

### **Ambrose Floyd Currin**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

March 30, 1996

Ambrose Floyd Currin, 79, of Willow Springs died Friday. He was a retired hardware salesman. The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Sunday in Rawls Baptist Church by the Revs. Chip Hopkins, Wayne Schlink and C. Paul Jones. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Currin is survived by his wife, Flossie P. Currin of the home; a son, Charles Currin of Lillington; two daughters, Peggy Dean of Willow Springs and Carolyn Weaver of Linden; four sisters, Hazel Elliott of Oxford, Effie Hester of Lillington, Mabel McNeill of Broadway and Doris Hodge of Henderson; and three brothers, Joe Currin of Durham, and Jack Currin and Carlton Currin, both of Lillington.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Sugg Funeral Home of Fuquay-Varina.

### **Benjamin Franklin McLeod**

Dunn Daily Record

11/16/2005

Bennie F. McLeod, 66, of Dunn died Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2005, at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital in Dunn. He was the son of the late Harvey and Rosa Dorman McLeod. Graveside services will be held 2 p.m. Thursday at Devotional Gardens by the Rev. Dr. Ken Dalton.

Survivors include a brother, Gene McLeod and wife Darlene of Dunn; and a nephew, Terry McLeod of Benson.

The family will receive friends Thursday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home in Lillington.

### **Clarence Thomas Whittenton**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

April 22, 1998

Mr. Clarence Thomas Whittenton, 67, of 231 Whittington Rd., died Tuesday at Betsy Johnson Hospital in Dunn. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Thursday at the Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson. The Revs. Tim Batten and Jamie Ashmore will officiate. Entombment will follow in Roselawn Cemetery, Benson.

Mr. Whittenton was born October 17, 1930 in Harnett County to the late Clarence and Lillie Grimes Whittington. He was a retired Tobacco and Livestock Farmer, and welder. Mr.

Whittenton was a US Air Force Veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was also a member of the Plainview Presbyterian Church.

Surviving include wife, Vennie Hardee Whittenton; daughters, Sandra W. Tart of Zebulon and Debbie Whittenton of Raleigh; granddaughter, Amanda Tart; sister, Barbara W. Denning of Benson; brothers, Leonard Whittington of Coats, Richard Whittington of Pittsboro and Gerald E. Whittington of Greensboro.

Family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson 7-9 p.m. Wednesday. Family prefers memorials to be made to the American Heart Association or Plainview Presbyterian Church, 2712 Plainview Church Rd. Angier, NC 27501; or one's favorite charity.

### **Cleo Mae Whittington Temple**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
March 27, 1998

Mrs. Cleo W. Temple, 78, of Bunnlevel died Thursday in Central Carolina Hospital in Sanford. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday in O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home chapel in Lillington by the Rev. Bertrand Pitchford. Burial will be in Lafayette Memorial Park in Fayetteville.

Mrs. Temple is survived by her husband, Robert Temple of the home; a daughter, Beverly T. Gregory of Bunnlevel; a son, Curtis Temple of Bunnlevel; four brothers, Arthur Whittington of Lillington, Ray Whittington of Raeford, and Stacy Whittington and George Whittington, both of Fayetteville; two sisters, Thelma W. Parrish of Bunnlevel and Ethel W. Stone of Lillington; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at the funeral home and at other times at the home of Glenn and Beverly Gregory, Bunnlevel.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 202 E. 'D' St., Erwin, N.C. 28339.

### **Everett Mason Fanning**

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

Everett Mason Fanning, 84, of 55 Eagle Road, died Sunday. Funeral service will be 8 p.m. Monday at the Rose & Graham Funeral Chapel in Coats. Burial will take place in Troy, Mich.

Surviving: wife, Frances Whittington Fanning; daughter, Patricia F. Yauch of Warrenville, Ill.; son, Robert M. Fanning of Ashford, Conn. stepson, Wayne Armstrong of Woodstock, Ga.; grandchildren, Christopher and Jennifer Fanning.

The family will be at the funeral home, 6-8 p.m. today. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Coats Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. box 297, Coats, N.C. 27521.

### **Fannie Sue Holmes Elder**

Greensboro News & Record (NC)  
March 10, 2001

Sue Holmes Elder, 61, went to live in her heavenly home to be with her Savior and Lord and her precious mother, Rosa W. Holmes, on Thursday, March 8, 2001, at Moses Cone Hospital. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 11, 2001, at Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, with the Revs. Jack Morris, Russell Pinkleton and Pastor Todd Haynes officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview Memorial Park.

She was a very loving and devoted wife and mother. Love, joy and tender loving care were always given to her nieces and nephews. She was a member of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, where she held many offices. She was retired from Guilford County School Child Nutrition Department.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 43 years, Norman E. Elder; her loving daughter, Tanza Sue Elder of Greensboro; loving father, Willie F. Holmes of Greensboro; very close father and mother-in-law, Henry and Ruby Elder of Greensboro; sisters, Peggy and husband, Randall Simpson of Greensboro, Anne and husband, Frank Wicker of Gibsonville; like a sister and brother, Vearle and Richard Page of Greensboro; uncle, Clifford J. Keegan of Greensboro; her "Very Special" little man, Matthew Brady Page, son of Ricky and Vickie Page of Greensboro; all her sweet nieces and nephews; and numerous relatives and friends.

The family will be receiving family and loved ones from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 10, 2001, at Lambeth-Troxler Funeral Service and other times at the daughters home, 2014 Brightwood School Road, Greensboro. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice at Greensboro, 2500 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N.C. 27405.

## **Garland Leon Whittington**

Dunn Daily Record

12/27/2007



Garland Leon Whittington, 95, of 184 S. Railroad St., Coats, died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007, at Dunn Rehabilitation Center. He was born Oct. 22, 1912, in Harnett County to the late Joseph Tyson "Jody" and Rena Williams Whittington. The oldest of 10 children, Mr. Whittington was a retired farmer and carpenter. He was a member of Coats Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Stacy Whittington, Fonzer Whittington and Preston Whittington. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Friday at Coats Baptist Church by the Revs. Jesse Mooney and Ronnie Byrd. Burial will follow at Erwin Memorial Park.

Survivors include his wife of 74 years, Jewell McLamb Whittington; daughters, Wanda W. Murray and husband Bobby of Coats, Julia W. Marriott and husband Peter of Angier; sons, Elwood Leon Whittington and Garland Robert Whittington, both of Coats; sisters, Agatha McLamb of Coats, Christine Fish of Angier and Marie Honeycutt of Raleigh; brothers, Phillip Whittington of Raleigh, Billy Whittington and McKinley Whittington, both of Coats; granddaughter, Beverly M. Sadler of Fuquay-Varina; and great-grandson, Matthew L. Sadler of Fuquay-Varina.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats. Family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats from 7:00PM to 9:00PM Thursday.

## **Herbert H. Whittington**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

May 9, 1997

Mr. Herbert H. Whittington, 72, retired banker of First Citizens Bank and Trust Co., of 606 W. Parrish Drive, died Thursday at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Rose and Graham Funeral Chapel in Benson. Rev. Don Price and Dr. Lynn Buzzard will officiate. Burial will follow in Benson City Cemetery.

Mr. Whittington was born in Johnston County, May 30, 1924, to the late Ralph B. and Lettie Surlles Whittington. He was a member of Benson Baptist Church where he was a deacon and served in many capacities. Mr. Whittington was a member of the Benson Lions Club.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Dew Whittington; daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and John Allen of Rocky Mount; brother, Ralph E. Whittington of Raleigh; and grandchildren, Jenna E. Allen and Barrett W. Allen.

Family will be at Rose and Graham Funeral Home in Benson 7-9 p.m. Friday. Family suggests memorials be made to Benson Baptist Church or Benson Rescue Squad.

### **James Robin Clayton**

The News & Observer  
April 18, 2001

BENSON - Mr. James Robin Clayton, 66, of 602 West Church St., died Tuesday at Betsy Johnson Hospital in Dunn. Funeral service will be 3 p.m. Thursday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel in Benson. Officiating will be the Revs. Shawn Higgins and Bobby Phillips. Burial will follow in Fellowship Community Cemetery.

Mr. Clayton was born August 6, 1934 in Johnston County to the late James W. "Jim" and Royaline Parrish Clayton. He had retired as a Commercial Grading Construction Supervisor. Mr. Clayton was also a member of the New Hope Alliance Church.

Surviving: wife, Sarah Whittington Clayton; daughters and son-in-law, Susan C. Byrd of Clayton, Cathy L. Clayton of Smithfield, Abbie C. and Steve Brummett of Sanford; sisters, Dixie Johnson of Benson, Joyce Coats of Angier, Wilma Stone of Angier, Neta Johnson of Benson; brothers, Larry Clayton of Benson and Donald Clayton of Angier; granddaughters, Lindsay Robin Byrd, Emily Caroline Brummett, and Laura Elizabeth Brummett.

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

### **John Woodrow Gregory**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
July 9, 2000

Mr. John Woodrow Gregory, age 82, of Coats died Saturday at home. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Monday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Pete Norris Jr. will officiate. Burial will follow in Devotional Gardens, Dunn.

Mr. Gregory was born September 30, 1917 in Harnett County to the late Willis A. and Lavenia Whittenton Gregory. He was married to the late Elsie Mae Stancil Gregory and was preceded in death by sons, Kenneth Wade Gregory and Wayne Anthony Gregory; brothers, David Gregory, Ted Gregory, and Willard Gregory and sisters, Lydia W. Mangum, Naomi G. Morrison, and Nellie G. Strickland. Mr. Gregory was a farmer and a carpenter in home construction.

Surviving include daughter and son-in-law, Lynda G. and Kenneth Weeks; sisters, Georgia W. Mimms of Fuquay-Varina and Alice G. Leslie of Sanford; six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Family will receive friends at Rose and Graham Funeral Home in Coats 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday and other times at the home of Lynda and Kenneth Weeks, Benson.

### **Joseph Preston Whittington**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

April 13, 1997

Joseph Preston Whittington, 77, of Coats died Saturday in Good Hope Hospital in Erwin. He was a sales representative of General Electric, a Marine veteran of World War II and a member of Banner Post 109 in the American Legion.

The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Monday in Coats Baptist Church by the Revs. Jesse Mooney and John Stephenson. Burial will be in Lakeside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Whittington is survived by a son, Phillip D. Whittington of Coats; four daughters, Debbie Pearl of Mansfield, Mass., Joyce Pechonis and Joan Currin, both of Eastham, Mass., and Judy Whittington of Brewster, Mass.; five brothers, S. Fonzer Whittington of Costa Mesa, Calif., Phillip T. Whittington of Garner, and Billy D. Whittington, Leon Whittington and R. McKinley Whittington, all of Coats; three sisters, Agatha W. McLamb of Coats, Christine M. Fish of Angier and Marie W. Honeycutt of Raleigh; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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

### **Leonard Ira Whittington**

Rose & Graham Funeral Home Notice

08/26/2006

Mr. Leonard Whittington, age 74, of 1314 Turlington Road died Friday at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. Funeral Services will be 5:00PM Sunday at the Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson. Officiating will be the Rev. Pearlene Parrish. Burial will follow in Red Hill Church Cemetery, Coats. Mr. Whittington was born June 20, 1932 in Johnston County to the late Clarence Andrew and Lillie Grimes Whittington. He was a Framing Contractor in the home construction business.

Surviving include Wife, Carolyn Pleasant Whittington; Daughters, Vickie Whittington of Clayton, Ann Whittington of Benson; and Bonnie Whitley of Willow Spring; Sons, Dale Whittington of Dunn, Tony Whittington of Willow Spring, Lewis Whittington of Coats, Allen Whittington of Angier, and Chris Whittington of Coats; Step-Sons, Timmy Wood of Coats,

Donnie Wood of Coats, and Michael Wood of Benson; Step-Daughter, Shelia Langdon of Dunn; Sister, Barbara Denning of Benson; Brothers, Richard Whittington of Pittsboro and Jerry Whittington of Burlington; Eleven Grandchildren; Seven Step-Grandchildren; and Three Great Grandchildren.

The family will receive friends 7:00PM to 9:00PM Saturday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Benson.

### **Maggie Jane Turlington Whittington**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
February 19, 2000

Mrs. Maggie T. Whittington of Lillington died Friday in Good Hope Hospital in Erwin. She was 101. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday in O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. Franklin Hunt. Burial will be in Erwin Chapel Free Will Baptist Church cemetery.

Mrs. Whittington is survived by a son, James E. Whittington of Wilmington; four daughters, Peggy Foster of Ohio, Dorothy Hubbard of Fayetteville, Geraldine Terry of Garner and Frances Lewis of Wilmington; 20 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

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

### **Mamie Jennette Whittington**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
01/22/2008

Mrs. Mamie Jennette Whittington, 86, died Sunday at Independence Village. Graveside funeral services will be 3:00 p.m. Wednesday at Raleigh Memorial Park. Officiating will be Dr. Larry Harper and Rev. Don Price. Mrs. Whittington was born July 17, 1921, in Wake County to the late Hubert Bryan and Lucy Wilkerson Jennette. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph E. Whittington; a son, James E. Whittington; and sisters, Marie Russell, Irene Faulkner, and Lucille Weathers. She was a homemaker and a member of Forest Hills Baptist Church in Raleigh.

Surviving are: daughter and son-in-law, Linda W. and R. H. Cox of Cary; twin sister, Mildred Grosse of Enterprise, AL; grandchildren, Michael Cox of Raleigh, Jennifer Cox of Cary, Jeff Walker of Greenville, Sherry Hagymas of Londonderry, NH, and James E. Whittington, Jr., of Youngsville; seven great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends 2:30 p.m. Wednesday prior to the service at Raleigh Memorial Park Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to one's favorite charity.

Arrangements by Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com](http://www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com).

### **Marjorie Morgan Whittenton McAlister**

Dunn Daily Record  
06/10/2005

Marjorie M. Whittenton McAlister, 81, of 5141 Lazy Oaks Drive, Winter Park, Fla., died Sunday, Dec. 26, 2004. She was formerly of Dunn and was preceded in death by her first husband, Charles Whittenton Sr. Mrs. McAllister was a retired nurse having served in the Benson, Dunn and Erwin areas. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Winter Park. A graveside memorial service will be held 1 p.m Friday at Greenwood Cemetery in Dunn.

Survivors include her husband, Robert McAlister; sons, Charles Whittenton Jr. of Las Vegas, Nev., Michael Whittenton of Cuyaloga Falls, Ohio, and Benjamin Whittenton of Altamonte Springs, Fla.; and grandchildren, Merritt of the U.S. Navy, Judson of Scottsdale, Ariz., Megan of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and Benjamin Jr. of Chesterfield, S.C.

A service of Cromartie-Miller & Lee Funerals and Cremations in Dunn.

### **Nellie Gregory Strickland**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
June 21, 1998

Nellie Gregory Strickland, 72, died Friday, June 19, 1998. Funeral service 3 p.m. Sunday, June 21, 1998 at Thomas Funeral Home Chapel. Burial, Greenlawn Memorial Gardens. Mrs. Strickland was preceded in death by a grandson, Jim Coley.

Surviving, husband, George E. Strickland; daughters, Shirley S. Coley of Raleigh, Joyce S. Hanna and husband, Bob of Colombia, S.C.; son, Larry Strickland and wife, Ann of Clayton; five grandchildren; sisters, Alice Leslie of Sanford and Georgie Mims of Fuquay-Varina; brother, Woodrow Gregory of Coats.



## **Phillip Tyson Whittington**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

06/15/2008



Phillip Tyson Whittington, 82, of 4912 Cindy Dr., a retired printing manager for Capital Printing Co., with over 35 years of service, died Friday at Rex Hospital. A native of Harnett Co., he was the son of the late Joseph and Rena Williams Whittington.

He was a dedicated member of St. Andrews United Methodist Church, a member of Hiram #40 Masonic Lodge and a charter member of Amran Shrine Temple. A U.S. Navy WW II Veteran, he was a member of the American Legion for over 60 years.

He was a devoted family man who will be missed by his family and friends and memories of him will always fill our hearts with love. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday at St. Andrews United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at Montlawn Memorial Park.

Surviving his wife of 63 years, Marva Lee Parrish Whittington; sons, Phillip T. Whittington, Jr. and his wife, Tricia of Wilmington and Eddie J. Whittington and his wife, Sarah of Cary; sisters, Agatha McLamb of Coats, Christine Fish of Angier and Marie Honeycutt of Raleigh; brothers, Billy Whittington and McKinley Whittington both of Coats; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends 6:00-8:00 p.m. Sunday at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, Garner. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Andrews United Methodist Church, Building Fund, 1201 Maxwell Drive, Raleigh, NC 27603.

The family would like to offer thanks to Dr. Gregory Rose, Marian Uy and Hospice of Wake Co. for the special care given to Mr. Whittington during his illness. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.bryan-lee-funeralhome.com](http://www.bryan-lee-funeralhome.com).

## **Raeford Louis Whittington**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

September 24, 2000

Raeford L. "Ray" Whittington, 68, of Raeford died Friday in Duke University Medical Center in Durham. Mr. Whittington was the founder and member of Clearly Country Band, which has entertained senior citizens of counties in the Cape Fear region for more than 10 years. The

funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Monday in O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home chapel in Lillington by the Rev. Sanders Read. Burial will be in Westview Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Whittington is survived by his wife, Cammie Whittington; a daughter, Lori Whittington of Lillington; a son, Blan Whittington of Lillington; two stepdaughters, Kimberly Kearns of Hillsborough and Lisa Clark of Pine Bluff; two sisters, Thelma Parrish of Fayetteville and Ethel Stone of Lillington; three brothers, Arthur B. Whittington of Lillington and George O. Whittington and Stacy W. Whittington, both of Fayetteville; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at the funeral home and at other times at the home of Norman and Ethel Stone.

### **Ralph Edward Whittington**

Dunn Daily Record  
June 24, 2003

Ralph Edward Whittington, 81, of 2906 Barmettler St., Raleigh, died Monday at his home. He was a native of Johnston County and was born July 11, 1921, to the late Ralph B. and Lettie Surlis Whittington. He retired as a controller of Ralston-Purina Co. in Raleigh. Mr. Whittington was preceded in death by a son, James E. Whittington; and a brother, Herbert H. Whittington.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Raleigh Memorial Park Mausoleum by the Rev. Don Price. Entombment will follow in the mausoleum.

Survivors include his wife, Mamie Jennette Whittington; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda W. and R.H. Cox of Cary; grandchildren, Michael Cox and Jennifer Cox; and a great-grandchild, Christian Cox.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to one's favorite charity. A service of Rose & Graham Funeral Home of Benson.

### **Robert Edward Temple**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
February 26, 2000

Robert E. Temple, 83, of Bunnlevel died Friday in Brookfield Retirement Center. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday in O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. Bertrand Pitchford. Burial will be in LaFayette Memorial Park in Fayetteville.

Mr. Temple is survived by a son, Curtis Temple of Bunnlevel; a daughter, Beverly T. Gregory of Bunnlevel; a sister, Doris T. Reardon of Raleigh; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at the funeral home and at other times at the home of Curtis Temple.

Memorials may be made to Flat Branch Presbyterian Church, 130 Darroch Road, Bunnlevel, N.C. 28323; or to the American Cancer Society, Harnett County Chapter, 3131 Wrightsville Ave., Wilmington, N.C. 28403.

### **Rosa Lou Whittington Holmes**

Greensboro News & Record (NC)  
April 25, 2000

Mrs. Rosa W. Holmes, 79, of 2505 Spruce St., went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Monday, April 24, 2000. A graveside service will be held for Mrs. Holmes at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2000, in Lakeview Memorial Park, with the Revs. Mike Barrett, Todd Haynes and Dan Alderman officiating.

Mrs. Holmes was a devoted wife of 63 years, a loving mother and a godly Mam-Maw. She was a member of 16th Street Baptist Church, where she held numerous offices. Mrs. Holmes was truly an earthly angel who always showed love and compassion to everyone she met.

Survivors include her husband of 63 years, Willie F. Holmes of the home; daughters, Peggy Holmes Simpson and husband, Randall, Sue Holmes Elder and husband, Norman, all of Greensboro, Anne Holmes Wicker and husband, Frank of Gibsonville; a sister, Vearle W. Page and husband, Richard of Greensboro; brother-in-law, Clifford J. Keegan of Greensboro; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Her mother and father, one sister, and two brothers preceded Mrs. Holmes in death.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, 2000, at Forbis and Dick North Elm Street. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice at Greensboro, 2500 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N.C. 27405.

## **Samuel Julius Whittington**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
September 12, 1997

Samuel Julius "Sam" Whittington, 72, of Benson died Thursday in Johnson Better Care. He was a retired mechanic. A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday in Red Hill Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church cemetery in Coats.

Mr. Whittington is survived by two daughters, Gertrude "Trudy" Barefoot of Dunn and Marie Faircloth of Erwin; three sons, Julius A. Whittington II of Gastonia, Samuel "Sam" Whittington of Erwin and Harold R. Whittington of Coats; a sister, Lillie West of Shallotte; 18 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home and at other times at the home of Sam and Pamela Whittington, Route 1, Box 44-B, Erwin.

## **Sarah Whittington Dixon**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
October 19, 2000

BENSON -- Mrs. Sarah Whittington Dixon, age 67, of 313 George St. died Wednesday at Betsy Johnson Hospital in Dunn. Funeral Services will be 3 p.m. Friday at the Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson. Officiating will be the Rev. Sam Worley. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Dixon was born January 9, 1933 in Johnston County to the late Thaddeus Henry and Sarah Ethel Johnson Whittington. She was married to the late James Hubert Dixon. Mrs. Dixon was a retired salesclerk at Rose's Department Store. She was a member of the Benson Baptist Church and was a Homemaker.

Survivors include daughters, Jenny Evans of Benson and Janet Norris of Four Oaks; sister, Laura Johnson of Smithfield; brother, Thurman Whittington of Benson; two grandchildren, Jeremy Norris and Jenna Norris.

Family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson 7-9 p.m. Thursday and at other times at the home of Ricky and Janet Norris, Strickland's Crossroads Rd., Four Oaks, NC.

## **Silas Fonzer Whittington**

News and Observer

August 27, 2002

Fonzer Whittington, 79, of Costa Mesa, Calif., formerly of Coats, NC, died Sunday, August 25th. He was born to the late Rena and Jodie Whittington in Harnett Co.

He is survived by his wife, Dotty; a daughter, Pam Becker and husband, Bruce; son, Craig; four grandchildren, B.J. and Jennifer Becker, Chris and Traci Whittington. He has two great-grandchildren. He is also survived by four brothers, Phillip and wife, Marva of Raleigh, Garland and wife, Jewel, Billy and wife, Margie, McKinley and wife, Margaret, all of Coats; three sisters, Agatha McLamb of Coats, Christine M. Fish and husband, Shaw of Angier, Marie Honeycutt and husband, Bob of Raleigh; sister-in-law, Louise Whittington of Erwin; 33 nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by two brothers, Stacy of Erwin and Preston of Coats, also two brothers-in-law, Carlie McLamb of Coats and Thomas Matthews of Lillington.

Fonzer made a career of 26 years in the Marine Corps. He fought in two wars and was honored with the Purple Heart and other medals for bravery. A memorial service will be held at Coats Baptist Church 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 28, 2002 with Rev. Mooney officiating. Family will receive friends in the fellowship hall following the service. Burial will be at Pacific View Military Section of Valor Gardens, Newport Beach, Calif.

## **Thelma Blanche Whittington Currin Parrish**

Dunn Daily Record

02/13/2006

Thelma Whittington Parrish, 88, of Bunnlevel, died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at Britthaven of Harnett in Erwin. Mrs. Parrish was born in Harnett County to George Shephard and Eva Godwin Whittington. She was preceded in death in 1982 by her husband, Frank Parrish.

Among her many achievements were her 32 years of employment in the garment manufacturing industry. After retirement, Mrs. Parrish spent time traveling and volunteering. She had many hours of volunteer work at Good Hope Hospital and served two years as District representative for the North Carolina Society of Hospital Volunteers/Auxiliary.

She was a certified nursing assistant for St. Joseph Hospital Home Health Agency, serving as a private duty nurse. She loved to dance and cook. She was a member of Friendship Baptist Church and sang in the church choir. She was a resident of Creedmoor for 15 years and was the assistant manager of Creedmoor Manufacturing Company.

Funeral services will be held today at 2:30 p.m. at Friendship Baptist Church in Bunnlevel by the Revs. Paul Fowler, Dan Deaton and Steve Gordon. Burial will be at Lafayette Memorial Park in Fayetteville.

Survivors include a daughter, Carolyn Weaver and husband Gail of Linden; a son, Charles F. Currin and wife Arlene of Lillington; a sister, Ethel Stone of Lillington; brothers, Arthur Whittington of Lillington, George Whittington and Stacy Whittington, both of Fayetteville; grandchildren, Darian F. James, Scott E. Stem and Denise C. Umberger; and great-grandchildren, Brandon F. James, Amber James, Anna Umberger, Rebekah Umberger and Rachel Umberger.

A service of O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home in Lillington.

### **Tunie Ellen Denning Whittington**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
November 21, 1999

BENSON - Mrs. Tunie Ellen Denning Whittington, 83, of 4757-A NC Highway 50 North, died Saturday at her home following declining health. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Monday at the Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson. Officiating will be the Elder Robert Peedin Elder Bobby Daughtry and Rev. Carl Dixon. Burial will follow in Fellowship Community Cemetery.

Mrs. Whittington was born December 18, 1915 in Johnston County to the late Willis Eli and Bessie Lena Stephenson Denning. She was the wife of the late Lee Thomas Whittington. She was a retired nutrition aide for the Johnston County Home Extension Service. Mrs. Whittington was also a member of the Elevation Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Banner Extension Homemakers Club and was a member of Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church.

Surviving include daughters, Sarah W. Clayton of Benson, Sybil W. Thornton of Burke, Va., Joyce W. Norris of Apex, Barbara W. Parrish of Clayton; sister, Lena D. Sambataro of Wayne, N.J.; brothers James S. Denning of Coats, Bobby R. Denning of Peoria, Ariz.; seven granddaughters and four great-grandchildren.

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

### **Tyson Joseph Whittington**

The News & Observer  
August 16, 2001

CARY - Tyson Joseph Whittington, 18, died Tuesday, August 14, 2001 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Born in Raleigh on June 5, 1983 he was a graduate of Cary High School in 2001. He achieved the All-Conference Award and was named Co-offensive player of the year in football. He was also a leading player in the Cary High School basketball team.

He is survived by his parents, Eddie and Sarah Barbee Whittington; sister, Ashley Whittington of the home; brothers, Franklin P. Barbee Jr. of Raleigh and Christopher T. Barbee of Greensboro; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Whittington of Garner.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James T. Barnes of Southport, NC.

Funeral service will be held 3 p.m. Friday at White Plains United Methodist Church, 313 SE Maynard Road, Cary. Interment will follow in Montlawn Memorial Park, 2911 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC.

Family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Brown-Wynne Funeral Home, Cary. A candlelight vigil in memory of Tyson will be held Saturday, August 18, from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 218 South Academy Street, Cary.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Cary Athletic Association, Cary Imp Club, 638 Walnut Street, Cary, NC 27511 for the Tyson Whittington Memorial Fund. Arrangements by Brown-Wynne Funeral Home, Cary 467-8108.

### **Willie Fealton Holmes**

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March 6, 2004

Mr. Willie F. Holmes, 91, went to live in his heavenly home to be with his Lord and Savior, his beloved wife of 63 years, Rosa Lou Holmes, and his precious daughter, Sue H. Elder and her husband, Norman Elder, on Friday, March 5, 2004, at Clapps Nursing Center Inc. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Lakeview Memorial Park, conducted by the Rev. Dan Alderman, the Rev. Jack Morris and the Rev. Jerry Wicker.

A native of Harnett County, Mr. Holmes was born on Jan. 16, 1913, to the late Carther Lee Holmes and Laura Ann Messer Holmes. He was a member of 16th Street Baptist Church for 83 years and was retired from Cone Mills. He was preceded in death by four sisters and one brother.

Surviving are daughters, Peggy H. Simpson and husband Randall of Greensboro and Anne H. Wicker and husband Frank of Gibsonville; sisters, Ardeil Farrington and Hettie Mitchell, both of Greensboro; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Vearle W. Page and husband Richard of Greensboro; brother-in-law Clifford J. Keegan and wife Peggy of Greensboro.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m. today at Lambeth-Troxler Funeral Service and other times at the home of a grandson, Tim and Betsy Simpson, 5410 Liberty Road, Greensboro. Memorials may be made to Jessup Grove Baptist Church, 4530 Jessup Grove Church Road, Greensboro, NC 27410; or to Hospice at Greensboro, 2500 Summit Ave., Greensboro, NC 27405.