

DEATHS AND SERVICES

**David Bear**

NORTHPORT, Mich.- David Oskins Bear, 74, of Northport, Mich., formerly of Winfield, passed away unexpectedly Aug. 8, 2015, while on his daily jog.

Services were held Aug. 13 with a celebration of his life being planned for a later date.

Arrangements were by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 305 6th St., Traverse City, MI 49684.

Bear

Those desiring to remember David through a memorial contribution are asked to consider your local humane society or a charity of the donor's choice.

Please share your favorite memories of David with his family by way of his guest book/tribute page at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

David was born June 25, 1941, in Evansville, Ind., to Wallace and Lois (Brown) Oskins. His father passed away when David was three years of age, and when he was 16, David was adopted by his stepfather. The Oskins family operated Bear Enterprises in Winfield during the 1950s.

David graduated from Winfield High School in 1958 and continued his education at Wichita State University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in engineering. He then went on to the Center for Creative Arts in Detroit, where he earned his degree, followed by a master's degree in business from Michigan State University. David began a career in engineering at Chrysler directly following his graduation from college.

While there, he met Carole Jean Uhelski in June 1966. Eight months later, on Feb. 11, 1967, they married at St. Cletus Catholic Church in Warren, Mich.

Retiring from Chrysler in 1997 after 35 years with the company, David fully pursued his love of art, working in all mediums, but especially in metal.

Over the years, Carole and David spent their time between their homes in Tucson and Northport, enjoying both. They eventually made the permanent transition to Northport. David's greatest interests were cars, art and Sudoku. He was witty and humorous, a very kind person with a large sweet tooth. David was a man of many words but uttered few. His life could be summed up in the nutshell of family, art, cars and kindness.

In addition to his parents, David was preceded in death by his brother William.

His greatest love was for his family, his wife Carole; son Michael and wife Elizabeth; and his two grandchildren, Emily and Noah. His pets, Quincy and Sammy, also held a special place in his heart.



Gilbert

Mary Gilbert

Mary M. Gaddie Gilbert, 96, of Winfield, passed away Sept. 13, 2015, at Cumbernauld Village.

Services will be 2 p.m. Friday at Grace United Methodist Church. Inurnment will follow at Union Graham Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in Mary's name for Grace United Methodist Church. Contributions may be made through Miles Funeral Service.

Online condolences may be made at www.milesfuneralservice.com.

Mary was born July 28, 1919, in Severy, to James A. and Alva Julia (Griffith) Maben. She was raised and educated in Howard and graduated from Howard High School in 1936. After graduation, Mary moved to Winfield and began working at the Harbor Cafe.

She and Lloyd R. Gaddie married Aug. 6, 1939, at Grace United Methodist Church. They made their home in Winfield where Mary worked at McGillis Cafe. Mr. Gaddie died June 19, 1973. Mary worked at William Newton Hospital for many years, retiring in 1985 as a diet clerk.

On June 16, 1995, she married Hardy C. Gilbert at Grace United Methodist Church. The couple made their home in Andover. Mr. Gilbert died July 31, 1998.

Mary was a member of Grace United Methodist Church. She enjoyed sewing, stitchery and crafts.

In addition to her parents and husbands, Mary was preceded in death by her sisters Edna Cox and Esther Rentfro and brother Charles Maben.

Survivors include her son Jim Gaddie and wife Marvis, Winfield; sister Mildred Slavik, South Bend, Ind.; grandchildren Jana Marstall and husband, P.J., Emporia, and Mike Gaddie and wife, Kristy, Wichita; stepchildren Karen Gilbert and H. Dean Gilbert, both of Wichita, Bob Gilbert and wife Brenda, Hutchinson, and Julie Clopton and Joni Gilbert, both of Andover; five great-grandsons, eight step-grandchildren and 10 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Roy Morse

GEUDA SPRINGS — Roy A. Morse Jr., 83, of Geuda Springs, died Sept. 12, 2015, in Via Christi Medical Center-St. Francis Campus, Wichita.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Geuda Springs Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the St. Paul United Methodist Church. Contributions may be made through Rindt-Erdman Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made at www.rindt-erdman.com.

Roy worked as an oilfield roughneck for several years, as a truck driver for the Ranney-Davis Warehouse, and over 17 years as a truck driver for Mauer-Neuer, Rodeo Meats.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents Cecil (Partlow) and Roy A. Morse Sr. and sister Betty Thurlow.

Survivors include his wife Dorothy (Wright) Morse, of the home; sons Lonnie Morse and Roy Lee Morse, both of Arkansas City, and Daryl Morse, Winfield; an aunt; five grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

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McClure

Earnest McClure

A busy life came to a close on Sept. 11, 2015, when the Rev. Earnest McClure, 85, pastor of Second Baptist Church of Winfield, was called to his heavenly home.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Miles Funeral Service. Burial with military honors will be 10 a.m. Monday in the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery.

Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

A memorial has been established in Rev. McClure's name for the Second Baptist Church. Contributions may be made through the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made at www.milesfuneralservice.com.

Earnest was born June 27, 1930, in Wetumka, Okla., to Melton and Malara (Daniel) McClure. He was raised and educated in Wetumka and graduated from Wetumka High School in 1947. In his younger years, Pastor McClure worked various jobs in the Wichita packing plants (Cudahy Packing), was a bus driver for the Wichita schools, worked at the Wichita Children's Home, did construction for military installations and was employed by various other companies.

He was married and to that union a daughter, Norma Kay, was born. Earnest started preaching in 1954 and was ordained by W.C. Thomas of Tabernacle Baptist Church in 1973. For the next three years, before coming to Winfield, Earnest was a supply preacher in 10 churches in Kansas, Oklahoma and Arizona. He was called as pastor of Second Baptist Church in 1976.

A veteran of World War II, the Rev. McClure proudly served his country in the United States Army as a medic from Sept. 30, 1955, to Sept. 27, 1957.

He had been a loyal supporter of the Winfield Ministerial Alliance, the alliance's Lenten breakfasts at First Presbyterian Church and its summer services at Memorial Park. Earnest had also been vice president of Crop Walk, and for 14 years was pastoral counsel for the Kansas Southwest District of the National Baptist Convention. He had been a member of the Brotherhood Quartet. Earnest showed tremendous support of not only local congregations, but of many across Kansas and Oklahoma. He never refused to help any worthy cause and would never forget about the church.

Earnest enjoyed preaching and eating and was a stranger to no one.

In addition to his parents, Earnest was preceded in death by his daughter Norma Kay Dial and his sister Thelma McClure.

Survivors include his granddaughters Tracy Dial and Teresa Dial.



Stewart

Ray Stewart

ARKANSAS CITY — Ira "Ray" Stewart, 66, of Arkansas City, passed away Sept. 11, 2015, in South Central Kansas Medical Center.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery, Winfield.

Pastor James Newman will officiate.

Friends may greet the family from 6 to 8 tonight at Rindt-Erdman Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the Cowley County Humane Society. Contributions may be made through the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made at www.rindt-erdman.com.

Ray was born Nov. 28, 1948, in Beulah, to Delmer and Delma Darlene (Daniels) Stewart. He was reared and educated in Beulah where he graduated from high school.

After high school he joined the U.S. Navy and he served his country in Vietnam until his honorable discharge. Ray then went to work as a carpenter and construction worker. He enjoyed playing pool and fishing. Most of all he loved to help others.

In addition to his parents, Ray was preceded in death by his brother Robert Collins and sister Mary Garbin.

Survivors include his son Raymond Scott Stewart and wife Tina, Winfield; daughter Alesha Leann Marie Norris and husband Larry, Pittsburg; brothers Delmer "Butch" Stewart and Paul Collins, both of Oklahoma, and Dick Collins, Kansas; sister Susanne Collins, Kansas; grandchildren Mercedes, Dakotah and Hunter Stewart, and Megan, Emily and Kristen Norris; great-granddaughter Krissa Stewart-Pedroza; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Thank You

Thank you for all the cards and well wishes for our 65th anniversary.

Shirley & Ina Marie Stout



Keasling

Linda Keasling

ARKANSAS CITY — Linda (Shorter) Keasling, 77, of Arkansas City, passed away Sept. 13, 2015 at Kansas Medical Center in Andover.

Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Miles Funeral Service. Burial will be in Mt. Vernon Cemetery northwest of Winfield. A reception will follow the service at the K&O Club Grounds.

Friends may call at the funeral home Wednesday evening from 4 to 8. The family will greet visitors from 5 to 7.

Online condolences may be made at www.milesfuneralservice.com.

A memorial has been established in Linda's name for the K&O Steam and Gas Engine Association. Contributions may be made through the funeral home.

Linda was born April 5, 1938, in Winfield, to Harold and Nellie (Hanna) Shorter. She was raised and educated in Dexter and graduated from Winfield High School in 1955.

She and Marvin Keasling married Aug. 2, 1954. She worked at Winfield State Hospital & Training Center in Nursing Education and Staff Development for 31 years. She later worked at Cowley County Community College in Industrial Technology, retiring in 2003. She also had a cow/calf operation with her brother Junior Shorter on 650 acres. In 2001, she and Marvin moved north of Arkansas City and went back to Linda's farming roots, raising Royal Palm Turkeys and chickens and gardening.

She and Marvin served as co-presidents for the North Central District Federation Association of Square Dancing. She was a Girl Scout leader for many years and a member of Kickapoo Camping Club. She was also a member of the Kansas Oklahoma Steam and Gas Engine Association, organizing many trips and events for them through the years.

Linda loved visiting Joyce Garcia at her cabin in Colorado during summer. She also loved teaching children about the past by churning butter at the K&O Kids Day and taking turkeys to Roosevelt School around Thanksgiving. She recently organized and set up a military display at the K&O Steam and Gas Engine Association show in August.

In addition to her parents, Linda was preceded in death by her parents-in-law Wesley and Juanita Keasling, her brother Junior Shorter, her sister-in-law Kathy (Keasling) Milton and her husband Amos.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Marvin Keasling, Arkansas City; her son David Keasling, Douglass; her daughter Gail Burkett and husband Dennis, Arkansas City; her grandchildren Jennifer Hill and husband Derek, Arkansas City; Jeff Burkett, Ponca City; Tristan Trester and husband Chad, Dexter; her great-grandchildren Bryson Trester, Owen Jackson, Bailey Jackson and Wren Hill; her sisters-in-law Linda Lovette, Arkansas City, and Janet Hawkins and husband Henry, Winfield; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

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