

Agnes Johnson Dupree

Dunn Daily Record

3/28/2005

Agnes Johnson Dupree, 86, of 135 White Memorial Church Road, Angier, died Sunday at Rex Hospital in Raleigh. She was born Nov. 24, 1918, in Johnston County to the late John Robert and Effie Dupree Johnson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Alfred Dupree. Mrs. Dupree was a homemaker and a member of Pleasant Grove Women's Home Demonstration Club. A graveside service will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday at Fellowship Community Cemetery in Angier by Elder James Denning.

Survivors include a daughter, Gail D. Spry and husband Bill of Angier; sons, Larry Dupree and wife Margaret of Goldsboro, Don Dupree and wife Brenda of Angier; a sister, Royline Wedding of Charlotte; grandchildren, Tammy Dupree, Donna Dupree, Wendy George and Amy Reed; and great-grandchildren, Megan and Logan George.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson. Flowers are welcome, however, memorials may be made to Pleasant Grove Senior Center, 15832 N.C. 210, Angier, N.C. 27501; or to one's favorite charity.

Alice Jane Johnson Parrish

Dunn Daily Record

March 05, 2003

Alice J. Parrish, 93, of Brookfield Retirement Center in Angier, died Monday. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bryan-Lee Funeral Chapel in Angier with burial to follow at Johnson Family Cemetery.

Survivors include three sons, Buddy Parrish and his wife Rachel of Angier, Bobby Parrish and his wife Polly of Walkertown, and Bennie G. Parrish and his wife Elizabeth of Angier; a sister, Flonnie Holland of Angier; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7-9 at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home.

Allen Carrington Johnson

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

February 25, 2002

Allen C. Johnson, 89, of Dunn, died Saturday. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Skinner Funeral Home chapel in Dunn. Burial will be in Lee-Johnson Cemetery.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife, Ellameta S. Johnson of Dunn; a son, Allen W. Johnson of Benson; a daughter, Betsy Johnson of Dunn; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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

Allen Wayne Johnson

Dunn Daily Record
05/09/2005

The Rev. Allen Wayne Johnson, 61, of 7196 N.C. 50, Benson, died Sunday, May 8, 2005, at his home. Rev. Johnson was born Aug. 10, 1943, in Harnett County to Ellameta Smith Johnson of Dunn and the late Allen Carlton Johnson. He had retired after 31 years of service with UPS and continued his work in the ministry. Rev. Johnson was a member of Jonesboro Baptist Church and was known for his love of farming.

A celebration of life service will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson by the Revs. Leon Tart, Fritz Young and Hubert Morgan. Burial will follow at the Lee-Johnson Family Cemetery.

Survivors, in addition to his mother, include his wife, Florine "Flo" Beasley Johnson; a daughter, Carol J. Horne and husband Ricky of Benson; a son, Timothy Wayne Johnson and wife Traci of Benson; a sister, Betsy Johnson of Dunn; and grandchildren, Kristin N. Horne, Ashley L. Horne and Rebecca K. Johnson, all of Benson.

The family will receive friends Tuesday from noon to 1:45 p.m. at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson.

Alton Raymond Johnson

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
July 19, 2001

Alton Raymond "A.R." Johnson, 82, of Dunn, died Tuesday in Kitty Askins Hospice Center in Goldsboro. A Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church by Father B.E. Sclesinger. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife, Josephine L. Johnson; two daughters, Kay Kennedy of Smithfield and Nancy Blackman of Dunn; four sons, Alton Johnson and Jerry Johnson, both of Dunn, Joseph E. Johnson of Newton Grove and George Johnson of the home; three sisters, Eula J. Thornberg of Raeford and Shirley J. Johnson and Eva J. Ivey, both of Benson; a brother, George P. Johnson of Benson; five grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

A rosary service will be recited today at 6 p.m. at the Skinner Funeral Home in Dunn. The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Sampson County, 1023 Beamon St., Clinton, NC 28328; or to Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Irwin Drive, Newton Grove, NC 28366.

Alton Sherwood Parrish

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
12/12/2006

Alton "Archie" Sherwood Parrish, age 83, of 304 Raleigh Street, Newton Grove died Monday, December 11, 2006. Funeral service at West & Dunn Funeral Home Chapel Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Tony Joyner officiating. Interment Thursday, December 14, 2006 in Sunset Memorial Park, Smithfield. Visitation, West & Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 13, 2006.

Survivors, wife, Norma T. Parrish; son, Dale T. Parrish of Newton Grove; grandchildren, Paige Parrish and Mackenzie Parrish; brothers, Parrott A. Parrish, Jr. of Melrose, FL; sisters, Julia Miller of Holly Springs and Elaine Landgon of Four Oaks.

He was preceded in death by parents, Parrott A. Parrish, Sr. and Beulah Johnson Parrish and brother, Gene B. Parrish.

Arrangements by West & Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.westanddunn.com.

Alzula Stephenson Stewart Johnson

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
May 18, 1997

BENSON -- Mrs. Alzula Stewart Johnson, 93, of 2693 Benson-Hardee Road died Saturday. She was a homemaker and a member of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday in Ebenezer Presbyterian Church by the Revs. Warren Bock and Carl Dixon. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by two daughters, Katherine S. Wassermann and Betty S. Denning, both of Benson; two sisters, Emojean S. Green of Benson and Joyce S. Cotton of Fuquay-Varina; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home and at other times at the home.

Annie Ennis McGee

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

December 14, 2000

Mrs. Annie Ennis McGee, 88, formerly of Benson, died Sunday at Vintage Inn Retirement Center in Williamston. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Friday at the Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel in Benson. Officiating will be the Elders Worth Stephenson and Johnny Ray Gardner. Burial will follow in Devotional Gardens, Dunn.

Mrs. McGee was born April 13, 1912 in Johnston County to the late Dell and Ara Irma Johnson Ennis. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Colon McGee. She was a homemaker.

Surviving: son, Connie Mac McGee of Williamston; sisters, Fannie Grace Barbour-Corey of Raleigh, Larue Proctor of Lincolnton; brother, Wilbert Ray Ennis of Charlotte; grandchildren, Michael O'Neal McGee, Melissa M. Smith, Patrick Shawn McGee, Jonathan Floyd McGee, and Shannon W. Ward; great-grandchildren, Jesse McGee Smith, Hannah Colleene Smith and Dylan Paul McGee.

The family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Benson, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday. The family suggests memorials to be made to Vintage Inn Retirement Center, 826 E. Blvd. Hwy. 17, Williamston, NC 27892.

Annie Esther Johnson Jernigan

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

February 17, 2002

Mrs. Annie Johnson Jernigan, age 82, of Benson, died Saturday at Smithfield Manor. Funeral services will be 3:00 p.m. Sunday at the Rose and Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson. Officiating will be Rev. Henry Lee and Rev. Tommy Smith. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery, Benson.

Mrs. Jernigan was born August 29, 1919 in Johnston County to the late Robert Lee and Lelia Esther Allen Johnson. She was preceded in death by her husband Raymond D. Jernigan. Mrs. Jernigan was a homemaker.

Survivors include: daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce Ann and Billy Matthews of Coats, and Lelia Cathryn and Craig McLamb of Garner; sons and daughter-in-law, Larry Ray and Darlene Jernigan, and Jimmy Dee Jernigan, all of Benson; sister, Margaret J. Carden of Durham, grandchildren, Wendy and Sandy Jernigan, Melissa Matthews, and Chase and Logan McLamb.

The family will be at the home of Joyce and Billy Matthews, 7250 Hwy 27 East, Coats, NC.

Annie Lucile McLemore Austin

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

December 19, 2003

SMITHFIELD -- Lucile McLemore Austin, age 90, died Wednesday at Smithfield Manor Nursing Home in Smithfield, NC. Born October 9, 1913 in Johnston County to the late Dr. George A. and Nellie Johnson McLemore of the Cleveland Community and Smithfield, she was the widow of Bill Joe Austin and was predeceased by a son, George Willis Austin, and brother, Dr. George A. McLemore, Jr.

Lucile graduated with honors from the Woman's College of UNC in 1934. She taught at Archer Lodge following graduation. In 1935, she married Bill Joe Austin of Smithfield. From that time on, the love of her life was her role as wife and mother.

Lucile was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where she served on the Altar Guild. With creativity and great affection for the little children of St. Paul's, she also taught the beginners' Sunday School class for more than 30 years. For 25 years, Mrs. Austin served as a volunteer with Contact Telephone Ministries.

Lucile and husband visited the residents of Smithfield Manor Nursing Home every Sunday afternoon from the time the facility opened. When she became a resident herself in 1996, she continued to spread joy to other residents and staff.

Memorial service will be conducted at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Smithfield at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, December 29, 2003, with the Rev. William Marchl officiating. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery on Front Street in Smithfield.

Surviving are her daughter, Margaret Lee LeMaster and husband, Leonard of Tucson, AZ; son, William Joseph Austin, Jr. and wife, Gail of New Bern; seven grandchildren: George Willis Austin, Jr., Elizabeth Austin Phillips, Joseph B. Austin, David Ratcliffe, Keith Ratcliffe, Laura McLemore Austin, and Margaret R. Austin; 11 great-grandchildren; brother, Dr. Robert McLemore of Springfield, OH; and sisters, Margaret Lee and Eloise Grady, both of Smithfield.

The family will receive friends in St. Paul's Parish Hall following the interment. The family requests memorial contributions be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 218 South Second Street, Smithfield, NC 27577. Arrangements by Underwood Funeral Home.

Aulsey Jason Dunn

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

March 5, 1999

Mr. A. Jason Dunn, 91, a retired insurance agent, of 89 Jonesboro Rd., died Wednesday at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. Funeral service will be 3 p.m. Sunday at Stone's Creek Advent

Christian Church. The Revs. Doug Able, Edward Adams and Don Wrigley, Sr. will officiate. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Mr. Dunn was born September 22, 1907 in Johnston County to the late Leander and Effie Johnson Dunn. He worked at Erwin Cotton Mills and Coca Cola Bottling Company. Mr. Dunn was an insurance agent for 30 years with American National Insurance. He was an active member of Stone's Creek Advent Christian Church for over 60 years and served in many capacities. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Mr. Dunn was preceded in death by his first wife, Anna Adams Dunn. Surviving: wife, Eloise Wood Dunn; stepdaughter, Brindle W. Goodwin of Smithfield; stepson, Larry B. Wood of Benson; four step-granddaughters; several nieces and nephews.

Family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson from 7-9 p.m. Friday. Family suggest memorial contributions be made to Stone's Creek Advent Christian Church, 343 Woods Crossroads Road, Benson, NC 27504.

Berles Clayborn Johnson

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
February 16, 1998

Berles Clayborn Johnson, 87, of Lillington died Saturday in Rex Hospital in Raleigh. Mr. Johnson retired from Campbell University where he was the purchasing and personnel director from 1962-1976. He was a former Harnett County Tax Supervisor. The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Neills Creek Baptist Church by the Revs. Jeff Roberts and Michael Cogdill. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mr. Johnson is survived by three sons, Donald Johnson of Wilmington, Del., Leonard Johnson of the home and Richard Johnson of Greenville; two brothers, Caswell Johnson of Lillington and Ellis Johnson of Fayetteville; four sisters, Juanita Beal of Lillington, Nelva Upchurch of Dunn, and Marguerite Langdon and Doris McPhaul, both of Fayetteville; and seven grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home and at other times at the home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Berles C. and Frances B. Johnson Scholarship Fund, Campbell University, Buies Creek, N.C. 27506, or to Neills Creek Baptist Church, Route 4, Box 62, Angier, N.C. 27501.

Betty Lee Johnson Beasley

Dunn Daily Record

3/21/2002

Betty Johnson Beasley, 75, of 180 Spence Mill Road, Fuquay-Varina, died Tuesday. Funeral services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Piney Grove Baptist Church. Burial will be at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include her husband, Corbett Beasley; daughters, Georgia Pearl Key and husband Bob of Miami, Fla., and Debra B. Jarmon and husband David; sons, Harvey Lee Beasley, Johnny Mack Beasley and wife Wanda, all of Fuquay-Varina; seven grandchildren; sisters, Janet Cole and Sarah Webb of Angier, Peggy Young of California and Millie Ferris of Missouri.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to Hospice of Harnett County. A service of Sugg Funeral Home.

Billy Cutts

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

February 3, 1998

COATS -- Billy Cutts, 68, of S. Carrie Street died Monday. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War, and was a retired electrical engineer. A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday in Oak Grove Baptist Church cemetery in Angier by the Rev. Chuck Herrin. Arrangements are being handled by Rose & Graham Funeral Home.

Mr. Cutts is survived by a sister, Lillian C. Bowden of Coats.

The family will receive friends at the home of Lillian C. Bowden, 115 N. Ida St., Coats. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Coats United Methodist Church building fund, care of Dottie Tyndall, P.O. Box 388, Coats, N.C. 27521.

Brazilla Stewart Stewart

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

January 17, 1998

BENSON -- Mrs. Brazilla S. Stewart, 77, of Route 7, Box 397-A, died Thursday in her home. She was a homemaker. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. today in Hodges Chapel Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church by the Revs. Robert O. Hutson and Curtiss Tatum. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by Rose & Graham Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stewart is survived by two daughters, Judy S. Lee of Four Oaks and Norma J. Barefoot of Dunn; a son, Billy O. Stewart of Benson; and five grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the home.

Brian Harry Thornberg

News-Journal, The (Raeford, NC)
04/27/2006

Brian Harry Thornberg, 85, of Raeford, died Thursday, April 20, 2006 in FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst. Mr. Thornberg was a member of Shiloh Presbyterian Church where he was Clerk of the Session. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a farmer in Hoke County.

Mr. Thornberg was a tax collector and held the office of magistrate in Hoke County. A memorial service was conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 23 at Shiloh Presbyterian Church with the Reverend Sanders Read officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Survivors are his wife, Eula Johnson Thornberg of Raeford; two sons, Alan J. Thornberg and his wife, Linda Thornberg, of Pinebluff and Harry Lee Thornberg of Raeford; one daughter, Patricia T. Stokes, and her husband, Leonard Stokes, of Rockingham; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Shiloh Presbyterian Church, 127 Ruth Street, Aberdeen, NC 28315. Crumpler Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Raeford served the family.

Callie Byrd Byrd

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
December 9, 2001

BENSON - Mrs. Callie Byrd Byrd, 101 of 6349 Elevation Rd., died Friday at her residence. A graveside service will be 3 p.m. Sunday at Devotional Gardens in Dunn. Officiating will be the Revs. King White and Jimmy Barnhill.

Mrs. Byrd was born September 14, 1900 in Johnston County to the late Thomas and Sallie Johnson Byrd. She was preceded in death by her husband, Zeb B. Byrd, Sr.; sons, Lee Thomas and Lacy Byrd; daughter, Geniel Byrd.

Mrs. Byrd was a member of the Benson Pentecostal Holiness Church, Banner Post 109 Ladies Auxiliary, Banner Home Demonstration Club, LIFE Group of the Gospel Tabernacle, N.C. Central AGLOW Group, and was a homemaker.

Survivors included: daughter, Sallie B. Wood of Benson; son and daughter-in-law, Z.B., Jr. and Marie Byrd of Benson; seven grandchildren, Renee' Wood, Lisa Carlson and husband, Chris, Charles Byrd and wife, Amy, Sandra Daniels and husband, Bill, Steve Byrd and wife, Karen, Phil Byrd, and Rodney Byrd and wife, Erica; 10 great-grandchildren, Callie, Ann Marie, and Covington Carlson, Zeb and Austin Byrd, Brent and David Massengill, Sandy Barnes, Phil, Jr. and Lee Byrd; three great-great-grandchildren, Tori and Savannah Byrd, and David Nathan Massengill.

Arrangements by Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Benson.

Callie Stephenson Johnson

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
November 8, 2000

ZEBULON - Callie Stephenson Johnson, 88, of 7905 Old Bunch Road died Tuesday, November 7, 2000 at her home. Funeral 11 a.m. Thursday, November 9, 2000 at L. Harold Poole Funeral Service Chapel. Burial, Fellowship Community Cemetery, Angier, Old Fairground Road - Johnston County.

Surviving: daughters, Royline Johnson of Zebulon, Patricia J. Thaxton and her husband, Howard of Burlington; sons, Ronald E. Johnson and his wife, Brenda of Zebulon, Donald B. Johnson and his wife Myra of Garner; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Johnson was preceded in death by her husband, Brasbey Ernest Johnson, February 24, 1989.

Family will receive relatives and friends from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 8, 2000 at L. Harold Poole Funeral Service and Crematory, 944 Old Knight Road, Knightdale, NC 27545 and other times at the home 7905 Old Bunch Road, Zebulon, NC 27597.

Carlos Benjamin Dixon

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
September 3, 1999

COATS -- Carlos Benjamin Dixon, 84, of 194 E. Main St. died Thursday in his home. The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Saturday in Coats Baptist Church by the Revs. Ronnie Byrd, Jesse Mooney and John Stephenson. Burial will be in Devotional Gardens in Dunn.

Mr. Dixon is survived by two daughters, Gwen Stewart of Graham and Betty E. Dixon of Coats; a son, Dr. R. Harold Dixon of Coats; a sister, Naomi Lee of Coats; and seven grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Coats Funeral Home & Crematory. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Coats Baptist Church; Hospice of Harnett County; or to the charity of one's choice.

Charles David Denning

Dunn Daily Record
10/19/2005

Charles David Denning, 84, of the Easy Street Community of Johnston County died Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2005, at his home after a brief illness. The Johnston County native was a son of the late Malcom F. and Mary Catherine Johnson Denning. He was a retired farmer and heavy construction operator. Mr. Denning was a member of Calvary Baptist Church. He was a member and past master of Mill Creek No. 125 AF&AM Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite Bodies of Wilmington, and Sudan Shriners in New Bern.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Graydon Bryan and Luther Perry Denning; a sister, Sallie Johnson; and stepfather, Henry Alton Bryan. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday at Calvary Baptist Church by the Rev. Joe Norris. Burial will be at Lee-Johnson Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Bryan Denning; sons, David Denning of Wilmington and Bryan Denning of North Myrtle Beach, S.C.; a sister, Mary Lou Park of Goldsboro; and grandchildren, Christopher Denning, Alex Denning and Jennifer Marie Denning.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home of Dunn. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.skinnerandsmith.com.

Civil Elizabeth Johnson Parker

(Courtesy of Bob Mason)

Smithfield Herald
06/25/1937

MRS. CIVIL PARKER DIES NEAR TOWN - Funeral Held Wednesday At Smithfield Primitive Baptist Church

Tuesday, June 22, marked the close of a long and useful life in the Hopewell community when death let down the curtain on the closing events in the quiet and peaceful life of Mrs. Civil Parker, who would have celebrated her 92nd birthday on September 4.

Death came at 10:30 a. m. after a brief illness caused by the infirmities of old age. Mrs. Parker had enjoyed the best of health all her life, and had been quite active until the last two or three weeks. She had never been sick enough to require the services of a physician until her recent illness.

Several months ago she amazed her neighbors by walking a distance of a mile to visit a lifelong friend and walking back home, refusing all offers of a ride. The incident attracted the attention of the press, and newspapers in North Carolina and eastern Tennessee published accounts of Mrs. Parker's visit.

For many years she was noted for her kindly deeds among the sick and unfortunate in her community. Her quiet and gentle disposition was reflected in her peaceful and well ordered life, and she lived a serene and placid existence. Descending from a long line of Primitive Baptists, she remained a faithful adherent to that faith until the end.

Mrs. Parker was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Johnson, pioneer settlers of Johnston county, living near Four Oaks. Her father was a large landed property owner. Funeral for Mrs. Parker were held at the Smithfield Primitive Baptist church, Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock, conducted by Elder J. T. Lewis, and interment took place in Oakland cemetery. Flower bearers were nieces of the deceased, and the following nephews acted as pall bearers: Alton Dupree, Ralph Johnson, Walter Langdon, David Langdon, Joseph Langdon, Oscar Langdon, Joseph Barbour and Joel A. Johnson.

Surviving are five daughters and one son, as follows: Mrs. Nettie Dupree of near Smithfield, with whom she lived; Mrs. Ella Johnson of Coats; J. W. Parker of Wendell; Mrs. Mollie Langdon, Mrs. Annie Stephenson, and Mrs. Lelia Barbour of near Clayton. She also leaves a number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren.

Claude Junior McCabe

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
October 7, 2001

Mr. Claude Junior McCabe, age 73, of Elevation Rd. Four Oaks died Wednesday at the Rex Hospital. He was born in Johnston County on April 16, 1928 to the late Claude W. McCabe and Dora Johnson McCabe.

Mr. McCabe was a veteran of World War II with the US Marines. He was a retired farmer and a member of Hickory Grove Advent Christian Church. His funeral service will be held Sunday 2 p.m. at Hickory Grove Church. Burial will follow at the Hills of the Neuse Memory Gardens. Rev. Steve Lawson will officiate.

Surviving are wife of 54 years Hazel Lee McCabe; daughter, Susan M. Dunn of Four Oaks; son, Claude E. McCabe and wife, Barbara; grandchildren, Tiffany and Dana McCabe, Tommie Dunn; brothers Willard R. McCabe of Benson and Archie McCabe of Clayton; step-grandchildren, Rob Johnson of Angier and Lisa Murawski of LaPorte Indiana; five step great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hickory Grove Church Building Fund.

Clayton Blackmon Johnson

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
September 30, 1998

Mr. Clayton Blackmon Johnson, 78, of Coats, died Monday at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Thursday at the Coats United Methodist Church. The Rev. Chuck Herrin will officiate. Burial will follow in the Coats City Cemetery.

Mr. Johnson was born in Harnett County April 18, 1920 to the late Claude Benton and Lola Ryals Johnson. He was married to the late Wilhelmina Coats Johnson. Mr. Johnson was a US Army Veteran of WWII and was a member of American Legion Banner Post 109. He was a member of the Coats United Methodist Church and a member of the Coats Junior Order.

Survivors include: son and daughter-in-law, Clyde T. and Betty Gaster of Raleigh; sisters, Roatha McLeod and Juanita Strickland, both of Portsmouth, VA; granddaughters, Terry Sherron, Debbie Watkins, and Mandy Gaster; five great-grandchildren.

Cleon Wood Barefoot

Dunn Daily Record
2/21/2005

Cleon Wood Barefoot, 89, of Dunn died Friday at Liberty Commons Nursing Center in Benson. She was a native of Johnston County, born Jan. 29, 1916, to the late Fernnie and Melia Johnson Wood. She was a member of Hickory Grove Primitive Baptist Church and a retired variety store office manager. Mrs. Barefoot was preceded in death by her husband, Buddy Barefoot; sisters, Velma Wood and Gertrude Royal; and brothers, Dennis Wood, Larry Wood and Garry Wood.

Funeral services were held 3 p.m. Sunday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson by Elder Ray King. Burial followed at Devotional Gardens.

Survivors include a sister, Kathleen McLamb of Benson; stepdaughter, Edith Johnson of Linden; a stepson, Bobby Barefoot of Spring Lake; and several nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to Hickory Grove Primitive Baptist Church, c/o Debbie King, 2474 Sumter Drive, Garner, N.C. 27529.

Cora Florence Adams Johnson Pleasant

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
February 24, 1996

COATS -- Mrs. Cora Johnson Pleasant, 92, of Route 1 died Thursday. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel in Benson by the Revs. Ralph Byrd and Ronnie Byrd. Burial will be in Devotional Gardens in Dunn.

Mrs. Pleasant is survived by five daughters, Jacqueline J. Nordan and Willadean J. Johnson, both of Coats, Lea J. Frank of Muttontown, N.Y., Patricia J. Capps of Raleigh and Josephine J. Matthews of Richmond, Va.; three sons, Wilton Johnson of Coats, Tommy Johnson of Wendell and Jimmy Johnson of Raleigh; 18 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

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

D. Heber Johnson, Sr.

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
January 20, 1998

BENSON -- D. Heber Johnson Sr., 86, of 7440 N.C. 50 South died Monday in his home. He was a farmer and a produce broker. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel by the Revs. Robert Capps and Robert Cooke. Entombment will be in Roselawn Cemetery.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife, Hattie S. Johnson; two daughters, Frances J. Johnson of Greensboro and Anne J. Lee of Benson; a son, Daniel S. Johnson of Winston-Salem; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Trinity Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall Building Fund, 7538 N.C. 50 South, Benson, N.C. 27504, or to Johnston Memorial Home Care and Hospice, P.O. Box 1376, Smithfield, N.C. 27577.

Dalton Bickett Mason

Herald-Sun, The (Durham, NC)
September 19, 1997

Mr. D. Bickett Mason, 80, of 2517 New Raleigh Road died Thursday morning in Duke University Medical Center. Mr. Mason was a native of Harnett County and attended the Harnett County Public Schools. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church where he belonged to the Julian S. Carr Bible class. Mr. Mason was a past-president and charter member

of the Bethesda Ruritan Club and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He owned and operated D.B. Mason Home Furnishings as well as Furniture Villa, retiring in 1982.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday in Trinity United Methodist Church. Officiating will be the Rev. H. Gray Southern. Interment with committal rites will be at 2:30 Saturday afternoon in the Floral Garden Park Cemetery in High Point with the Rev. Glenn Mason officiating.

Surviving are his wife, Cornelia Howard Mason; a son, Lester H. Mason of San Ramon, Calif.; three brothers, Kern Mason of Wilson, Carl Mason of Raleigh, Kinton Mason of Fuquay-Varina and several loving nieces and nephews. Mr. Mason was preceded in death by a sister, Vera Mason Sears.

The family will receive friends Friday night from 6 until 8 o'clock at Howerton & Bryan Funeral Home. Flowers are acceptable or memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, 215 N. Church St., Durham, NC 27701.

David Lentis Poole

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
February 4, 2000

COATS - Mr. David Lentis Poole age 82, of 594 N. Orange Street, died Thursday at his residence after an extended illness. Funeral Service will be 11 a.m. Saturday at the Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Coats. The Revs. Jesse Mooney and Ronnie Byrd will officiate. Burial will follow in Lakeside Memorial Gardens, Angier.

Mr. Poole was born February 2 1918, in Harnett County to the late Robert Almond and Nettie Johnson Poole. He was preceded in death by his wife, Inez Causey Poole; grandson, David Lee Trogdon; sister, Elsie Poole Godwin; brothers, Waylon Poole and William Poole. Mr. Poole was a retired carpenter and was a lifetime member of the Coats Junior Order.

Surviving are daughter, Sandra P. Trogdon of Raleigh; son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Judith Poole of Raleigh; sister, Gladys Johnson of Benson; three grandchildren, Robert Lentis Trogdon, William Fate Trogdon, and Nichole Poole; great-granddaughters Amanda Trogdon and Logan Trogdon.

Family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Coats, 7-9 p.m. Friday.

Dixie Magdalene Clayton Johnson

The News & Observer
April 4, 2003

BENSON -- Mrs. Dixie Clayton Johnson, age 64, of 3160 NC Hwy 50 North died Thursday at her home. Funeral service will be 2:00 PM Saturday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel, Benson. Rev. Don Williams will officiate. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Johnson was born May 6, 1938 in Johnston County to the late James William and Royaline Parrish Clayton. She was a homemaker and a member of Pleasant Hill Christian Church. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Robin and Carlie Clayton.

Surviving are husband, Homer D. Johnson; daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Mike Lee of Four Oaks; sons and daughter-in-law, H. DeLeon and Bonnie Johnson and Brian Johnson, all of Benson; sisters, Neta Johnson, Joyce Coats, and Wilma Stone, all of Benson; brothers, Larry Clayton and Donald Clayton, both of Benson; six grandchildren, Travis Johnson, Casey and Kelly Barefoot, Ashley, Rebecca, and Taylor Johnson.

The family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM Friday.

Dorothy Ruth Godwin Johnson

Daily Record
08/09/2006

Dorothy Godwin Johnson, 86, of 4055 N.C. 55 West, Angier, died Monday, Aug. 7, 2006, at Brookfield Retirement Center in Lillington. She was born Jan. 8, 1920, in Johnston County to the late P.H. and Julia Morgan Godwin. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Johnson. She was a homemaker and a member of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church by the Revs. Joe Hester and Warren Bock. Burial will follow at Harnett Memorial Park in Lillington.

Survivors include a son, Doug Johnson and wife Freda of Angier; daughters, Ann J. O'Neal and husband Jimmy of Dunn, Paulette Y. Warren and husband Tony of Garner; a sister, Catherine G. Scott of Raleigh; grandchildren, Clark Johnson, Tara J. Redmond, Adrian O'Neal, Nickie J. Brown, Joshua Young, Adam O'Neal and Erin Warren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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

Edith Eloise Turlington Gregory

Dunn Daily Record

2/14/2005

Eloise Turlington Gregory, 87, of 73 S. Turner Court, Apt. F, Coats, died Saturday at Good Hope Hospital in Erwin. She was born Jan. 17, 1918, in Harnett County to the late Andrew Lee and Isabelle Johnson Turlington. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ira Hinton Gregory; and son-in-law, William "Bill" C. Henke. Mrs. Gregory retired from the textile industry, was a homemaker and a member of Erwin Chapel PFWB Church.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Coats by the Revs. Virgil Murphy and Jerome Pope. Burial will follow at Erwin Chapel Church Cemetery.

Survivors include daughters, Janice Gregory Henke of Fayetteville, Pat Wayne Ennis and husband Wayne of Coats; sons, Gene Wayne Gregory of Raleigh, E.W. Gregory and wife Linda of Anniston, Ala., Lee Gregory and wife Liz of Lutz, Fla.; sisters, Thelma T. Johnson of Erwin, Kathleen T. Bowden of Sanford and Margaret Gregory of Dunn; a brother, Bobby Turlington of Erwin; 21 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats and other times at the home of Pat and Wayne Ennis, 465 N. Orange St., Coats.

Edna Pope Raynor

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

06/08/2007



Mrs. Edna Pope Raynor of Raleigh went to be with her heavenly Father on June 8, 2007. She was born in Harnett Co., to the late Joseph B. and Leva J. Pope and was preceded in death by her son Marion Raynor.

Edna was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. A committed follower of Jesus Christ and a friend to many. She was a graduate of NC State University and worked for the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services for 43 years. She developed the Cancer Registry and also started the Cancer Clinics for North Carolina. A funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. Monday at Emmanuel Baptist Church with Rev. Leon Bizzell officiating. Burial will be at Raleigh Memorial Park.

Surviving are her husband, Edgar Poe Raynor; a grandson, Stephen M. Raynor; daughter-in-law, Judy Fowler and husband,

Ron; four sisters, Reba P. Byrd, Hazel P. Tart both of Coats, Evangeline P. Barbour of Richmond, VA, and Lena P. Honeycutt of Grand Rapids, MI; a brother, Murmon D. Pope of Greta, VA; and 39 nieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends Monday from 9:30 until 11:00 a.m. at Emmanuel Baptist Church. The family asks in lieu of flowers that memorials be made to the Emmanuel Baptist Church, 2100 Noble Rd., Raleigh, NC 27608. Arrangements are by Skinner & Smith Funeral Home of Dunn, NC. Online condolences may be sent to www.skinnerandsmith.com.

Eliza Jane Adams Dupree

(courtesy of Billy Yeargin)

The attached obituaries of Liza Jane Adams Dupree appeared in the Zion Landmark - one written by her brother, Joseph E. Adams and one by her husband, Joseph Dupree.

The subject of this notice, Eliza Jane Adams Dupree, was a dear sister of mine in the flesh, but more dear in that spiritual relation to our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, as I hope she was one of the Lord's poor and precious jewels. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." We sorrow not as those without hope. We believe our dear sister died or fell asleep in Jesus, and blessed are all such.

She possessed a meek and quiet spirit, was a faithful and devoted member of the church and delighted to have the brethren and sisters at her house, and especially the ministering brethren of whom she had a goodly number to stop with her. Many will remember her. We all miss her, but none so much as her dear husband, our brother Joseph Dupree. A good wife is of the Lord. He giveth and taketh away and we should bow in humble submission to his holy will and say blessed be his Holy name forever and ever. He doeth all things well and for the best. May the good Lord comfort the hearts of the bereaved and reconcile us all more and more to his righteous will in all things. In hope

JE ADAMS

It is with a sad and sorrowful heart, that I attempt to write for publication a notice of the death of my dear, kind and loving wife. She was the daughter of Joseph and Tiliatha Adams. She was born Feb. 10th, 1839 and died Nov. 23rd, 1898, making her stay on earth 59 years, 9 months and 13 days. She united with the church at Sandy Grove, Johnston Co. N.C. on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in April 1888 and was baptized the next day by Elder J.T. Coats. She was a good and faithful member till her death. Her disease was typhoid fever.

We were happily united in marriage the 29th day of March 1865. She was a good, kind and loving wife, a good mother and mother-in-law, was the mother of eleven children, 3 dead, eight living, 6 boys and 2 girls, and seven grandchildren. She left 5 sisters and 2 brothers, a host of brethren, sisters and friends and myself to mourn our loss, but have good reason to believe our loss is her eternal gain. How sad it is to part with dear companions and friends. Oh! How much

we miss her, but we all feel that our loss is her gain-desire to be submissive to the Lord's will. She said to me on the Sunday before she died that she was willing for the Lord to take her and dispose of her according to his will. We feel that it was his will to take her to himself and that she is now at rest where there is no more death, no more parting, where all is peace and happiness, there to sing God's praise for ever and ever, where we will see Jesus and be like him, in the prayer of her bereaved husband in hope. Brother Gold and all brethren, pray for me.

JOSEPH DUPREE

Eloise Johnson Honeycutt

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
February 14, 2001

Eloise Johnson Honeycutt, age 83, 202 Skyland Dr. Smithfield, died Tuesday morning at Rex Hospital. Graveside service Thursday 11 a.m. at Hills of Neuse Memory Gardens. Memorial service at 12:30 p.m. Hickory Grove Advent Christian Church with Rev. Steve Lawson, Rev. Roger Byrd and Mr. Mike Tart officiating. Eloise was born in Johnston County on January 4, 1918 to the late Alonzo and Lillian Jones Johnson. She was predeceased by her spouse, Rev. Dalton P. Honeycutt on January 9, 1998.

Survivors, daughters, Margaret H. Boyd of Garner, Patricia H. Tart of Clayton; sons, Freddy Honeycutt and Dalton P. Honeycutt, both of Four Oaks; brother, Felton Johnson of Hillsborough; 10 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren.

Flowers are appreciated but contributions may be made to the building fund of the following churches: Hickory Grove AC Church, Hocutt Memorial Baptist Church, and Oakland Presbyterian Church.

A special thank you to Dr. Anan Soni and the staff of Laurels of Forest Glen Nursing Facility of Garner and the Nursing Staff at Rex Hospital. Family will be at Minshew Funeral Home Wednesday from 7 until 9 p.m.

Elsie Johnson Barbour

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
January 21, 1997

BENSON -- Mrs. Elsie Johnson Barbour, 93, of Harnett Manor died Monday in Good Hope Hospital in Erwin. She was a member of Providence Presbyterian Church and a homemaker. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Providence Presbyterian Church by the Revs. J.D. Nesselrodt and Billy Nowell. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Among her survivors are several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Providence Presbyterian Church, 14664, N.C. 210, Angier, N.C. 27501

Elsie Mae Pope Byrd

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
January 10, 1998

COATS -- Mrs. Elsie Mae Pope Byrd, 78, of Route 2, Box 807 died Thursday in her home. She was a homemaker. The funeral will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel in Coats by the Rev. Frank Neville. Burial will be in Devotional Gardens in Dunn.

Mrs. Byrd is survived by a daughter, Marjorie B. King of Coats; five sisters, Reba B. Williams of Coats, Edna Raynor of Raleigh, Hazel Tart of Dunn, Evangeline Barbour of Richmond, Va., and Lena Honeycutt of Grand Rapids, Mich.; a brother, M. David Pope of Gretna, Va.; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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

Ernest Marvin Turlington

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
September 28, 1996

DUNN -- Ernest Marvin "Lanky" Turlington, 76, of 1111 Friendly Road, died Thursday in Vencor Hospital in Greensboro. He served in the Navy during World War II. Mr. Turlington founded Lanky's Bicycle Shop and later worked with Machine & Welding Supply Co. until his retirement. He was a member of Palmyra Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Sudan Temple, the Dunn Shrine Club and was an original member of the Dunn Clowns. Mr. Dunn was also a member of First Baptist Church and the Dunn post of the American Legion.

The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Skinner Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. Rick McDuffie. Burial will be in Devotional Gardens.

Mr. Turlington is survived by his wife, Madeline Z. Turlington; a daughter, Barbara Avery of Dunn; a son, John Turlington of Raleigh; four sisters, Grace Thorp and Edith Grice of Calabash, Mavis Fucci of Reading, Pa., and Margie Jackson of Birmingham, Ala.; and a granddaughter.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at the funeral home and at other times at the home of Barbara Avery, 306 N. Westfield Drive.

Ervin Hughes

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

February 11, 1995

ANGIER -- Ervin Hughes, 70, of Route 4, Box 87, died Friday. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel in Coats by the Revs. Billy Bevens, Jeff Jones and Sexton Vann. Burial will be in the Byrd family cemetery, Route 1, Coats.

Mr. Hughes is survived by his wife, Hattie M. G. Hughes of the home; a son, Willie R. Hughes of Coats; a daughter, Donna H. Matthews of Kipling; a brother, Emery Hughes of Rockingham; five sisters, Lyda Moore, Ida M. Byrd and Louise Williams, all of Coats, Edna Faircloth of Hoffman and Betty Gibbs of Angier; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at the funeral home, and other times at the home of Willie R. Hughes, 102 E. Washington St., Coats.

Esther Cornelia House Johnson

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

January 21, 2002

KENLY -- Esther Cornelia House Johnson, age 86, died Saturday. A graveside service will be conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Holly Springs Church Cemetery.

Surviving are her sons, Ray Johnson and J. R. Johnson, both of Kenly; daughter, Sandra Tant of Zebulon; brothers, James House of Kenly and Norman House of Bethel; seven grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Monday from 7-9 p.m. at the Parrish Funeral Home in Selma.

Eva Gertrude Dunn Wheeler

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

November 22, 1995

BENSON -- Mrs. Eva Dunn Wheeler, 77, of 1553 Five Points Road died Monday. She was a member of Stone's Creek Advent Christian Church. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. today in Stone's Creek Advent Christian Church by the Rev. Wade Massengill. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Rose & Graham Funeral Home of Benson.

Mrs. Wheeler is survived by two daughters, Shirley W. Wood of Benson and Melba W. Lee of Dunn; a son, Willard Wheeler of Benson; two brothers, A. Jason Dunn of Dunn and Jasper J. Dunn of Garner; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Eva Wood Johnson Ivey

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
October 4, 2004

Mrs. Eva Wood Johnson Ivey, 68 of Benson, died October 2, 2004. Funeral, 2 p.m. Monday, October 4, 2004, at West and Dunn Funeral Home Chapel, Benson, with Rev. Calvin L. Leavitt and Rev. Ronnie LaFevers officiating. Burial, at Banner Chapel Church Cemetery.

Survivors: husband, John D. Ivey; son, John "Johnny" D. Ivey, Jr. of Benson; sisters, Eula Thornberg of Raeford, Shirley Johnson of Benson; brother, George P. Johnson of Benson; special niece, Gwen Johnson Green of Benson.

The family will received friends at West and Dunn Funeral Home of Benson from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, October 3, 2004. Memorials, May be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association. Arrangements by West and Dunn Funeral Home, Benson.

Fannie Inez Higgins Williford

Dunn Daily Record
09/26/2006

Fannie Inez Williford, 95, of 8500 N.C. 55 North, Angier, died Sunday, Sept. 24, 2006. A native of Johnston County, she was the daughter of the late Jimmy Higgins and Gertrude Johnson Higgins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Luther Williford; a daughter, Ruby W. McLean; sons, Jimmy Williford and Joe Williford; brothers, George, Leonard, Howard, Glen, Jap and Noah Higgins; and a sister, Naomi McGee. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday at Kennebec Baptist Church. Burial will follow at the church cemetery.

Survivors include daughters, Eloise Parker of Dunn, LaRue Adams, Sylvia Thompson and Jean Pulse of Angier; sons, James Williford of Roanoke Rapids, Gerald Williford and Ray Williford, both of Angier; 27 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home in Angier and other times at the home.

Firth Franklin Hodges

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
September 20, 2001

Firth Franklin "Frank" Hodges, 79, of Dunn, died Tuesday in his home. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday in Skinner Funeral Home chapel in Dunn by Dr. Karl Minor. Burial will be in Hodges Chapel Church cemetery.

Mr. Hodges is survived by his wife, Maude E. Hodges of Dunn; a son, Raymond H. Hodges of Dunn; a brother, George Hodges of Dunn; a half sister, Thelma Stephenson of Florida; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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

George Armie McLemore, Jr.

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

NEW YORK, NY -- Dr. George Ammie McLemore Jr. of New York City, died Sunday, July 13, 2003. He was born in Smithfield, NC on July 4, 1925, but lived most of his life in New York City where he practiced medicine for 55 years.

Dr. McLemore specialized in internal medicine and cardiology. He was known as New York's "country doctor" because he made house calls. He was widely respected for showing compassion to the city's homeless people. Until he retired two weeks ago, Dr. McLemore, 78, was still seeing patients.

Dr. McLemore graduated from Smithfield High School in 1942. He earned a certificate in medicine from the University of North Carolina in 1946 and his medical degree from Harvard University in 1948. He did his residency at N.C. Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, and at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston, MA. He served in the Medical Corps of the United States Army from 1951-1953.

During his career, Dr. McLemore was an assistant attending physician at The New York Hospital, attending physician at Doctors' Hospital, and assistant physician in cardiopulmonary service at Memorial Hospital. He was also assistant clinical professor of medicine at Cornell Medical College. Dr. McLemore was licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts and North Carolina as well as New York. He wrote many articles that appeared in medical journals.

The family will receive friends Friday from 7-9 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Stubbs, 401 S. Fourth St., Smithfield. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday at First Presbyterian Church in Smithfield. There will be a private burial at Oakland Presbyterian Church Cemetery in the Cleveland community.

In New York, friends will gather for a memorial service at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 22, at Central Presbyterian Church, at the corner of 64th Street and Park Avenue.

Dr. McLemore is survived by his wife of five years, Mary; three sisters, Margaret McLemore Lee, Lucile McLemore Austin and Eloise McLemore Grady, all of Smithfield; a brother, Dr. Robert A. McLemore of Springfield, OH; a daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Cole Russing of the Cleveland Community; two grandchildren, Lucile Elizabeth Russing and George Cole Russing; several nephews and nieces.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Johnston County Heritage Center, P.O. Box 2709, Smithfield, NC 27577 or to the Department of Medicine at Weill Medical College of Cornell University, 1300 York Ave., New York, NY 10021. Underwood Funeral Home is assisting the family.

George Ray Langdon

Dunn Daily Record
01/11/2006

George Ray Langdon, 84, of Lassiter Road, Four Oaks, died Tuesday morning, Jan. 10, 2006, at his home. He was born Nov. 27, 1921, in Johnston County to the late Willie Alfred and Mamie Johnson Langdon. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday at Minshew Funeral Home Chapel. Entombment will be at Sunset Memorial Park in Smithfield.

Survivors include his wife, Elaine Parrish Langdon; sons, George Michael Langdon and wife Barbara L. of Raleigh, Timonthy Ray Langdon and wife Renee K. of Four Oaks; a sister, Mary Lois Cooke of Four Oaks; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at Minshew Funeral Home.

Gladys Neal Johnson Dunn

Dunn Daily Record
12/29/2004

Gladys Neal Johnson Dunn, 80, of 305 Catherine St., Benson, died Tuesday at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital in Dunn. She was born May 13, 1924, in Johnston County to the late Paul D. and Pearl LeViner Johnson. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Mary Lynn Dunn; and a sister, Lina Pearl May.

She was a member of Benson United Methodist Church and a member of American Legion Banner Post 109 Ladies' Auxiliary. Mrs. Dunn was a bookkeeper for Johnson Cotton Company

for 26 years. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday at Benson United Methodist Church by the Rev. Arthur Warren. Burial will follow at Roselawn Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, Robie G. Dunn; a son, Paul Glenn Dunn and wife Cynthia of Benson; granddaughter, Caroline Meredith Dunn; and a brother, Paul Johnson Jr. of Siler City.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson. Flowers are welcome, however, memorials may be made to Benson United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 72, Benson, N.C. 27504.

Gladys Poole Johnson

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
November 1, 2000

BENSON -- Ms. Gladys P. Johnson, 71, of 4051 Benson-Hardee Road died Tuesday. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday in West & Dunn Funeral Home chapel in Benson by the Rev. Glenn McCullen. Burial will be in Devotional Gardens.

Ms. Johnson is survived by a son, Tony Johnson of Benson; a daughter, Vicky E. Johnson of Smithfield; and two grandchildren.

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

Hattie Gray Smith Johnson

Greensboro News & Record (NC)
February 4, 2004

BENSON - Mrs. Hattie Smith Johnson, 89, of 7440 N.C. Highway 50 S., died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004, at her residence. The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson. Officiating will be the Rev. Robert Capps. Entombment will follow in Roselawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Johnson was born on April 13, 1914, in Johnston County to the late James Henry and Hepsie Hudson Smith. She was preceded in death by her husband, D. Herber Johnson Sr., and a son, D. Herber Johnson Jr. Mrs. Johnson was a member of Trinity Baptist Church and was a homemaker.

Survivors include her daughters, Frances Johnson King of Greensboro and Anne Johnson Lee of Benson; son and daughter-in-law Daniel S. and Brenda Johnson of Winston-Salem; daughter-in-law Sylvia G. Johnson of Benson; special friend Ruth Massengill of Four Oaks; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson from 7 to 9 p.m. today. Flowers are welcome, however memorials may be made to Trinity Baptist Church, 7538 N.C. Highway 50 S., Benson, NC 27504.

Herm Ingram

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
November 26, 1996

FOUR OAKS -- Herm Ingram, 86, of 2654 Shaw Pond Road died Monday. He was a Navy veteran and a retired merchant. The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Wednesday in West Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. Sara Shields. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Mr. Ingram is survived by four daughters, Annette Boyette of Montpelier, Va., Jane Blackman of Newton Grove, Julia Willis of Spiveys Corner and Cora Langdon of Clinton; four sons, Larry Ingram of Garner, Jesse Ingram and W.F. Ingram, both of Lakewood, Calif., and Russell Ingram of Midway City, Calif.; a sister, Clyde Stanley of Greensboro; two brothers, Earl Ingram of Pinehurst and Owen Ingram of Four Oaks; 20 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Newton Grove Rescue Squad or to a favorite charity.

Hilda Rose Upchurch Lee

Dunn Daily Record
11/14/2003

Hilda Rose Upchurch Lee, 83, of West Myrtle Drive, Angier, died this morning at Good Hope Hospital in Erwin. She was a retired school teacher and was the daughter of the late Caul and Mamie Johnson Upchurch. She was preceded in death by sisters, Hazel Holmes Gardner and Ida "Polly" Wilkins.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. at Angier Baptist Church. Burial will be at Harnett Memorial Park. Survivors include her husband of 59 years, Howard R. Lee; a brother, Norcot Ray Upchurch of Lillington; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home in Angier.

Ida Jeanette Upchurch Denning

News And Observer

11/25/2001

Mrs. Jeanette Upchurch Denning, age 85, of Benson died Saturday at Smithfield Manor. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday at the Benson Pentecostal FWB Church. Officiating will be the Revs. Glenn McCullen and Don Sauls. Burial will follow in the Denning Family Cemetery.

Mrs. Denning was born November 1, 1916 in Harnett County to the late Malcolm and Electa Johnson Upchurch. Mrs. Denning was preceded in death by her husband, Jesse Martin Denning, and son, Jerald M. Denning. She was a retired Teacher, and taught at Long Hill Elementary School in Fayetteville, and Heritage Bible College in Dunn. Mrs. Denning was a homemaker and member of the Benson Pentecostal FWB Church, and served in many capacities.

Surviving are daughters and sons-in-law, Judy D. and Ricky V. Jackson, and Jackie D. and Thomas P. Page all of Benson; Sister, Rebecca U. Pope of Coats; brothers, Rupert Upchurch and Phil Upchurch both of Dunn, and Tony Upchurch of Coats; grandchildren; Martin V. "Marty" Jackson and Stephanie "Stephie" P. Bates; great-granddaughter, Tommie Lauren Bates.

Family will receive friends at Rose and Graham Funeral Home in Benson 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday and at other times at the home of Jackie D. and Thomas P. Page, 1980 Benson Hardee Road, Benson, NC.

Ida Wade Upchurch Wilkins

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

August 24, 2001

LILLINGTON - Mrs. Ida Wade "Polly" Upchurch Wilkins, 75, of Harnett County, died Thursday, August 23, 2001 at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. Mrs. Wilkins was the daughter of the late L. Caul and Mamie Johnson Upchurch. She was an active member of Pleasant Union Christian Church, a homemaker, a farmer, and a shop owner, operating Calico Corner Gift Shop for over 10 years. She was a floral designer for Jeffreys Florist and Interiors.

Her sister, Hazel Holmes Gardner preceded her in death. Funeral 11:00 a.m. Saturday at Pleasant Union Christian Church. Rev. Brian Kinlaw officiating. Burial, church cemetery.

Surviving: husband, Cecil Wilkins of the home; daughter, Cecilia "Seeky" Gregory and husband Steven of Lillington; extended family James and Cindy Blaylock and children Lauren and Crystal of Lillington; sister, Hilda Rose Upchurch Lee and husband Howard of Angier, brother, Norcott Ray Upchurch and wife Evelyn "Teeny" of Lillington.

Visitation, 6-8 p.m. Friday at O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Pleasant Union Church Building Fund 2164 Neills Creek Rd., Lillington, NC 27546 or to the American Diabetes Association, 3109 Poplarwood Ct. Suite 125, Raleigh, NC 27604-1043.

Ila Mae Hughes Byrd

Dunn Daily Record
03/03/2006

Ila Mae Hughes Byrd, 83, of South Turner Circle, Coats, died Thursday, March 2, 2006, at her home. She was born April 21, 1922, in Johnston County to the late Nathan and Lovie Johnson Hughes. She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin W. Byrd; brothers, Ervin Hughes and Edison Hughes; sisters, Ruby Thornton, Nettie Faircloth, Louise Williams and Lydia Moore.

She attended Full Gospel Tabernacle in Coats. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Sunday at Full Gospel Tabernacle by the Revs. L.B. Collins and Floyd J. Moore. Burial will follow at the Byrd Family Cemetery in Angier.

Survivors include daughters, Janice Capps and husband Billy of Erwin, Faye Thornton and husband Gene of Coats, Doris Jones and husband Lamar of Woodbridge, Va.; sisters, Betty Gibbs of Angier and Edna Long of Rockingham; a brother, Emery Hughes of Rockingham; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Cromartie-Miller & Lee Funeral Home in Dunn. Condolences may be sent to www.cromartie-millerandlee.com.

James Aaron Raynor

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
July 23, 2003

BENSON -- James A. Raynor, 69, of 1842-B N.C. 242 S., died Tuesday, July 22, 2003, in Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. Mr. Raynor was an Army veteran and a truck driver for Moss Trucking Co. in Charlotte before retiring.

The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday in Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel in Benson by the Revs. Dan Hill and Tony Wilson. Burial will be in Beasley Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Raynor is survived by his wife, Irene H. Raynor; two daughters, Marilyn Beasley and Shelia Manning, both of Dunn; a sister, Bobbie R. Hudson of Benson; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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

James Alford Matthews

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

August 24, 1997

ANGIER - James Alford Matthews, 91, a retired farmer, died Saturday morning after a long illness. Funeral 3 p.m. Monday, August 25, 1997 at Rawls Baptist Church, Fuquay-Varina, with the Rev. Jeff Roberts and Dr. Robert Newton officiating. Burial, church cemetery.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Retha Johnson Matthews.

Surviving: sons, Linwood Matthews and wife, Betty of Angier, Bill Matthews and wife, Frieda of Marietta, Ga; six grandchildren, Debbie Rollins and husband, Larry of Fuquay-Varina, Jerry Matthews and wife, Terri of Garner, Cindy Cready and husband, Bill of College Station, Texas, Mark Matthews and wife, Carol of Augusta, Ga., Sandra Matthews and Melissa Matthews of Marietta, Ga.; six great-grandchildren, Stacey and Julie Rollins of Fuquay-Varina, Amber and Jonathan of Garner, Joel and Catherine Cready of College Station, Texas; brother, Woodrow Matthews of Buies Creek; three sisters, Pearl Ives, Edna Baker, both of Fuquay-Varina, Maggie Morgan of Wake Forest; a sister-in-law, Albera Matthews of Angier. The family will receive friends at Overby-Johnson Funeral Home from 7-9 p.m. today.

Flowers are accepted, but donations can be made to Rawles Baptist Church, Fuquay-Varina.

James Leon Johnson, Sr.

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

September 9, 2001

James Leon Johnson Sr., 65, of Coats, died Friday in his home. Mr. Johnson worked in the public utility department for Harnett County. He was a member of Coats Untied Methodist Church. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday in Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel in Coats by the Rev. Tommy Smith. Burial will be in Coats City Cemetery.

Mr. Johnson is survived by a son, James L. Johnson Jr. of Coats; a daughter, Jackie E. Mills of Coats; a sister, Evelyn Roberts of Coats; and seven grandchildren.

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

James Lloyd Barbour

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

December 27, 1994

BENSON -- James Lloyd Barbour, 90, of 7380 Raleigh Road and Harnett Manor died Monday. He was a retired farmer and a member of Providence Presbyterian Church in Angier. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Providence Presbyterian Church by the Revs. Ray M. Tear and J.D. Nesselrodt. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mr. Barbour is survived by his wife, Elsie J. Barbour of the home. The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson.

Jarvis Gerald "Jill" Beasley

Dunn Daily Record

11/01/2006

Jarvis Gerald "Jill" Beasley of 6288-C Brogden Road, Smithfield, died Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2006. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jasper Talmadge and Susan Johnson Beasley; and a sister, Verna B. Woodall. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday at Pine Level PH Church by the Revs. Cleveland Turner, Roger Banks and Sherwood Lassiter. Burial will be at the Beasley Family Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Clara Ann Beasley; daughters, Debra B. Corbett of Smithfield and Darlene B. Barnett of Princeton; sons, Gerald Beasley of Smithfield and Wayne Beasley of Selma; sisters, Sallie B. Barbour of Fuquay-Varina and Callie B. Strickland of Smithfield; brothers, June "J.T." Beasley of Rochester, Mich., Melvin Beasley of Smithfield, James Henry Beasley of Norfolk, Va., Jesse Frank Beasley of Smithfield, Robert "Rob" Beasley of Rochester and Joseph Earl "Jack" Beasley of Smithfield; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at West & Dunn Funeral Home in Newton Grove.

Jasper Charlie Johnson

Smithfield Herald

02/06/1968

Jasper C. Johnson of Route 2, Benson, died Saturday in Johnson Memorial Hospital following a period of declining health. Mr. Johnson was an 81 year old retired farmer. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in the Meadow community of Johnston County. The funeral was conducted at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon in Rose Funeral Chapel. The Rev. Alvin Cauley and Elder Lester Lee officiated. Interment followed in the Norman Johnson Family Cemetery.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Valton Weaver of Benson and Mrs. Frank Bettie of Marietta, Ga.; five sons, D. Heber Johnson, Lloyd Johnson, and Russell Johnson all of Benson, Sherrill Johnson of Dunn, and Dallas P. Johnson of New Smyrna Beach, Fla.; one sister, Mrs. Fannie Tart of Princeton; 21 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Jerry Franklin Adams

Dunn Daily Record

11/23/2006

Jerry Franklin Adams, 62, of 973 Benson-Hardee Road, Benson, died Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2006, at his residence. Mr. Adams was born Aug. 27, 1944. His parents were the late W. Clarence Adams and Lois Adams of Benson. He married Drucilla McLamb in 1971. The couple celebrated their 35th anniversary this year.

Mr. Adams graduated from Benson High School in 1962, attended NCSU, and graduated from Campbell College with a degree in business administration. He joined the National Guard and received Basic and AIT training at Fort Ord, Calif. Later he went to flight school at Fort Walters, Texas, and graduated from Advanced Flight Training at the U.S. Army Aviation School at Fort Rucker, Ala. Returning to his business interests, Mr. Adams became an SBI agent. Later he was a bank executive with First Federal and an enforcement officer with the NCDMV. He retired from the DMV on Friday, Sept. 30, 2001 and on the following Monday, was activated by the U.S. Army to airport security at RDU and later to border patrol at Niagara Falls, N.Y. This was following the tragedy of 9-11.

In 2002, Mr. Adams was employed by Comtech to install GPS computer systems in Kuwait. Before being deployed to Iraq, he was injured and eventually diagnosed with ALS/Lou Gehrig's disease. He retired from active duty as a CW4 helicopter pilot in November 2005. Following this diagnosis, Mr. Adams dedicated himself to the study, research and support of ALS, his family, his military and "flying" buddies, and his churches and his Lord. He had been involved in church all of his life, beginning as a child at Holly Grove Advent Christian Church, then following for more than 30 years at Benson Baptist Church where he served in many capacities, including deacon. He was also actively involved in Benson PFWB Church, and sharing his personal testimony with area churches.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Benson Baptist Church. Officiating will be the Revs. Michael Edwards and Glenn McCullen. Burial with full military rites will follow in Roselawn Cemetery, Benson.

Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law, Heather and Braston Newton and Laura and Lee Pilkington; granddaughters, Jarah Dean Newton and Alyssa Avery Newton; and sister and brother-in-law, Janet Adams and Glenwood Pollard.

The family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson 6 to 9 tonight and other times at the home. Flowers are welcome, however, memorials may be made to the Benson

Baptist Church Building Fund, 200 W. Church St.; Benson Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church, 205 E. Hill St., Benson; or to MDA, 3724 National Drive, Suite 113, Raleigh, NC 27612.

Jimmy Gray Bullock

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
March 30, 2001

Jimmy Gray Bullock, 57, of Salemburg died Wednesday. Mr. Bullock worked for the N.C. Department of Correction for 30 years, where he was an assistant superintendent of programs. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday in O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home chapel in Lillington by the Rev. William Tew and Chaplain Lonnie Cooke. Burial will be in Westview Memorial Gardens in Lillington.

Mr. Bullock is survived by his wife, Kathleen Bullock; a daughter, Rena Bullock of Wilmington; a son, Brandon Bullock of Hawaii; a stepdaughter, Deborah Smith of Roseboro; a stepson, Michael Parker of Roseboro; a sister, Trudy B. Hamilton of Lillington; a brother, Gary Bullock of Sanford; and three step-grandchildren.

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

Jimmy L. Stephenson

Smithfield Herald
07/14/2006

Jimmy L. Stephenson, 76, of Temperanceville, Va., died Sunday, July 9, at Shore Memorial Hospital. Born in Smithfield, Mr. Stephenson was the son of the late I.O. and Kittie Johnson Stephenson. An electrician, he was retired from Delmarva Power Co. Mr. Stephenson was a member of Atlantic Baptist Church. The funeral was at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Atlantic Baptist Church. Burial followed in the John W. Taylors Cemetery in Temperanceville, Va.

Surviving are his wife, Brookie C. Stephenson; three children, Jimmy L. Stephenson Jr. of Salisbury, Md., Leslie Furman of Assawoman, Va., and Jennifer Taylor of Painter, Va.; two sisters, Catherine Cobb of Four Oaks and Carolyn Allen of Smithfield; and five grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Atlantic Fire Department, in care of Joe Maher, P.O. Box 207, Atlantic, Va. 23303.

Joseph Eldridge Adams

Attached is Obituary/memorial for Elder Joseph E. Adams (Son of Joseph and Tilitha Adams) as it appeared in the Oct 1, 1924 Zion's Landmark and was written by his sister, Nancy Adams Denning.

Mr. J.D. Gold,

Dear Friend,



I feel impressed to write a few lines in memory of my dear departed brother, Elder J.E. Adams, who passed away the 17th of March, 1924, in his 91st year. It is with much sadness that I attempt to speak a few words of him. He preached his last sermon the second Sunday in March at Benson, N. C. And came home Sunday evening sick with a very heavy cold, which the doctor said was pneumonia. He was not up any more, living only nine days from the time he was taken sick. All was done for him that doctors and trained nurses and relatives and kind friends could do, but his time had come and I believe he was ready and willing to go. He was so quiet and patient, he didn't suffer any pain which is a great consolation to me. He was laid to rest here at the cemetery with a large congregation present.

Four ministers spoke very comforting at the grave. Elder Hall, the pastor of the church here, Elder Turner, Elder Fred Keen and Elder Barnes. He was a very dear and precious brother to me in the spirit as well as in the flesh. He was more like a father to me than a brother, as I was raised after he was grown, being twenty years younger than he. He has been with me so long I miss him more that I can express, but the precious hope that I have for him drives away trouble to some extent, hoping and believing as I do that he is resting in peace with the dear Saviour, that he has held up and preached so many years. His experience of 50 years ago seemed fresh in his mind most all the time.

He leaves to mourn for him, one brother and three sisters, W.H. Adams at the Soldiers home, Mrs W. M. Young, of Durham, Mrs S.R. Wilson and myself of Angier, and a host of relatives and friends. Brethren and sisters in different parts of the states where he had traveled and preached so many years.

I am your friend,

Nancy S. Denning
Angier, N.C.

Kathleen Frances Turlington Bowden

Dunn Daily Record

09/14/2006

Kathleen Frances Turlington Bowden, 82, of Sanford died Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, at Liberty Commons Nursing & Rehab Center of Lee County. She was born in Harnett County to the late Archibald Lee Turlington and Julia Isabel Johnson Turlington. She was preceded in death by sisters, Eloise Turlington Gregory and Margaret Turlington Gregory; and brothers, Ralph Turlington and the Rev. Coleman Turlington. Graveside service for the family will be held 4 p.m. Friday at Erwin Chapel Church Cemetery in Erwin by the Rev. James Bowden.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph Roger Bowden; a daughter, Susan Kay Bowden Byerly and husband Hamp of Sanford; a brother, Bobby Turlington of Erwin; a sister, Thelma Turlington Johnson of Erwin; three grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be tonight from 6 to 8 at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home.

Kathleen Wood McLamb

Rose & Graham Funeral Home Notice

02/15/2007

Benson, NC: Mrs. Kathleen Wood McLamb, age 92, died Wednesday at Laurels of Forest Glen in Garner. Funeral services will be 2:00PM Saturday at Rose & Graham Funeral Chapel in Benson. Officiating will be Elders Harold Pittman and Ray King. Burial will follow in Devotional Gardens in Dunn.

Mrs. McLamb was born February 26, 1914 in Johnston County to the late Fernie & Melia Johnson Wood. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Eugene "Gene" McLamb, and a son, Anthony McLamb. She was an active member of Hickory Grove Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include Daughter & Son-in-Law, Judy & Don Turnage of Raleigh; Granddaughters & Spouses, Pamela & Glenn Cornelisse of Raleigh and Kimberly & Dennis Palacios of Clayton; 10 Great Grandchildren and One Great-Great Grandson.

Family will receive friends 1:00PM to 2:00PM Saturday prior to the service at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson and other times at the home of Don & Judy Turnage, 210 Cameron Drive, Raleigh, NC 27603.

Kenton Woodrow Mason

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
September 29, 2001

FUQUAY-VARINA - Kenton Woodrow Mason, 86, a retired farmer, died Friday, September 28, 2001. Funeral service 3 p.m. Sunday, September 30, at Cokesbury United Methodist Church. Burial, church cemetery.

Surviving: his wife of 64 years Ruth T. Mason; daughters, Betsy Crabtree and Carolyn Sandy, both of Fuquay-Varina; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, September 29, from 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home; other times at the home.

Lee Coleman Turlington

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
September 2, 2003

DUNN -- The Rev. Lee Coleman Turlington, 83, of Prospect Church Road, died Monday, Sept. 1, 2003, in Good Hope Hospital in Erwin. The Rev. Turlington was an Army veteran of World War II. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Erwin Chapel Church by the Revs. Jerome Pope and Virgil Murphy. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

The Rev. Turlington is survived by his wife, Myrtie S. Turlington of Dunn; three sons, Larry V. Turlington of Erwin and Danny C. Turlington and Timothy L. Turlington, both of Lillington; two daughters, Janice Snipes of Erwin and Peggy Holtgreven of Arcadia, Ohio; a brother, Bobby Turlington; four sisters, Thelma Johnson of Erwin, Eloise Gregory of Coats, Kathline Bowden of Sanford and Margaret Gregory of Dunn; 15 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Cromartie-Miller & Lee Funeral Home in Dunn.

Lessie Mae Johnson Rowe

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
March 14, 2004

Lessie Mae Johnson Rowe, age 90, formerly of Rains Crossroads Road in Princeton, died Saturday morning at Smithfield Manor. Born April 12, 1913 in Johnston County to the late Rev. William Riley and Mary Elizabeth Lewis Johnson, she was the widow of John Dalma Rowe who died on October 29, 1992.

Lessie was a long time public school teacher who retired from Princeton School after having taught in several other communities throughout her career. Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. Monday in Fellowship United Methodist Church with the Rev. Hobart Burnside and her nephew, the Rev. Jack Hinton to officiate. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Surviving are her sister, Effie Hinton of Smithfield, special niece, Vickie Shore of Kenly; and several other nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Sunday at the Parrish Funeral Home in Princeton. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Fellowship United Methodist Church Building Fund, c/o Joe Phillips, 4351 Rains Crossroads Road, Princeton, NC 27569.

Lettie Tera Johnson Reaves

Fuquay - Varina Independent
07/27/2006

Lettie Tera Johnson Reaves, 88, of 7951 James Austin Road, died Sunday at Oak Hill Living Center. A native of Johnston County, she was born in Benson, North Carolina to Matt Ransom Johnson and Anna Mae Woodall Johnson.

She was a charter member of Fellowship Baptist Church, where she loved singing in the choir. She was a dedicated Christian, and a fun-loving person, faithful friend and loved sharing her blueberries. She was a special mother and loved spending time with her family. She retired from Hudson Belk in Fuquay-Varina after more than twenty five years of service.

Funeral Services were held Tuesday, July 25, at Fellowship Baptist Church, 1701 Bud Lipscomb Rd., Willow Spring. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

She is survived by a daughter, Sue Reaves Holland and her husband, Danny, of Willow Spring; son, William Michael Reaves and his wife, Gloria of Caswell Beach; sisters, Merle Matthews of Dunn; Lorraine Bufkin of Broadway; Lou Simmons of Wilson; grandchildren, Ingrid Smith, Dustin Holland, and Ashley Dade; great-grandchildren, Jordan Smith and Tyler Smith. She was predeceased by her parents, husband, William Arlis Reaves, infant twins; sisters, Juanita Beasley and Ociadelle Barber, brothers, Fred Johnson, Lamar Johnson and Obid Johnson.

The family received friends on Monday at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, Angier. Flowers are appreciated or contributions may be made to Fellowship Baptist Church, 1701 Bud Lipscomb Rd, Willow Spring, NC 27592.

Liddie Jane Stanley Rhodes

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

04/12/2007

Liddie Jane Stanley Rhodes, 74, of 2222 Barnhill Drive, died Wednesday. A funeral service will be held 1:00 p.m. Friday at Garner Advent Christian Church. Burial will follow at Johnson family cemetery, Four Oaks.

Surviving: daughter, Diana McCarty of Willow Springs; son, James Rhodes of Raleigh; sisters, Lyda McLamb of Raleigh, Livvie Merle Eason of Wilson Mills, Lacelle Wilson of Garner and Louise Carter of Smithfield; granddaughter, Jami Rhodes and great-grandchildren, Curtis Jordan McCarty and Savannah Blake Bridges.

She was predeceased by a grandson, Robert Curtis McCarty, a brother, Leonard Stanley and a sister, Lessie Mae Beasley.

Visitation; 6:00--8:00 p.m. Thursday at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, Garner. Contributions may be made to: Garner Advent Christian Church, 1120 Vandora Springs Road, Garner, NC, 27529. Condolences may be made to the family at www.bryan-lee-funeralhome.com.

Luther Perry Denning

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

January 20, 2003

Luther Perry Denning, 79, of Dunn, died Sunday, Jan. 19, 2003, in Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Calvary Baptist Church by the Revs. Randy Jetton and Danny Powell. Burial will be in Lee-Johnson Cemetery.

Mr. Denning is survived by his wife, Rachel L. Denning of Dunn; a brother, Charles D. Denning of Dunn; two sisters, Sally B. Johnson of Dunn and Mary Lou Parks of Goldsboro; and three grandchildren.

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

Lyda Florence Hughes Byrd Moore

Dunn Daily Record

04/24/2002

Lyda Hughes Byrd Moore, 84, a resident of Brookfield Retirement Center, formerly of Coats, died Tuesday at Good Hope Hospital in Erwin. She was born Sept. 29, 1917, in Harnett County

to the late Nathan and Lovie Johnson Hughes. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Allen Byrd and Carlis Moore.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 3 p.m. at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Coats by the Rev. Bobby Caudle and Tracy L. Byrd. Burial will follow in Byrd family cemetery, Coats.

Survivors include daughters, Joyce B. Rollins and Brenda B. Overbee of Coats; sons, Thomas A. Byrd and Charles E. Byrd of Coats, Jerry W. Byrd of Dunn; sisters, Ila Mae Byrd and Betty Gibbs of Angier and Edna Faircloth of Hoffman; brothers, Emery Hughes of Rockingham; 16 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats and other times at the home of Thomas and Faye Byrd, 2775 Old Stage Road, Coats.

Lynward Elton Johnson, Sr.

Dunn Daily Record
10/04/2007

Lynward Elton "L.E." Johnson Sr., 78, of 2747 N.C. 50 South, Benson, died Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2007, at his home. He was born Aug. 10, 1929, in Johnston County to the late George Elton and Virgie Beasley Johnson. He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Rhea J. Johnson; and brother, Waylon Johnson.

He was a farmer, mechanic and former deputy with the Johnston County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Johnson was a member of Holly Grove Advent Christian Church where he served as a past deacon and in many other capacities. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson by the Rev. Calvin Leavitt. Burial will follow at Roselawn Cemetery.

Survivors include sons, Lynward Elton "Junior" Johnson Jr. and wife Phyllis, Marshall Lynn Johnson and wife Linda, all of Benson; daughter, Gwen Green and husband Ricky of Benson; grandchildren and spouses, Angie and Neil Wheelless, Brian and Nickie Lee, Joni Benson, Kimberly Lee, Crystal and Ashley Stanley, Carrie Johnson and Lynward Elton "Trey" Johnson III; stepgrandchildren and spouses, Greg and Angie Peterson, Rodney and Tonya Peterson, Keith and Reba Green, Leticia and Randy Johnson; great-grandchildren, Madison Stewart, Sydney Wheelless, Lance Benson, Mattie Wheelless, Landen Beasley, Nicholas Lee, James Peterson, Eva Cate Peterson and Sydney Johnson; and sisters, Iva Mae Lee, Edna Ruth Peacock and Linda Faye Raynor, all of Benson.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 9 at the funeral home. The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Gwen Green, 126 Phyllis Drive, Benson, NC 27504.

Mabel Thornton Johnson

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

November 3, 2004

FOUR OAKS -- Mrs. Mabel "Bill" Thornton Johnson, 81, of 3442 Old School Road, Four Oaks, NC, went to be with Jesus Tuesday morning. She was born in Johnston County on October 3, 1923 to the late Frank and Lettie Thornton. Mrs. Johnson was a member of Burnell Baptist Church.

Preceding her in death were brother, Paul Thornton; and sisters, Iris Denning, Patricia Butler, Mavis McQuigg and Lettie Pearl North.

Mabel is survived by her husband of 62 years, Nelson, of the home; son, Joseph Johnson and special friend, Geri Meacham, of Garner; daughters, Donna Sue Langdon and husband, Howard of Raleigh, and Betsy Fonke of Fayetteville; sister, Gladys Parrish of Benson; brothers, Kenneth Thornton of Four Oaks, Billy Thornton of Jacksonville, FL, and Frank Thornton, Jr. of Benson; grandchildren, Dana Marlowe and husband, Brandon of Whiteville, Chris and Anna Fonke of Sanford, Allison and Justin Summey of Laurinburg, Erich and Emily Fonke of Fayetteville; one great-grandson, Chase Marlowe. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive to cherish her memory.

Funeral service will be held Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. at Burnell Baptist Church, 3720 Old School Road, Four Oaks, NC. Family will receive friends from 1:30 to 3:15 p.m. prior to and following the funeral service.

Contributions may be made to Burnell Baptist Church, c/o Ivey Johnson, 953 Garner Road, Four Oaks, NC 27524 or the Baptist Children's Home of NC, P.O. Box 338, Thomasville, NC 27361.

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints. -- Psalms 116:15.

Magdalene Stewart Black

Dunn Daily Record

3/25/2004

Magdalene Stewart Black, 77, of Dunn died Tuesday at Wake Medical Center. The Harnett County native was the daughter of the late Jesse G. and Elvia Johnson Stewart. She was a retired office manager and bookkeeper for Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital. Funeral services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Benson Cemetery.

Survivors include daughters, Jackie Tart of Dunn, Bonnie Johnson of Erwin and Pansy Buchanan of Greenville; brothers, Robert Stewart, Jesse Martin Stewart and Tom Stewart, all of Dunn, and

Walter Stewart of Four Oaks; sisters, Josephine Parker of Clayton and Della Mae Slye of Dudley; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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

Margaret Elizabeth McLemore Lee

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
02/13/2007



Margaret McLemore Lee - 96-year-old curator emeritus of the Johnston County Heritage Center - died early Monday at Johnston Memorial Hospital. In 1967 she went to work part-time at the brand-new Public Library of Johnston County and Smithfield where she began collecting local history and genealogy in what became known as the Johnston County Room. In 2000, the widely acclaimed collection moved into a separate home of its own across the street: today's Johnston County Heritage Center.

Although Mrs. Lee officially retired as a library employee in 1991, she continued her service as a daily volunteer in the Johnston County Room and later at the Heritage Center until a few days before her death.

She was born Sept. 26, 1910 in Johnston County's Cleveland Township as Margaret Elizabeth McLemore, daughter of Dr. George A. McLemore and Nellie Emily Johnson McLemore. Her father was a country doctor who moved the family to Smithfield in 1923. Margaret graduated from Smithfield High School in 1927 and attended North Carolina College for Women (today's UNC-Greensboro).

She married Denton F. Lee in 1941 and worked as bookkeeper for her husband's radio and appliance business in Downtown Smithfield until his death in 1965.

Mrs. Lee joined Oakland Presbyterian Church in Cleveland Township in 1922 and in 1925 moved her membership to Smithfield's First Presbyterian Church where she served as treasurer of the Sunday School from 1947 till 1982, as the church's first woman ordained deacon, and as president of the Women of the Church. She also served as historian for the Women of the Church of Granville Presbytery as well as Women of the Church of the Synod of North Carolina.

During her term as president of the Smithfield Woman's Club in 1963-64, she won national recognition from the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the Sears-Roebuck Foundation for the club's Community Improvement Program. She was the first president, in 1965, of the Historic Hastings House Association, which saved Smithfield's oldest surviving residence. She

was organizing regent for the Smith-Bryan Chapter of N.C. Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). She was also a charter member of the Johnston County Historical Society.

She was a charter member of the Johnston Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and served as a volunteer with Contact Teleministry from 1972 until 1987. She was a member of the first Girl Scout troop organized in Johnston County, in 1923. In 1983 Mrs. Lee was named a "Distinguished Citizen" by the Smithfield-Selma Area Chamber of Commerce.

In 1996 she served as the first Grand Marshal for Cleveland Township's Fourth of July celebration. In 2000 she was inducted into the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest civilian award bestowed by the State of North Carolina. In 2005 she was honored by the Johnston County Heritage Commission as a "Living Legend of Johnston County." That same year she was named "Tar Heel of the Week" by The News & Observer of Raleigh.

Mrs. Lee was preceded in death by a brother, Dr. George A. McLemore of New York City, and a sister, Lucile McLemore Austin of Smithfield, as well as her husband.

She is survived by daughters, Mary Nell Lee Ferguson and husband, Jerry of Cleveland Township, Margaret Ann Lee Stubbs and husband, David of Smithfield; son, Denton F. Lee, Jr. and wife, Jane of Cleveland Township; a brother and sister - Dr. Robert A. McLemore of Springfield, Ohio and Eloise McLemore Grady of Smithfield; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church on South Third Street in Smithfield. A graveside service is scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday at Oakland Presbyterian Church on Cleveland Road, followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at First Presbyterian in Smithfield.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to either of the following: the Johnston County Heritage Center, P.O. Box 2709, Smithfield, NC, 27577; First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1159, Smithfield, NC 27577; the Margaret McLemore Lee Endowment, Johnston Community College Foundation, P.O. Box 2350, Smithfield, NC 27577.

Margaret Mae Turlington Gregory

Dunn Daily Record
12/12/2003

Margaret Mae Turlington Gregory, 73, of Dunn died Saturday evening, Dec. 10, 2005, at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital. The Harnett County native was the daughter of the late Lee and Isabelle J. Turlington. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Gregory. She was a nurse at Good Hope Hospital for 14 years. Mrs. Gregory was a member of Erwin Chapel Church. Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. Tuesday at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home by the Revs. Virgil Murphy and Sam Marvin. Burial will follow at Erwin Chapel Church Cemetery.

Survivors include a son, Donald Lee Gregory and wife Judy of Dunn; daughters, Elaine Bradley of Dunn, Susan Nelson and husband Joe of Cleveland, Ga.; a brother, Bobby Turlington of Erwin; sisters, Thelma Johnson of Erwin and Kathleen Bowden of Sanford; and grandchildren, Aaron Gregory, Julia Cooper and Jonathan Bradley.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Advantage Hospice and Home Care, 861 Tilghman Drive #101, Dunn, NC 28334. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.SkinnerandSmith.com.

Margie Johnson Partin

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
November 22, 1997

ANGIER - Margie Johnson Partin, 65, died Thursday. Funeral service 2 p.m. Sunday, Overby-Johnson Funeral Home chapel Rev. Ronald Thompson and Rev. Richard DePriter officiating. Interment will be in Sandy Grove Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Surviving: husband, Alonzo Partin; three daughters, Glenda P. Godwin and Tammy P. Roberson, both of Angier, Wanda P. Norton of Lillington; stepdaughter, Kathy Wimberly of Lillington; three sons, Teddy G. Pleasant and J. Phillip Pleasant, both of Angier, Jamie L. Whitener of Henderson; stepsons, Thomas and Gary Partin, both of Lillington; four sisters, Freddie Mae Buncannon of Sanford, Melba Matthews of Kipling, Mary Lee Ryerson and Catherine Carver, both of Roxboro; two brothers, Ray and Jessie Johnson, both of Sanford; 11 grandchildren.

Family will receive friends 7-9 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Marguerite Johnson Langdon

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
October 10, 2003

Mrs. Marguerite Johnson "Geet" Langdon, 90, of Fayetteville, died Thursday, Oct. 9, 2003. Mrs. Langdon was a member of First Baptist Church and Highland Garden Club. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday in Rogers and Breece Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. A. Edward Beddingfield Jr. Burial will be in Lafayette Memorial Park.

Mrs. Langdon is survived by her husband, Jarvis H. Langdon of Fayetteville; and two brothers, Ellis Johnson of Fayetteville and Caswell Johnson of Lillington.

Marjorie Lee Turlington Jackson

Dunn Daily Record

03/28/2996

Marjorie Turlington "Margie" Jackson, 79, of Birmingham, Ala., formerly of Dunn, died Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at her home after a battle with cancer. She was the daughter of the late Roger and Ettie Turlington. She was an active member of Shades Valley Presbyterian Church for more than 50 years. Mrs. Jackson was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in the Women of the Presbyterian Church, USA.

She was preceded in death by a son, Rick; brothers, Marvin "Lanky," Leon and Lewis; and a sister, Jessie. Funeral services were held at Shades Valley Presbyterian Church of Birmingham by Dr. Taylor Todd. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, George R. Jackson; a son, Kenneth Jackson; a granddaughter, Erin; sisters, Grace Turlington Thorpe of Burlington, Vt., Edith Turlington Grice of Jefferson, Ga., and Mavis Turlington Fucci of Reading, Pa.

Memorials may be made to Shades Valley Presbyterian Church, 2305 Montevallo Road, Birmingham, AL 35223. A service of Ridout's Valley Chapel, Homewood.

Mary C. Stephenson Johnson Surles

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

September 29, 2001

Mrs. Mary Johnson Surles, age 74, of Willow Spring died Friday at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. Funeral Services will be 2 p.m. Sunday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel. Officiating will be the Rev. Mark Scott and Mr. Nathan Dry. Burial will follow in Lakeside Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Surles was born November 27, 1926, in Johnston County to the late William "Buddy" and Kizzie Denning Stephenson. She enjoyed life and was a Homemaker.

Survivors are: daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte J. and Bill Duncan of Raleigh; sons and daughter-in-law, Dennis W. Johnson of Willow Spring and Steven R. and Maggie Johnson of Benson; sisters, Macy S. Parrish of Angier and Edith S. Stephenson of Dunn; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Benson, from 7-9 p.m. Saturday.

Mary Eliza Lee Denning

Dunn Daily Record

01/18/2007

Mary Lee Denning, 82, 2603 Abattoir Road, Coats, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007, at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. She was born April 22, 1924, in Johnston County to the late Seth and Lenora Johnson Lee. She was employed as a secretary with the N.C. Department of Agriculture for several years. After retirement, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Denning was a member of Coats Baptist Church and a member of Gleaners Sunday School Class. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday at Coats Baptist Church by the Rev. Jesse Mooney. Burial will be at Lee Family Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband of 64 years, Carsie K. Denning; a son, Carsie K. Denning Jr. and wife Dawn of Coats; a daughter, Dyan Denning of Coats; grandchildren, Garyen Denning and wife Bethany of Lexington, Ky., Carrie Denning of Coats and Shawn Shue of Las Vegas, Nev.; and great-grandchildren, Justin Shue, Andrew Carsie Shue and Elisia Shue.

The family will receive friends Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Coats Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 297, Coats, NC 27521.

Mary Florence Johnson Blackmon

Dunn Daily Record

09/19/2007



Mary Johnson Blackmon, 89, of Benson died Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007, at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. She was born Nov. 20, 1917, in Johnston County to the late Jesse B. and Fannie Barefoot Johnson. She was preceded in death by her husband, O. Shelton Blackmon. She was a member of Fair Haven Church of God and was a homemaker.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson by the Revs. Glenn McCullen and John Shackleford. Burial will follow at Banner Chapel Church Cemetery.

Survivors include daughter, Rachel B. Johnson of Dunn; sons, Nathan B. Blackmon and wife Glenda, Leon Blackmon and wife Susan, Kenneth Blackmon and wife Pat, all of Benson; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at the funeral home and other times at the home of Nathan B. and Glenda Blackmon, 202 S. Wall St., Benson.

Mary Grace Johnson Mills

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

June 9, 2006

HOLLY SPRINGS -- Born August 2, 1928 to Fannie Allene and Lee Morris Johnson, Mary Grace Johnson Mills came into the world as an angel from heaven. The 7th day of June 2006, she ascended with angels back to Jesus' side. As she was affectionately called by all who knew and loved her, "Granny Grace" created a life legacy of always putting others before herself and truly living the image of God. Grace was raised in Raleigh, NC, moving to Apex when she and Robert Judson Mills married in 1948. Losing her husband when she was 25, she rose above tragedy, raising three children on her own. Grace's life revolved around her family and friends she made along the way. After 26 years of dedicated service. Grace retired from the purchasing department at Almay Cosmetics and then worked several years for Apex Office Supply. Prior to working at Almay, she was employed by the Apex Chamber of Commerce.

When Grace's children were growing up she was a Cub Scout leader and loved to chaperone dances at Apex High School when they were attending school there. Granny Grace was locally famous for her southern style cooking for catering special events in community in grand fashion. Sunday lunches were a staple in her kitchen with her family and anyone else that happened to drop by. Of most popularity was her chicken pastry, chocolate pies, pound cakes, German chocolate cake and banana pudding. Grace was an active member and supporter of Apex Baptist Church.

Grace was also a caretaker to family members and to many of those in the community. Her door was always open and she never met a stranger. To know her was certainly to love her. Granny Grace touched more lives than could ever be mentioned and devoted her life completely to doing and caring for others. Her tired body can now rest in peace, knowing her job on earth is through. Dignity, class and GRACE truly describes this woman, whose name fit her so well. Her dry sense of humor, infectious laugh and warm open arms will be dearly missed.

Grace was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Judson Mills; her brothers, William Morris Johnson and Charles Frederick Johnson; and daughter-in-law, Susan Austin Mills.

A service celebrating her life and home going will be held on Sunday, June 10th at 11 a.m. in the Apex Baptist Church. Rev. Phil Qualls and Rev. Billy Dennis will officiate. Burial will be in the Swift Creek Baptist church cemetery.

Surviving are: her daughter, Patricia Ann Mills; son, William R. "Billy" Mills and his wife, Susan; son, Robert J. "Bobby" Mills, Jr. and his wife, Pat; four grandchildren, Jason Mills and wife, Pennie, Meredith Mills, Angela Mills Shoopman and husband, Tommy, Judson Mills; one great-grandchild, Cooper William Mills; two sisters, Betty Sue Johnson and Margaret Ann Hendrick; several nieces and nephews; other extended family and many dear friends.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, June 9, 2006 at Apex Funeral Home, 550 W. Williams St. (Hwy. 55) in Apex, and other times at the home of Billy and Susan Mills in Apex.

The family would like to especially thank Dr. A. Jariwala, her family physician and Dr. M. Monahan and associates at Wake Nephrology; and the Fuquay-Varina Kidney Center and staff. Special thanks are also extended to Ms. Erma Holleman, her friend and caretaker; Hospice of Wake County; and all her friends and family that have loved and supported her during these difficult times.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kidney Foundation of North Carolina, Inc, 5950 Fairview Rd, Ste 550, Charlotte, NC 28210-2102; to the Apex Baptist Church, 110 South Salem Street, Apex NC 27502; or to Hospice of Wake County, 1300 St. Mary's St., 4th Floor, Raleigh, NC 27605.

God and Dad put their arms around you and whispered, "come, go with us." We will hold your memory deep within our hearts.

With love, Carolyn, Cindy, Cara and Chip

Mary Jo Johnson Mann

Smithfield Herald
7/22/2005

Mary Jo Mann, 74, of 239 Mann Road, Coats, died Thursday at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital in Dunn. Born May 27, 1931, in Harnett County, Mrs. Mann was a daughter of the late Joseph M. and Mamie Weeks Johnson. She was the widow of Jesse Ray Mann. A graduate of Coats High School, Mrs. Mann received her undergraduate and master's degrees from East Carolina University. Also, she earned a six-year professional degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Mrs. Mann was a teacher and supervisors in the Harnett County schools. She was a member of the Harnett County Arts Council, Delta Kappa Gamma, Coats Baptist Church, the Women's Club and Home Extension Club.

The funeral will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Coats Baptist Church. The Rev. Jesse Mooney will officiate. Burial will follow in the cemetery at Ebenezer Church in Coats.

Surviving are two sisters, Ruby McLamb of Benson and Doris Nolan of Ponte Vedra, Fla., and Covington, Ky.; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 7 till 9 p.m. today (Friday) at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, 90 W. Stewart St., Coats. The family suggests memorial contributions to Coats Baptist Church, P.O. Box 297, Coats, N.C. 27521. Condolences to the family may be made at www.Rose-GrahamFuneralServices.com.

Mary Lois Byrd Morris Reaves

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

April 18, 2005

SMITHFIELD -- Mary Lois Morris Reaves, 73, died early Sunday morning at Johnston Memorial Hospital. She was born in Raleigh, daughter of the late Troy P. and Lettie V. Johnson Byrd. Mary Lois was a retired cook. Funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hickory Grove Advent Christian Church. Entombment, Montlawn Memorial Park, Chapel of Memories Mausoleum, Raleigh.

She is survived by her daughters, Vicky Welch of Wake Forest, Nellie Jo Sledge of Franklinton, Angie McClure of Smithfield; sons, Eddie Morris of Swannanoa, and Charles Morris of Angier; half brother, Troy P. Byrd, Jr. of Smithfield; 10 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Hickory Grove AC Church, Building Fund, 1232 Hickory Grove Church Rd., Four Oaks, NC 27524. The family will receive friends 7:00-8:30 p.m. Monday at Strickland Funeral Home, 211 W. Third St., Wendell and other times at the home of Angie and Bill McClure, 4982 Swift Creek Rd., Smithfield.

Maude Belle Johnson Neighbors

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

March 10, 2000

BENSON - Mrs. Maude Johnson Neighbors, 91, of 3750 NC HWY 50 North, died Wednesday. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Saturday at the Benson Baptist Church. The Revs. Kendall Cameron and Don Price will officiate. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Neighbors was born May 13, 1908 in Johnston County to the late Alsey Bud and Alenia Parker Johnson. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Kenneth Neighbors Sr., and a son, Joseph Donwell Neighbors. She was a member of the Benson Baptist Church and the Banner Home Demonstration Club.

Surviving include daughters, Judith N. Blackmon of Altoona, Ala. and Patsy N. Morgan of Benson; son William Kenneth Neighbors Jr. of Benson; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson from 7-9 p.m. Friday. Flowers are welcomed, however memorials may be made to Benson Baptist Church, P.O. Box 323, Benson, NC 27504.

Maytle Samantha Johnson Stephenson

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

October 2, 1995

BENSON -- Mrs. Maytle Johnson Stephenson, 88, of Route 3 died Sunday in Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. She was a retired solicitor for the Smithfield Herald. The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Rehobeth Primitive Baptist Church by Elder Worth Stepheson and the Rev. J.D. Nesselrodt. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Stephenson is survived by a daughter, Rose S. Hollingsworth of Raleigh; three sons, William P. Stephenson Jr. of Willow Spring, William M. Stephenson of Raleigh and Shelby D. Stephenson of Southern Pines; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home and other times at the home of Paul and Ann Stephenson, 12020 N.C. 50 West, Willow Spring. Memorials may be made to Rehobeth Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, care of Kenneth Stephenson, 2500 N.C. 42, Willow Spring, N.C. 27592.

Mazie Johnson Pope

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

April 25, 2000

LILLINGTON -- Mrs. Mazie Johnson Pope, 91, passed away Sunday evening at Good Hope Hospital in Erwin, surrounded by her family. Born in Lillington on November 2, 1908 to the late Dallas Delmon Johnson and Mary Ellen Gaskin Johnson she was a life long resident of Harnett County and a member of the Neill's Creek Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd Edison Pope and a sister, Pauline J. Warren of Dunn.

Mrs. Pope is survived by her sons and their wives, Howard and Keeter Pope of Chocowinity, Dallas and Dorothy Pope of Lillington; sister Iva Sloan of Lillington; nephew James Robert Warren of Wilmington; grandchildren, Dallas Pope II of Ft. Walton Beach, FL, Jannette Evans and husband, Tom Evans of Greensboro, Mark Pope of Stamford, CT, Greg Pope and wife, Michelle Pope of Smyrna, GA, Michelle Chaffin and husband, Mark Chaffin of Duvall, WA; great-grandchildren Christopher Evans of Greenville NC, Melissa Evans Greensboro Kimberly Pope and Dallas Pope III of Ft. Walton Beach, FL, Baley Pope of Smyrna, GA, Ellie Chaffin of Duvall, WA.

Her family and her church were her whole life. Funeral service will be conducted 11 a.m. Wednesday at Neill's Creek Baptist Church by the Rev. Greg McClain and Rev. Jeff Roberts. Burial will be in Harnett Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday at O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home and other times at the home of Dallas and Dorothy Pope. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Neill's Creek Baptist Church, 4200 Neill's Creek Road, Angier, NC 27501.

Melie Ellen Webb Allen

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
March 14, 2000

Ms. Melie W. Allen, 91, of 2759 Woods Crossroads Road died Monday. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday in West & Dunn Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. Leon Tart. Burial will be in Banner Chapel Church cemetery.

Ms. Allen is survived by a daughter, Christine Johnson of Benson; a son, Shelton Johnson of Benson; a stepdaughter, Janice Massengill of Four Oaks; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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

Mozelle Lee

Dunn Daily Record
03/21/2007

Mozelle Lee, 86, of 1032 Kenan Road, Four Oaks, died Monday evening, March 19, 2007, at her home. She was born Oct. 13, 1920, in Johnston County to the late James Radford and Bytha Johnson Lee.

She was preceded in death by two children raised by her, Maxine Myers and Janice Faye Morgan; brothers, Neville Lee, Howard Lee and J.C. Lee; sisters, Louise Lee, Lucille Lee Johnson and Mabel Lee; and an infant, Baby Lee. She worked on the assembly line for Carolina Packers and as a cook at Holts Lake BBQ and Seafood.

Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. today at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson by the Rev. Pat Williford. Burial will follow at Johnson Family Cemetery in Four Oaks.

Survivors include a sister, Blanche Briley of Norfolk, Va.; Gary Lee Dunn of Four Oaks, who was raised by Mrs. Lee; grandchildren and spouses, Anthony and Lori Morgan of Four Oaks, Michele Morgan of Four Oaks, Michael and Stephanie Morgan of Four Oaks, Kimberly and B.J. Odom of Four Oaks; great-grandchildren, Brandi Morgan, Jessica Dunn, Brittany Dunn, Cody Morgan and Dylan Odom; and several nieces and nephews.

Myra Naomi Johnson Hodges

Smithfield Herald

10/27/1978

Mrs. Myra Johnson Hodges of Benson died Tuesday in Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville. She was 66 years of age. Mrs. Hodges was born in Johnston County on July 21, 1912. She was a daughter of the late Thomas Junius and Mayola Austin Hodges {Note from Deb: Last name should read "Johnson"}.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of Rose Funeral Home in Benson. Elder Shepherd Stephenson and the Rev. Gerald Rhyne officiated. Burial was in the cemetery at Hodges Chapel.

Mrs. Hodges is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Sandra McDaniels of Fayetteville; two sisters, Mrs. Edith Taylor and Mrs. Elizabeth Macarthy of Wilmington; two brothers, Horace Johnson of Route 1, Willow Springs and Millard Johnson of Richmond, Va.; and one grandchild.

Naomi Lee Johnson

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

January 26, 2003

BENSON -- Mrs. Naomi Lee Johnson, 72, of 2806 Woods Crossroads Road, died Saturday, Jan. 25, 2003, in her home. Mrs. Johnson was a member of Holly Grove Advent Christian Church and worked for Block Industries, Sylvania and Fieldcrest. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday in Holly Grove Advent Christian Church by the Rev. Calvin Leavitt. Burial will be in the Young family cemetery.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by a son, William E. "Billy" Johnson of Benson; a daughter, Debra A. Hughes of Four Oaks; five sisters, Vendaria Parker, Ruth Jernigan and Rachel Denning, all of Benson, Louise Hammer of Fayetteville and Janice Campbell of Dunn; and three grandchildren.

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

Nola Florence Hall Johnson

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

September 3, 2001

BENSON - Mrs. Nola Hall Johnson, 88, of 1807 N. Wall Street, died Sunday at Betsy Johnson Memorial Hospital in Dunn. She was born in Johnston County February 20, 1913 to the late George W. and Corina Holmes Hall. She was a homemaker and a member of Benson Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church. Her husband, Furman Johnson, preceded her in death. Funeral services

will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Glenn McCullen will officiate. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery.

Surviving: son, Stacy G. Johnson of Garner; daughter, Lavonne J. Morgan of Wilmington; brother, Marvin Hall of Benson; three granddaughters, Bonnie Worrall, Sharon Lewis and Debora Johnson; two great-grandchildren, Curtis Lewis and Kirby Lewis.

The family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson from 7-9 p.m. Monday.

Nora May Dorman Medlin

Dunn Daily Record
06/09/2003

Nora Dorman Medlin, 102, of Lincoln St., Benson, died Friday at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital. She was a native of Johnston County, born March 16, 1901, to the late T.E. and Celestia Johnson Dorman. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph E. Medlin; a son, Ralph E. Medlin Jr.; and a great-grandson, Scotty Medlin.

She was a member of Elevation United Methodist Church and was a homemaker. Funeral services were held this morning at 11 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson by the Revs. Ron Gurganus, Arthur Warren and Henry Lee. Burial followed in Roselawn Cemetery.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law, Harold and Margaret Medlin and Dan and Gail Medlin, all of Benson; grandchildren and spouses, Susan Medlin, Scott and Julie Medlin, Hal and Corine Medlin, Kathy and DeVan Barbour III, Danny and Katie Medlin, and Bill and Bonnie Medlin; great-grandchildren and spouse, Kim and David Creech, Cameron Grimes Barbour, DeVan Barbour IV, Daniel Grimes Medlin III, Cathryn Elizabeth Medlin, Kylie Maxine Medlin and Greg Strickland; and a great-great-granddaughter, Sydney Creech.

Flowers are welcomed, however, memorials may be made to Elevation United Methodist Church, 5101 Elevation Road, Benson, N.C. 27504; or to one's favorite charity.

Norcott Ray Upchurch

Dunn Daily Record
12/03/2004

Norcott Ray Upchurch, 82, of Mamie Upchurch Road, Lillington, died Thursday at his home place. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, a retired farmer and a life-long member of Pleasant Union Christian Church. He was the son of the late Mamie Johnson and L. Caul Upchurch of Lillington.

He was preceded in death by sisters, Hazel Holmes Gardner, Hilda Rose Lee and Ida Wade "Polly" Wilkins. Services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday at Pleasant Union Christian Church in Lillington by Dr. Greg Lawson and the Rev. Terry Beatty. Burial will follow in Harnett Memorial Park.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Evelyn "Teeny" Stewart Upchurch; children, Larry C. Upchurch and wife Linda of Lillington, Annette Daugherty and husband Reggie of New Bern, Susan Mellott and husband Brent of Chapel Hill, Beth Upchurch and husband Russell of Durham; grandchildren, Benta Chaney and husband Craig of Woodbridge, Va., Stewart Upchurch and wife Melinda of Lillington, Kim Daugherty of Virginia Beach, Va., Ruth Blaylock of Raleigh, Noah and Seth Upchurch of Durham, Travis Mellott of Chapel Hill, Kara Wood of Fuquay-Varina; great-grandchildren, Emily Chaney of Woodbridge, Alan Upchurch of Lillington and Logan and Catherine Wood of Fuquay-Varina; brothers-in-law, Cecil Wilkins (his life-long farming partner) of Lillington, Howard Lee of Angier and Luther "Red" Gardner of Benson; niece, Cecilia Gregory and husband Steve of Lillington.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home in Angier and other times at the home. Flowers will be appreciated or contributions may be made to Pleasant Union Christian Church, 2164 Neill's Creek Road, Lillington, N.C. 27546; or to Community Home Care and Hospice, 400 E. H St., Erwin, N.C. 28339.

Norman Kern Mason

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
February 1, 2000

N. Kern Mason, 91, of Dunn died Monday in Britthaven of Harnett County. Mr. Mason was a salesman for Raleigh Home Products before retiring. A graveside service will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in Piney Grove Baptist Church cemetery in Fuquay-Varina by the Rev. Glenn Mason. Arrangements are being handled by Skinner Funeral Home.

Mr. Mason is survived by his wife, Blonza L. Mason of Dunn; two sons, Frank G. Mason of Lexington and Kemp Mason of Charleston, Tenn.; a daughter, Peggy M. Cannady of Dunn; a brother, Kenton W. Mason of Fuquay-Varina; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the home of Robert and Peggy M. Cannady. Memorials may be made to First Christian Church, P.O. Box 2702, Wilson, N.C. 27894.

Oscar Shelton Blackmon

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

February 2, 2002

BENSON -- Mr. Shelton Blackmon, 84, of 854 Morgan Rd., died Friday at his home. Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Sunday at the Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel in Benson. Officiating will be the Revs. David Brooks and Herbert W. Johnson. Burial will follow in Banner Chapel Advent Christian Church Cemetery.

Mr. Blackmon was born May 14, 1917 in Johnston County to the late Nathan A. and Lula Holmes Blackmon. He was retired from Farming & Textiles. Mr. Blackmon was also a member of Fair Haven Church of God.

Survivors: wife, Mary Johnson Blackmon; daughter, Rachel Johnson of Dunn; sons, Nathan B. Blackmon, Leon Blackmon and Kenneth Blackmon, all of Benson; sisters, Alene McLamb and Eloise Wood, both of Benson; brother, Robert Blackmon of Benson; nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

The family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson from 7-9 p.m. Saturday.

Paul Daniel Johnson, Jr.

Dunn Daily Record

01/23/2007

Paul Daniel Johnson Jr., 78, of 50 Pine Forest Drive, Siler City, died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007, at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill. He was born Dec. 8, 1928, in Benson to the late Paul D. Johnson and Pearl LeViner Johnson. Mr. Johnson attended Mars Hill and Louisburg College. He served in the U.S. Air Force for four years during the Korean Conflict.

He married Edith Ann Parker in 1950 and moved to Siler City in 1955 as vice president and general manager of Johnson Cotton Company. He was appointed postmaster in 1967, serving for 26 years. Mr. Johnson was a partner and secretary/treasurer of Hickory Mountain Farms from 1964 to 1996. He served as a director for First Union National Bank of Siler City, Summit Savings and Loan and First Citizens Bank. He was past president of the Siler City Rotary Club, a Paul Harris fellow and past president of the Siler City Chamber of Commerce. He served on the executive board and was past president of Chatham Hospital. Mr. Johnson was also past president of the Siler City Credit Bureau and Siler City Country Club. He received a distinguished service award from the Siler City Chamber of Commerce along with the Siler City Jaycees. He was an active member of the Democratic Party in Chatham County and served as chairman of the official board and a delegate to the annual conference for the United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by sisters, Lina Johnson May and Gladys Johnson Dunn. Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday at First United Methodist Church, 1101 W. Raleigh St., Siler City, by the Rev. Mike Sykes. Burial will be at Roselawn Cemetery in Benson.

Survivors include his wife, Edith Parker; and three nephews.

The family will receive friends this evening from 5 to 8 at the family home. Memorials may be made to First UM Church General Fund, P.O. Box 212, Siler City, NC 27344. Arrangements by Smith & Buckner Funeral Home in Siler City. Local announcement courtesy of Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson.

Paul Douglas Johnson

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
May 29, 1996

ANGIER -- Paul D. Johnson, 79, of Route 2, Box 184, died Monday in Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield. He was a retired farmer and an active member of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. today in Ebenezer Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Warren Bock. Burial will be in Harnett Memorial Gardens in Lillington. Rose & Graham Funeral Home of Benson.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife, Dorothy G. Johnson; a son, J. Doug Johnson of Angier; two daughters, Ann J. O'Neal of Dunn and Paulette J. Warren of Garner; seven grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

Paul Junior "P. J." Johnson

Dunn Daily Record
4/13/2005

P.J. Johnson, 68, of Coats died Monday afternoon at his home. The Harnett County native was the son of the late Paul and Alder Johnson. He was preceded in death by brothers, Roy and Sam Johnson; and sisters, Virginia Reeves and Myrtle Strickland.

Mr. Johnson served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a retired farmer, a member of Coats Baptist Church and was an avid outdoor sportsman. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday at Coats Baptist Church by the Revs. Jesse Mooney and Ronnie Byrd. Burial will follow at Devotional Gardens.

Survivors include his wife, Jenette Johnson; daughters, Teresa Jernigan and husband Ricky of Coats, Jennifer Roberts and husband King of Coats, Lois Hupfeld and husband Jack of Coats, Joyce Lee and husband Dennis of Four Oaks; brothers, Clester Johnson of Erwin, Hoover Johnson and Paul A. Johnson, both of Coats; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Coats Baptist Church, 554 McKinley St., Coats, N.C. 27521; or to the American Diabetes Association, Raleigh Office, 434 Fayetteville St. Mall, Two Hanover Square, Suite 1650, Raleigh, N.C. 27601.

Pauline Stephenson Johnson

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
08/20/2006



Pauline Stephenson Johnson, 85, of Springmoor Lifecare Retirement Community in Raleigh, formerly of Smithfield, died on Friday. Born in Johnston County on March 14, 1921, she was the daughter of the late Jesse and Dessie Langdon Stephenson.

Pauline was a principal and interior decorator at the family business Johnson Paint & Wallpaper for many years. She was a member of Smithfield First Baptist Church until moving to Raleigh and joining Greystone Baptist Church. She had a strong religious faith and was an accomplished pianist.

Pauline was preceded in death by her husband, Leawon Johnson, and her son, Stephen F. "Butch" Johnson. A graveside service will be held Monday at 11:00 a.m. at Sunset Memorial Park in Smithfield with Rev. Lee Colbert officiating.

Surviving are: a son, J. Keith Johnson and wife, Staton of Smithfield; a daughter, Karen F. Johnson of Raleigh; a daughter-in-law, Pat Johnson Horvath of San Antonio, TX; grandchildren, William A. Johnson and wife, Deborah of Overland Park, KS, Kevin M. Johnson and wife, Neger of San Antonio, TX, James B. Johnson and wife, Melissa of San Antonio, TX, Mary Margaret Howard and husband, John of San Antonio, TX, Joel Keith Johnson, Jr. of Bangkok, Thailand, Jon E. Johnson and wife, Jennifer of Atlantic Beach, Mary Louise Karstens and husband, Alexander of Clayton, John H. Flake III and wife, Kristin of Sparta, NJ; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at Underwood Funeral Home in Smithfield Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church, 202 S. Fourth St., Smithfield, NC 27577, Greystone Baptist Church, 7509 Lead Mine Rd., Raleigh, NC 27615, or the Springmoor Endowment Fund, 1500 Sawmill Rd., Raleigh, NC 27615.

Pearl Johnson Barefoot

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

November 23, 1999

Mrs. Pearl Johnson Barefoot, 94, of Four Oaks, died Sunday, Nov. 21, 1999. Mrs. Barefoot was born in Johnston County on September 19, 1905 to the late John G. and Minnie Wood Johnson. She was preceded in death by her husband of 75 years, Mr. Lacy A. Barefoot.

Mrs. Barefoot was a homemaker and very active in Home Demonstrations Clubs for many years. Mrs. Barefoot was the oldest member of Blackmans Grove Baptist Church serving the church since 1926. She was very active in many church activities and a member of the WMU. Her funeral has been scheduled for Wednesday 11 a.m. at Blackmans Grove Baptist Church. The Rev. Roger Carlson will officiate over the service. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Surviving are daughters, Louise B. Temple and husband, Clifton of Four Oaks, Doris B. Smith and husband Fred of Winston-Salem; brothers Earl B. Johnson and wife, Margaree of Four Oaks, James Clifton "Jim" Johnson and wife, Virginia of Smithfield; grandchildren, Dianne T. Wood of Four Oaks, Brent Lacy Smith, Barry W. Smith and Amy Ketchie, all of Winston-Salem, great-grandchildren, Tracy C. Wood, Tina L. Wood, both of Four Oaks, and Katlyn Ketchie of Winston-Salem; loving and caring friend, Peggy Dunn of Benson.

Family will receive friends at Minshew Funeral Home on Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. Memorials may be made to Blackmans Grove Baptist Church, c/o J.W. Johnson, 2446 Thompson Rd., Four Oaks, NC 27524.

At this time, the family would like to thank the entire staff and friends at Smithfield Manor for the loving care and special attention that "Mrs. Pearl" received during her last years of life.

Peggy Ann Mabry Johnson Woodward

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

04/30/2007



Peggy Mabry Woodward, 71, of 2525 Oak Grove Church Road, died Saturday. A native of Harnett County she was the daughter of the late Clement Jones and Gladys Reavis Mabry. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday at Oak Grove Baptist Church, Angier. Burial will follow in Harnett Memorial Gardens, Lillington.

Surviving: daughters, Kathy Stephenson and husband, Michael of Sumter, SC, Susan Adams and husband, Ronnie of Angier, Kim Strickland and husband, Rodney of Bunnlevel; sons, Kevin Johnson and wife, Lesia of Kipling, Keith Johnson and wife, Amy of Fuquay-Varina; sister, Nell Eason of Angler; brothers, Bobby Mabry and Benny Mabry both of Angler; grandchildren, Heather S. Jones, Amber S. Patterson, Kelly S. Morris, Joseph B. and Kaythryn M. Adams, Angus R., Ashley R., and Autumn R. Strickland, Trevor Thomas, Ethan Ray, and Hunter J.

Johnson; great-grandchildren, Blake, Bennett, Michala Jones, Megan and Evan Patterson.

She was predeceased by her husbands, G. Ray Johnson, Charles A. Woodward; son, Ronald Ray Johnson; daughter, Kelly Raye Johnson; sister, Millie Owen; brothers, Pete Mabry, Frank Mabry and Joe Mabry.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Monday at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, Angier and at other times at the home. Flowers will be appreciated or memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Harnett County, 111-A North Ellis Ave., Dunn, NC 28334, or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 2271-8, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718. Condolences may be made to the family at www.bryan-leefuneralhomo.com.

Percy L. Wood

Smithfield Herald

09/25/1959

Percy L. Wood, Veteran Court Crier, Succumbs at Age of 77

Percy L. Wood, 77 of Route 1 Garner, Johnston Superior Court crier for over 30 years, died Tuesday in Johnston Memorial Hospital. The funeral was conducted Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Shiloh Baptist Church. The Rev. Charles Sparkes and the Rev. Mr. Duke officiated. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Wood never missed a term of the court during his entire tenure as crier, and he was late only one time. On that occasion he was 10 or 15 minutes late because he had interrupted a fugitive's flight and had returned the man to jail in Raleigh.

He was a familiar face when court convened. As the judge entered the courtroom, Mr. Wood would call the courtroom to order and chant the familiar words: "Oh Yes, Oh Yes, this honorable court for the County of Johnston is now open for any such business that may come before it, and all you people draw nigh and answer to your name when it is called and save the state and the honorable court."

Mr. Wood was a native of Cleveland Township and spent his life on the farm where he was born two miles north of Cleveland School. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wood. Because Mr. Wood's father was a cripple, the son had to help with the farm work, and he never received any formal education. He taught himself to read after he was grown and had become a deputy sheriff. He served as a deputy sheriff since 1920. He was a member of Mount Zion Methodist Church and served on the board of stewards for 35 or 40 years.

Survivors include his wife, the former Lillie Jones; two sons, James Robert Wood, a bus driver in Jacksonville, Fla., and Sherwood G. Wood, a tractor-trailer driver of Norfolk, Va.; two daughters, Mrs. Mae Streamer, who is employed by the State in Raleigh, and Mrs. W. R. (Helen) Beasley, a housewife of Sanford, Fla.; one sister, Mrs. Sydney Parnell of Phoenix, Ariz.; one stepson, Delma E. Jones of Sanford; and one stepdaughter, Mrs. Lois Williams of Cary.

Phil Upchurch

Skinner & Smith Funeral Home Notice
08/28/2006

Mr. Phil Upchurch 80, of Dunn died Sunday at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital. The Harnett County native was a son of the late Malcom Calvin and Electa Johnson Upchurch. Mr. Upchurch was a retired Carpenter with Burlington Industries Erwin Plant. Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Tuesday at Prospect Free Will Baptist Church with Rev. Phil Davis officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife Eula Royals Upchurch, son: David Upchurch and wife Haidy of Dunn, a brother Morgan J. "Tony" Upchurch of Coats, a sister Rebecca "Becky" Pope of Coats, Three grandchildren: Christopher Scot Upchurch, Megan Alyse Upchurch, and Jillian Summer Upchurch.

The family will receive friends 6:00 to 8:00 PM Monday at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home of Dunn. Memorials maybe made to: Prospect Free Will Baptist Church, 873 Prospect Church Road, Dunn, NC 28334. Online condolences may be sent to www.skinnerandsmith.com.

Retha Maie Johnson

Dunn Daily Record

3/18/2005

Retha Maie Johnson, 91, of 1312 Sanders Road, Benson, died Wednesday. A native of Johnston County, she is the daughter of the late David Parker and Alma Coats Johnson. She was born Oct. 15, 1913. Ms. Johnson was preceded in death by a sister, Fannie Belle Johnson; and a brother, James Johnson. She was a homemaker and a professional seamstress. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Burial will be at the church cemetery.

Survivors include sisters, Lula J. Parrish of Durham, Merle J. Montague and husband Gene of Angier; brothers, Brant Johnson and wife Dorothy of Benson, R.G. "Jack" Johnson and wife Lou of Raleigh, Billy Johnson and wife Reta of Benson; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home in Angier. Memorials may be made to the Pleasant Grove Church Building Fund, 1241 Old Fairground Road, Willow Spring, N.C. 27592.

Ro Talton Beasley, Jr.

Dunn Daily Record

07/12/2007

Ro Talton "R.T." Beasley Jr., 72, of 11280 Old Mintz Highway, Garland, died Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at his home. He was the son of the late Ro Talton Beasley Sr. and Lessie Johnson Beasley. He was preceded in death by a sister, Rachel Jones. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro by the Rev. John Denson. Burial will follow at Old Bluff Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Lucy Beasley; daughter, Anne Westbrook and husband James of Garland; sons, Ricky Beasley and wife Virginia of Angier, Jeff Beasley and wife Emily of Greenville; sisters, Allie May West of Erwin, Elgie Herndon of Grays Creek, Nora Cain of Mt. Holly, Linda Lee of Wade and Alice Mathis of Fayetteville; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6:30 to 8:30 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the North Carolina Coastal Conservation Association, P.O. Box 58629, Raleigh, NC 27658 or www.ccanc.org.

Robert Stewart

Dunn Daily Record

10/27/2006

Robert Stewart Sr., 69, of 1161 Stewart Road, Dunn, died Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2006, at his home. He was born in Harnett County on Oct. 3, 1937, to the late Jesse G. and Elvia Johnson Stewart. He was preceded in death by a son, Duane Stewart; and a sister, Magdalene S. Black. Mr. Stewart was a retired veteran with the U.S. Air Force and the founder of The World Church Inc. House of Life. He was a self-employed salesman. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Sunday at Cromartie-Miller & Lee Funeral Home Chapel by the Revs. Billy Norris, William Maness, Clifton Norris, John Slye, Jesse Martin Stewart and Walter Stewart. Burial will follow at Benson City Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Rose Alice Stewart; sons, Randy Allen and wife Vickie of Lake Charles, La., Glenn Stewart and wife Kathy of Lexington, Robert Stewart Jr. and wife Tammy of Dunn, Rodney Stewart and wife Beth of Roseboro; sisters, Della Mae Slye of Dudley and Josephine Parker of Clayton; brothers, Walter G. Stewart of Four Oaks, Jesse Martin Stewart and Thomas E. Stewart, both of Dunn; grandchildren, Brooke Stewart, Seth Stewart, Ashley Stewart, Katie Stewart, Madalyn Stewart, Wesley Stewart, Stephen Stewart and Randolyn Page Daigle; and a great-grandchild, Morgan Claire Daigle.

The family will receive friends Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Robie George Dunn

Rose & Graham Funeral Home Notice

08/26/2006

Mr. Robie George Dunn, age 81, past owner and operator of Mule City Feed, of 305 Catherine Street, died Friday at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill. Funeral service will be Monday at 11:00AM at the Benson United Methodist Church. Rev. Ron Patton and Rev. Bobby Smith will officiate. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery.

Mr. Dunn was born February 24, 1925 in Johnston County to the late Joel and Lennie Allen Dunn. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Gladys Neal Johnson Dunn, a daughter, Mary Lynn Dunn; sisters, Irene Poe, Ethel Adams and Sarah Lee McLamb; and brother, Coleman Dunn. Mr. Dunn served in the U. S. Navy during World War II. He was a member of Banner Post 109 American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Dunn was a member of Benson United Methodist Church where he served in many capacities.

Surviving include Son & Daughter-in-Law, Paul Glenn & Cynthia Dunn of Benson; Granddaughter, Caroline Meredith Dunn; Sister, Jeanette Temple of Four Oaks; and Brother, J. Olan Dunn of Dunn.

The family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson from 7:00PM to 9:00PM Sunday.

Romulus Johnson

Smithfield Herald
1/24/1941

Romulus Johnson, well known farmer of Cleveland township, died suddenly Saturday night. He was apparently in his usual health when he retired, but some time afterward his wife heard him gasp for breath and a doctor was summoned. But he had passed away.

The body was taken to Brown's Funeral Home in Raleigh where it remained until the funeral hour, Monday afternoon. Then it was taken to the family cemetery in Cleveland township where at two o'clock graveside services were held.

Mr. Johnson, who was 61 years of age, is survived by his wife and three daughters, Misses Elizabeth, Josephine and Gloria.

Roy Everette Benson

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
November 12, 2003

BENSON -- Mr. Roy Everette Benson, age 60, of NC 210 South, died Tuesday morning at his home. He was born January 11, 1943 to Walter Gardner Benson and wife Esther Johnson Benson. Mr. Benson was a member of St. Mary's Grove FWB Church. Also a member of Crisp Hunting Club, Pinetops, NC.

The family will receive family and friends from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday. The funeral will be immediately after visitation at Minshew Funeral Home. Burial will be Thursday 11:00 a.m. in Sunset Memorial Park, Smithfield, NC. The Rev. Aubrey Williamson will officiate.

Survivors include wife, Trudy Flowers Benson; daughters Tonya Benson Messer and husband, Danny Bay; sisters, Neta B. Norris of Benson, NC, and Debra B. Norris of Four Oaks, NC; brothers, Walter L. Benson, Thomas E. Benson, both of Four Oaks, NC, and Lewis Dean Benson of Princeton, NC; stepgrandchildren, Hunter Messer, Blake Messer, and April Holt.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary's FWB Church or to Burnell Baptist Church. Memorials may also be made to Crisp Hunting Club, Pinetops, NC.

Roy Hawley

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

August 28, 1997

Roy "Pete" Hawley, 73, of Route 1 died Tuesday in his home. He was an Army veteran of World War II. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday in Price Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. Jessie Canton. Burial will be in Erwin Memorial Park.

Mr. Hawley is survived by his wife, Rachel M. Hawley of the home; a son, Thurman Wilbourne of Cheyenne, Wyo.; a foster son, Eddie Harrington of the home; a brother, Milton Hawley of Washington, D.C.; three sisters, Iona Grady of Erwin, Nora L. Johnson of Goldsboro and Peggy Westbrook of Wilmington; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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

Ruby Allene Johnson Langdon Johnson

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

August 18, 1998

Ruby Langdon Johnson, 86, of 4692, NC Hwy. 210, Smithfield, died Sunday, August 16, 1998 at her residence. Born in Johnston County, on January 14, 1912, she was the daughter of the late Mellie and Ethel Tart Johnson. Mrs. Johnson was retired from Norwich Mills where she worked as a seamstress.

Surviving: husband, Walter E. Johnson of Smithfield; son, Braxton Langdon of Smithfield; daughters, Shirley Davis of Tampa, FL, Jelynn Hall of Dallas, TX, Doreann Smith of Reidsville; sisters, Mary J. Benson of Smithfield, Bessie Warrick of Selma, Susie Barbour of Smithfield, Diamond Matthews of Buies Creek, Margaret Waggoner of Raleigh. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hopewell Freewill Baptist Church. Officiating will be Rev. Scott Casey and Rev. Jim Waggoner. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hopewell Freewill Baptist Church c/o Ralph Parker, Post Office Box 42, Four Oaks, North Carolina 27524. The family will receive friends 7-9 p.m. Tuesday evening at Hopewell Freewill Baptist Church. Underwood Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Ruby Christine Noles Beasley

Dunn Daily Record

11/02/2005

Ruby N. Beasley, 78, of Selma died Monday, Oct. 31, 2005, at Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield. She was born Aug. 30, 1927, in Johnston County to the late Roosevelt and Armatha Johnson Noles. She was a member of Smyrna FWB Church for 44 years.

Mrs. Beasley was preceded in death by her husband, Marshall N. Beasley; and brothers, L.L. Noles, Charles Noles and Robert Noles. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday at Smyrna FWB Church by the pastor, the Rev. Richard Whitman. Burial will follow at the church cemetery.

Survivors include sons, Randy Beasley and wife Jean, Woody Beasley and wife Janice, Dwight Beasley and wife Tammy, all of Dunn, Charlie Beasley and wife Bobbie of Aniston, Ala.; a daughter, Janice Summerlin and husband Chuck of Selma; brothers, Avery Lee Noles of Benson and Graylon Noles of Dunn; sisters, Dorothy Allen and Delilah Stone of Four Oaks; 17 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home in Dunn and other times at the home of Dwight Beasley. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.skinnerandsmith.com.

Rupert Johnson Upchurch

Dunn Daily Record

May 07, 2003

Rupert Johnson Upchurch, 82, of 62 Cedar Tree Lane, Dunn, died Tuesday at the Veteran's Hospital in Fayetteville.

Mr. Upchurch, a Harnett County native, was born March 21, 1921, to the late Malcom and Electra Johnson Upchurch. He was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph Calvin Upchurch; and two sisters, Jeanette U. Denning and Catherine Young. He was a retired farmer and carpenter and worked for Campbell University and the Salvation Army in Dunn.

Mr. Upchurch was a World War II veteran in the U.S. Army. He was a life member of the Lee-Parnell Post 6767 Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was also a member of the American Legion Banner Post 109 in Benson and the William Stone Post 74 Disabled American Veterans of Harnett County.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Prospect FWB Church by the Revs. Phil Davis and Jesse Mooney. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Merlie Parker Upchurch; brothers, Phil Upchurch of Dunn and Tony Upchurch of Coats; a sister, Becky U. Pope of Coats.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Cromartie-Miller & Lee Funeral Home in Dunn. Memorials may be made to Prospect FWB Church, 873 Prospect Church Road, Coats, N.C. 27521.

Ruth Dixon Benson

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

September 10, 1997

Ruth Dixon Benson, 85, died Tuesday. Funeral 11 a.m. Thursday, Rose & Graham Funeral Chapel. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery.

Surviving: husband, J. Ralph Benson; daughter, Mary B. Gibbs of Raleigh; brothers, Carlos Dixon of Coats, Sherrill Dixon of Raleigh; sister, Naomi Lee of Coats; three grandchildren; two great-grandsons.

Family will be at the funeral home 7-9 p.m. today.

Ruth Ellameta Smith Johnson

Dunn Daily Record

06/21/2006

Ellameta Johnson, 92, of Dunn died Tuesday morning, June 20, 2006, at her home. She was the daughter of the late Lonnie and Hettie L. Smith. She was preceded in death by her husband, Allen Johnson; and a son, Wayne Johnson. A graveside service will be held 11 a.m. Thursday at Lee-Johnson Cemetery by the Revs. Leon Tart and Joe Norris.

Survivors include a daughter, Betsy Johnson of Dunn; a brother, Garland Smith of Benson; a sister, Lucile Peacock of Benson; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Thursday following the graveside service at Calvary Baptist Church. The family asks that memorials be made to Calvary Baptist Church, 283 N.C. 55, Dunn, NC 28334; or to Jonesboro Baptist Church, 2020 Jonesboro Road, Dunn, NC 28334. A service of Skinner & Smith Funeral Home.

Sallie Jane Byrd Langdon

Smithfield Herald

12/15/1998

Sallie Byrd Langdon, 88, of 755 King Mill Road, Four Oaks, died Monday. Born Sept. 20, 1910, in Johnston County, she was a daughter of the late Troy and Lettie Johnson Byrd. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Minshew Funeral Home in Four Oaks. Elder James Denning will officiate. Burial will follow in the cemetery at Clements Primitive Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Paul H. Langdon; four sons, Hampton Langdon of Kernersville, Carl Langdon and Thel Langdon, both of Four Oaks, and Donald Langdon of Newport, Va.; a brother, Troy Byrd Jr. of Four Oaks; a sister, Mary Reaves of Smithfield; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 7 till 8:30 p.m. today (Tuesday) at the funeral home. The family suggests memorial contributions to charity.

Sallie Johnson Coats

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

April 24, 1998

BENSON - Mrs. Sallie Johnson Coats, 89, of 607 E. Church St. died Thursday. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday in West & Dunn Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. Alex B. Thompson. Burial will be in Banner Chapel Church cemetery.

Mrs. Coats is survived by three daughters, Edna C. Thompson of Hobbs, N.M., Wilma C. Johnson of Godwin and Shelby C. Johnson of Raleigh; two sons, Bryan D. Coats of Hyattsville, Md., and Landis R. Coats of Dunn; a brother, Bill Johnson of Smithfield; a half sister, Isabelle Ryals of Four Oaks; a half brother, David Johnson of Raleigh; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

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

Sallie Margaret Bryan Johnson

Dunn Daily Record

6/27/2005

Sallie Margaret Bryan Johnson, 72, of Dunn died Friday, June 24, 2005, at Rex Hospital. The Johnston County native was the daughter of the late Henry A. and Mary C. Bryan. She was preceded in death by brothers, Alcy Graydon Bryan and Luther Perry Denning. Funeral services

were held 2 p.m. Sunday at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home by the Rev. Robert Capps. Burial followed at Lee-Johnson Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, Lee Johnson of Dunn; a daughter, Marilee Johnson Barghout and husband Jeff of Raleigh; a sister, Mary Lou Park of Goldsboro; and a brother, Charles Denning of Dunn.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Baptist Church, 7538 N.C. 50 South, Benson, N.C. 27504; or to Calvary Baptist Church, 283 N.C. 55, Dunn, N.C. 28334.

Sarah Maxine Johnson

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
July 24, 2001

ANGIER - Miss Sarah Maxine Johnson, age 81, of 15012 NC Hwy 210 died Monday at Wake Medical Center, Raleigh. Funeral service will be 3:00 p.m. Wednesday at Providence Presbyterian Church, Angier. Rev. Mark Scott will officiate. Burial will follow in the Church Cemetery.

Miss Johnson was born June 4, 1920 in Johnston County to the late Rufus M. and Corinna Hardee Johnson. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Eloise J. Lee, and a brother James Reid Johnson. Miss Johnson was a member of Providence Presbyterian Church and was a homemaker.

Surviving include sister, Evangeline J. Lee of Four Oaks; brothers Rupert L. Johnson and Braxton H. Johnson, both of Angier; and several nieces and nephews, Jerry Johnson, Lou Ann Buck, Debbie Lee, Eddie Lee, Peggy Barnhill, and Terry Clary.

Family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Benson 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday.

Sarah "Sallie" F. Garrard Johnson

Smithfield Herald
01/18/1921

On Sunday, January 2, Mrs. Robert Johnson of Cleveland township passed away after an illness of several months. She was afflicted with Bright's disease and since June had been growing worse.

The funeral services were held at the home conducted by her pastor, Rev. Mr. Stroud, pastor of Mount Zion Methodist church. The remains were then laid to rest in the family burying ground in the presence of a very large crowd of relatives and friends.

Mrs. Johnson was about sixty years old. She was one of the leading women of her community always interested in every good work. She was reared in the Methodist faith, being the daughter of a Methodist preacher. She was one of the oldest members of Mount Zion church and was faithful to its services as long as she was able.

She leaves besides a husband to mourn her loss the following children: Mrs. W. T. Johnston, of Wake county; Mr. Ike Johnson, Mrs. P. L. Wood, Mr. Rom Johnson, Mr. Charlie Johnson, of Cleveland township; Mrs. B. H. Jewel, of Wake county; and Dr. R. W. Johnson, of Clinton, S. C. She was a sister of Mr. H. T. Garrard and Mrs. Bettie Holland.

Selma Viola Gregory Johnson

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
October 14, 1999

Mrs. Selma Viola Johnson, 86, of Coats died Tuesday in Harnett Manor Rest Home in Lillington. Mrs. Johnson was a member of Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church. She was a homemaker. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday in Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel by Elder Worth Stephenson. Burial will be in the Stewart family cemetery.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by two daughters, Gail Allen of Coats and Brenda Kennedy of Erwin; two sons, Stuart F. Johnson of Raleigh and R.A. Johnson of Atkinson; 19 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

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

Seth Lee, Jr.

Dunn Daily Record
Thursday, February 06, 2003

Seth Lee Jr., 82, of 2800 Abattoir Road, Coats, died Wednesday at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. He was born Feb. 29, 1920, in Johnston County to the late Seth Sr. and Lenora Johnson Lee.

Mr. Lee was a retired engineer with the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad and a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He was a member of Coats Baptist Church, Banner Post 109 American Legion and Meridian Masonic Lodge No. 284 AF&AM in Richmond, Va., where he received his 32nd degree Masonic degree and Scottish Rite.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Coats Baptist Church by the Rev. Jesse Mooney and Albert Gregory. Burial will follow in Lee Family Cemetery in Benson.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Naomi Dixon Lee; a son, Seth T. "Tommy" Lee of Richmond; sisters, Mary Lee Denning of Coats and Madia Lee Dixon of Richmond; a brother, M.P. Lee of Coats; a grandson, Michael Allen of Richmond; a great-granddaughter, Shelby Allen of Richmond; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Shirley Rhea Johnson Johnson

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

January 1, 2005

BENSON -- Mrs. Shirley J. Johnson, age 71, of 2747 NC Highway 50 South died Friday at her residence after an extended illness. Funeral service will be 2:00 PM Monday at the Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel. Officiating will be the Revs. Steve Lawson and Calvin Leavitt. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Johnson was born February 14, 1933 in Johnston County to the late Henry Wesley and Annie Massengill Johnson. Mrs. Johnson was preceded in death by sisters, Lola Jane West, Ila Mae Barefoot, Ramona Weatherly, and Eva Wood Ivey; and brothers, Henry Johnson, J.W. Johnson, and A.R. Johnson. Mrs. Johnson was a homemaker, retired Stanley Dealer, and member of Holly Grove Advent Christian Church.

Surviving, include husband, Lynward E. "L.E." Johnson; daughter and son-in-law, Gwen and Ricky Green of Benson; sons and daughters-in-law, Junior and Phyllis Johnson, and Marshall and Linda Johnson, all of Benson; grandchildren and spouses, Angie and Neil Wheelless, Brian Lee, Joni and Rodney Benson, Kimberly Lee, Crystal and Ashley Stanley, Carrie Johnson, and Trey Johnson, all of Benson; step-grandchildren and spouse, Greg Peterson, Rodney and Tonya Peterson, Keith and Reba Green, and Leticia and Randy Johnson; great grandchildren, Madison Stewart, Sydney Wheelless, Lance Benson, Mattie Wheelless, Landen Beasley, and Jordan Benson; sister, Eula J. Thornberg of Raeford; brother, George P. Johnson of Benson; special brother-in-law and nephew, John and Johnny Ivey of Benson.

Family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Benson, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM Sunday. Flowers are welcomed, however memorials may be made to Relay for Life, c/o American Cancer Society; PO Box 1544, Smithfield, NC 27577.

Stuart Holt Cannady

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

April 28, 2000

Stuart Holt Cannady, 78, of Lillington died Thursday in Harnett Manor. The funeral will be conducted at 4 p.m. Saturday in O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home chapel by Dr. William Goodnight. Burial will be in Harnett Memorial Park.

Mr. Cannady is survived by his wife, Jessie Cannady; three daughters, Sandra Turlington and Angela Cannady, both of Lillington, and Susan Temple of Apex; a son, Joe Cannady of Lillington; two sisters, Mallie Jenkins of West Virginia and Josie Redfern of Florida; and two grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Cape Fear Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1332, Lillington, N.C. 27546.

Thelma Johnson Barnes

Dunn Daily Record

3/11/2005

Thelma Johnson Barnes, 90, died Wednesday at Smithfield Manor. She was the daughter of the late Joel A. Johnson and Ozelia Coates-Johnson. She was preceded in death by siblings, Leawon Johnson, Theron Johnson, Edith Johnson Olive, Joel A. Johnson Jr. and Wyatt B. Johnson.

Mrs. Barnes attended East Carolina Teacher's College, now East Carolina University, and Hardbarger's Business College in Raleigh. She worked for many years in bookkeeping and accounting for local firms and for 25 years was administrator of Colonial Rest Home. Mrs. Barnes was a member of Smithfield First Baptist Church. She was a member of the choir and teacher of her Sunday school class. She also served in the Women's Missionary Union, as a director of the Baptist Women for the Johnston Baptist Association and was a member of the program planning committee of the N.C. State Baptist Convention.

Her civic contributions included being instrumental in preserving and moving The Hasting's House, Smithfield's oldest dwelling, and was an officer and director in The Hasting's House Association. Mrs. Barnes was a past president of the Smithfield Junior Women's Club and Smithfield Woman's Club. She was past president of the Johnston County Heart Association and the Smithfield Business and Professional Woman's Club. She was a member of the Year Round Garden Club, the Smithfield Garden Club, the Aeolin Music Club and the Johnston County Arts Council. In 1970, she received the Outstanding Clubwoman Award from District 13 of the N.C. Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Barnes was named one of the "Distinguished Citizens" by the Greater Smithfield-Selma Area Chamber of Commerce. She was the first woman to serve as chairman of the Salvation

Army Advisory Board at Smithfield, where she was a board member for 22 years. She served on the old Smithfield School District Committee and was the first woman president of the Johnston County Mental Health Association. She was also a volunteer worker for Contact Teleministry of Johnston County.

A memorial service will be held 6 p.m. Saturday at Minshew Funeral Home in Four Oaks. Visitation will be at 5 p.m. A private interment will be held.

Survivors include her husband of more than 65 years, William A. Barnes Sr.; children, William Arthur Barnes Jr. of Weaverville and Bette Barnes Carpenter and husband William of Smithfield; grandchildren, William Christian Carpenter, Rebecca Barnes, Elizabeth Barnes, William A. Barnes III, John-Tyler Barnes and Hunter Barnes; step-grandchildren, Lorie Marie Shoulders and William Rodney Carpenter; and a sister, Juanita Johnson Honeycutt.

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.

Thomas Alfred Dupree

Dunn Daily Record

3/6/2003

Thomas Alfred Dupree, 85, of 135 White Memorial Church Road in Angier, died Wednesday. A graveside service is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Friday at Fellowship Community Cemetary. Elder James Denning and the Rev. Mark Scott will officiate. Mr. Dupree was born in Johnston County and was a farmer.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Agnes Johnson Dupree; a daughter, Gail Spry and her husband Bill of Angier; two sons, Thomas Larry Dupree and his wife Margaret of Goldsboro, and Don R. Dupree and his wife Brenda of Angier; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson tonight from 7-9. Flowers are welcomed; however, memorials may be made to one's favorite charity.

Troy Pinkney Byrd

Smithfield Herald

10/27/1978

Troy Pinkney Byrd of Route 3, Four Oaks died Wednesday night in Johnston Memorial Hospital following a period of declining health. He was 92 years of age. Mr. Byrd, who was born in Johnston County, was a son of the late George Washington and Harriet Beasley Byrd. He was a retired farmer. He was a member of Berea Presbyterian Church.

The funeral was scheduled for 3 p.m. Friday in the chapel of Minshew Funeral Home in Four Oaks with the Rev. Ed Taylor and the Rev. Clearon Coats officiating and burial following in Rehobeth Church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Annie Norris Byrd; five daughters, Mrs. Sallie Langdon of Route 3, Four Oaks, Mrs. Ava Johnson of Route 1, Smithfield, Mrs. Dillie Knight of Sanford, and Mrs. Mary Morris of Raleigh, and Mrs. Shelby Jean Norris of Smithfield; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Etta Lassiter of the home; one son, T. P. Troy {note from Deb: Last name should be "Byrd"} of Route 3, Four Oaks; one stepson, Thurman Harper of Route 3, Four Oaks, 33 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Tyrus Raymond McCullers

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

03/14/2007



Tyrus Raymond McCullers of Ormond Lane in Selma died Monday. He was born in Johnston County to the late Henry Ramon and Eva Marie Johnson McCullers. Tyrus was a US Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Smithfield. He was the sales/parts manager for Floyd C. Price & Sons for 34 years and for Surf & Turf for 20 years.

Funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church in Smithfield with Rev. Lee Colbert officiating. Burial with military honors will follow in Riverside Cemetery.

Surviving are: his wife, Betty Barnes-McCullers; sons, Bill McCullers and wife, Cassie of North Wales, PA, David R. McCullers and wife, Kim of Smithfield; daughters, Diane M. Glasgow and husband John of Wilmington, Sandy M. Briscar and husband, Don of Rocky Mount; stepson, Allan Barnes and

wife, Betty of Newport; brother, Lawrence Earl McCullers and wife, Julia of Smithfield; 12 grandchildren; two step-grandsons; one great-grandson.

The family will receive friends at Underwood Funeral Home in Smithfield Wednesday night from 7-9:00 p.m. Flowers are acceptable or memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 209, Smithfield, NC 27577.

Victoria Johnson Wood

Smithfield Herald

12/18/1942

MRS. P. L. WOOD FATALLY HURT IN AUTO COLLISION

An automobile accident that occurred on the outskirts of Raleigh during Wednesday afternoon's snowstorm claimed the life of Mrs. Percy L. Wood of Cleveland Township, wife of Johnston county's superior court crier.

Mrs. Wood, who was 62, was riding with her husband and others when their car collided with one driven by C. M. Barkley of Raleigh, Route 2, on U. S. Highway 70 near the Raleigh city limits. She was not killed instantly but died before reaching a hospital.

Mr. Wood was slightly injured, suffering a bruised arm. He received treatment at Rex Hospital in Raleigh and was released immediately.

Highway Patrolman T. E. Cook launched an investigation of the collision. No inquest was set by Coroner Roy Banks of Wake county, pending the patrolman's report.

The body of Mrs. Wood was brought to Underwood Funeral Home here to be prepared for burial.

Vonnie Alma Norris Hogan

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
March 18, 2001

COATS -- Mrs. Vonnie N. Hogan, 87, of 101 Russell Hogan Lane died Saturday. Mrs. Hogan worked for Burlington Industries before retiring and was a homemaker. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel in Benson by the Revs. Agnes Baker-Douglas and Carl Graham. Burial will be in Coats City Cemetery.

Mrs. Hogan is survived by three daughters, Leatrice H. Earps and Judith H. King, both of Coats, and Jean H. Hobby of Burlington; two sons, Russell T. Hogan of Angier and Donald H. Hogan of Coats; a sister, Alvie N. Sullivan of Wilson's Mills; 14 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. The family will receive friends Monday from 7 to 9 at the funeral home.

Walter Eldridge Johnson

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June 29, 1999

SMITHFIELD- Funeral services for Walter Eldridge Johnson will be held at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday at Hopewell Freewill Baptist Church conducted by Rev. Scott Casey and Rev. Jim Waggoner. Interment will follow in Fellowship Community Cemetery near Angier.

Surviving: step-son, Braxton Langdon of Smithfield; step-daughters, Shirley Davis of Tampa, FL, Jelynn Hall of Dallas, TX and Doreann Smith of Reidsville; sister, Dorothy Pleasant of Angier; ten step-grandchildren and ten step-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends in the Hopewell Community Building Tuesday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and at other times at his residence at 4692 NC Highway 210, Smithfield. Arrangement by Underwood Funeral Home.

Wilhelmina Coats Johnson

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
August 19, 1997

COATS -- Mrs. Wilhelmina Coats Johnson, 79, of 204 S. Carrie St. died Monday in Good Hope Hospital in Erwin. She was a member of Coats United Methodist Church and Coats United Methodist Women and was a homemaker. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Coats United Methodist Church by the Rev. Chuck Herrin. Burial will be in Coats City Cemetery.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by her husband, Clayton B. Johnson; a son, Clyde T. Gaster of Raleigh; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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

William Paul Stephenson, Jr.

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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.

Willie Evelyn Johnson Stephenson

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
May 15, 1995

ERWIN -- Mrs. Evelyn Johnson Stephenson, 77, of 108 E. F St. died Sunday in Harnett Manor Nursing Home in Lillington. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church by the Rev. Jerry Hicks. Burial will be in Erwin Memorial Park.

Mrs. Stephenson is survived by a son, Rudolph Stephenson Jr. of Petersburg, Va.; a daughter, Wanda S. Jackson of Erwin; two brothers, Clayton Johnson of Coats and Dallas Johnson of Erwin; two sisters, Juanita Strickland and Rotha McLamb, both of Portsmouth, Va.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Price Funeral Home and other times at the home.

Willis Holton Langdon

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
May 8, 1998

Willis Holton Langdon died Wednesday May 6, 1998 at age 79, the son of the late Willis Cleveland Langdon and the late Mattie Johnson Langdon.

Friends were welcome to show their condolences at McLaurin Funeral Home between the hours of 5-9 p.m. Thursday, May 7, 1998. Graveside service will be held 2 p.m. Friday, May 8, 1998 at Restlawn Memorial Park (between Raleigh and Durham).

He was a World War II veteran, retired farmer and retired from The News & Observer in 1984.

He is survived by his wife, Clara Beasley Langdon; two brothers, John and Carroll Langdon, both of Garner; four children and their spouses, daughter, Faye Langdon Stephenson, husband, Wade Stephenson, of Clayton; daughter, Shirley Langdon Baldwin, husband, Ron Baldwin of Scotland Neck, daughter, Julia and fiance, J.B. Arthur of Scotland Neck; son, Tyra Langdon and wife, Wendy Langdon of Garner. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren, Tammie Williams and husband, Joe Williams; Julie Cantu, Sam S. Clark Jr., Teresa Clark, Mitchell Stephenson, Stanley Stephenson, Jason Stephenson, Patrick Stephenson, Kelly Langdon, Tyson Langdon, Connie Godwin, Chris Stephenson, Eric Baldwin; five great-grandchildren, Tyler Williams, Holton Williams, Skyler Langdon, Sherry Stephenson, Leah Godwin. He is also survived by many friends and loved ones.

Willis Washington Beasley

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
November 19, 1996

BENSON -- Willis Washington Beasley, 94, of 2785 Highway 242 S. died Monday in Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield. He was a member of Banner Advent Christian Church. Mr. Beasley was selected Woodman of the World's Man of the Year in 1995. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Banner Chapel Advent Christian Church by the Revs. Sam Worley and Ralph Strickland. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mr. Beasley is survived by four daughters, Ruby Penny and Levidas Gainey, both of Benson, Iva L. Reynolds of Owenboro, Ky., and Joyce Wellons of Raleigh; four sons, Orel W. Beasley of Jupiter, Fla., Donnie Beasley of Benson, Johnny Beasley of Zebulon, and Billy Beasley of Kernersville; 13 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

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

Wilton McLean Johnson

Dunn Daily Record
06/26/2002

Wilton McLean "Bullet" Johnson, 75, of Coats died Tuesday at Core Family Center in Dunn. He was born Aug. 27, 1926, in Harnett County to the late Alonzo Lee and Cora Adams Johnson. He was preceded in death by a brother, Albert Lee Johnson.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of Banner Post 109 American Legion. He was a retired farmer. A graveside service will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Devotional Gardens in Dunn. Officiating will be Dr. Jim Cochran and Albert Gregory.

Survivors include sisters, Willadean J. Johnson and Jacqueline J. Nordan, both of Coats, Lea J. Frank of Muttontown, N.Y., Patricia J. Jackson of Raleigh and Josephine J. Matthews of Richmond, Va.; brothers, Tommy Johnson of Middlesex and Jimmy Johnson of Hillsborough; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats and other times at the home of Jimmy N. and Willadean Johnson, 827 Live Oak Road, Coats.