

Elijah Roland Fields

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LAKELAND -- Mr. E. Roland Fields, a retired president of Federal Land Bank of Lakeland, died of heart failure Wednesday (Dec. 31, 2003) at Lakeland Hills Center. He was 86.

"They gave loans to farmers, ranchers and grove owners," his daughter-in-law, Angela "Kaye" Fields of Lakeland, said. "He went all the way to Vero Beach. He had a fairly large territory and was pretty well known amongst the grove owners."

Born in Pikeville, N.C., on Nov. 5, 1917, he was raised in the farming industry. His father was a tobacco farmer. Mr. Fields served in the Navy in World War II from 1944 until the spring of 1946. Following his discharge, he dabbled in farming and a few other jobs before joining the staff of Federal Land Bank.

"They were a small districttype first mortgage for agricultural loans to ranchers, fruit growers and farmers. It was set up by the government back in the 1930s," his son, Randall "Randy" Fields of Lakeland, said.

Mr. Fields worked in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, filling in for the bank presidents in their extended absences. While filling in at Federal Land Bank of Lakeland, the opportunity arose for Mr. Fields to become the president of the Lakeland branch in 1955. Mr. Fields retired as president in 1974.

Mr. Fields was an avid golfer and a member of Cleveland Heights Golf and Country Club. He was a member of the Lakeland Civil Service Board. He was a member of Southside Baptist Church.

Mr. Fields was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Nobie Tant Fields, in April. In addition to his son, he is survived by his daughter, Mary Elizabeth Church, Ponte Verda; sisters, Gertrude Creech Edgerton, Selma, N.C., Mary Helen Powell, Warsaw, N.C.; brothers, R.C. Fields, Rocky Mount, N.C., Dr. W.O. Fields Jr., Selma, N.C.; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Monday at Lakeland Funeral Home. Services will follow at 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

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 greatgranddaughter, 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.

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.

Mary Helen Fields Powell

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WARSAW -- Mary Helen Fields Powell, 81, died Thursday at Glencare of Warsaw. She was the daughter of the late Wilbert Fields and Mary Worrell Fields of Johnston County and was a member of Warsaw Methodist Church. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Stephen Fields and Roland Fields; and one sister, Elva Fields Jones.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Adin A. Powell of Warsaw; children, Adin Ashley Powell III and wife, Julie Bellamy Powell of Carolina Beach, Kathryn Powell Wrenn and husband, William Lethco Wrenn III of Warsaw; grandchildren, Nicole Powell Young and husband, Bruce Young, Ryan Ashley Powell and wife, Erin Powell, William L. Wrenn IV, and Matthew Kevin P. Wrenn; three great-grandchildren; brothers, Robert C. Fields of Rocky Mount, Dr. W. O. Fields of Four Oaks; and sister, Gertrude Fields Edgerton of Selma.

A graveside service was held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Devotional Gardens, Warsaw, with Russ Evans officiating. Music was provided by Claudia Hollingsworth.

The family received friends following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Robert Carlton Fields

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

November 8, 2007

ROCKY MOUNT -- Robert Carlton Fields, 92, passed away Wednesday, November 7, 2007. He was born April 26, 1915 in Wayne County to the late Wilbert O. and Mary Worrell Fields. Also preceding him in death, his first wife, Violet Fields; sisters, Gertrude Edgerton, Mary Helen Powell, and Elva Jones; brothers, Steven and Roland Fields. R.C. was a lifetime member of the Evening Lions Club.

Left to cherish his memory, his wife, Mary Fields of the home; sons, Robert C. Fields, Jr. and wife, Susan of Raleigh, Billy G. Fields and wife Carolyn of Smith Mt. Lakes, VA; daughters, Christine Shearin and husband, Phil of Louisburg, Miriam Brown and husband, Stanley of Rocky Mount; 9 grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren.

Flowers will be accepted or memorials may be made to Evening Lions Club, P.O. Box 1104 , Rocky Mount, NC 27804. The family would like to thank Friends of Hospice and Home Health Care for their kind and compassionate care. A special thank you to his caregivers, Dottie Barnes, Joan Hall, and Elsie Barnes.

The family will receive friends at Wheeler & Woodlief Funeral Home on Friday, November 9, 2007 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. with funeral services to following visitation. The Rev. Stan Prewett and Rev. Stanley Brown officiating. Committal services will immediately following at Pineview Cemetery.

Arrangements by Wheeler & Woodlief Funeral Home, 1130 N. Winstead Avenue, Rocky Mount, NC 27804.

Stephen William Fields

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

September 23, 2002

SELMA -- Stephen W. Fields, 79, died Saturday. Born in Wayne County, he was the son of the late Wilbert O. and Mary Worrell Fields. Mr. Fields was a graduate of Selma High School, attended Campbell College for two years, and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was married for 55 years to Freda, who preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Elva Jones. Mr. Fields retired after serving for many years as office manager of Jones Brothers Furniture in Smithfield.

Funeral service will be held Monday, September 23, at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel of Parrish Funeral Home in Selma. The service will be conducted by Rev. Frank Grubbs of the Selma Original Free Will Baptist Church, where Mr. Fields was a member. Burial will follow in the Oliver Cemetery

near Pine Level. The family will receive friends at the funeral home for one hour preceding the service.

Surviving Mr. Fields are: two sons, Dwight Fields of Raleigh and Mark Fields of Philadelphia, PA; two sisters, Gertrude Creech Edgerton of Smithfield and Mary Helen Powell of Warsaw; and three brothers, Robert Carlton Fields of Rocky Mount, Roland Fields of Lakeland, FL, and W.O. "Ossie" Fields Jr. of Selma.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Selma Rescue Squad or the Selma Original Free Will Baptist Church, P.O. Box 224, Selma, N.C. 27576.