

Obituaries

Patricia Ruth German

Patricia Ruth German, daughter of the late Cecil Vincent Howard and Mildred Wilkerson, was born in Jefferson City, Missouri, on May 31, 1944. She departed this life at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri, on February 10, 2020, at the age of 75.

Patricia was a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church in Lesterville, Missouri. She enjoyed crocheting, needlepoint, decorating for Christmas and dancing. Patricia's greatest joy was spending time with her family and friends.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, George Howard, and one sister, Stella Howard. Patricia is survived by one son, Robert Glaze and wife Angie of Edwardsville, Kansas, three daughters, Cheryl McGee and husband Mike of Lesterville, Missouri, Pamela Cook and husband

Mike of Orlando, Florida, and Sandra Narrington and husband Stephen of Clermont, Florida, one brother, Vincent Howard of Indian Trail, North Carolina, seven grandchildren, Shannon, Paul, Mike Jr., Justin, Christine, Austin, and Dylan, and three great-grandchildren, Destiny, Noah, and Hana. Patricia will be deeply missed by a host of relatives and many friends who will mourn her passing.

Visitation was Sunday, February 16, 2020 at McSpadden Funeral Home, Lesterville, Missouri. Funeral services were Monday, February 17, 2020 at the Fellowship Baptist Church, Lesterville, Missouri.

Pastor Daniel Sparks, assisted by Mitch Bryant, ministered to the family. Pallbearers were Mike McGee, Mike Cook, Justin Cook, Robert Glaze, Austin Brooky, Dylan Glaze, Shane James and Sandy Narrington

Jay A. Callisto

Jay A. Callisto, 75, passed peacefully Oct. 2, 2019, at home surrounded by family.

He was the devoted husband to Georgene and the caring father to Anthony,

Jay served honorably as a Captain in the US Army in Vietnam. J

Jay graduated from Ironton High school where he was a member of the varsity basketball team. He was a

successful businessman who traveled around the world facilitating large construction projects.

Jay will be deeply missed by family and friends

You are welcome to make a donation in Jay's name to the Lake Co Veteran's Assistance Commission not-for-profit, 501 N. IL Rte. 21, #106, Gurnee, IL 60031.

Douglas Ray Boxx

Douglas Ray Boxx, 64 of Poplar Bluff passed away on Monday, Feb. 10, 2020 at Poplar Bluff Regional Medical Center.

Douglas was born Sept. 25, 1955 in Piedmont, Mo., the son of Edward and Zada (Trindle) Boxx. On Feb. 1, 1986 he married Jana Jorde in Coon Rapids, Minn. Together they shared more than 34 years of marriage.

Douglas was a retired lineman. He was a generous man who enjoyed hunting, fishing four wheeling and his poopy dogs and cats.

Douglas' greatest passion in life was his family, especially his grandchildren. He enjoyed going to all of grandchildren's sporting events and was their biggest fan.

In addition to his wife, Douglas is survived by his children, Kelly (John Harden) Hahn-Boxx, Douglas (Melissa) Brookerson, Dale Brookerson, Nadia Boxx and Jay Boxx; grandchildren, Drake Harden, Myles Harden, Tyler Brookerson, Savannah Brookerson, Abby Brookerson, and Devon Williams; siblings, Laverne (Alice), Melvin Boxx, Judith Boxx, Janelle Lotshaw, Candy (Bernie) Moss, Jim (Cheryl) Jorde, Nancy Pearson, Sara (Lenice) Jorde and Jennifer (Bruce) Jorde.

Douglas had a special bond with his multiple nieces and nephews and his two bonus grandchildren, Josiah Naveraz and Artez Bryant.

Douglas was preceded in

Deanna F. Hamilton

Deanna F. Hamilton, age 73, of Piedmont, passed away Saturday, February 15, 2020 at the Greenville Health Care Center in Greenville, MO. She was born September 5, 1946 in Piedmont, the daughter of Henry W. Waller and Ruth (Morris) Waller. Deanna worked for many years as a Med. Tech. at Clark's Mountain Nursing Center and also worked at Fine Labs. She attended the Faith Family Worship Center in Piedmont. She was married to James Hurschel Hamilton June 6, 1964 and he passed away in 2000. Also preceding her in death are her parents, Henry and Ruth Waller, 2 daughters Jamie Duncan and Amy Hamilton, one brother,

Kenneth Waller and one sister, Carol Morris.

Survivors include 2 sons, James Hamilton, Jr., of Ironton, MO, Michael Hamilton, of Piedmont, 4 brothers, John Waller and his wife Kathy, of Mokane, MO, Wesley Waller and his wife Debra, of Cadet, MO, Gary Wilcox, of Piedmont, David Wilson, of Poplar Bluff, 3 sisters, Ruby Allen and her husband Leon, of Clubb, MO and Connie Waller, of Mokane, MO and Sherry Lawson, of Fredericktown, MO

Also surviving are 14 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

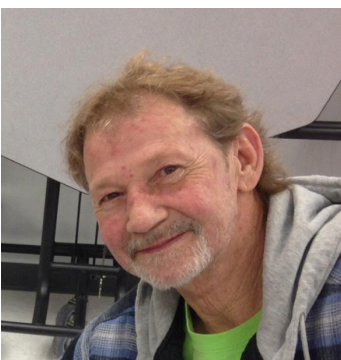
Graveside services were held Tuesday, February



Burial was in Lesterville Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations to Food Pantry at Fellowship Baptist Church.

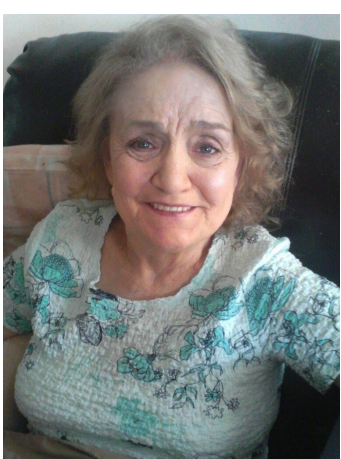
Arrangements were by McSpadden Funeral Home, Lesterville, Missouri.



death by his parents and two brothers, Lanny Boxx and Billy Boxx.

A private family service celebrating Douglas' Life will be held at a later date.

Moore Funeral Service in Poplar Bluff has been entrusted with the arrangements.



18, 2020 at the Meadows Cemetery near Annapolis with Rev. Mike Warren officiating. Services are under the direction of Morrison Funeral Chapel.

Judy Carol (Pritchett) Whelpley

Judy Carol (Pritchett) Whelpley, 66, passed away Monday, February 10, 2020, at her home in Perryville, Mo., where she lived with her daughter, Ty Elder, son-in-law Jeff Courtois and grandson Jacob Elder.

She was born on May 23rd, 1953, in Eminence, Mo. to Luther (d. Sept. 6th 1990) and Mabel Pritchett (d. July 10th 2009). She was one of 7 children—three brothers; Ronald Pritchett (d. Feb. 6, 2007), and Jerry Pritchett (d. Dec. 24, 2009), Donald Pritchett (d. Jan. 26th 2015) and three sisters—Eva Wallace (d. Nov. 24, 2013), Evaon Parker, and Sharon Moss.

She's proceeded in death by her first husband, Tom Combs, and her second husband, Robert Whelpley.

She has 2 daughters—Tyjuana Elder of Perryville, Mo., and Megan Pritchett of Vulcan, Mo., and her niece,

LaVaughn Pritchett of Vulcan, Mo., who was like a daughter to her. She has one grandson, Jacob Elder of Perryville, Mo., whom she loved dearly and devoted the last years of her life to help care for. She has many nieces and nephews, all of whom she loved very much.

She was a retired truck driver and spent many years of her life traveling the country with her husband, Tom. She also loved to spend her free time playing bingo with her close friends and family. She loved her family more than anything and would do absolutely anything for them. She had a charismatic, fun and outgoing personality and anyone that was lucky enough to meet her loved her immediately. She is forever in our hearts and will be very deeply missed.

Visitation was held Thursday, February 13, 2020, at Ruegg Funeral Home,



Piedmont. Funeral service followed Thursday, February 13, 2020, also at the Piedmont chapel. Bro. Richard Sanders ministered to the family. Gene Moss, Jeff Courtois, Scott Pritchett, Ed Percy, Joe Pritchett, and Ben Andrews served as pallbearers. Burial was in Mt. View Cemetery, Des Arc.

Online condolences can be made at www.rueggfuneralhomes.com

Ruth Teresa (Franklin) Hill

Ruth Teresa (Franklin) Hill passed away at Manor Grove in Kirkwood, MO at the age of 97 on February 16, 2020. She was born in Stamford, Conn. on August 13, 1922.

Ruth was the loving wife of Herbert Allen Hill (of Centerville, Mo.), daughter of Henry J. and Anna Mae (Dolson) Franklin, sister of John Franklin and Louise (Franklin) Smith, a dear sister-in-law, aunt, and friend.

Like many of her generation, Ruth helped support her family

during the Great Depression and World War II era. Ruth met Herb at a dance while he was in the Navy. She enjoyed a successful career as an executive secretary.

Over the years, she was a frequent visitor to her in-laws Leslie and Minnie Hill of Centerville.

Ruth and Herb were avid golfers and members of The Patterson Club in Fairfield, Conn. Ruth was a talented artist, noted for her colorful paintings of farm scenes,



flowers, and landscapes. She will be buried alongside Herb in Branson, Mo.

Albert Leo Dalton

Albert Leo Dalton, 89, passed from this life surrounded by family at St. Louis University Hospital on February 13, 2020. Ab, as he loved to be called, was born on January 12, 1931 in Hendrickson, Mo. He was the son of Lee and Mabel Dalton.

On March 24, 1962, he married Elsie Durrow. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Juanita Terry, brothers Bobby Dalton and Eugene Dalton, and daughter Sherry Dalton. He is survived by his wife, Elsie Dalton, sister Evelyn Meloy (Ed) of Silva, MO, daughter Debra Wilkes of Williamsville, son Dr. Mark Dalton of Coeur d'Alene, ID, granddaughter Allison Wilkes (Kevin Hunsberger) of Poplar Bluff, Kristin Little, Jesse Lefler and many other close friends and relatives that enriched his life.

Ab was a hard worker from a young age. At sixteen, he started a 20-year career at Williamsville Stone, followed by 20 years of work in construction from which he

retired in 1982.

In retirement, Ab enjoyed over watering his garden and sharing his bountiful harvest. Lawn mowing was serious business, which seemed to be a NASCAR event. His hobbies also included hunting, fishing, and recounting stories, each version better than the last. He was a lover of music, liked to dance and to play old country and gospel music on his fiddle or harmonica. During downtime Ab could be found kicked back watching the Westerns.

He and Elsie enjoyed a lifetime hosting regular large family dinners and game nights with a house full of love and laughter. He attended the Assembly of God Church in Williamsville. Ab looked at the world with an enthusiastic wonderment, and his happy disposition and big baby blues will be missed.

A graveside visitation was Monday, February 17, 2020, at Military Crossing Cemetery, Williamsville. Graveside service followed with burial



following service, also at Military Crossing Cemetery. Pastor Helen Edwards ministered to the family. Fred Abbott, Frank Fuller, David Edwards, Leo Wilkes, Jesse Lefler, and Kevin Hunsberger served as pallbearers. The obituary for Albert was written by his family.

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Helen M. Graham

Helen M. Graham., age 87, of Greenville, passed away December 14, 2019 in Poplar Bluff, Mo.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, February 22, 2020 at the Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Clubb with Bro. Bob Hovis officiating. Services are under the direction of Morrison Funeral Chapel, Greenville.

Felony

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New Mexico could match Avila's DNA to Katie's crime only because of a law known as Katie's Law. It requires those arrested of any felony to have their DNA collected upon arrest. Now, Missouri is considering a similar law.

Sen. Scott Sifton, D-Affton, is sponsoring SB696, which would require people 17 and older to have DNA collected after any felony arrest. The law currently requires DNA collection and testing only upon arrest for certain felonies, such as murder and rape.

"It would result in more samples and frankly, more database hits. We'd be catching more criminals," Sifton said.

Thirty states, including Missouri, require DNA to be collected and tested for those arrested or charged with violent crimes, according to research by the National Conference of State Legislatures. Only 18 states require DNA collection for all felonies, Sepich said.

Sepich has been a big advocate for this type of legislation. She said a law like this has many benefits, including solving crimes, preventing crimes and exonerating the innocent.

"Lives will be saved," Sepich said. "And families like mine will be saved a lifetime of grief."

Although no one testified in opposition to the bill, objections in other states have centered around infringement of civil liberties and violation of the Fourth Amendment, which prohibits unlawful search and seizure. The U.S. Supreme Court, however, disagreed with that position in a 2013 case, Maryland v. King, and upheld the right to collect DNA upon arrest.

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