunn; great-granddaughter, Willow Grace Gunn; her "favorite niece," Cynthia Gunn Neiderhaus; nephews, Christopher Gunn, Terry Gunn, Corey Gunn and Conner Gunn, and many friends she loved dearly and considered her 'extended' family.

Patsy Earl Hale was born May 26, 1938, to Lesley Grant Hale and Bertha Holbert Hale in Chillicothe, TX as a massive dust storm engulfed the town. In 1941 the family moved to Arlington, TX, a typical, small college town where trips to the big cities of Fort Worth and Dallas were major events. In 2022 she published her autobiography titled "Child of the Red Sky," so her grandchildren and great-grandchildren would know about the Dust Bowl Era she was born into, and the thriving college town where she literally grew up on the campus of what was then North Texas Agricultural College (Now the University of Texas at Arlington). Her story described her life as a child growing up during World War II and the many changes that turned the little town into a city and the nation into an industrial giant after the end of the war.

On July 12, 1957, Pat married Charles Thomas Gunn in Seymour, TX. They lived in Bedford, TX for 33 years until her retirement from a career as a Human Resources Generalist; primarily as a Technical Recruiter for Bell Helicopter's Joint Venture with the Royal Government of Iran and GTE (now Verizon). After retirement Pat and Charles moved to Lake Kiowa, TX where for 15 years they enjoyed a slower pace of life with wonderful new friends. Charles took up golf and Pat took up bridge. Best of all they met others who also loved their favorite domino game, "42," apparently know only to Texans. "42" games were scheduled for at least one night a week. It was a time of relaxing with friends sitting on

patios or porches sharing their life stories, solving the world's problems, but mostly enjoying jokes and laughter and a peacefulness "work life" had little time for; it was a time of impromptu potluck dinners or spontaneous weekend trips to the horse races in Oklahoma or casino trips to Las Vegas. Pat referred to Kiowa as "our Camelot" until the advancement of Charles' Parkinson's Disease dictated a change for them.

In 2010 Pat and Charles moved to Holiday Island, AR. to live near their daughter. Ten short months after the move, Charles passed away as the result of a fall related to Parkinson's. Texas friends expected Pat to move back to Texas immediately, but she had come to love the little town of Eureka Springs and Holiday Island. After Charles' death she took up bridge again, joined the Holiday Island Fire Auxiliary, Genealogy Club, Quilters' Guild and volunteered in the ECHO Clinic office in Eureka Springs. Most of all she loved her church family at St. James' Episcopal Church and found great joy in their fellowship. There she served many years as the administrator of the Pastoral Care Team and was teasingly and affectionately addressed as "Mother Superior."

Pat valued kindness, honesty, ethics and respect for every person no matter their social standing. She had a deep love of humanity, especially for those who were disadvantaged and defenseless, for animals and Mother Earth. She was committed to work for equal civil rights for every person regardless of race, religion, nationality, gender and sexual orientation.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation or the American Heart Foundation should friends desire. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com). © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.



## **Jerry L George Obituary**

Jerry LeVaughn George of Blue Eye, Missouri was born May 2, 1951, in Green Forest, Arkansas to Horace and Norma (Stephenson) George. Jerry passed away January 15, 2025, in Springfield, Missouri at the age of 73.

Jerry enjoyed anything that involved being outdoors. His many hobbies included fishing, hunting, driving and building fast cars, riding motorcycles and being a very talented musician. He was an amazing storyteller and had a knack for making a person feel like they were right there with him in the story. His greatest joys in life, however, were the ones that called him "Papaw" Jerry. He adored all five of his grandsons and his two great-grandsons. He had such a unique and

special relationship with each one and they will miss him terribly.



Jerry had a larger-than-life personality and a heart to match. He often used to laugh and say that people either loved him or hated him, there was no in between. He did everything in life at full throttle and, because of that, lived a very full life indeed. He was a husband, father, son, brother, uncle, Papaw and friend. Anyone who has ever met him will certainly never forget him.

June 6, 1971, Jerry was united in marriage to Nancy (Harris) George who survives him of the home. He is also survived by his son Justin George of Harrison, AR, daughter Joanna (George) McWilliam and husband Mack of Berryville, AR, daughter-in-law Angie George of Nixa, MO; grandchildren Garrett George and Deserae, Wyatt George and Lucy, Bobby Dale Jones, Logan McWilliam, Gunner McWilliam; great grandchildren Maverick George and Hudson George; brother Leslie George and wife Ann of Lampe, MO; sisters Crystal Rinker and husband Johnny of Crane, MO and Leah Morgan and husband Richard of Oak Grove, AR; along with many other family members and friends.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents Horace and Norma George, and brother Dwight George.

Visitation will be 5:00 pm till 7:00 pm, Friday, January 24, 2025, at Charle M. Nelson Memorial Chapel. Memorial service will be 11:00 am, Saturday, January 25, 2025, at Mt. Olivet Freewill Baptist Church with Pastor Jim Cantrell officiating. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Research, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com). © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.

## **James Allen Rusterholz, Sr. Obituary**

James Allen Rusterholz of Berryville was born October 8, 1936, in Omaha, Nebraska to Walter and Rose (Swierczek) Rusterholz. James passed away Friday, January 17, 2025, at Circle of Life Hospice in Springdale, AR at the age of 88.

James worked as a sales manager in the poultry industry for many years. He was of Methodist faith and spent his free time watching sports, waterskiing, camping, fishing and boating, as well as traveling.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Iva (Smelley) Rusterholz, Children Kathryn Coffee and husband Wesley, James Rusterholz, Jr. and wife Tricia, Mark Rusterholz and wife Pami, Kerri Sanger and husband Clay, Siblings Donna Reeves and Donald Rusterholz and wife Louise, 10 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

James is preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Rose Rusterholz, and one brother Walter David Rusterholz, Jr.

Visitation will be 1:00 p.m. till 2:00 p.m., Thursday, January 23, 2025, at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel. Funeral services will begin at 2:00 p.m. following visitation. Memorial donations may be made to Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road, Springdale, AR 72762. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com). © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.



## Margie Armer Obituary

Margie Armer of Huntsville, Arkansas was born November 7, 1938, in Dinsmore, Arkansas to John D. and Josie (Madewell) Bartlett. Margie passed away peacefully at her home in Huntsville on January 21, 2025, at the age of 86.

She was an Army wife who supported her husband during his military career. She and the children followed him faithfully all over the world. While her husband served overseas during the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, Margie wrote him daily letters that their son, Cecil, often walked to the post office to mail.

Margie was a hard worker and meticulously cared for her yard and landscaping. She also volunteered for many years at the Mercy Berryville Auxiliary thrift store.

Margie is survived by her son Cecil Armer and wife Linda; daughter Pat Armer and husband Jerry both of Berryville; grandsons David Armer of Bend, Oregon and Jared Armer and wife Beth of Huntsville. She is also survived by sister Rebecca Mounce of Hindsville and sisters-in-law Betty Bartlett of Ft. Worth, Texas, Roby Bartlett and Christine Bartlett, both of Elm Springs, Johnnie Bartlett of Huntsville; brother-in-law Burl Walker of Huntsville; and will be missed by many other family members and friends. The family wishes to express their gratitude to everyone who cared so lovingly for mom, especially Sylvia Farmer, Theresa Armer, Savanna Shockley, and Arkansas Hospice.

She is preceded in death by her parents John D and Josie Bartlett; husband Dewey Armer; siblings, Anna Farrell, Doyle Bartlett, Lloyd Bartlett, Ines Walker, Jim Bartlett, Pete Bartlett, John Bartlett, Jr., Dean Bartlett, and infant sister Thelma Bartlett.

Visitation will be 9:00 am till 10:00 am, Saturday, January 25, 2025, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel in Berryville, AR,. Funeral service will follow with Pastor Jerry Spurlock and Chaplin Rex Griffin officiating. Burial will follow at Liberty Cemetery at Dry Fork.

Memorial donations may be made to Liberty Cemetery, c/o Harold Logan, 1893 Hwy 412, Huntsville, AR 72740. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com).



## Mary Jane Bunch Bollinger Obituary

Mary Jane Bollinger of Aurora, Missouri was born on June 10, 1949, in Berryville, Arkansas, to Raymond and Stella Mae (Norris) Bunch. Mary Jane passed away Wednesday, January 22, 2025, in Springfield, Missouri, at the age of 75. Mary Jane is survived by her daughter Monica Jones and her husband Kevin of Blue Eye, Arkansas, sons Buddy Bunch, Dennis Whitaker, Clayton Bunch, and Crosston Bunch all of Aurora, Missouri, stepdaughter Denise Reed and her husband Tom of Deltona, Florida, stepson Clint Bollinger of Springfield, Missouri, stepson Walker Bollinger and wife Heather of Washburn, Missouri, five grandchildren Chelsea, Chancie, Katen, Brayden, and Chloe, five great grandchildren Jazzlyn, Halle, Rex, Lainey, and Stella, several

nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many friends.

She is preceded by her parents Raymond and Stella Mae Bunch, husband Billy D. Bollinger, brother Raymond L. Bunch, sister Elaine Deatherage, grandson Dennise L. Whitaker III.

Visitation will be 5:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m., January 29, 2025, at the Charles Nelson Memorial Chapel. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com). © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.



## Darrell Eugene Hoover Obituary

Darrell Hoover of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, was born in Eureka Springs on July 17, 1950, to Henry and Ethel (Clark) Hoover. Darrell passed away January 25, 2025, in Eureka Springs at the age of 74.

Darrell graduated from Eureka Springs High School in 1968 and volunteered to join the United States Air Force in 1969. He was a combat veteran of the Vietnam War and served in numerous locations around the world as a jet aircraft maintenance specialist. He separated from active duty in 1974 and attended Twin Lakes Vocational Technical School, Harrison, AR, earning certification in Heavy Equipment Operations. In 1981, while living in Tulsa, OK, he enlisted with

the Air National Guard serving in both OK and AR units until 1984. Darrell honed his carpentry skills working for decades on numerous historical buildings and residences in Eureka Springs and Holiday Island. He was a master carpenter with keen problem solving skills; he could build, rehabilitate, or fix just about anything.



Darrell supported many veteran organizations and was a member of the VFW and American Legion. He enjoyed aviation and automotive history, crossword puzzles, traveling, and served as the de facto "Eureka Springs historian" for the family and friends he grew up with.

Darrell is survived by his children Heather Dial and husband Chris of Portland, Oregon, David Turney of Wichita, Kansas, grandchildren London and McKenzie, along with other family members and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents Henry and Ethel Hoover, and brother Jack Hoover.

Funeral services will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be to American Legion Post 100, 711 W Persimmon St., Rogers AR 72756, re: Children's Hospital. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com). © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025



## Connie Gean Baugh Obituary

Connie Gean Baugh of Berryville, Arkansas was born September 8, 1944, in Clarksville, Arkansas to John Edward and Alma Emma (Sellers) Gean. Connie passed away Saturday, January 25, 2025, in Berryville, Arkansas at the age of 80.

Connie cherished time spent with family. She was an amazing cook and enjoyed cooking for the family when they came over. She was very competitive and played lots of board games. She enjoyed playing cards, working on puzzles, and loved horses.

Connie is survived by her husband Edwin Baugh of Berryville, Arkansas, daughter Melinda Gonzalez (Martin) of Berryville, son William "Eddie" Johnson of Andale, Kansas, son Dale Johnson (Brenda) of Colorado Springs, Colorado, stepson Robert K. Baugh (Carol) of Berryville, Arkansas, stepson William F. Baugh of Berryville, Arkansas, fourteen grandchildren Kayla, Emmanuel, Samuel, Amber, Sonny, Anthony, Melanie, Isaac, Jimmy, Ameryce, Katrina, Ashley, Billy, and Joseph, several great grandchildren, many other relatives and close friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents John and Alma Gean, first husband Dale Johnson, son James "Jimmy" Johnson, granddaughter Santana, and four siblings Johnnie, Sue, Alan, and Rita.

Visitation will be 5:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at the Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at Freeman Heights Baptist Church with Pastor Lannie Younger officiating. Interment will follow at New Home Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to New Home Cemetery, c/o LaVon Nance, 1756 Hwy 103 N, Green Forest, AR 72638. Arrangements are

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## Hazel June Parker Obituary

Hazel June Parker of Berryville, Arkansas was born June 7, 1946, in Rudd to William and Ella (Burks) Fultz. Hazel passed away January 26, 2025, in Berryville at the age of 78.

She loved to play the piano and started playing at church at an early age. Hazel could play any instrument she picked up. She loved to cook and loved hotrods and to race them.

Hazel is survived by her children Norma Epley and husband Jeff, Jeff Parker and wife Patti, Jim Parker and wife Katie; brothers James Fultz, Junior Fultz; special friend Ron Youngblood; thirteen grandchildren, a multitude of great grandchildren, along with other family members and friends.

She is preceded in death by parents William and Ella Fultz,

husband J.D. Parker, sisters Jamima Gehl, Joyce Kriesel, Jenetta Murphy, brother Jewel Fultz.

Visitation will be 5:00 pm till 7:00 pm, Thursday, January 30, 2025, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel. Funeral service will be 10:00 am, January 31, 2025, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel with Pastor Jerry Spurlock and Pastor Josh Shields officiating. Burial will follow at Gobbler Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Gobbler Cemetery, c/o Kathy Bunch, 914 CR 501, Berryville, AR 72616. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com). © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.



## Andrea Brooke Douglas Obituary

Andrea Brooke Douglas of Green Forest, Arkansas was born in Russellville, Arkansas on December 24, 1977, to Lowell Gene Douglas and Leslie Jeanette (McCormick) Douglas.

Andrea passed away Monday, January 27, 2025, in Green Forest at the age of 47.

Andrea enjoyed using her phone for the latest technologies, her personal interest is researching the medical field and researching vacation destinations. She enjoyed traveling and visiting her family. She was a fan of the Kansas City Chiefs and the Royals. She attended Blue Springs schools in Blue Springs Missouri and North West Community College in the nursing field. Andrea worked at Tyson in Green Forest for 10

years.

Andrea is survived by her father Lowell Douglas and his wife Kathy of Blue Springs, Missouri, brother Michael Douglas of Kansas City, Missouri, sister Tippy Young and husband Kyle of Bates City, Missouri, daughter Jasmine Douglas of Springfield, Missouri, uncle Von Douglas of Littleton, Colorado, and many other family and friends that she always looked forward to seeing.

She is preceded in death by her mother Leslie Douglas, grandparents Virgil and Cliffie Douglas and Lester and Pauline McCormick.

Graveside service will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, February 7, 2025, at Rule Cemetery.

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## Arthur Samuel Rash Obituary

Arthur S. Rash was born January 9, 1988, in San Pedro, California, to Jeffrey and Deborah (Scharf) Rash. Arthur passed away Monday, January 27, 2025, at the age of 37.

He was a member of the Berryville Friends of the Library and I.O.O.F. Lodge #82 of Berryville. He had a special gift working with his hands. Arthur was a gunsmith at Wilson Combat. He also worked at Kimes Auto Supply, Danny's Tire, and 4P Land Services and with Danny Howerton on his farm.

Arthur is survived by his father Jeff Rash and Vicki Ojeda of Seymour, Missouri; mother Deborah Scharf of Grand Junction, Colorado; sister Shirley Rash and paternal grandparents Gerald and Mary Rash, all of Berryville,

Arkansas; cousin Mary Barker and Ken of Australia; aunt Aimee Rash of Lowell, Arkansas; and two brothers, Jason Sherman and Kaleb Sherman, both of Grand Junction, Colorado. He is preceded in death by his uncle John Keith Rash and his maternal grandparents Sam and Shirley Scharf.

Service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Gideon's International, PO Box 362, Berryville, AR 72616, Berryville Library Building Fund, 104 Spring Street, Berryville, AR 72616, or Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F) 504 Meadowmere St. Berryville, AR 72616. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com). © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.



## Freda Joan Kruger Obituary

Freda Joan Kruger, affectionately known as Freda, passed away peacefully on January 29, 2025, in Berryville, AR, at the age of 73. Born on September 18, 1951, to Kenneth Virgil Kruger and Shirley Coffey Kruger, Freda's life was one of vibrant love and joyful laughter, which she shared generously with her family and friends.

Freda was a cherished sister to Flora A. Lilley, Roger Paul Kruger, Kurt Kruger, and Daniel Kruger. Although her siblings and grandchildren Christopher Colby and Andrea Ritke preceded her in death, the love and memories they shared continue to resonate with those who knew them. Her spirit of kindness and her knack for bringing joy to those around her

will be carried on through her loving family.

She is survived by her daughter, Mona Colby South of Miami, Oklahoma. Freda was a cherished grandmother to Brianna Ritke Wolfe and her husband Travis of Green Forest, Arkansas, and Kaylyn Ritke of Chicago, Illinois. Her great-grandchildren, Eli Hunt, Hailey Rowland, Kristopher King, Paisley Wolfe, TJ Wolfe, and Ali Wolfe, all of Green Forest, Arkansas, will remember her for her warm hugs and the stories she loved to share. Freda's special bond with her nieces, Cindy Wilson of McAlester, Oklahoma, and Kris Martin of Georgetown, Illinois, was evident in the joy and laughter they shared during their precious times together. These relationships were a testament to Freda's ability to nurture and maintain deep connections throughout her life.

Though Freda left Bell Gardens High School early to embrace the adventures of life, traveling with her former husband, Stanley Colby, and starting a family, she never stopped learning and experiencing all that life had to offer. Freda's interests were simple yet profound. She had an immense love for her animals, finding great comfort and companionship in their presence. She could often be found watching the birds and the deer, taking pleasure in the peace and beauty of nature. This love of the natural world was a core part of who she was and something she treasured sharing with her family.

The words that best describe Freda are loving, kind, and funny. Her sense of humor was infectious, and she had the ability to light up a room with her laughter. Her kindness knew no bounds. Freda's legacy is one of love and laughter, and the memories she created with those she cared for will forever be cherished.

Freda's passing leaves a void in the hearts of those who knew her, but her spirit will continue to live on through the countless stories and memories shared by her loved ones. As we bid farewell to Freda Kruger, we honor the life of a truly unique woman. Her laughter, kindness, and love have made a lasting impact on all who knew her, and she will be profoundly missed by everyone fortunate enough to have been a part of her life.



No services scheduled at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com). © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.



## Dedra T Williams Obituary

Dedra “Dede” Usrey Williams, aged 64, was born in Berryville, Arkansas to Melvin and Virginia Usrey on November 14, 1960. She passed away on February 4, 2025. She enjoyed her childhood summers spent with family in the Ozarks. Together with her parents, siblings and many cousins, aunts, and uncles, she explored the Mountain, swam the Osage, and enjoyed her days at Lake Return.

Dedra was married to Gerald Williams in a thunder snowstorm on March 1, 1980. She was proud of being a mother and deeply cared for her family. She was a storyteller and artist that loved to create with the simple intention of brightening someone’s day. She was proud of her education

with a degree in Creative Writing and read as many books as she could, always seeking more knowledge and perspectives.

She was a best friend to many people with a generous heart. She wanted the best for everyone, and she was the happiest when she could help another. What a blessing Dede was to so many.

Dedra is survived by her husband, Gerald Williams, and three children, Marisa, Chelsea, and Stevin Williams, and one granddaughter Fern Williams. She is also survived by her two siblings, Marcie Grim and Kip Usrey, aunts and uncles, Levi Phillips, Dixie Spicer, and T. Fern Smith, nieces and nephews, and too many friends to list.

She is preceded in death by her mother and father, Melvin Usrey and Virginia (Phillips) Usrey, and her daughter, Hannah Williams. She is also preceded in death by her grandparents, Claud Phillips and Alma Lee (Elmore) Phillips and Willie Usrey and Lillian (Smith) Usrey and uncles Dwane, Lonnie, and Gary Usrey.”

Graveside service will be 10:00 am, Saturday, February 8, 2025, at High Cemetery.

Memorial fund: Instead of flowers please make a donation to the Berryville Public Library.

Proceeds are intended to be used to buy educational children’s books and programs to raise child literacy. As a HIPPY (Home Instructional Program for Preschool Youngsters) Instructor, Dedra was passionate about childhood education. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com). © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.





## Patty Norris Obituary

Patricia Lou (Davis) Norris was born Dec 4, 1950, to Harold Lester Davis and Erma Lou Davis. She went home to be with our Lord and was reunited with her lifelong love on February 11, 2025, at Cox South in Springfield.

She was united in marriage with the love of her life, Junior Norris, on May 9, 1969, who preceded her in death.

She is also preceded in death by her father, Harold Lester Davis, mother, Erma Lou Molder, step-father Carroll Molder, aunt Laverta Colvin, and uncle Bill Allred.

Patty is survived by her son, John Norris and daughter Amy Clark (Bradley). Grandchildren that were the light of her life: Cody Clark (Leah), Lexi Creekmore (Landon), and Tyler

Clark. Brother Mike Davis (Jody) and Harold Davis (Christine). Sisters and brother-in-law Catherine Seitz, Carolyn Gibbs (David) and Jerry Norris (Debbie).

Patty had been a court reporter all her life and also had a strong passion for the Mountain Meadows Massacre Descendants group, which she formed over 20 years ago.

Patty knew Jesus Christ as her personal savior, her strength and faith through all of life's hardships was amazing. She was a very loving wife, mother and Nanny that had a soft heart for animals, especially her dogs. She is so loved and will be forever missed, until we meet again.

Visitation will be 5:00 pm till 7:00 pm, Thursday, February 13, 2025, at Charles M. Nelson Memorial Chapel. Graveside service will be 10:00 am, Friday, February 14, 2025, at Glenwood Cemetery with Pastor Bradley Clark officiating. Memorial donations may be made to Gideon's International, PO Box 362, Berryville, AR 72616. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service. Online condolences may be sent to [nelsonfuneral.com](http://nelsonfuneral.com). © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2025.



## Howard Collins Obituary

Howard Lee Collins, age 84 of Green Forest, entered into eternal life with his Savior on February 13, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Howard was born April 26, 1940, in Green Forest, AR to Henry and Ruth (Fultz) Collins. He attended one-room schools at both Conner and Rule and graduated from Green Forest High School in 1959. At the age of 16, upon the death of his dad, Howard worked with his mother on the family dairy farm and helped raise his four younger siblings. In November,

1973, he gave his life to the Lord and on the 17th, he was baptized. On that evening, he proposed to the love of his life, Sharon Sue Williams and they were married on February 23, 1974. They built a beautiful dairy and cattle farm on the Osage Creek, south of Green Forest. In 1977, Carrie Elizabeth was born, and the family was named as the 1978 Carroll County and NW Arkansas District Farm Family of the Year. In 1980, Courtney Leigh was added to the family and Howard was named the Green Forest First Assembly of God Father of the Year. He was also active in his community, serving on the Carroll Boone Water District Board for over 10 years and the Rule Cemetery Association and the Farm Supply boards for many years. He loved fellowshiping with his church friends and attending Sunday School and Bible Study group at Grandview Baptist Church. Nothing gave him more joy than spending time with his daughters, "the Joshes," and four grandsons at their homes and school events, and especially making memories on the farm.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon (Williams) Collins, his daughters: Carrie Siebert and husband Josh of Centerton, AR, and Courtney Landreth and husband Josh of Springdale, AR., grandsons: Collin Siebert, Hudson Landreth, Carter Siebert, and Hayes Landreth; siblings: Sharon Stewart of Green Forest, Linda Norton and husband, Tom of Terrell, TX, and Brenda Taylor and husband Bob of Green Forest, along with a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends whose lives he touched.

He was preceded in death by his parents Henry and Ruth Collins, sister, Ruby Snelson, brothers Harold Collins and John Collins.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to the many friends who have prayed and provided comforting kindness. The family appreciates and thanks the many doctors and nurses and Willard Walker Hospice Home who provided excellent care and compassion over the last few years.

Visitation will be 1:00 - 2:00 pm, Monday, February 17, 2025 at Grandview Baptist Church with the service following at 2:00 pm. Interment will follow at the Rule Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the local Gideon's chapter, or Grandview Baptist Church.

## Smith Family Funeral Home



### Judy Peden Obituary

Judy Lynn Peden passed away on January 3rd, 2025, at the age of 59 in Green Forest, AR surrounded by her family. She was born on January 28th, 1965, in Harrison, AR to James and Wanda Heads.

Family was the cornerstone of Judy's life. She is survived by her beloved parents, James and Wanda Heads of Green Forest, her devoted daughters, Samantha Badley and her

husband Dustin, and Amanda Sutton and her husband Zak, all of Green Forest. Judy also leaves behind her caring brother, Jimmy Heads and his wife Mary. Her role as “Nana” to her cherished grandchildren, Karter Jo and Knoxton Badley, and Gunnar and Parker Sutton (aka Shuggy), was one she embraced with immense love and pride. Judy is also survived by nieces Katie Heads of Brandon, MS, and Kara Swayne and husband Michael and their daughter Sophie of Bellevue, NE.

Judy’s work ethic was unparalleled, a trait that shone brightly during her 26 years at Tyson Foods being a lead and supervisor. Most recently, for the past 5 years, she was a 911 dispatcher where she found her calling, serving her community with unwavering commitment and forming lasting bonds with her co-workers who became like a second family to her.

Judy was a woman who loved fishing, she cherished the moments spent by the water, teaching her grandchildren the patience and joy of fishing. Her love for softball and golf extended from her own playing days to cheering on her children and grandchildren from the sidelines.

Each year, Judy eagerly anticipated the family trips to Gulf Shores, AL where memories were made, and laughter echoed along the shorelines. The thrill of buggy riding and the simple pleasure of cooking up some good food were among the many joys of her life. If you knew Judy, you knew her love for her iced cold sun kissed orange drinks with extra ice.

Judy was a force of nature - stubborn, honest, and hardworking. She faced life’s challenges head on and didn’t shy away from telling it like it was. She was also bougie, her hair, makeup, nails, and lashes were a top priority of hers. Her daughters were the pride of her existence, and she poured her heart and soul into their upbringing.

Judy’s legacy is one of love and friendship. Her memory will be cherished and kept alive though the stories shared by her family and the countless lives she impacted.

As we say goodbye to Judy, we celebrate a life well lived, an unwavering commitment to her family and community. She will be dearly missed, but the love she sowed will continue to flourish in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to have known her.

Celebration of Life will be 10:00 AM, Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at Green Forest Cowboy Church with Rev. Doug Blevins and Rev. Billy Williams officiating. Interment will follow at New Home Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-7 PM, Tuesday, January 7, at Smith Family Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at [www.smithfamilyfuneralhome.net](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhome.net).



## Joe Boling Obituary

Joe Udell Boling, age 58, of Green Forest, passed away Wednesday, January 8, 2025, in Branson, MO with family by his side. He was born May 28, 1966, in Tulsa, OK to Verne and Vera Middleton Boling.

Joe was truly one of a kind. He was a great man, a great father, and a great brother. Joe loved his children more than anything in this world. Being a father was Joe's proudest accomplishment, and he was a family man over anything. To Joe, family was not just blood. He would do anything for anybody, but he would go above and beyond for those he saw as family.

Joe was a hard worker his entire life and spent 20+ years as a Farm Manager for Cal-Maine Foods where he loved and respected his coworkers, who became his work family. Joe was also an incredible carpenter whose work was admired by many and lives on in many homes of those he loved. Another of the great loves of Joe's life were horses, even taking his six-weeks-old baby brother out for his first ride.

Joe is survived by his 6 children, 15 grandchildren, 4 siblings, and many nieces and nephews along with their children. He preceded in death by his parents and 1 son.

Anyone who was lucky enough to know this great man was truly blessed. He had the biggest heart you would ever know and definitely made this ugly world a better place. Nothing will ever fill the void that is left with Joe being gone, but he will remain in our hearts forever. Rest in paradise, Mr. Joe Boling. We love and miss you down here.

Celebration of Life for Joe will be 1:00 PM, Monday, January 13, 2025, at Templo Emanuel in Green Forest with Chris Eagelson officiating. Online condolences can be made at [www.smithfamilyfuneralhome.net](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhome.net)



## Bud Allen Obituary

Uel "Bud" Allen, age 87 of Shell Knob, MO, went home to be with His Lord and Savior on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, with his family by his side. He was born October 11, 1937, in Viola, MO to Amos and Rebecca Standlee Allen. On July 16, 1966, he married the love of his life, Eloyce Stebbins.

Known for his sweet and gentle nature like his dad, Bud was a devoted and committed man. He always put his family first. He worked in construction all his life and he was known to be the hardest worker. As a foreman for Haril Chapman Construction, he worked with his crew every step of the way. He felt so blessed to have lived almost all his life on the same property where he was born and raised. He was a member of Mt. Olivet Freewill Baptist Church in Blue Eye.

Bud is survived by his wife Eloyce of the home, daughters Charisse (Craig) Matzenbacher of Oak Grove, Laura (Dale) Snowden of Centerton, and Andrea (Bobby) Snowden of Lampe, MO, and son Gregory (Cyndi) Allen of Shell Knob, MO. He is also survived by 7 grandchildren, Jayme (Steve) Wambold, Cheyne (Amber) Matzenbacher, Caleb (Lindley) Snowden, Brooke (Harrison) Whitt, Sierra Snowden, Kyle Snowden, and Austin Dillard, 11 great grandchildren, Cole, Laney, Cailie, Brooklyn, Hudson, Eden, Barrett, Ryleigh, Merritt, Ever, and Bishop, sister Barb Swofford, brother Don (Ella Jean) Allen, and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, an infant daughter, brothers Arlis, Lee, Jimmy, and Ken, and sisters Dorothy and Virginia.

Bud will be dearly missed by his family and friends, but his legacy will continue to inspire us all.

Celebration of Life service for Bud will be 11:00 AM, Monday, January 27, 2025, with visitation from 10-11 AM, prior to the start of the service, at Mt. Olivet Freewill Baptist Church in Blue Eye with Bro. Wayne Writer and Bro. Dale Meredith officiating. Interment will follow at Blue Eye Cemetery. Online condolences can be made at [www.smithfamilyfuneralhome.net](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhome.net).



## Kathryn Pritchard Obituary

Marie Kathryn Pritchard, known as Kathryn or Kathy to her friends and family, passed away on January 29, 2025, in Springdale, AR, after a long battle with lung disease. Born on October 12, 1950, in Berryville, AR, Kathryn's warmth and kindness illuminated the lives of those around her for 74 years.

Kathryn was the beloved wife of Jim Pritchard, with whom she shared countless cherished moments and a life full of love. Together, they nurtured a family that includes their devoted children: Julie Wiley, Keith Dickens, and Ashley Patrick. Her son-in-law, Richard Patrick II, also held a special place in her heart.

Kathryn was the guiding star of her family, embodying love and kindness in every role she played. Though predeceased by her parents, Virgil and Betty Van Winkle, and



surrounded by the love of her aunt and uncle, Francis and Dale Van Winkle, her spirit will continue to shine brightly through the legacy of her family.

A proud graduate of Green Forest High School, Kathryn's life was marked by her dedication and commitment to those around her. Her former career as a hotel clerk was characterized by the friendly and thoughtful service she provided to guests. She loved listening to their stories.

Kathryn's interests and hobbies were a reflection of her loving and friendly personality. She found great joy in spending quality time with her family, whether it was playing games, shopping, or watching movies together. An avid reader, Kathryn could often be found with a book in hand, lost in stories of romance. Her passion for cats was well-known, and her feline companions were a source of comfort and happiness throughout her life.

Those who knew Kathryn will remember her as a loving, friendly, and thoughtful individual. Her presence was a comfort to her family and friends, and her absence will be deeply felt by all who were fortunate enough to know her. Kathryn's influence extended beyond her immediate circle, touching the lives of many with her kindness and compassion.

As we bid farewell to Marie Kathryn Pritchard, we celebrate the life of a woman who was a cherished wife, mother, and friend. We will hold dear the memories of her love, her laughter, and the countless ways she made our world a better place. Kathryn's spirit will forever be a beacon of love and kindness in the hearts of those she leaves behind.

Celebration of Life service for Kathryn will be 2:00 PM, Monday, February 3, 2025, at Smith Family Funeral Home with Rev. Les Robinson officiating. Interment will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery in Berryville. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to the service from 1-2 PM. Online condolences can be made at [www.smithfamilyfuneralhome.net](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhome.net).



## Paul Anderson Obituary

Paul Gerald Anderson passed away on February 4, 2025, in Berryville, Arkansas at the age of 93. Born on March 15, 1931, in Balko, Oklahoma, son of the late Robert Lee and Flora Tockey Anderson. On August 9, 1952, he was united in marriage to Sylvia Hattenhauer and to this union 7 children were born.

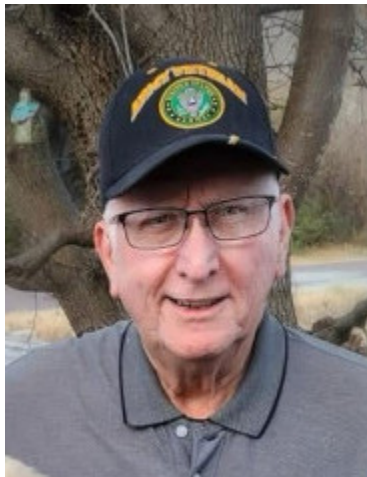
Paul's life was a testament to hard work and in that hard work his love and dedication to his family showed. He often sacrificed his own time and comfort to see that his family had what they needed in turn passing down a rare work ethic to each generation. Although having spent most of his years as a dairy farmer, Paul was a jack-of-all trades from construction, driving a bus, to changing

tires. His real passion in life was farming; from letting the chickens out at sunrise, milking his Jersey cow by hand, putting the chickens up at sundown and finally resting in his chair with his favorite pup.

Paul is survived by his children, sons, Jerry and wife MaryEllen Anderson, Harold and wife Beverly Anderson, Ronnie and wife Diane Anderson, Donnie and wife Linda Anderson, Edward and wife Iona Anderson, daughter Linda Campbell and husband David, daughter-in-law Judy Anderson, 17 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and one great-greatgrandchild.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Flora Iva Anderson, wife, Sylvia Anderson, son, Eugene Anderson, granddaughter, Melissa Anderson, grandson, Shane Anderson, brothers, Donald Anderson. Grover Anderson, sisters, Mary Richadson and Flora Grabau.

Celebration of Life will be 2:00 PM, Monday, February 10, 2025, at Smith Family Funeral Home in Green Forest. Interment will follow at Grandview Cemetery. Visitation will be 1:00-2:00 before the service begins. Online condolences may be left at [smithfamilyfuneralhome.net](http://smithfamilyfuneralhome.net)



## Charles "Chuck" Luney Obituary

Charles (Chuck) Luney of Shell Knob, Missouri, left this life on February 4, 2025.

Chuck was born on May 1, 1943, in Cassville, Missouri, the son of Kenneth Luney and Nadine (Cooper) Allison. He was raised by his late step- father, David Raymond Allison, whom he loved as his own father, and Nadine Allison, his mother.

Chuck was united in marriage to Judy Shuey on February 10, 1965, in Miami, Oklahoma.

Chuck served in the U.S. Army 1965 thru 1967. He was awarded many written commendations and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service. He retired from Fasco Industries in 1992 and had served their as their Information Technology supervisor and head computer programmer. He got to do his dream job by singing professionally in a Gospel Group.

Chuck was a member of and very active at Church On The Hill, Berryville, Arkansas.

He was preceded in death by four brothers: Donald Allison, Robert (Bob) Allison, David Allison and Ronald Allison.

Chuck is survived by his wife Judy and three children: Renae Luney of Shell Knob, Todd Luney and wife Michelle of Saginaw, Texas and daughter Paige and husband Alex of Lewisville, Texas; Chris Luney of Springfield, Missouri; Callista Luney daughter-in-law of Springfield, Missouri; and honorary daughter Karina Stegall of Shell Knob, Missouri.

Celebration Of Life Memorial service will be 10:00 AM Saturday, February 15, 2025, at Church On The Hill, 907 South Main Street, Berryville, Arkansas, with Pastor Keith Butler officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hwy 62 Youth Ministry at Church On The Hill.

Online condolences may be made at [smithfamilyfuneralhome.net](http://smithfamilyfuneralhome.net)



## Dawn McCoy Obituary

Dawn Michelle (Deertz) McCoy was born on February 21, 1973, in Harrison, AR, to parents Ronald Deertz and Patricia McKenzie. She passed away on February 6, 2025, at her home in Green Forest, AR.

Shelley, as she is known by most, is the proud NaNa to eleven grandkids, who she enjoyed spoiling. She enjoyed watching mysteries at the museum and hoarding socks, hoodies and pens. If she wasn't at yard sales or thrift stores then you would find her in her room coloring.

Shelley is survived by her children, Nathan Deertz and wife Heather, Jessi Deertz and husband Nikkoli, Fredrick Deertz and wife Sydnee. Her brothers Jackie and Charles Deertz. Her pride and joy grandkids, Kadee Deertz, Dawson Deertz, Jace Deertz, Ivey Deertz, Harper Deertz, Fredrick Deertz, Annabelle Lampkin, and Izzy Lampkin. She is also survived by her nephews, Leyton Deertz and Spencer Coffel.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Ronald and Patricia, one sister Elaine, grandchildren, Brayden, Chloe, and Zoey and nephew Eddie.

Cremation Arrangements have been entrusted to Smith Family Funeral Home of Green Forest

