

Agnes Gladys Starling Creech Stanley

Underwood Funeral Home Notice

03/08/2007

Smithfield – Agnes Gladys Starling Stanley, age 88, died Wednesday evening in Smithfield Manor. Born October 29, 1918 in the Boon Hill Township of Johnston County, she was a daughter of the late Luther and Mary Etta Hodge Starling and was preceded in death by her husband, L. R. “Roby” Stanley, Jr. and her son, L. R. “Robin” Stanley, III.

For many years she owned and operated the Permanent Wave Hair Salon on Market Street in Smithfield before becoming an inspector for the NC Board of Cosmetology. She was a charter member of the Sharon Baptist Church, where she was active in all areas and serving the WMU with dedication. She was a sixty-one year member of the Smithfield Chapter #121 Order of the Eastern Star, where she served in many offices including Worthy Matron for two terms and as District Grand Matron.

After her retirement she spent many years at Carolina Beach, barefoot and enjoying her friends. At the same time, becoming involved with the local island of lights, but never forgetting Smithfield was home. A graveside service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Friday in the Oakland Heights Cemetery with the Rev. Christopher Ingram officiating.

Surviving are her daughters, Dianne C. Shirley, Jean S. Howell and Sharon S. Parrish all of Smithfield, sister, Edna Earle Peterson of Smithfield, eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the cemetery following the service and at other times at the home of Sharon and Sammy Parrish, 1415 Hill Road, Smithfield, NC 27577. In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Scholarship Fund of the Order of the Eastern Star c/o Linda Jones, P. O. Box 707, Smithfield, NC 27577.

Arline Creech Peedin

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

03/14/2008

Mrs. Arline C. Peedin, 79, a Raleigh resident for 62 years, died peacefully Thursday morning at Rex Hospital, in Raleigh. Mrs. Peedin was born on the Creech Family Farm in Pine Level, NC, to the late W. Gideon and Rosetta Woodard Creech.

She and Steve Peedin were married on September 3, 1948 in Raleigh. Mrs. Peedin was an accountant and floral designer, during her lifetime, in Raleigh. She was a faithful member of Trinity Baptist Church in Raleigh, since 1961.

Mrs. Peedin is survived by her husband, Steve Peedin of 59 years of Raleigh; daughter, Stephanie Treadway of Garner; son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Sonia Peedin of Hillsborough; five grandchildren, Sean Treadway, Allison Treadway, Maura Presson, Michelle Peedin, Melanie Peedin; three great-grandchildren, Brittany Hicks, Tyler Hicks, Christina Presson. She is also survived by her sister, Ruth Rachal of Hattisburg, MS; sister and brother-in-law, Wanna and Ned Fraizer of Raleigh; and numerous nieces, nephews and hundreds of extended family and loving friends.

A celebration of life service will be conducted on Saturday, March 15, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Raleigh, officiated by Rev. Dr. Jeff Roberts. The family will receive friends following the service, in the church parlor. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Baptist Church, Shaw Mission Fund, 4815 Six Forks Rd Raleigh, NC 27609. Arrangements by Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, 831 Wake Forest Rd. Raleigh. Condolences may be made through www.bryan-leefuneralhome.com.

Blonnie Grace Creech Barbour

Smithfield Herald
10/21/2005

Blonnie Grace Barbour, 83, of 4109 Hicks Road, Garner, died Wednesday, Oct. 19, at WakeMed in Raleigh. Born Dec. 15, 1921, in Johnston County, Mrs. Barbour was the daughter of the late James Clifford and Blonnie Whitley Creech. She was the widow of Ernest Fulton Barbour. The funeral will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Mt. Herman Christian Church near Garner. Burial will follow in Hills of the Neuse Memory Gardens in Smithfield.

Surviving are two daughters, Portia Williams and Gail Whitaker, both of Garner; three sons, Harold F. Barbour of Boca Raton, Fla., Roger D. Barbour of Clayton and Ricky Y. Barbour of the home; a sister, Lee Edna Peele of Benson; two brothers, Bill Creech of Smithfield and Bobby Creech of Waycross, Ga.; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 6 till 8 p.m. today (Friday) at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, 1200 Benson Road, Garner.

Bobby Lee Creech

Dunn Daily Record
3/2/2004

Bobby Lee Creech, 74, of 604 E. Morris Ave., Benson, died Friday at Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield. He was born June 6, 1929, in Johnston County to the late Booker D. and Betty Barbour Creech. He was a retired barber and a veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was a member of Benson PFWB Church and Banner Post 109 American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Vida "Sunshine" Cobb Creech; a son, Keith Creech; brothers, Bill Creech and Sherill Creech; and half brothers, Durwood Surlles and Jack Surlles. Funeral services were this morning at 11 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson by the Revs. Glenn McCullen and Hubert Morgan. Burial followed in Roselawn Cemetery.

Survivors include a son, Greg Creech of Benson; and a brother, Hunter Creech of Savannah, Ga.

The family suggests memorials be made to Benson PFWB Church, c/o Rachel Denning, P.O. Box 442, Benson, N.C. 27504; or to the Benson Senior Center, P.O. Box 1345, Benson, N.C. 27504.

Bryan Keith Creech

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
July 11, 1997

Bryan Keith Creech, 38, of Wendell, formerly of Benson died Wednesday in Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. He was a personnel manager for Wal-Mart. A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday in Roselawn Cemetery in Benson by the Rev. Glenn McCullen. Arrangements are being handled by Rose & Graham Funeral Home of Benson.

Mr. Creech is survived by his father, Bobby L. Creech of Benson; and a brother, Gregory V. Creech of Benson. The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and at other times at the home of Bobby L. Creech. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Benson Pentecostal Freewill Baptist Church Home Mission Fund, c/o Rachel Denning, Benson, N.C. 27504

Charles Albert Creech

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
April 15, 1998

SPRING LAKE -- Charles Albert Creech, 61, of 8004 Finley St. died Monday in his home. He was retired Army veteran of the Vietnam War. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday in Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel in Benson by the Rev. Greg Carroll. Burial with military honors will be in Roselawn Cemetery in Benson.

Mr. Creech is survived by a son, Stephen C. Creech of Texas; two sisters, Nina R. Gray and Lucille M. Davis, both of Franklin; and a brother, Robert O. Creech of Spring Lake.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at the funeral home.

Christine Creech Morgan

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

March 22, 2003

BENSON -- Mrs. Christine Creech Morgan, 79, of 502 W. Parrish Drive died Thursday at Liberty Commons Nursing Center in Benson. A native of Johnston County, she was born May 10, 1923, to the late Hector and Mabel Ogburn Creech and was the widow of the late Edwin F. Morgan.

Mrs. Morgan was a member of Elevation United Methodist Church where she served in the United Methodist Women, a Sunday School Teacher and choir member and in many other capacities. She was employed by the N.C. Department of Social Services and during WWII by the U.S. War Department and was a home health care giver. Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 AM at Elevation United Methodist Church. Revs. Ron Gurganus and Steven Hall will officiate. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery.

Surviving: daughters, Carol Barefoot of Benson, Donna Godwin of Benson, Kathy Huddleston of Manteo, Jackie Oberbauer of Hillsborough, Pat Krause of Eugene, OR, Judy Caldwell of Benson, Anne Moore of Smithfield; sons, Jeff Morgan of Raleigh, Jerry Morgan of Benson; 16 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Morgan was preceded in death by her sons, Ronald Morgan and Johnny Morgan, and sisters, Lucille Morgan and Lottie Mae Jackson.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Elevation United Methodist Church Capital Improvement Fund, c/o Beverly Allen, 1426 Federal Rd. Benson, NC 27504. Arrangements by Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Benson, NC.

Clara Creech Barbour

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

February 2, 1998

Mrs. Clara Creech Barbour, 73, of 3214 Old School, died Saturday at Johnston Memorial Hospital. Funeral 3 p.m. Monday at Minshew Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Randall Smith and Rev. Steve Lawson, officiating. Burial, Hills of the Neuse Memory Gardens.

Mrs. Barbour was born in Johnston County on 9-18-1924 and was the daughter of the late James Clifford and Judy Freeman Creech. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Barbour was a member of Hickory Grove Advent Christian Church.

Survivors: husband, Rubert Calvin Barbour of Four Oaks; son, James Barbour of Clayton; daughter, Judy Pender of Four Oaks; brothers, Billy Ray Creech of Smithfield, Bobby O. Creech of Waycross, GA., Lynwood Earl Creech of Atlanta, Ga.; sisters, Grace Barbour of Garner,

Hazel Brooks and Lee Edna Johnson, both of Smithfield. She was predeceased by a daughter, Elna Faye Stewart; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Eliza Gertrude Fields Creech Edgerton

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
January 11, 2006

SMITHFIELD -- Gertrude Fields Creech Edgerton, 92, died Monday, January 9, 2006 at Johnston Memorial Hospital. A resident of Carolina House in Smithfield, Mrs. Edgerton was born June 2, 1913 to the late Wilbert O. and Mary Worrell Fields. A homemaker, she lived most of her life on the family farm near Selma with her deceased husband of 65 years, Ray Creech. Since 2002, she has been married to Nait Edgerton of Carolina House, Smithfield.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Edgerton is survived by a daughter, Dorinda Kay Creech, a granddaughter, Robin Stanton and a great-granddaughter, Brezny Rae Stanton. Also surviving are two brothers, Robert Carlton Fields and Dr. W. O. Fields, and a step-grandson, Adam Edgerton.

In addition to Ray Creech, she was predeceased by two children, Donald Ray Creech and Sandra LuRay Creech, a grandson, Christopher A. Creech, two sisters, Elva Fields Jones and Mary Helen Fields Powell, two brothers, Stephen W. Fields and Roland Fields, as well as her parents.

A celebration of life service for Mrs. Edgerton will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 12, 2006 at Edgerton Memorial United Methodist Church in Selma where Mrs. Edgerton served her Lord faithfully for many decades.

A visitation with family members will be held at the church fellowship hall on Thursday beginning at 10 a.m. Interment will be at Selma Memorial Gardens immediately following the service. In addition, the body will lie in state at Parrish Funeral Home in Selma from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11th.

In addition to her church and community service and serving as the matriarch of a large and diverse family, Mrs. Edgerton took great pride in having represented Smithfield in 1936 in the Miss North Carolina Beauty Pageant, having won the distinction of being named first runner-up at the state level.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest that remembrances be directed to Edgerton Memorial United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 487, Selma, NC 27576. Parrish Funeral Home in Selma is assisting the family.

Ernest Fulton Barbour

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

October 22, 2002

Ernest Fulton Barbour, 82, died Monday morning at his home. Born January 4, 1920 in Johnston County, he was a son of the late Ernest Calvin and Ellie Mayton Lassiter Barbour. A welder by trade, Fulton had worked with Ted Wallace Welding and later with Buffalo Tank in Raleigh for 29 years before retiring. He enjoyed fishing and raising fishing worms, which he did after retirement until 1994 when he began having trouble with his legs and was just unable to care for the worms. He was a member of Mount Herman Christian Church for 35 years.

Funeral service will be conducted 2 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel of Parrish Funeral Home in Selma with the Rev. Eddie Franks and the Rev. Alex Poindexter officiating. Burial will follow in the Hills of the Neuse Memory Gardens.

Surviving are his loving wife of 63 years, Blonnie Creech Barbour; sons, Harold F. Barbour of Boca Raton FL, Roger D. Barbour and Ricky Barbour, both of Clayton; daughters, Portia G. Williams and Gail Barbour Whitaker, both of Raleigh; sister, Edna B. Glover of Bailey; brothers, Dwight Barbour of Fuquay-Varina, Rev. Swade Barbour of Four Oaks, Ronnie Barbour of Prescott, AZ; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Esther Creech Penny

News and Observer

12/13/2000

MARCH 19, 1912 - DEC. 12, 2000

SMITHFIELD - Mrs. Esther Creech Penny, age 88, of 7459 NC Highway 210 died Tuesday following a period of declining health. She was a native of Johnston County, a daughter of the late John and Sylester Elizabeth Langley Creech. She was the widow of Gardner Penny.

Funeral services will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday from the chapel of Underwood Funeral Home conducted by Rev. Bill Monroe and Rev. James Wooten. The family will receive friends in the chapel for one hour prior to the funeral. Burial will be private.

Surviving, son, Danny W. Penny of Smithfield; daughters, Jan Hill and Darnell Barbour of Smithfield; seven grandchildren; four great-grand-children; and a great-great-grand-child.

Arrangements by Underwood Funeral Home.

Floy Roseline Creech Smith

Daily Press (Newport News, VA)

March 28, 2004

HAMPTON - Mrs. Floy Creech Smith, 98, of Newport News, died early Thursday morning, March 25, 2004, at Northampton Convalescent Center. She had resided on the Peninsula for 70 years as a homemaker and had been a devoted member of Orcutt Baptist Church.

Born in 1906 to James A. and Frances Temple Creech in Four Oaks, N.C., Mrs. Smith graduated in the class of 1925 at Four Oaks High School. She was the last surviving of nine children. She was preceded in death by her husband, Horace Smith; a grandson, Timmy Curtis; two beloved sons-in-law, Bill Curtis and Herold Fritschle and her parents and siblings.

Left to cherish her memory are three daughters, Jacqueline Watkins and husband, Norvell, Frankie Fritschle of Hampton and Jeanette Curtis of Newport News. Also three sons, Gerald Smith and wife, Virginia, of West Virginia, Donald Smith and wife, Ellen, of Newport News and W. Terry Smith and wife, Debbie, of Richmond.

She is also greatly missed by her grandchildren, Terrie Lee Pulley, Eddie Watkins, Vicki Jo Davidson, Pam Morris, Jan Hall, Robin Smith, Bridget Moschler, Kimberly Terry, Wendi Holmes, Clay and Lee Smith and Rosie Harman. She is survived as well by numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Floy loved life and lived it to the fullest. As a young schoolgirl, she traveled to New York City on buying trips with her merchant father. Her experiences span decades of great change in the world around her. People have been the great passion of her life and she has had many many friends. Always having a twinkle in her eye, and some interesting story to tell of a past experience, she has been a treasure to all who have known her. She has made the best of every situation she faced and found joy in even the simplest things.

A visitation will be conducted from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at Peninsula Funeral Home. A celebration of her life will be held at Riverside Baptist Church, 7409 River Road, Newport News, on Monday at 1 p.m., conducted by the Revs. Ryan and Tommy Davidson. Burial will be in Peninsula Memorial Park.

The family wishes to express its deep appreciation to the staff of Northampton Convalescent Center for its loving care of Floy over these last three years.

Harvey Dewitt Creech

The News & Observer
November 11, 2002

Harvey Dewitt Creech, age 83, of 13002 Covered Bridge Road, Zebulon, died Sunday, November 10, 2002, at Wake Medical Center from a recent illness. Dewitt was born December 31, 1918, to the late Henry Harvey Creech and Lillie Narron Creech. He was a retired farmer and a member of Corinth Baptist Church. Funeral 11 a.m. Tuesday, November 12, 2002, Corinth Baptist Church. Burial, Corinth Baptist Church Cemetery.

Surviving: sons, Larry Wayne Creech and his wife Bettie of Raleigh, Charles Lawrence Creech and his wife Joan of Zebulon and Tommy Dewitt Creech of Zebulon; his special friend, Shirley Congleton of Wendell; brothers, Fred and Harold Creech, both of Zebulon; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Maude Wilder Creech, July 26, 1990; a grandson, Kirk Cameron Creech; and brothers, Earl, Eric, and Garland Creech.

Family will receive relatives and friends 7-8:30 p.m. Monday evening, November 11th, at L. Harold Poole Funeral Service and Crematory, 944 Old Knight Road, Knightdale, NC, and other times at the Creech home, 13002 Covered Bridge Road, Johnston County, Zebulon. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to Corinth Baptist Church, 13450 NC 96 Hwy, Zebulon, NC 27597.

James Duvall Weeks

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
September 1, 1995

BENSON -- Duvall Weeks, 72, of 5119 Benson Hardee Road died Wednesday. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday in Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel in Benson by the Rev. Pete Norris. Burial will be in the Devotional Gardens in Dunn.

Mr. Weeks is survived by a son, Johnny M. Weeks of the home; and a sister, Leoma Wilkins of Benson.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at the funeral home and other times at the home of Leoma and Ernest Wilkins, 5156 Benson Hardee Road, Benson.

James Raiford “Ray” Creech

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

April 7, 2000

SELMA -- James Raiford "Ray" Creech, 89, died Thursday, April 6, at Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield. Born March 13, 1911, he was the son of the late Will H. and Mabel Hill Creech.

A retired farmer, Mr. Creech is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 65 years, Gertrude Fields Creech. Also surviving are a daughter, Dorinda Kaye Creech of Johnson City, TN and a granddaughter, Robin Creech Stanton of Apex. He is also survived by two sisters, Betty Upchurch of Four Oaks and Sherry Peterson of Smithfield.

Mr. Creech was preceded in death by two children, Sandra Luray Creech and Donald Ray Creech, and by a grandson, Christopher Creech.

Funeral service for Mr. Creech will be held at Edgerton Memorial United Methodist Church in Selma on Saturday, April 8 at 10 a.m. conducted by Rev. Won NamKoong. Over many decades, Mr. Creech served his church in many leadership roles including head usher for the past 45 years. Burial will follow in Selma Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. on Friday, April 7 at Parrish Funeral Home in Selma and other times at the home, 5523 Buffalo Road, Selma. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that those desiring to do so may make a contribution to the Building Fund of Edgerton Memorial United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 487, Selma, NC 27576.

James Robert Langdon

Dunn Daily Record

January 13, 2003

James Robert "Bob" Langdon, 81, of 7728 Raleigh Road, Benson, died Friday at Wake Medical Center. He was born Nov. 4, 1921, in Johnston County to the late William Jasper and Lula Mae Creech Langdon.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Grove FWB Church by the Revs. Steve Lawson, Aubrey Williamson and Billy Nowell. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Hockaday and Ronnie of Four Oaks; a son, John M. Langdon and Eileen of Benson; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. A service of Minshew Funeral Home of Four Oaks.

Jerry Whitfield Denning

Dunn Daily Record

December 22, 2003

Jerry Whitfield Denning, 76, of 1646 Denning Road, Benson, died Thursday at Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield. He was born June 15, 1927, in Johnston County to the late Lonnie and Hattie Wood Denning. He was a farmer and a member of Pleasant Hill Christian Church. Mr. Denning was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and was a member of the American Legion Banner Post 109. Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel by the Revs. Don Williams and Tim Bass. Burial followed in the Denning Family Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Ernestine Creech Denning; sons, Tracy Denning and wife Tammy, and Steven Denning and wife Karla, all of Benson; daughters, Deborah D. Byrd, Rhonda D. Peacock and husband Jamie, all of Benson; a sister, Rosalie D. Stephenson of Benson; a brother, Charles Denning of Benson; five grandchildren and spouse, Christie and Jeffery Mitchell, Jennifer Byrd, Blake Denning, Brandon Byrd, and Cole Denning; and one great-granddaughter, Katie Mitchell.

Jewel Lorene Creech Beasley

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

November 5, 2002

Mrs. Jewel Creech Beasley, age 80, of Strickland Cross Roads, Four Oaks, died Sunday. Mrs. Beasley was born in Johnston County on May 17, 1922 to the late Paul and Iola Hines Creech. Her funeral will be Wednesday 2:00 p.m. at Pauline Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Surviving: daughter, Linda Guy of Four Oaks; granddaughter, Darlene Brady and husband, Reid of Four Oaks; sister, Shirley Johnson of Four Oaks; brother, Paul Marshall Creech of Four Oaks; close family, Toby and Frances Lee, Erica Lee, Mike and Rita Lee and Toni Johnson, all of Four Oaks.

Mrs. Beasley was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Milford Beasley; son-in-law, William Eugene Guy; brother, Ressie Creech and sister, Wilhelmina Tyndall.

Family will receive friends at Minshew Funeral Home Tuesday from 7-9 p.m.

Joel MacRay Creech

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

10/01/2006



Joel MacRay Creech, 49, of 12465 NC Hwy 39, went home to be with his Lord, Friday evening at home surrounded by his family and friends. He was a computer operator with Gregory Poole Equipment Co. in Raleigh. Joe was preceded in death by his father, Thelbert Ray Creech. Funeral service will be held 11 o'clock Monday at Friendship FWB Church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 26 years, Susan Covington Creech; sons, Brian M. Creech of Durham, Patrick W. Creech of Greenville, and Michael D. Creech of the home; mother, Mamie Wilder Creech of Zebulon; sister, Hedy Creech of Bunn Lake; brothers, Randy Creech and wife, Joyce of Zebulon, and Doug Creech of Zebulon; numerous nieces, nephews, and also many special friends of his children; and his special pet, Cujo.

In lieu of flowers the family request memorials be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd St., New York, NY 10016 or www.kidney.org. The family will receive friends 2:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Sunday at Strickland Funeral Home, 211 W. Third St., Wendell and other times at the home.

John Creech Cagle

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

March 3, 2000

BENSON - John Creech Cagle, 84, of 501 W. Woodall Street, died Wednesday at Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield. He was born in Latta, SC, on July 4, 1915, to the late John Graham and Cornelia Creech Cagle and in 1918 he moved with his family to Benson. His community activities include the Benson Kiwanis Club, Benson Jr. Order, Masonic Order, American Legion, and the Benson Museum of Local History.

He was a US Navy Veteran of World War II, a retired Salesman for King Bros. Shoe Co. and long time Usher and Deacon of Benson Baptist Church. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Benson Baptist Church. Revs. Kendell Cameron and Niles Compton will officiate. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery.

Surviving: wife, Cecelia F. Cagle son and daughter-in-law, Neil and Amelia Cagle of New Orleans daughter, Shelia C. Jones of Brockton, MA; grandchildren, Amy C. Brinks and John Graham Cagle.

The family suggest that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Benson Baptist Church, P.O. Box 323, Benson, NC 27504. The family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home from 7-9 p.m. Friday.

John W. Gleason

Virginian Pilot
05/08/2006

Retired U.S. Marine Corps Master Sgt. John W. Gleason Sr., 84, died May 5, 2006, while visiting his family in Amenia, N.Y. He retired from the U.S. Marine Corps in 1961, from the U.S. Postal Service in 1973 and he was the former manager/treasurer of the Portsmouth City Employees Credit Union. He was born in Norwich, Conn., and lived in Portsmouth since 1961. He was a member of Holy Angels Catholic Church, a member of the Knights of Columbus, a veteran of World War II and Korea and a member of Virginia Defense Force. He was predeceased by his first wife, Catherine Atkins Gleason.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Gleason; his son, John W. Gleason II; two grandchildren, Makalia Records and Jeremy Gleason; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Margaret Cunningham and Rosalie Kasper; numerous nieces and nephews.

A Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Holy Angels Catholic Church, Portsmouth, by the Rev. Romeo D. Jazmin, followed by a reception in the church social hall. Entombment will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens Mausoleum, Chesapeake, with military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Holy Angels Catholic Church, 34 Afton Pkwy., Portsmouth, VA 23702. Foster Funeral Home, Portsmouth, handling arrangements.

Johnny Mack Weeks

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
January 24, 1996

BENSON -- Johnny Mack Weeks, 41, of 5119 Benson-Hardee Road died Tuesday in his home. He was a member of Steven's Chapel Church. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel by the Revs. Pete Norris Jr. and Roy Nordan. Burial will be in Devotional Gardens.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at the funeral home and other times at the home of Ernest and Leoma Wilkins, 5156 Benson-Hardee Road, Benson.

Joseph Waylon Creech, Sr.

Virginian-Pilot, The (Norfolk, VA)
February 11, 2003

NORFOLK - Joseph Waylon Creech, 91, died on Feb. 9, 2003. Born in Four Oaks, N.C., he was a retired water works operator with the City of Norfolk. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Nola M. Creech.

Mr. Creech is survived by his family, including two sons, Joe and wife Betty of Roanoke and Gary and wife Emily of Norfolk; his daughter, Elizabeth of Virginia Beach; his sister, Floy Smith of Newport News; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. in Smith and Williams Funeral Home, Norview Chapel. Burial will immediately follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to: smithandwilliamsfuneralhome.com.

Lois Evelyn Tyner Beasley

Parrish Funeral Home Notice
05/03/2007

Lois Tyner Beasley, age 91, of Smithfield, died Wednesday at home. Born in Johnston County on April 26, 1916, she was the daughter of the late Will and Alice Creech Tyner. In addition to her parents she is preceded in death by her husband L.V. Beasley. Funeral services will be held Friday at 2:00pm in the chapel of Parrish Funeral Home in Selma with Rev. L.E. Godwin Jr. officiating. Burial will follow in Creech Family Cemetery.

Surviving are her sons, Charles Ray Beasley of Smithfield, Vernon Mac Beasley and wife Vicki of Clayton, daughter-in-law, Berneice Beasley of Norfolk, VA, brother Leon Tyner of Smithfield, six grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and one great great granddaughter.

The family will receive friends an hour before the service at the funeral home.

Lola Mae Creech Ballard

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
05/06/2007

Lola Creech Ballard, 94, of Fuquay-Varina died Saturday, May 5, 2007 at Senter's Rest Home in Fuquay-Varina. A native of Johnston County, she was the daughter of the late Ivon and Lillie Hales Creech. Memorial service 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 7, 2007 at O'Quinn-Peebles Chapel, Lillington, officiating Rev. Sam Cotten. Visitation Monday, May 7, 2007 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at

O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a church or charity of one's choice.

Survivors: daughter, Barbara Ballard of Fuquay-Varina; sons, Eugene Ballard of Fuquay-Varina, James Ivon Ballard and wife, Barbara of Goldsboro, and William Charles Ballard of Pine Level; brother, Ivon Creech of Virginia; sister, Lois VonPeeler of Virginia; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral www.oquinnpeebles.com.

Lolita Dare Eason Godwin

Dunn Daily Record
03/20/2006

Lolita Dare Eason Godwin, 73, of 2391 N.C. 27 East, Coats, died Saturday, March 18, 2006, at her home. She was born June 28, 1932, in Johnston County to the late James Edward and Mozelle Creech Eason. She was preceded in death by her husband, Stacy W. Godwin; and brothers, Joe Eason and David Eason. She was a retired nurse and homemaker. Mrs. Godwin was a member of Pleasant Memory Baptist Church. Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. Tuesday at Pleasant Memory Baptist Church by the Revs. Stancil Baucom, Chris Wroten, Blair Little and Marshall Danenburg. Burial will follow at Coats City Cemetery.

Survivors include a son, Kenneth Godwin and wife Joyce of Clayton; a daughter, Jennifer Ferrell and husband David of Coats; sisters, Shirley E. Parker of Four Oaks, Genell E. Sugrue of Johnston, R.I., Joyce E. Thornton of Henderson, Judy E. Buffkin of Benson and Wanda E. Langdon of Coats; and grandchildren, Jamie Peele, Bobby Peele and Elizabeth Ferrell.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 8:30 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 2418 Blue Ridge Road, Suite 206, Raleigh, NC 27607; or to the Harnett County EMS, 200 N. 13th St., Suite 19-A, Erwin, NC 28339. Condolences may be sent to www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com.

Mozelle Creech Eason

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
April 16, 1996

BENSON -- Mrs. Mozelle Creech Eason, 82, of 507 W. Hill St. died Monday in Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield. She was a retired lunchroom staff member for Benson Elementary School and was a member of Benson Church of God.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. today in Benson Church of God by the Revs. Marion Hammonds and David Linton. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery. Rose & Graham Funeral Home.

Mrs. Eason is survived by seven daughters, Lolita Godwin and Jennifer Ferrell, both of Coats, Shirley Parker of Four Oaks, Genell Sugrue of Johnston, R.I., Joyce Thornton of Henderson, and Judy Buffkin and Wanda Langdon, both of Benson; a son, David Eason of Coats; 18 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson.

Nellie Mae Surles Moore

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
June 2, 2000

Mrs. Nellie Surles Moore, 101, of Smithfield, died Wednesday at Smithfield Manor. A graveside service will be held 2 p.m. Friday at the Dixon Family Cemetery, Benson. Officiating will be Rev. Reuben Cason.

Mrs. Moore was born January 10, 1899 in Johnston County to the late Alonzo F. and Ada Creech Surles. She was preceded in death by her husband, Quester V. Moore and a daughter, Betty M. Miller. She was a member of Unity Free Will Baptist Church and was a homemaker.

Surviving: son, Q.V. Moore Jr. of Smithfield; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Benson, 12:30- 1:30 p.m. Friday. prior to the service.

Neva Creech Strickland Woodard

Daytona Beach News-Journal (FL)
September 10, 1997

SEVILLE - Neva C. Woodard, 98, of Lake George Road, former owner/operator of Woodard's Cafe, died Sunday at home. Mrs. Woodard moved to this area in 1943 from her native Four Oaks, N.C. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, where she was a member of the United Methodist Women. She enjoyed crocheting, gardening and making quilts.

Survivors include a son, J.R. Strickland, Clayton, N.C.; three daughters, Ruby S. Bailey, Selma, N.C., Joyce W. Martin, Seville, and June W. Zimmerman, Alabama; two brothers, J.W. Creech, Norfolk, Va., and W.N. Creech, Fayetteville, N.C.; a sister, Floy C. Smith, Newport News, Va.; eight grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Allen-Summerhill, DeLand, is in charge.

Ruby Edna Weeks Creech

Dunn Daily Record

06/04/2007

Ruby Edna Creech, 91, of Oak Hill Living Center, formerly of Benson, died Sunday, June 3, 2007, at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital in Dunn. She was born May 5, 1916, in Johnston County to the late George William and Monie Godwin Weeks. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edgar Vance Creech.

She was a clothing inspector and was a member of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Joe Hester. Burial will follow at the church cemetery.

Survivors include a son, Donald Creech and wife Renate of Columbia, S.C.; a sister, Vera Lee Langdon of Surf City; brothers, Bill Weeks of Fyffe, Ala., and Weldon Weeks of Benson; grandchildren, Crystal Creech, Diane Creech, Yvonne C. Crosby and husband Scott, Jason Creech and wife Emily; and six great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, c/o Cathy Johnson, P.O. Box 397, Coats, NC 27521.

Stephen Waylon Parrish

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

February 18, 2003

DUNN -- Stephen Waylon Parrish, 56, of 2931 Fairground Road, died Sunday, Feb. 16, 2003, in his home. Mr. Parrish was a retired drywall contractor. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Oliver's Grove Baptist Church in Four Oaks by the Rev. Durwood Jackson and Dr. Jim Bousman. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mr. Parrish is survived by a son, Kelly W. Parrish of Nags Head; and a sister, Diane Parrish of Four Oaks.

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

Verona Holmes Morris

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
December 12, 1996

Mrs. Verona Holmes Morris, 81, of Benson died Tuesday in Duke University Medical Center in Durham. Mrs. Morris was a member of the Benson United Methodist Church and a librarian for the town of Benson in the late 1940s. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday in Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. David Benson. Burial will be in Benson City Cemetery.

Mrs. Morris is survived by her husband, William H. Morris; a daughter, Anita Williams of Johnston County; a sister, Ruby Haller of Irvona, Pa.; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at the funeral home.

Vida Cobb Creech

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
March 11, 1997

Mrs. Vida Cobb "Sunshine" Creech, 69, of Benson died Monday in Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. Glenn McCullen. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery. Mrs. Creech is survived by her husband, Bobby L. Creech; two sons, Gregory V. Creech of Benson and Bryan K. Creech of Raleigh; and two brothers, Roscoe Cobb of Benson and Fonzo Cobb of Fuquay-Varina. The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at the funeral home.

Walton N. Creech

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
December 30, 2002

NEW BERN -- Walton N. Creech, 88, of 5117 Pinetree Lane, formerly of Fayetteville, died Sunday, Dec. 29, 2002, in Craven Regional Medical Center. Mr. Creech worked for Cavin's Business Products before retiring.

The funeral will be conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Jernigan-Warren Funeral Home chapel in Fayetteville by Elder J.M. Mewborn. A graveside service will be conducted at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Four Oaks Cemetery.

Mr. Creech is survived by his wife, Lellon J. Creech of New Bern; two sons, Jerry W. Creech of New Bern and Dennis L. Creech of Fayetteville; a daughter, Joye C. Groff of Raleigh; a brother,

Waylon Creech of Norfolk, Va.; a sister, Floy Smith of Newport News, Va.; seven grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

The family will receive friends Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

William Hiram Holmes

Smithfield Herald
October 22, 1918

Death of Mr. Holmes

Mr. William H. Holmes died at his home here Monday night of pneumonia after an attack of Spanish influenza. He had been ill only a few days and before taking the disease was apparently perfectly healthy. He was buried at Hannah's Creek church Tuesday afternoon. He is survived by his wife and two children.

Mr. Holmes had been with Boon & Son for a number of years and was a man well thought of by every one. He was honorable, well meaning and considered to be one of our best men. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist church.