

Agnes Avery Upchurch

Dunn Daily Record

8/3/2005

Agnes Avery Upchurch, 92, of Buies Creek died Monday, Aug. 1, 2005, at Wake Medical Center. She was the daughter of the late Edward L. and Martha Stephenson Avery. She was preceded in death by her husband, Woodrow Upchurch; and sisters, Gladys A. Williamson and Madie Lee A. Morgan. Mrs. Upchurch was a native of Harnett County and a recent resident of Brookfield Retirement Center. She was a member of Buies Creek First Baptist Church. Graveside services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday at Buies Creek Cemetery by the Rev. Dr. Michael Simmons.

Survivors include a son, Jefferson W. "Woody" Upchurch and wife Jo Anne of Garner; grandchildren, Jeff Upchurch of Yorktown, Va., Brian Upchurch and Lori U. Kearney, both of Raleigh, and Michael Upchurch of Brooklyn, N.Y.; a daughter-in-law, Eleanor Upchurch of Raleigh; and six great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 8:30 at O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home in Lillington. Memorials may be made to Buies Creek First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 160, Buies Creek, N.C. 27506.

Anna Langdon Avera

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

February 21, 1998

Anna Langdon Avera, 96, died Friday. Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Parrish Funeral Home in Selma. Burial will be in Selma Memorial Gardens.

Surviving are: two sons, James Avera of Elm City and John Avera of Wilson; daughters, Mildred Bunn of Selma, Lorine Godwin of Tarboro, Lois Narron of Selma, Pauline Godwin of Pikeville, Doris Brown of Micro, Peggy Weaver of Micro, and Linda Williams of Rocky Mount; 17 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

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

Delia Avery Byrd

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
May 1, 1998

DUNN -- Mrs. Delia Avery Byrd, 86, of Erwin died Thursday in Good Hope Hospital. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday in Skinner Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. Ronnie Byrd. Burial will be in Erwin Memorial Park.

Mrs. Byrd is survived by two sons, Waylon M. Byrd of Fayetteville and Donald C. Byrd of Pineville, La.; two sisters, Lattie McDonald of Dunn and Lillian Harrelson of Erwin; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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

Imogene Agnes Avery Giles

Dunn Daily Record
04/04/2006

Agnes Avery Byrd, 78, of Erwin died Monday afternoon, April 3, 2006, at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital in Dunn. Graveside services will be held 1 p.m. Wednesday at Erwin Memorial Park by the Rev. Jerome Pope.

Survivors include sons, Roger Dales Giles, Rondey Maylon Giles, Johnny Mack Strickland, Larry Glenn Strickland and Gary Lelon Benson, all of Erwin; daughters, Brenda Strickland Newsome of Selma, Wanda Faye Stewart of Erwin and Gay Wilson of Erwin; a sister, Carolyn Irene Sessoms of Sanford; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

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

James Aberton Avera

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
05/31/2007

James Aberton Avera, 75, of Elm City, died peacefully surrounded by his family on May 29, 2007. Funeral service 7:00 p.m. Thursday, Elm City Baptist Church. Visitation will be at the church immediately following the funeral. Interment will be for and at the convenience of the family.

James was born in Johnston County to the late Paul and Anna Langdon Avera and was preceded in death by a brother, Vick Avera and a sister, Lorine Godwin. He was a 1950 graduate of Selma High School and was a Navy veteran. He owned Avera Auto Parts and retired in 1999.

Throughout his 35 years in auto parts he owned several stores in Eastern North Carolina and had served on the Automotive Advisory Board at Wilson Tech and had received numerous awards for his achievements in the automotive business. He was an active member in the Elm City Rotary Club and was a recipient of the Paul Harris Fellowship Award in 1991.

He was a former deacon at Calvary FWB Church and a present member of Elm City Baptist Church. James was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and was dearly loved by his family. He was a kind and gentle man that never complained and was always content. His favorite quote was "If life hands you lemons, make lemonade".

He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Alma Thorne Avera; daughters, Faith Wheeler (Bobby) of Wilson, Tamara Heacox of Nashville, Phyllis Halloran (Charlie) of Cary, and Marty Bass (Sam) of Wilson; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sisters, Mildred Bunn of Micro, Lois Narron of Wilson, Doris Brown of Micro, Pauline Godwin of Pikeville, Peggy Weaver of Selma, and Linda Williams of Rocky Mount; brother, John Avera of Wilson.

Memorials are suggested to: the Elm City Baptist Church, Building Fund, c/o Hester Tyson, PO Box 667, Elm City NC 27822. Arrangements by Wilson Memorial Service, 2811 Fieldstream Drive, N, Wilson, (252) 237-7171, www.wilsonmemorialservice.com.

Lindy Inez Ennis Avery

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
March 2, 1998

DUNN - Mrs. Inez Ennis Avery, 87, of Route 3 died Saturday in Wesley Care Center in Charlotte. She was a homemaker and a member of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Ebenezer Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Warren Bock. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by Rose & Graham Funeral Home of Benson.

Mrs. Avery is survived by two daughters, Sylvia A. Ballard of Carolina Beach and Nora A. Blair of Charlotte; a son, Max L. Avery of Raleigh; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends after the service at the church. Memorials may be made to Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, 3068 Ebenezer Church Road, Benson, N.C. 27504.

Lossie Lorine Avera Godwin

Daily Southerner Newspaper, Tarboro, NC
10/06/2005

Lorine Avera Godwin, 82, of Tarboro, died Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Freewill Baptist Church with the Rev. Stanley Buck officiating.

Burial will follow in the Greenwood Cemetery in Tarboro. Godwin was preceded in death by her husband, Royce Godwin; a son Keith Godwin; and a brother, Vick Avera.

She is survived by two sons, Larry Godwin of Rich Square and Danny Godwin of Tarboro; six sisters, Mildred Bunn, Doris Brown and Peggy Weaver, all of Micro, Lois Narron of Wilson, Pauline Godwin of Pikeville and Linda Williams of Rocky Mount; two brothers, James Avera of Elm City and John Avera of Black Creek; three grandchildren, Todd Shannon and Chelley Godwin; two great-grandchildren, Jenna Sydney Godwin.

The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m., Friday at Carlisle Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements are by Hemby-Willoughby Mortuary, Tarboro.

Maylon Franklin Avery

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
April 16, 1997

Maylon Franklin Avery, 87, of Rt. 2, Coats, died Monday at his home. He was the son of the late James Franklin and Vannie Stephenson Avery and was preceded in death by his wife, Flossie McLeod Avery. Funeral service will be held 3 p.m. Thursday at Prospect FWB Church with the Revs. Ronnie Byrd and Jesse Mooney officiating. Burial will follow in the Prospect Church Cemetery.

He is survived by son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and "Mayor" Frances Avery of Coats; daughters and sons-in-law, Helen A. and Bruce Gomedella of Erwin, Faye A. and Frank Dunbar of Raleigh; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at Price Funeral Home in Erwin and other times at the Avery home, Rt. 2, Coats, NC.