

Betty Catherine Roberts Beasley

Dunn Daily Record

October 29, 2004

Betty Catherine Beasley, 79, of Berkshire Road, Smithfield, died Tuesday evening at Duke Medical Center. She was born June 11, 1925, to the late Joseph Everett and Mary Luna Lassiter Roberts. Her husband, William Jacob Beasley, died in 1989.

Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. today at Minshew Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. R.B. Parrish. Burial will be in Banners Chapel Church Cemetery.

Survivors include daughters, Carolyn Smith of Coats, Hilda Wilkins, Etheleen O'Neal and Joyce Davis, all of Benson, and Mary Davis of Clinton; sons, Billy Beasley, Donald Beasley and Ricky Beasley, all of Benson, Danny Beasley of Coats, Bobby Beasley of Dunn and Kenneth Beasley of Smithfield; 20 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Clara M. Roberts Matthews

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Clara Roberts Matthews, 80, of 70 Keith St., Dunn, died Sunday at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital. She did volunteer work in the area nursing homes and delivered Meals on Wheels in Erwin. She was a member of Erwin United Methodist Church where she held several positions. She retired from Burlington Mills after 42 years of service. She was the daughter of the late George Benton and Ida Parker Roberts. A graveside service will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Roberts Family Cemetery in Coats by the Rev. Steve Little.

Survivors include her husband, Lloyd Matthews; sons, William Lloyd Matthews Jr. and wife Lynn of Fayetteville, and George Roberts and wife Emily of Dudley; and two grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Price Funeral Home in Erwin. Donations may be made to Erwin United Methodist Church, 600 Denim Drive, Erwin, N.C. 28339.

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.

Geneva Roberts Coats

The Smithfield Herald
12/13/2005

Geneva Roberts Coats, 83, of N.C. 210, Four Oaks, died Friday morning, Dec. 9. Born April 13, 1922, in Johnston County, she was a daughter of the late Joseph Everette and Mary Luna Johnson Roberts. The funeral was at 3 p.m. Sunday at Berea Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Jack Schurman officiated. Burial followed in the cemetery at Fellowship Church.

Surviving are a son, James Carl Coats of Four Oaks; a daughter, Phyliss Benson of Wilmington; a sister, Christine Byrd of Benson; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

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 Roy Roberts, Sr.

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
August 6, 1996

COATS -- John Roy Roberts Sr., 70, of 401 S. Orange St. died Monday in Central Carolina Hospital in Sanford. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a member of the Coats Baptist Church. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. Jesse Mooney. Burial will be in Roberts family cemetery.

Mr. Roberts is survived by his wife, Mamie R. Roberts of the home; three daughters, Sylvia R. Hamilton, Vicki Strait and Penny Phillips, all of Dunn; a son, John R. Roberts Jr. of Erwin; three stepdaughters, Wanda Molchan and Becky Pope, both of Coats, and Cindy Braun of Virginia Beach, Va.; a brother, Milton Roberts of Coats; and a sister, Beatrice Pinnington of Durham; 13 grandchildren.

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

Lee Roy King

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
September 18, 2002

ANGIER -- Lee Roy King, 65, of 232 Sweetbriar Road, died Monday, Sept. 16, 2002, in Western Wake Medical Center in Cary. Mr. King was a retired commercial paint contractor and attended Friendly Chapel Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church.

The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday in Friendly Chapel Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church by the Revs. R.B. Parrish and Ron Godwin. Burial will be in Lakeside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. King is survived by his wife, Carra R. King; a son, Wayne King of Angier; a daughter, Jan K. Cox of Clayton; his mother, Letha Y. King of Clayton; two sisters, Peggy K. Tucker of Willow Spring and Elaine K. Ellis of Clayton; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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

Marjorie Roberts Lassiter Pridgen

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
September 13, 1997

Mrs. Majorie Lassiter Pridgen, 72, of Smithfield, died Friday, September 12, 1997 after an extended period of declining health. She was a native of Four Oaks and the daughter of the late Shade and Nerah Lassiter.

Mrs. Pridgen was a homemaker and a member of the Centenary United Methodist Church, where she was involved in many church activities before her decline in health. Also, she was a volunteer at Johnston Memorial Hospital for many years.

Surviving: husband, Judge Elton C. Pridgen; son, Shadrick L. Pridgen, Elton C. Pridgen Jr. and wife Lisa, all of Four Oaks; grandchildren, Lindsey Pridgen and Elton C. Pridgen III.

The family will receive friends at Minshew Funeral Home on Saturday night from 7-9. A graveside service will be held Sunday 3 p.m. Four Oaks Cemetery. The Rev. Bruce Taylor will officiate over the service.

Memorials may be made to Centenary United Methodist Church, Muscular Dystrophy Association or Johnston Memorial Home Care and Hospice.

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.

William Arler Roberts, Jr.

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
August 29, 2002

FOUR OAKS -- Mr. William A. Roberts, Jr., age 81, died Wednesday a.m. at his residence. He was born in Johnston County on February 01, 1921 to the late William Arler and Eva Coats Roberts. Funeral will be Friday at 2:30 p.m. in the chapel of Minshew Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Dunn at Devotional Gardens.

Surviving family: daughter, Joyce R. Lassiter of Four Oaks; sons, Doug Roberts of Four Oaks, Jerry Roberts of Four Oaks; brothers, Jerrel Roberts of Goldsboro, Dan Roberts of California, Eugene Roberts of Chapel Hill, Edsel Roberts of Creedmoor; grandchildren, Chris Roberts, Kim Smith, Anthony Roberts, Alan Roberts, Philip Roberts; four great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by a daughter: Deloris Byrd.

Family will be at the funeral home on Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

William Lloyd Matthews, Sr.

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10/13/2004

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Survivors include sons, William L. Matthews Jr. and wife Lynn of Fayetteville, and George Roberts of Dudley; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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William Paul Stephenson, Jr.

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

01/06/2008



Mr. W. Paul Stephenson, Jr., 79, of 12020 NC HWY 50 North died Friday at his residence. Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. Monday at Providence Presbyterian Church. Officiating will be the Rev. Jim Davis and Mr. Clyde Wiley. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Mr. Stephenson was born August 19, 1928 in the Pleasant Grove Township in Johnston County to the late William Paul, Sr. and Maytyle Johnson Stephenson. He was also preceded in death by his first wife, Norma Jean Roberts Stephenson.

Mr. Stephenson owned and operated Stephenson's Bar-B-Q, and Stephenson's Nursery. He was a 1947 graduate of Cleveland High School, and attended Louisburg College where he played baseball from 1948 through 1949, and also played guitar in the jazz band. He also played baseball for the Cleveland semi-pro team.

After Louisburg, Mr. Stephenson farmed from 1948 through 1958 when he established Stephenson's Bar-B-Q. In 1979, he opened Stephenson's Nursery. Mr. Stephenson was very active in his community, involved in the Boy Scouts and Ruritan Club. He played the guitar with Stephenson Brothers, was a song writer, and was a member of Life's Railway Singers. Mr. Stephenson entertained for many church and civic functions, especially senior citizens groups. He was also a member of Providence Presbyterian Church, where he was a Sunday School

teacher, superintendent, deacon, elder, choir member and a leader in many fundraising activities of the church.

Survivors include Wife, Ann King Stephenson; sons and daughters-in- law, Wayne Stephenson, Samuel and Wendy Stephenson, Andrew and Lynn Stephenson, and Christopher and Kristy Stephenson all of McGee's Crossroads; stepdaughters and spouses, Sherrie and R.H. Byrd of Bunnlevel, Susan and Joe Rudd of McGee's Crossroads, Allison Tart of McGee's Crossroads; stepson and spouse, Steve and Kelly Nordan of McGee's Crossroads; sister, Rose Hollingsworth of Raleigh; brothers, Marshall Stephenson of Raleigh and Shelby Stephenson of McGee's Crossroads; nine grandchildren, eight step grandchildren; one great- grandchild; and One step great- grandchild.

Family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Sunday. Flowers are welcomed, however memorials may be made to Providence Presbyterian Church Building Fund, 14664 NC 210, Angier, NC 27501 or to Hospice of Wake County, 1300 St. Mary's Street, Suite 400, Raleigh, NC 27605-1276. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com