

Beeler Edsel Clifton

Dunn Daily Record

12/14/2007



Beeler Edsel Clifton, 75, of 9393 N.C. 50 North, McGee's Crossroads, died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007, at Rex Hospital in Raleigh. He was born Aug. 20, 1932, in Johnston County to the late Willie E. and Ada Coats Clifton.

He was a retired superintendent for the J.M. Thompson Construction Company for more than 46 years. Mr. Clifton was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict and was a member of Banner Post 109 American Legion. He was also a member of Rehobeth Primitive Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson by Elder Tony Parker, Elder Joe Helms and the Rev. R.B. Parrish. Burial will follow at Roselawn Cemetery in Benson.

Survivors include his wife, Ann Hunt Clifton; daughter, Teresa Clifton and husband Ronnie of Benson; sons, Taylor Clifton and wife Cindy of Garner, Terry Lee Clifton and wife Sherry of Benson; sisters, Vergie C. Whitt of Benson and Eloise Lee of Garner; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at the funeral home. Flowers are welcome, however, memorials may be made to Heartland Home Health, 3117 Poplarwood Court, Suite 114, Raleigh, NC 27604; or to Rehobeth Primitive Baptist Church, c/o Dwight Roberts, 3171 Zack's Mill Road, Angier, NC 27501.

Beulah Love Clifton

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

March 25, 1998

Mrs. Beulah Love Clifton, 88, of 8739 NC Hwy. 50 North died Tues. at Johnston Memorial Hospital, Smithfield. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Thurs. at Johnson Memorial Church, Angier. Revs. Murray King and R.B. Parrish will officiate. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Clifton was born in Johnston County May 4, 1909, to the late Early and Dessie Wiggins Love. She was a homemaker and was a member of Johnson Memorial Church. She was preceded in death by a son, J.O. Clifton, Jr.

Surviving include husband, J.O. Clifton, Sr.; daughters, Edith C. Ogburn of Willow Spring and Kay C. Byrd of Raleigh; son, Don Clifton of Benson; sisters, Louise L. Clifton of Benson,

Velma L. Morgan of Raleigh, Caroline L. Spence of Tampa, FL, and Rose L. Barnes of Jonesville; and brothers, Ervin Love of Angier and Thurman Love of Butner; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Benson, 7-9 p.m. Wed. Family suggests memorials be made to Johnson Memorial Church Building Fund, 8280 NC Hwy 50 North, Angier, NC 27501.

David Grayson Senter

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
January 19, 2001

FUQUAY-VARINA - David Grayson Senter, 79, died Thursday, January 18, 2001. Funeral service 2 p.m. Sunday, January 21, at the Fuquay-Varina Baptist Church. Burial, Chalybeate Springs Baptist Church Cemetery with Masonic rites.

Mr. Senter was an Army veteran of World War II, a past president of the Fuquay-Varina Lion's Club and past Master of the Fuquay-Varina Masonic Lodge. He was preceded in death by his parents, David Henry and Ida Jeffress Senter; a sister, Virginia S. Currin and a brother, Meredith Senter.

Surviving: wife, Grace Clifton Senter; son, David Henry Senter II of Fuquay-Varina; brothers, John Aaron Senter and wife, Vida Lee Senter of Lillington, Dr. W.J. Senter and wife, Betty Senter of Raleigh; sister-in-law, Maxine Senter of Raleigh.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, January 20, from 7-8:30 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Fuquay-Varina Baptist Church Building Fund, 301 N. Woodrow Street, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526.

Dwight Edward Clifton

Dunn Daily Record
11/05/2002

Dwight Edward Clifton, 76, of 63 Watkins Road, Clayton, died Monday at Rex Hospital in Raleigh. He was born Sept. 4, 1926, in Johnston County to the late Willie E. and Ada Coats Clifton. He was a retired produce farmer. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and was a member of the Banner Post 109 American Legion.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Worth Clifton. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Banner Chapel Advent Christian Church by the Rev. R.B. Parrish. Burial will follow at Roselawn Cemetery with military honors.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Joyce W. Clifton; sons, Lanny K. Clifton and wife Diane, and Timmy Clifton and wife Amy, all of Clayton; a daughter, Tammie C. Medlin and husband Larry of Clayton; brothers, Beeler E. Clifton and Ray Clifton of Benson; sisters, Vergie C. Whitt and Eloise C. Lee of Garner; eight grandchildren, Keri C. Strickland, Brian Clifton, Kristi Clifton, Jason Clifton, Kasey Clifton, Chase Langdon, Justin Clifton and Katie Pinion; and one great-granddaughter, Kyli K. Strickland.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson and other times at the home of Lanny K. and Diane Clifton, 2701 Polenta Road, Clayton.

Earthul Gatas Clifton

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
February 9, 2002

Earthul Gatas Clifton, 66, of Fayetteville, died Thursday in Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. Mr. Clifton was a member of Village Baptist Church. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday in Village Baptist Church by Dr. Bruce Martin. Arrangements are being handled by Cape Fear Crematory.

Mr. Clifton is survived by his wife, Shirley Clifton of Fayetteville; a daughter, Paula Munsey of Fayetteville; a son, Kelly Clifton of Fayetteville; two brothers, P.L. Clifton and Harold Clifton, both of Benson; three sisters, Emogene Lambert and Marjorie Wallace, both of Benson, and Judy Smith of Lillington; and three grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the home of Paula Munsey, 2325 Dartmouth Drive. Memorials may be made to Village Baptist Church building fund, 906 S. McPherson Church Road, Fayetteville, NC 28303.

Elsie Clifton Thaxton

The News & Observer
March 7, 2000

ANGIER - Elsie Clifton Thaxton, 68, of 420 Owens Road, died Monday at Raleigh Community Hospital. Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, at Bryan-Lee Funeral Chapel, Angier. Burial, Harnett Memorial Park.

Surviving: husband, Charles Edward Thaxton; brother and sister-in-laws, Marshall and Ezeraleen Thaxton of Duncan, Delma and Frances Butts of Lillington, Lyle and Rebecca Westbrook of Liberty, Howard and Patricia Thaxton of Burlington; beloved nieces and nephews, Mike and Faye Thaxton, Kent and Camille Thaxton, Kim and Dwayne Gerni, Amy and Will Baker, B.J. and Shelby Clifton, Delores and Larry Stephenson, Brenda and Ron Blanchard, Bradford and Cindy Clifton, Becky and Rick Hileman, Kenneth and Penny Dixon, Roy Lee and Myrtle

McGee, Charles and Judy McGee, Betty and Wayne Blanchard, Jewel and Frank Perry, Becky Whitman, Linda and Leon Jones, Cathy and Robert Garner, Brenda Butts, Ray and Pam Thaxton, Joy Thaxton, Jeff and Connie Westbrook, Charlie Westbrook, Shelia and Gary Garcia, Allyse Johnson, Frances and Tad Braxton, Wade and Kim Wharton, Glen and Joby Gibson and Jimmy Gibson.

The family will be at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, Angier, 7-9 p.m. today and at other times at the home of Larry and Delores Stephenson.

Emily Lina King Clifton Roberts

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
January 24, 2008

RALEIGH -- Emily Lina King Roberts, 90, passed away on Wednesday evening at Cary Health and Rehabilitation. Born on November 7, 1917 in Harnett County, NC; she was the daughter of the late Charles Hinton King and Emily Matthews King. Mrs. Roberts was a faithful member of Maskil Fellowship on Milburnie Road for many years. She enjoyed her church family and friends, especially reading the Bible.

She is survived by her sisters, Grace Stephenson and Viola Clifton; her son-in-law, Early Newton; three grandchildren, Liz N. Gregory, Kim N. Waerness, and Jim Hinkle; her great-grandchildren, Steven T. Gregory, Michael R. Gregory, Morgan F. Waerness and McKenna K. Waerness; by her dear neighbors, Carolyn Rollins and Betty Poole; by her dog and companion, "Precious".

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Leasie Roberts; by her children, Harold D. Clifton and Faye C. Newton; and by her siblings, Johnnie King, Prince King, Hinton King, and Letha King.

Family will receive friends 1:00-2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 26, 2008 at Mitchell Funeral Home, 7209 Glenwood Ave. A graveside service will immediately follow at 2:30 p.m. at Briar Creek Memorial Gardens.

The family wishes to extend their deep appreciation for the diligent and loving care of Ms. Emily by the staff of Cary Health & Rehab and Hospice.

Flossie Alene Clifton Fowler

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05/11/2006

Alene Clifton Fowler, 81, of 421 Ennis Road, Angier, died Wednesday, May 10, 2006. The Johnston County native was born Feb. 20, 1925, to the late Victor and Flossie Parrish Clifton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roberts L. Fowler; a son, Mitchell Lynn Fowler; and brothers, James and Tom Clifton. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday at Friendship Baptist Church by Mack Fowler and L.G. Green. Burial will follow at Angier Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Survivors include a daughter, Sandra Kay Owen of Angier; a son, Mack Fowler and wife Jean of Angier; sisters, Beulah Johnson of Benson, Leona Penny of Angier and Myrtle Kornegy of Oak Island; grandchildren, Karon Fowler of Angier, Anita Fowler of Bahama, Mal Fowler and wife Carolyn of Broadway, Dee Johnson and husband Richard of Angier, Kellie Fowler of Angier, Martie Owen of Angier and Keith Owen of Angier; and great-grandchildren, Kalyn, Kylie and Jake Owen, Nicole, Luke and Clay Fowler, Emily, Erica and Cody Johnson.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home in Angier. Condolences may be sent to www.bryan-leefuneralhome.com.

Gladys Odell Clifton Stewart

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12/07/2007

Gladys Clifton Stewart, 75, of 106 Hall St., Benson, died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2007, at her home. She was born April 20, 1932, in Johnston County. She was a retired pediatric nurse at Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield and was a member of Benson PFWB Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Charles Stewart; and her father, Eppie Netus Clifton. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. Glenn McCullen. Private burial will be at Benson City Cemetery.

Survivors include her mother, Elizabeth Byrd Clifton Williford; daughters, Jean Stewart Hudson and husband Roger of Benson, Patricia Charlene Stewart of Raleigh; son, Joseph Rollins Stewart and wife Marilyn of Clayton; sister, Hettie Mae Ennis of Coats; and grandchildren, Joseph Rollins Stewart II, Nathan Henry Stancil and Nicholas Brian Stancil.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson.

Ida Clifton Langdon

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
October 30, 1995

BENSON -- Mrs. Ida Clifton Langdon, 89, of Route 1, Angier, died Sunday. She was a homemaker and a member of Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Old Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church, Route 1, Angier, by Elders Thomas Whitley and R.L. Fish. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Langdon is survived by a daughter, Mable L. Coats of Angier; three sisters, Josie Walton of Four Oaks, Clyda Parrish of Benson and Ava King of Fuquay-Varina; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home of Benson and other times at the home of Johnny R. Wiggins, 9610-D N.C. 40 N., Angier.

Israel Stephenson

Smithfield Herald
02/22/1927

Aged Man Goes to His Reward

Funeral of Mr. Israel Stephenson Held at Primitive Baptist Church Here Friday

One of Johnston County's oldest men passed away Thursday afternoon at two o'clock, when Mr. Israel Stephenson died at his home near here after a long illness. Mr. Stephenson had been in feeble health for several years and was confined to his bed for three weeks before his death. If he had lived until April 2, he would have been eighty years old.

Mr. Stephenson was born in Pleasant Grove Township in 1847. At the age of sixteen he volunteered and served his country faithfully during the last fifteen months of the Civil War. When the war was over he returned to Johnston County and settled on a farm. About forty years ago he united with the Primitive Baptist church at Rehobeth and remained a faithful member there until he moved to this township, moving his membership to the Primitive Baptist church here.

The deceased was twice married, the first time to Miss Emily Coats, of Pleasant Grove. Eleven children were born to this union, four of whom survive: Messrs. D. T. Stephenson, J. O. Stephenson, J. H. Stephenson, and Israel Stephenson, Jr., all of Smithfield township. His second wife was Miss Eliza Pittman, who, with one daughter, Mrs. Alonzo Lassiter, of Elevation, survives him.

The funeral was held Friday afternoon at the Primitive Baptist church here, conducted by his pastor, Elder Jesse Barnes, assisted by Rev. D. C. Johnson, a lifelong friend and neighbor. The pallbearers were the four sons of the deceased and two sons-in-laws, John Hamilton and Arthur Johnson. Interment was made in the city cemetery. A large crowd attended the funeral and burial.

James Durran Byrd

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

06/01/2008



Durran Byrd, 50, of 13624 Buffalo Road, went home to be with his Lord Saturday morning surrounded by his family. His father, Birchel Byrd and father-in-law, Charles Barnes, preceded him in death. Funeral service will be held 3:00 p.m. Monday at White Oak Baptist Church, with burial to follow at the church cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Tricia Barnes Byrd; children, Jeremiah and Hannah Jo Byrd of the home; mother, Maxine Byrd of McGee's Crossroads; sister, Becky B. Barefoot of Benson; brother, Dennis Byrd of McGee's Crossroads; mother-in-law, Lona Rea Barnes of Archer Lodge; special nephews and cousin, Charlie and Ben Barnes and LuAnn Creech.

Flowers accepted or memorial contributions may be made to the College Fund for Jeremiah and Hannah Byrd to Coastal Federal Credit Union, Clayton, NC 27520. The family will receive friends 1:30-2:45 p.m., Monday, prior to the service at the church and other times at the home. Arrangements by Strickland Funeral Home, Wendell.

James Oris Clifton

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

March 4, 2000

BENSON - James Oris "J.O." Clifton, 92, of 8739 NC Hwy. 50 North died Thursday at Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield. A native of Johnston County, he was born Feb. 9, 1908, to the late James Daniel and Edith Roberts Clifton. He was a retired building contractor, a member and past deacon of Johnson Memorial Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Beulah Love Clifton, and a son James Oris Clifton, Jr. Funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Sunday at Johnson Memorial Church. Rev. Murray King and Dr. Herbert Carter will officiate. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Survivors include: daughters Edith Ogburn of Willow Spring, Kay Byrd of Raleigh; son, Don Clifton of Benson; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Johnson Memorial Church Building Fund, 8280 NC Hwy 50 North, Angier, NC 27501. The family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson from 7-9 p.m. Saturday.

John D. "Johnny" Parrish

Dunn Daily Record
1/26/2005

John D. "Johnny" Parrish, 62, of the Spivey's Corner Community, died Monday at Duke Health Care of Raleigh. The Johnston County native was a son of the late Elder Renzie B. and Clyda Clifton Parrish. He was a retired farmer and dry wall subcontractor. Mr. Parrish was preceded in death by brothers, Elder Curtis Parrish and Jacob Parrish. He was a member of Smyrna OFWB Church.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home by the Revs. Ronnie Hayes, Richard Whitman and Elder R.B. Parrish Jr. Burial will be at Devotional Gardens Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Johnson Parrish; a brother, Elder R. B. Parrish Jr. of Benson; and sisters, Ruthalae P. Ryals of Angier, Nadine Langdon and husband Jonas of Benson.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home of Dunn.

Josie Clifton Walton

The News & Observer
October 8, 1997

Josie Clifton Walton, 82, of Four Oaks died Tuesday. Mrs. Walton was the widow of the late Jacob L. Walton and was preceded in death by a grandson Terry Creech. Funeral service has been scheduled for Thursday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Minshew Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Old Fairgrounds Rd., Willow Springs. The Revs. Eddie Franks, R. B. Parrish (her nephew) and Jerry Hopkins will officiate over the service.

Surviving: two daughters, Helen Creech and husband, Lynwood of Raleigh, Janie Holloway of Four Oaks; two sons, Charles L. Walton and wife, Jeanette of Raleigh; Glen E. Walton and wife, Alene of Garner; grandchildren, Charles L. Walton Jr., Mitchell K. Holloway, Cindy W. Ingle, Sharon H. Fogleman, Barry Creech, Timothy Walton, Marty Walton, Kevin Walton, Jill W. Norris; 15 great-grandchildren; sister, Ava King of Fuquay-Varina.

Visitation will be held at Minshew Funeral Home on Wednesday evening from 7-9 and at other times the family will be at the home of Janie Holloway. In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to Johnston Memorial Home Care and Hospice, P.O. Box 1376, Smithfield, N.C. 27577 or Johnston County Cancer Society c/o Jackie Parrish, Four Oaks, N.C. 27524.

Joyce Faye Clifton Newton

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

July 1, 2004

FUQUAY-VARINA -- Faye C. Newton, 64, formerly of Raleigh, died Tuesday morning, June 29th, 2004. She was born on September 13, 1939 in Raleigh and graduated from Needham Broughton High School. She was an avid antique collector, a wonderful mother and grandmother, and homemaker. She had a great love of animals and leaves behind many beloved horses and dogs.

Faye is survived by her husband of 47 years, Early E. Newton, Jr.; daughters, Liz Newton Gregory and husband, Randall, of Winston-Salem and Kim Newton Waerness and husband, Bjorn, of Scottsdale, AZ; by her grandchildren, Steven, Morgan, Michael and McKenna; by her mother, Emily L. Roberts, of Raleigh; by her special friends, Linda Newton and Brenda Newton, both of Raleigh; and by other family and friends.

Faye was preceded in death by her brother, Harold Clifton.

A Memorial Service will be held this evening, Thursday, July 1st at 7 PM in the Chapel of Mitchell Funeral Home-600 St. Mary's Street. The family will receive friends following services at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Wake County SPCA-Adoption Center 200 Petfinder Lane-Raleigh, NC 27603.

Laura Viola King Clifton

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04/10/2008

Laura Viola King Clifton, 97, of Angier died Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at Rex Hospital in Raleigh. She was born Sept. 30, 1910 to the late Charlie H. and Emily Matthews King.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ulas C. Clifton, in 1969; a son, Leland Rayvon Clifton; sisters, Letha King and Emily Roberts; and brothers, Prince King, Hinton King and Johnnie King. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home Chapel in Garner. Burial will follow at Rehobeth Primitive Baptist Church cemetery in Benson.

Survivors include sons, Raymond Clifton of Garner and Leamon Clifton and wife Faye of Angier; daughters, Maverine Baker of Garner, Leta Muriel Ferrell and husband Don of Kenly and Annie Brown Jarman of Garner; grandchildren, Tammy Clifton Denning of Benson, Kelly Creech Narron of Wilson, Jimmy Baker of Garner and Tony Creech of Clayton; stepgrandsons, Chester Jarman and Roger Jarman; great-grandchildren, Miranda and Briana Creech, Danielle and Janie Narron, and Blake and Cole Denning; and a sister, Grace Stephenson of Garner.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6:30 to 8:30 at the funeral home.

Leona Grimes Clifton

The News & Observer
November 28, 2000

BENSON - Mrs. Leona Grimes Lee Clifton, 82, died Monday at Classic Care Rest Home, Smithfield. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel. Rev. R. B. Parrish will officiate. Burial will follow in Johnson Memorial Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Clifton was born February 21, 1918, to the late William Thomas and Alice Benson Grimes. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Mell Cheshire Lee and Marvin Clifton. Mrs. Clifton was a member of Johnson Memorial Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church and was a homemaker.

Surviving: son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Jo Anne Lee of Raleigh; stepchildren and spouses, Delores and Larry Stephenson of Angier, B.J. and Shelby Clifton of Willow Spring, Bradford and Cindy Clifton of Chapel Hill, Brenda and Ron Blanchard of Benson, Becky and Rick Hileman of Kannapolis; sister, La Rue Massengill of Dunn; 10 step-grandchildren; 16 step-great-grand-children.

The family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Benson from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and other times at the home of Ron and Brenda Blanchard, 7181 NC Hwy 50 North, Benson, NC.

Mable Lee Langdon Coats

Dunn Daily Record
March 27, 2002

Mable Langdon Coats, 78, of 9710 N.C. 50 North, Benson, died Tuesday at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. She was born Oct. 15, 1923, in Johnston County to the late Charlie Z. and Ida Clifton Langdon. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lacy Coats. She was a homemaker and attended Berea Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson by Pastor Jack F. Schurman and the Rev. R.B. Parrish. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery in Benson.

Survivors include daughters and son-in-law, Ann C. and Johnny Wiggins of Angier and Carolyn C. Knight of Garner; a son and daughter-in-law, Benjamin and Phyllis Coats of Clayton; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson and other times at the home of Ann and Johnny Wiggins, 9610-D N.C. 50 North, Angier.

Mayo Parrish Langdon

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
December 25, 1998

BENSON -- Mrs. Mayo Parrish Langdon, 86, of 9668 N.C. 50 North died Wednesday in Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield. Mrs. Langdon was a homemaker and a farmer. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday in Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel by the Revs. R.B. Parrish and Mark Yates. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Langdon is survived by a son, Jerry M. Langdon of the home; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild. The family will receive friends Saturday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Nuit Grantham Edgerton

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
02/05/2008

Born in Smithfield, Mr. Edgerton was the son of the late Ramie L. and Lela Peterson Edgerton. Mr. Edgerton was a 1933 graduate of Smithfield High School where he played trombone in the band. After graduating from high school, he worked as a clerk at Hood's Drug Store in downtown Smithfield and took management courses at King's Business College in Raleigh. A WWII veteran, Mr. Edgerton served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from April 1942 to September 1945, when he was honorably discharged after two Bronze Stars and tours in England, North Africa, and Italy. From 1946 until his retirement in 1977, Mr. Edgerton worked as City Clerk and Finance Director for the town of Smithfield and also as Acting City Manager during vacancies.

In his later years, Mr. Edgerton received a proclamation acknowledging more than 50 years of membership in American Legion Post # 132. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, served as president of the Johnston County Disabled American Veterans Chapter #44, and was a Master Mason at Fellowship Lodge #84. Mr. Edgerton loved fishing and hunting and was a lifelong sportsman. More importantly, he was a devoted father, grandfather, and husband with an unflappable, easy-going temperament and an unflinching sense of humor.

Mr. Edgerton was predeceased by his first wife of 39 years, Etholea Clifton Edgerton, who died in 1990. He was also predeceased by his second wife, Gertrude Fields Creech Edgerton, who died in 2006. Other predeceased relatives include his four sisters, Gladys E. Barber, Louise E. O'Bannon, Mary Rose E. Grady, and Iris E. Thompson.

Survivors are his son, Nait Kirk Edgerton of Clayton; his grandson, Adam Kirk Edgerton of Chapel Hill; and his brother, David Jackson Edgerton of Greensboro; as well as eight nieces; and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 at First Presbyterian Church in Smithfield, with Rev. Joseph Hester officiating. Burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the church from 1:00 until 2:00 p.m. at the church, immediately prior to the service.

The family would like to thank the staff of Carolina House of Smithfield, where Mr. Edgerton resided for the past seven and a half years. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions should be made to First Presbyterian Church of Smithfield and Hospice of Johnston County. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.underwoodfuneralhome.com.

Seba Clifton

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
May 20, 1999

Elder Seba Clifton, 80, of 745 Parrish Rd., Benson, died Tuesday, May 18, 1999. Mr. Clifton was a Primitive Baptist Minister and had served several churches in the Benson Area. Funeral 11 a.m. Friday, May 21, 1999 at Rehobeth Primitive Baptist Church. Elder Worth Stephenson, Elder Fred Williams, Elder Tony Parker, and Rev. R.B. Parrish officiating. Burial, Rehobeth Church Cemetery.

Surviving: wife, Edna B. Clifton; daughters, Betty Gail Baker of Erwin, Joy Clifton of Roxboro; step-daughters, Brenda Thornton of Clayton, Phyllis Austin of Garner, Dawn Spittle of Garner; sons, Stacy Clifton of Benson, Ronnie Clifton of Benson, Randy Clifton of Garner; brother, J.O. Clifton of Benson; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

Family at the funeral home 7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 20, 1999. Arrangements by West & Dunn Funeral Home, Benson, N.C.

Thomas Jacob Parrish

The News & Observer
December 25, 1997

Mr. Thomas Jacob Parrish, 57, of 582 South Pleasant- Coates Road, died Tuesday at Rex Hospital, Raleigh. Funeral service will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday at Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church. Elders James S. Denning, Thomas Whitley, and Robert Peeden will officiate. Burial will follow in the Church Cemetery.

Mr. Parrish was born July 15, 1940, in Johnston County, NC, to the late Elder Renzie B. and Clyda Clifton Parrish. He was employed with Guildford Mills in Fuquay-Varina. Mr. Parrish attended Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include: wife, Janice Dupree Parrish; son and daughter-in-law, Thomas Randy and Pamela Parrish of Willow Spring; daughter and son-in-law, Kimberly P. and Gary D. Cole of Angier; brothers, Rev. R.B. Parrish, Jr. of Benson and Johnny D. Parrish of Dunn; sister, Ruthalae P. Ryals of Angier and Nadine P. Langdon of Benson; grandchildren, Allison Brittany Parrish, Matthew Thomas Parrish, Morgan Jan Cole, and Blake Parrish Cole.

Family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Benson, 7-9 p.m.,

Willard Birchel Byrd

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12/14/2005

Willard Birchel Byrd, 82, of 1261 Stephenson Road, Benson, died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005, at his home. He was born July 2, 1923, in Johnston County to the late Willie Shepard and Bertha Langdon Byrd. He was a brick mason in the home construction business. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Thursday at Johnson Memorial Church by the Revs. Mike Courtney and R.B. Parrish. Burial will follow at the church cemetery.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Maxine Clifton Byrd; a daughter, Becky Barefoot and husband Steve of Benson; sons, W. Dennis Byrd of Benson, J. Durran Byrd and wife Patricia of Clayton; a brother, Etheridge Byrd of Angier and Rupert Byrd of Durham; sisters, Betty Lou Lee of Angier; grandchildren, Darrell Barefoot, Jeremiah Byrd, Hannah Jo Byrd and Melissa Dominguez; and great-grandchildren, Marisela Baltazar, Victor Baltazar and Morgan Hanna Barefoot.

The family will receive friends after the graveside service in the church fellowship hall. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com. A service of Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson.

William Ray Clifton, Sr.

Dunn Daily Record
03/10/2005

William Ray Clifton Sr., 75, of Pine Hill Farm, Benson, died Wednesday at his home. He was born Oct. 8, 1929, in Johnston County to the late Willie E. and Ada Coats Clifton. He was preceded in death by brothers, Worth Clifton and Dwight Clifton.

Mr. Clifton operated heavy equipment for construction. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson by the Rev. R.B. Parrish. Burial will follow at Roselawn Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Clifton; a son, Willie Clifton and wife Leslie of Garner; a daughter, Sandra C. Brewer and husband Steve of Oxford; sisters, Vergie C. Whitt and Eloise Lee, both of Garner; a brother, Beeler Clifton of Benson; and grandchildren, Lyndsey Brewer, Jordan Clifton, Jacob Brewer, Kayley Clifton, Brooke Clifton and Ty Clifton.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson and other times at the home of Willie and Leslie Clifton, 489 Galaxy Drive, Garner.