

Fern E. Kirby

September 24, 1927 - March 1, 2015

Fern Evelyn Smith Kirby

Fern Evelyn Smith Kirby, daughter of the late Fred Smith and Ora Mae Triplett Smith Black, was born on September 24, 1927 in Dexter, Missouri and departed this life on March 1, 2015 at Crowley Ridge Care Center in Dexter at the age of 87.

Mrs. Kirby attended the Assembly of God Church in Essex.

She was a farm-wife and homemaker and a resident of Bloomfield.

She had been a member of the Order of Eastern Star since 1948, where she served several times as Worthy Matron.

She was the District Deputy Grand Matron in 1981 and the Grand Representative of Ohio in Missouri from 2000 until 2001.

On March 28, 1948, she was united in marriage to Jene D. Kirby in Essex, Missouri.

Mr. Kirby preceded her in death on June 21, 2010.

She is survived by one son, William Patrick Kirby (Debbie) of Dexter, Missouri; by one daughter, Cynthia Lynn Bowden (Raymond) of North Little Rock, Arkansas;

by one daughter-in-law, Judy Kirby of Dexter; by one brother, Richard Black (Ellen) of St. Louis, Missouri; by two sisters, Marilyn Smith (Marvin) of Dexter and Elizabeth Black Sagharichi (Mahmoud) of Poplar Bluff; by three grandchildren, Kay Lynn Davis (Darren) , Jene Ann McGill (Mike) and Chris Kirby, all of Dexter; by two great-grandchildren, Jessica Davis and Matney Davis; by one great-great-grandchild, Adyson Davis; and by many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she preceded in death by one son, Jene Darrell Kirby; by one brother, Charles Smith; and by her step-father, Charles Blackie Black.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. with a Eastern Star service being held at 7:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. with Rev. Elijah Allen officiating.



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Interment will be in the Essex Cemetery.