

**Clarence Vernon Ryals, Sr.**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
June 4, 2003

KNIGHTDALE -- Clarence Vernon Ryals Sr., 74, of 111 Dianne St., formerly of Erwin, died Monday, June 2, 2003, in his home. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday in Price Funeral Home chapel in Erwin by the Rev. Steve Eakes. Burial will be in Chalybeate Springs Baptist Church cemetery.

Mr. Ryals is survived by a son, Clarence Ryals Jr. of Coats; two daughters, Betty Harp of Knightdale and Rhonda Hailey of Fuquay-Varina; two sisters, Reva Norris of Linden and Vera Avery of Dunn; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Wake County, 1300 St. Marys St., Raleigh, NC 27605.

**Ellie Mae Ryals Barbour**

Dunn Daily Record  
08/04/2005

Ellie Mae Barbour, 87, of Raleigh Road, Benson, died Tuesday evening, Aug. 2, 2005, at Johnston Memorial Hospital. She was born July 24, 1918, in Johnston County to the late John B. and Lilly Beasley Ryals. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Alton "Snook" Barbour; and a son, Preston Barbour. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Friday at Minshew Funeral Home Chapel by the Revs. Billy Nowell and Aubry Williamson. Burial will be at Devotional Gardens in Dunn.

Survivors include daughters, Nita Womble of Four Oaks, Brenda Barbour of Benson and Betty Horne of Autryville; sons, Brad Barbour of Four Oaks and Billy Barbour of Angier; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be tonight from 7 to 9 at Minshew Funeral Home.

**Iva Catherine Parrish O'Neal Wood**

Rose & Graham Funeral Home Notice  
07/03/2007

Benson, NC - Mrs. Iva Parrish O'Neal Wood, age 87, of 3198 Hannah Creek Road died Monday at Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield. Funeral Services will be 3:00PM Friday at the Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson. Officiating will be Rev. Doug Abel. Burial will follow in Banner Chapel Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Wood was born December 19, 1919 in Harnett County to the late Carlie and Zola Johnson Parrish. She was preceded in death by her husband, Milburn Wood, and a daughter, Linda Faye O'Neal. Mrs. Wood was a seamstress and a member of Banner Chapel Advent Christian Church.

Surviving are Daughter, Peggy Wheeler & Husband, Willard, of Benson; Sons, C. L. O'Neal & Wife, Nancy, of Raleigh and Ken O'Neal & Wife, Joyce, of Middlesex; Step-Daughter; Frances Gibbs & Husband, Charles, of Snead's Ferry; Step-Son, David Wood & Wife, Rita, of Portsmouth, RI; Sisters, Margie Collier of Fuquay-Varina and Rachel Spencer of Rocky Mount; Special Grandson, Michael Franklin Wood; 11 Grandchildren and 15 Great Grandchildren.

Family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Benson, from 7:00PM to 9:00PM Thursday.

### **James Alton "Snook" Barbour**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
November 18, 1998

James Alton "Snook" Barbour, age 83 of Raleigh Rd., Benson died Tuesday at Johnston Memorial Hospital. Mr. Barbour was born in Johnston County on May 24, 1915 to the late Carroll and Aldonia Barbour. He was a retired farmer and sheet rock hanger, as well as a member of St. Mary's Grove FWB Church. Funeral is scheduled for Thursday 2 p.m. at Minshew Funeral Home Chapel with burial following at Devotional Gardens of Dunn.

Surviving: wife, Ellie Mae Ryals Barbour; daughters, Neta Womble of Four Oaks, Brenda Stickney of Clayton, Betty Horne of Autryville; sons, Brad Barbour of Four Oaks, Billy Barbour of Angier; sisters, Talitha Skinner of VA, Mildred Adams of Smithfield; brothers, Joe Barbour of Houston, TX, James Barbour of TN, Milton Barbour of Arlington, VA; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Barbour was preceded in death by a son, Preston Barbour.

Visitation will be held Wednesday night from 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

### **James Sherrill Baker**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
October 11, 1997

James Sherrill Baker, 64, died Wednesday at his home. He was the son of Gertrude Ryals Baker and the late Charlie Waylon Baker. Funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday in the Chapel of Parrish Funeral Home in Selma, with the Rev. David Sutphin officiating. Burial will follow in Hills of the Neuse Memory Gardens.

Surviving are his wife, Margie McGee Baker; son and daughters-in-law, Dennis Wilson and Elaine J. Baker of Smithfield and Debbie P. Baker of Smithfield; daughter and son-in-law, Cindy B. and Randy Hicks of Wendell; brothers, Jerry Baker of Princeton and David Baker of Los Angeles, Calif.; sisters, Dora Lee Johnson of Swansboro, Joyce Daughtry of LaGrange, Connie Lamm of Raleigh and Beth Frye of Kenly; five grandchildren, Cameron Baker, Brandon Baker, Grant Hicks, Tyler Baker and Lauren Hicks.

He was preceded in death by a son, Anthony Baker.

Memorials may be made to Faith Community Church, 900 West Stallings Street, Clayton, N.C. 27520.

### **Joseph Ray Ryals**

Dunn Daily Record  
06/30/2003

Joseph Ray Ryals, 79, of 763 Butts Road, Angier, died Thursday at his home. He was a retired truck driver. He was preceded in death by a son, Johnny Mack Ryals in 2002. Funeral services were held Sunday at 3 p.m. at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home Chapel in Angier. Burial was in Johnson Memorial FWB Church Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Dorothy Moore Ryals; daughters, Bobbie Johnson of Willow Spring, Margaret Hayes of Creedmoor and Carolyn Ketchie of Clayton; sons, Charles Ryals of Willow Spring and Earl Ryals of Angier; a sister, Annie Ruth Barbour of Smithfield; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Community Hospice, 400 E. H St., Erwin, N.C. 28339.

### **Katie Bellino Holmes**

Dunn Daily Record  
01/08/2008

Katie Holmes Bellino, 94, of Benson died Monday, Dec. 31, 2007, at Carolina House in Smithfield. She was born Sept. 19, 1913, in Johnston County to the late James Edward and Mamie Ryals Holmes. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sam Bellino; a daughter, Joann Garland; grandchildren, Kelly Garland and Kurt Garland; sisters, Mabel Johnson and Vera Julian; and brothers, Ray Holmes, Ed Holmes, Howard Holmes and Milton Holmes.

She was a member of Benson United Methodist Church and was a homemaker. Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. Thursday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson by the Rev. Ron Patton. Burial will follow at Roselawn Cemetery.

Survivors include daughter, Trease Kay Cooper of South Hampton, Mass.; son, Phillip James Bellino of North Smithfield, R.I.; sisters, Annie Lee Tart, Jean Lucas and husband P.D., all of Benson; brother, Bobby Holmes of Wilson; grandchildren, Tracy and Todd; three great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends Thursday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home and other times at the home of Jean and P.D. Lucas, 901 N. Lincoln St., Benson. Flowers are welcome, however, memorials may be made to Benson UM Church, P.O. Box 72, Benson, NC 27504.

### **Louise Ovelia Parrish McLeod**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
July 30, 2001

LILLINGTON -- Mrs. Louise Parrish McLeod, 91, of Route 1, formerly of Coats, died Saturday in Brookfield Retirement Center. The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Price Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. Jesse Benson. Burial will be in Coats City Cemetery.

Mrs. McLeod is survived by two sons, Durwood McLeod of Erwin and Charles L. McLeod of Coats; four sisters, Thelma Johnson of Arizona, Iva O'Neal of Meadow, Rachel Spencer of Vander and Margie Collier of Fuquay-Varina; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Price Funeral Home in Erwin.

### **Lydia Ryals Byrd**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
February 17, 2003

COATS -- Mrs. Lydia Ryals Byrd, age 91, of 622 South Lincoln St. died Sunday at Good Hope Hospital in Erwin. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Coats. Officiating will be the Rev. Tommy Smith. Burial will follow in the Ryals Family Cemetery, Coats.

Mrs. Byrd was born May 14, 1911 in Harnett County to the late C. Lawrence and Nannie Wiggins Ryals. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lundie Byrd, and son, James E. "J.E." Byrd. Mrs. Byrd was a member of the Coats United Methodist Church, and was a Homemaker.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-Law, C.L. & Kathleen Byrd of Garner, Victor & Carolyn Byrd of Raleigh, and Marian Byrd of Apex; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Family will receive friends at the Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday. Flowers are welcome, however, memorials may be made to Coats Senior Center, P. O. Box 366, Coats, NC 27521.

### **Raeford Graham Dixon**

Dunn Daily Record  
07/24/2007

Retired U.S. Air Force Maj. Raeford Graham Dixon, 87, formerly of the Fairfield, Calif., area, died Saturday, July 21, 2007, at his home in Forest Grove, Ore. Mr. Dixon had resided in Forest Grove since August 2000.

Mr. Dixon was born near Benson on May 16, 1920. He was the 13th out of 14 children of Walter and Ardelia Dixon, and grew up on the family farm outside Benson. He graduated from Benson High School and attended the University of North Carolina. He married Valaria Moore of Smithfield on June 10, 1943.

Mr. Dixon joined the Army Air Corps and became a B-24 Liberator pilot in World War II. He was stationed in Italy and flew bombing missions over Europe, including Budapest and Hungary. After the war, Mr. Dixon returned to the Benson area to run the family farm, but later returned to active duty in the Air Force. He was stationed in Germany, England and Korea during his career. He retired from Travis Air Force Base in California in 1970.

Mr. Dixon's wife, Valaria Dixon, preceded him in death on May 19, 1995. There will be a private family graveside service at the Fairfield-Suisun Cemetery on Friday in Fairfield.

Survivors include children, Jae Gober of Hillsboro, Ore., Rae Dixon of Big Pine, Calif., Rick Dixon of San Marcos, Calif., and Cindy Wingerter of Port Angeles, Wash.

Arrangements by Duyck & VanDeHey Funeral Home.

### **Reva Jane Ryals Norris**

Dunn Daily Record  
December 5, 2005

Reva Jane Ryals Norris, 83, of Linden, formerly of Erwin, died Saturday evening, Dec. 3, 2005, at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital in Dunn. She was the daughter of the late Ivor Vernon and Betty Pate Ryals. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Norris. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday at Collier's Chapel Church by the Rev. Pete Morris. Burial will follow at the Ryals Family Cemetery in Erwin.

Survivors include sons, Jerry Norris, Michael Norris and Walter "Herbie" Norris, all of Erwin; daughters, Donna Hair of Linden, Teresa Silvas of Angier and Cami Viganas of Erwin; sisters, Vera Avery of Erwin and Peggy Glover of California; 19 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Price Funeral Home in Erwin and other times at the home of Donna Hair, 10701 Ramsey St., Linden.

### **Riley Preston Barbour**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
May 28, 1996

DUNN -- Riley Preston Barbour, 60, of Route 2 died Sunday. Mr. Barbour was a former vice president of Beasley Broadcasting Co. He was associated with radio station WPYB, a member of the board of directors of the Benson Singing Convention and was active in several civic organizations.

The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. today in West Funeral Home in Benson by the Revs. Wade Massengill, Ken Pritchard and Roger Byrd. Entombment will be in Devotional Gardens in Dunn.

Mr. Barbour is survived by his wife, Bobbie P. Barbour; a daughter, La Gall Oldenburg of Killeen, Texas; a son, Micky J. Barbour of Angier; his parents, James A. and Ellie M. Barbour of Benson; three sisters, Neta Womble and Brenda Slickney, both of Four Oaks, and Betty Capps of Autryville; and two brothers, Bradford Barbour of Four Oaks and Billy W. Barbour of Angier.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

### **Thelma Ruth Parrish Johnson**

Dunn Daily Record  
04/02/2007

Thelma Parrish Johnson, 94, of Campo, Calif., formerly of Coats, died Friday, March 30, 2007, at Hospice in La Mesa, Calif., from a combination of Alzheimers and diabetic complications. She was a native of Harnett County and the Coats area. She was born May 6, 1912, to Zola and Carlie Parrish of Coats.

She and her husband, Garland Johnson, raised four children on their farm near her ancestral home near Coats. She was an accomplished seamstress and did work for many people over a wide area until her move to California at age 88. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday at Coats Baptist Church by the Rev. Jesse Mooney. Burial will follow at the Coats City Cemetery.

Survivors include children, Larry Johnson and wife Arvilla of Campo, Rebecca Miller and husband Harlan of Danville, Calif., Carmen Creech and husband Charles of Zebulon; grandchildren, Sheryl, J.C., Dale, Ron and Terry; great-grandchildren, Amanda, Dan, Jorden, Erin, Gulliana, Shannon, Clark and Nicole, of New Hampshire, North Carolina, Arizona and California; and three sisters.

The family will receive friends Thursday from 10 to 10:45 a.m. at Coats Baptist Church. Instead of flowers, donations may be made to Coats Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 297, Coats, NC 27521; Grossmont Hospital Foundation; or to Sharp Hospicecare Fund-Lakeview Home, P.O. Box 158, La Mesa, CA 91944-0158. Arrangements by Rose & Graham Funeral Home of Coats.

### **Walter Rufus Norris**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
April 9, 1998

ERWIN -- Walter Rufus Norris, 72, of 111 Fourth St. died Monday in his home. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War. The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. today in East Erwin Baptist Church by the Revs. Charles Young and Ron Byrd. Burial will be in the Ryals family cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by Price Funeral Home.

Mr. Norris is survived by his wife, Reva R. Norris of the home; three sons, Jerry Norris and Michael Norris, both of Newberry, Fla., and Walter H. Norris of Erwin; three daughters, Donna Hair of Linden, Teressa Silvas of Angier and Cami Viganas of Erwin; three sisters, Shirley Pahl of Hebo, Ore., Evelyn Small of Clayton and Ruth Temple of Erwin; 15 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 407 Ray Ave., Fayetteville, N.C. 28301, or to Hospice of Harnett County, 111-A Ellis Ave., Dunn, N.C. 28334.