

**Record of
Bonnie Sue Koerber
Great-Great-Granddaughter of Barnabas Madison Poe**

Born: May 10, 1938; Vienna, Maries County, Missouri
Father: Louis Henry **Koerber**
Mother: Maudie Rhea **French**
Married: January 2, 1960; Vienna, Maries County, Missouri
Died: September 15, 2017; St. James, Phelps County,
Missouri
Buried: Broadway Baptist Church Cemetery, Maries County,
Missouri

Husband: Roy Arthur **Dillon**
Born: April 5, 1935; Lanes Prairie, Maries County, Missouri
Father: Everett Vernon **Dillon**
Mother: Nicy Viola **Moreland**
Died: March 7, 2019; St. James, Phelps County, Missouri
Buried: Broadway Baptist Church Cemetery, Maries County,
Missouri

Children; Date and Birthplace:

Terry Edward September 30, 1960; Rolla, Phelps County, Missouri

Living Son

Living Daughter

Sources: Data provided by Alfred **Wagner**
Maries County, Missouri; Vol. II, 1990; page 315
Marriage License Application Affidavit; Ancestry.com; Bonnie S.
Koerber and Roy A. **Dillon**
Bonnie Sue **Koerber** – Birth Location, Marriage Location, Death
Date, Death Location, Burial – Find-A-Grave Memorial 191076652
Roy Arthur **Dillon** – Birth Location, Parents, Death, Burial –
Obituary Belle Banner and Maries County Gazette, March 13, 2019
Terry Edward **Dillon** – Birth Date, Location – Find A Grave
Memorial 191076703

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Bonnie Sue **Dillon** was born on May 10, 1938 to her parents, Louis Henry and Maudie Rhea **French Koerber** in Vienna, MO. She was united in marriage to Roy Arthur **Dillon** on January 2, 1960 in Vienna, MO, and to this union, three children were born.

Bonnie was a loving wife, mother, and friend. She cherished her grandchildren and great grandchildren. There were very few rules at Ma-Maw's house, but there was lots of singing and reading books. She rocked and sang "You Are My Sunshine" to her grandchildren more times than one could count.

Her wit and humor added fun to many family gatherings. She and her childhood friend, Shirley added much fun to their community, also. When it came to school, she had an independent spirit; sometimes, the rules did not apply to her, just like rules didn't apply to her grandchildren. Her brothers and sisters held a special place in her heart from an early age. She would buy her brother and sisters new clothes for each holiday and special event with her weekly earnings from the shoe factory. When needed, she also helped buy the family's groceries.

Meticulous and loyal were two words to describe her. When completing a job, the job would be done to perfection, and the job would always get done. She helped her husband keep books for their farm and excavating businesses. When the bank tellers saw her coming, they knew the bank was probably going to be in error. She loved mowing and working in her yard, and her yard was beautiful each year. She also helped care for the Broadway Memorial Cemetery for over 35 years.

Bonnie is survived by her husband, Roy of the home; two sons: Terry **Dillon** and wife, Edna of St. James, MO and Gregory **Dillon** and wife, Julie of St. James, MO; one daughter, Deanna **Jones** and husband, Richard of St. James, MO; two brothers: Leslie "Butch" **Koerber** and wife, Marlene of St. James, MO and Joe **Koerber** and wife, Rosemary of Troy, IL; three sisters: Viola **Anderson** and husband, Charles of Troy, MO, Sharon **Sullivan** and husband, Bill of Lee's Summit, MO and Sandy **Elliott** and husband, Rick of Fulton, MO; nine grandchildren: Charlyn, Brittany, Tess, Chelsea, Shea, Connor, Emily and Kennedy; four great-grandchildren: Landyn, Madi, Dillon, Mallory and Lauren and many nieces and nephews.

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Bonnie **Dillon** is preceded in death by her parents: Louis Henry and Maudie Rhea **French Koerber** and one brother, Lawrence **Koerber**.

Visitation for Bonnie **Dillon** was on Sunday, September 17, 2017 from 6 to 8 PM at the Jones Funeral Home in St. James, Mo, and funeral services were conducted the next day at the Broadway Baptist Church, with Stephen **Brubaker** officiating. "You Are My Sunshine" was sung by Kennedy **Jones** and Shea **Dillon**, "Never Alone" was sung by Shea **Dillon**, "Mansion Over the Hilltop" and "The Old Rugged Cross" was sung by Stephen **Brubaker**. Jeanette **Ashley** was the accompanist. Pallbearers: Connor **Dillon**, Johnny **Stroud**, Shane **Casey**, Colin **Greeson**, Kennedy **Jones**, Landyn **Stroud**, Bobby **Anderson**, and Darrel **Koerber**. Honorary Pallbearers: Dillon **Casey**, Madi **Stroud**, Mallory **Greeson**, Charlyn **Stroud**, Brittany **Casey**, Tess, Todd, and Lauren **Neimeyer**, Chelsea **Dillon**, Shea **Dillon**, Emily **Jones** and Morgan **Adams**. Burial at Broadway Memorial Cemetery in St. James, MO.

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March 13, 2019
Obituaries

Roy Arthur Dillon

Roy Arthur **Dillon**, 83, of St. James passed away Thursday, March 7th 2019 at the St. James Living Center. He was born April 5, 1935 at Lanes Prairie, the son of Everett Vernon and Nicy Viola **Moreland Dillon**.

Roy was united in marriage to Bonnie Sue **Koerber** on January 2, 1960 in Vienna. Bonnie entered into rest on September 15, 2017.

Roy is survived by one son, Gregory Arthur **Dillon** and his wife, Julie of St. James; daughter-in-law Edna **Dillon** of St. James; one daughter, Deanna Lynne **Jones** and husband, Richard of St. James and one sister, Emmis Lou **Campbell** and husband, Vernon of St. James. He is further survived by 8 grandchildren: Charlyn **Stroud** and her husband Johnny, Brittany **Casey** and husband Shane, Tess **Neimeyer** and husband Todd, Chelsea **Greeson** and husband Colin, Shea **Dillon**, Connor **Dillon**, and Emily and Kennedy **Jones** and great-grandchildren Lauren, Landyn, Madi, Dillon, Mallory and Terryn.

Roy is preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie **Dillon**; his son, Terry, and his parents, and infant brother, Ray Alvin **Dillon**.

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Roy's love of farming began at an early age. He started going along with his father to feed the animals when he was only two years old. He loved every aspect of farming. In his early years, he helped his dad do the field work with a team of horses, but with the popularity of tractors, he soon fell in love with the poppin' Johnny. He often worked in the fields from sunup to sundown; the poppin' sounds of the 50 John Deere made those long hours more tolerable. He raised steers and hogs through the 4-H program at Safe, MO. During high school, he was active in agriculture started by Ford Hughes and FFA.

After graduating from John F. Hodge High School, he began working with his uncle, in the clay business. During this time, he had his first chance to run a bulldozer in 1955; this was the beginning of his future career in the excavating business. He continued operating the bulldozer for his uncle or Dr. **Stricker** until 1963 he bought his first bulldozer, a D7 Caterpillar from Bill **Cox** and started his own business. His first job was helping to build the pool at the St. James Park. A few years later, he dug the lake in the park. He really enjoyed running the bulldozer, and he had a natural talent for constructing lakes. He continued the excavating with his wife, Bonnie, as his secretary until 2002 when his son, Terry took over the business.

In 1964, he and his wife purchased his Grandpa and Grandma **Dillon's** farm, and he started raising Hereford cattle. In 1989, he began **Dillon** Fertilizer along with his wife, his sons and their wives; they operated it until 2002. He retired in 2000; although it was a retirement on paper only. He continued to help Terry restoring clay pits and raising cattle. He raised beef cattle that he sold to local customers. He spent many hours reading the farm journals learning how to build his herd to have the correct percentage of fat and marbling to get the best tasting beef. He kept his family apprised of his success in this venture often during our family dinners, especially if steak was for dinner. However, he and my brothers found out the breed mixes that produced great tasting beef sometimes produced cows with undesirable traits which made the cattle working days quite eventful; his sons and grandchildren have many stories to share.

He served his country in the United States Army in Germany in 1957-1959. He was a member of Broadway Baptist Church.

Roy Arthur **Dillon** will lie in state from 4-8 pm Saturday March 9, 2019 at the Jones Funeral Home in St. James, MO.

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Funeral Service will be conducted at 2:00 pm Sunday at the Broadway Baptist Church with Stephen Brubaker officiating with Jeannete Ashley at the piano. Special vocalist will be Kennedy Jones and Shea Dillon. Pallbearers will be Connor **Dillon**, Johnny **Stroud**, Todd **Neimeyer**, Colin **Greeson**, Shane **Casey**, Kerry **Feeler** and Scott **Feeler**. Honorary Pallbearers will be Charlyn **Stroud**, Brittany **Casey**, Tess **Neimeyer**, Chelsea and Mallory **Greeson**, Shea **Dillon**, Emily **Jones**, Kennedy **Jones**, Landyn **Stroud**, Darrel **Koerber** and Jason **Walters**. Burial with full military honors will be at the Broadway Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the Broadway Memorial Sign or St. Louis Children's Hospital.

All arrangements are under the direction of the Jones Funeral Home in St. James.