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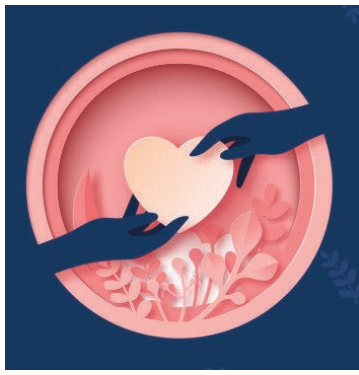
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*Happiness is one of those things which we are more likely to have if we focus on helping others find theirs. Consider this story which was recently sent to me by a family member: A professor gave a balloon to every student, who had to inflate it, write their name on it, and throw it in the hallway. The professor then mixed all the balloons. The students were given 5 minutes to find their own balloon. Despite a hectic search, no one found their balloon. At that point, the professor told the students to take the first balloon that they found and hand it to the person whose name was written on it. Within 5 minutes everyone had their own balloon. The professor then said to the students: "These balloons are like happiness. We will never find it if everyone is looking for their own. But if we care about other people's we'll find ours too." This inspiring story, whether it happened or not, contains a profound truth and is supported by research which shows that people increase their happiness more when they are given money and told to give it away or otherwise do something with the money which will help others than if they spend it on themselves. We are social creatures, built for sharing our lives and our possessions with others.*


*In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*

— Acts 20:35 NIV

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*Obituary*



**BILLY ARR**

On Thursday, March 25, 2021, William P. Rigsby, loving husband and father of two children passed away at age 84.

William was born in Dixon, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Nell Rigsby; his siblings: Emie Rigsby and Pat Fenton; his former wife: Noelle Rigsby (mother of his children Michael Rigsby and Liana Morris). He is survived by his wife: Wanda Rigsby; his children, Michael and Liana; and his siblings Velda Jones, Bob Rigsby and Jack Rigsby.

After serving in the Army for 12 years, William spent most of his life as a professional song writer and recording artist living in Nashville, Tennessee. Most everyone knew William Paul as "Billy Arr" the name he used during all his musical career. Billy wrote songs for many recording stars like: Mel Tillis, Loretta Lynn, Dave Dudley, Mickey Gilley and several other artists in the business.

William (Billy) had a passion for playing his music and hanging out with his music friends. He was quick witted and loved telling a good joke. William had a kind spirit.

William lived in Robertsdale, Alabama at time of death. The family is planning a quiet memorial service at a later date.



**GEORGE ALEXANDER**

Thomas George Alexander, of Osage Beach, formerly of Dixon, was born on April 3, 1939, at Iberia, a son of Thomas Gean and Gladys Irene (Rowden) Alexander and departed this life at 2:30 a.m., Sunday, April 4, 2021 in the Eldon Nursing and Rehabilitation. Mr. Alexander had attained the age of 82 years and one day.

Mr. Alexander was united in marriage on May 31, 1958, in Iberia to Miss Mathiel Bailey and to this union, two children were born. He was preceded in death by his father, Gean on January 16, 2003; his mother, Gladys on March 20, 2008 and one brother, Donald E. Alexander on July 23, 1966.

Mr. Alexander was baptized at an early in life in Miller County in the big Tavern Creek. He was a

United States Air Force veteran and a member of the Arlington Masonic Lodge Post No. 346, Dixon. Mr. Alexander had worked for Alltel as the general manager of customer service retiring in 1993.

Those left to mourn the passing of Mr. Alexander include his wife of 62 years: Mathiel Alexander, Osage Beach; his son: Tom Alexander, Osage Beach; his daughter and son-in-law: Belinda and Mark French, Dixon; grandchildren: Brett and wife, Maggie Reed, Breanna Alexander, Alex French, and Whitney and husband, Kyle Elseman; five great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be held from 11:30 a.m. until service time at 1:00 p.m., all on Thursday, April 8, 2021 in the Long-Kloeppel Funeral Chapel, Dixon with Bro. Mark Rowden, Stonebrook Church officiating.

Interment with full military honors will be in the Freedom Cemetery near Dixon under the direction of the Long-Kloeppel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Dixon. Pallbearers for Mr. Alexander are Brett Reed, Mark French, Alex French, Whitney Elseman, Breanna Alexander, Donnie Bailey, Jerry Nicholson and Oscar Alexander. Honorary pallbearers are Brandon, Boyd, Adam, Carla, Wes, Bobby Jo, Danny, Ken, Will, Leo, Jim, Henry, Debbie, Jeanie and Del.

Memorial contributions are suggested by the family to the freedom Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund with envelopes available at the Long-Kloeppel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Dixon.

**New Member Announcement**  
**Daughter of the American Revolution**



**Martha Chang and Viola Huitt – Noah Coleman Chaplain.**  
 Photo submitted

My name is Martha Chang. I am 61 years old. I have been married for 40 years to Command Sargent Major Retired Rodney Chang. We have 2 children, Sarrah and Steven. One dog Cookie and one grand dog Baby.

I was born in California and ended up here in Missouri when my husband retired after 30 years in the army. Fort Leonard Wood was our last duty station. We decided to stay here in Missouri after he retired because we loved the four seasons here.

I enjoy doing all kinds of needlework crafts to include knitting, crocheting, cross stitching, quilting,

plastic canvas just to name a few. My greatest hobby is doing family history. In my church I am the Ward Family History Consultant. I enjoy helping others discover their ancestors. I just love the way their faces light up when we discover someone new in their family line. It is like opening a Christmas present every time. It never gets old.

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*Thank You!*

The family of Vernon Smith would like to say "thank you" to Leo and Relora, at Long-Kloeppel Funeral Home, in Dixon. Their kindness and support truly made a difference. We would like to thank Reverend Bruce Dublin. You have always been there when we needed you. We want to thank the Santee Church for providing a place for the meal, after funeral services, and, a sincere thank you to the people who prepared the meal. A special "thank you" for those who participated in full military honors. They did an incredible job! We would like to thank all those who came by to pay their respects. Thank you for the beautiful flowers. (Vernon loved flowers) And thank you, everyone, for your prayers, and kind words.

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 Divine Love: John 3:16  
 God's Grace: Ephesians 2:8  
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