

## **Ada Coats Bullard**

Dunn Daily Record

5/8/2003

Ada Coats Bullard, 90, of Erwin died Tuesday afternoon at Britthaven of Harnett. She was the daughter of the late Joseph J. and Ellen Lloyd Coats. Graveside services will be held Saturday at 4 p.m. at Greenwood Cemetery in Dunn by the Rev. Ronnie Byrd.

Survivors include a sister, Mary Byrd of Erwin; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at the home of Lester Tucker, 107 Wilson St., Erwin. A service of Price Funeral Home, Erwin.

## **Alice Melissa Upchurch Coates**

Dunn Daily Record

04/16/2008

Alice Melissa Coates, 88, died Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at Duke Raleigh Hospital. A native of Dunn, she was the wife of the late F. Wesley Coates. She was born Oct. 1, 1919, in Dunn to the late Charlie "Cad" and Nina Fitzgerald Barnes Upchurch.

Mrs. Coates was a businesswoman and retired bookkeeper for Dr. Gordon Townsend of Dunn. As a member of First Baptist Church in Dunn, she served giving her many talents in various roles in the church. She was a noted Girl Scout leader for Pines of Carolina and as a result of her leadership, the entire group achieved the highest Girl Scout award at the same ceremony. She was recognized by the Chamber of Commerce as the 1960 Woman of the Year. She was active for many years in the Professional Women's Club, serving in various roles, including president and regional vice president.

A funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church in Dunn by Dr. Richard McDuffie and Dr. Len Keever. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery.

Survivors include a daughter, Nina Coates Freeman and husband Numa Franklin Freeman Jr. of Louisburg; grandchildren, Melissa Freeman Edwards and husband Nelson Best Edwards, Heather Holden Freeman, Nina Winston Pernell and husband Scott Winfield Pernell; a great-granddaughter, Alexandra Melissa Edwards; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at Cromartie-Miller & Lee Funeral Home in Dunn. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 309 W. Broad St., Dunn, NC 28334.

### **Allene Coats Stephenson**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

May 31, 2000

Allene Coats Stephenson, 86, of Garner, died Tuesday. She was predeceased in death by her husband, Kemp B. Stephenson and 2 infant sons. She will always be remembered for her humbleness. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Bryan-Lee Funeral Chapel, Garner. Rev. Mark Scott will officiate. Burial will follow at Providence Presbyterian Church Cemetery, McGee's Crossroads.

Surviving: sons, C. Stacy Stephenson of Raleigh and Darryl B. Stephenson of Morrisville; sisters, Alice Stephenson of Garner, Zula Ennis and Georgia Williams of Raleigh, Shirley Grissom and husband, Marshall of Garner; special cousin, Dorothy West of Garner and special niece, Barbara Walton of Willow Spring.

The family will receive friends 7-8:30 today, Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, Garner.

### **Beatrice Adams Coats**

Smithfield Herald

05/20/2005

Beatrice Adams Coats, 92, of Selma died Tuesday afternoon. Born April 12, 1913, in Johnston County, Mrs. Coats was the daughter of the late Joseph W. and Rosa McLeod Adams. She was the widow of Zolas Talbert Coats, who died in 1981.

The funeral was at 4 p.m. Thursday at Parrish Funeral Home in Selma. The Rev. John Tyson officiated. Burial followed in Selma Memorial Gardens.

Surviving are her daughter, Jo Ann Morgan of Selma; son, Robert Coats of Atlanta, Ga.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

## **Beeler Edsel Clifton**

Dunn Daily Record

12/14/2007



Beeler Edsel Clifton, 75, of 9393 N.C. 50 North, McGee's Crossroads, died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007, at Rex Hospital in Raleigh. He was born Aug. 20, 1932, in Johnston County to the late Willie E. and Ada Coats Clifton.

He was a retired superintendent for the J.M. Thompson Construction Company for more than 46 years. Mr. Clifton was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict and was a member of Banner Post 109 American Legion. He was also a member of Rehobeth Primitive Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson by Elder Tony Parker, Elder Joe Helms and the Rev. R.B. Parrish. Burial will follow at Roselawn Cemetery in Benson.

Survivors include his wife, Ann Hunt Clifton; daughter, Teresa Clifton and husband Ronnie of Benson; sons, Taylor Clifton and wife Cindy of Garner, Terry Lee Clifton and wife Sherry of Benson; sisters, Vergie C. Whitt of Benson and Eloise Lee of Garner; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at the funeral home. Flowers are welcome, however, memorials may be made to Heartland Home Health, 3117 Poplarwood Court, Suite 114, Raleigh, NC 27604; or to Rehobeth Primitive Baptist Church, c/o Dwight Roberts, 3171 Zack's Mill Road, Angier, NC 27501.

## **Betty Coats Pleasant**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

02/25/2007



Betty Coats Pleasant, 72, of 569 Willow St., died Friday at Duke Medical Center. A native of Wake County, she was the daughter of the late Herl and Janie Fish Coats. She was a retired employee of the Harnett County School System. Funeral Services will be at 11:00 a.m. Monday at Trinity Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Montlawn Memorial Park.

Surviving: her husband of 53 years, Joe E. Pleasant; daughter, Gina Pleasant Sasser and her husband, Wayne of Benson; son, Keith E. Pleasant and his wife, Renee of Angier; grandchildren, Corey and Haley Sasser; Kyle and Rebecca Pleasant; sister, Kim Coats Haddock and her husband, Eddie of Princeton; brothers, Rev. Bob Coats and his wife, Joyce of Fuquay-Varina, Ron M. Coats and his wife, Joyce of Cary and Jackie Coats and his wife, Sue of Raleigh.

The family will be at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, Angier 5:00-7:00 p.m. Sunday and other times at the home. Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Baptist Church, 29 E. Ray St., Angier, NC.

## **Betty Evelyn Stephenson Coats**

The News and Observer

8/17/2002

Mrs. Evelyn Stephenson Coats, 77, of 9610-A NC Hwy. 50 North, died Thursday at her residence. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Sunday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel, Benson. Officiating will be Pastor Jack S. Schurman. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Coats was born November 30, 1924 in Johnston County to the late Robert and Irene Coates Stephenson. She was preceded in death by her husband, J. Wilbert Coats. She was a member of Berea Presbyterian Church where she served in many capacities and was a homemaker.

Surviving: daughters and sons-in-law, Betty Jean and Bruce Faircloth, Brenda C. "Pete" and Ronnie Norris, all of McGee's Crossroads; grandchildren and spouses, Eric and Vickie Faircloth, Shawn and Robin Norris, Andrea F. and Clay Baggett, Jason Norris; sisters, Magalene S. Creech of Havelock, Izabelle S. Coats and Virginia S. Rich, both of Clayton; three great-grandchildren, Katlin Faircloth, Ana Payton Norris, and Chase Faircloth.

Family will receive friends 7-9 p.m. Saturday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson. Flowers are welcome, however, memorials may be made to Berea Presbyterian Church Building Fund, c/o J.W. Coats, 217 Clayton Road, Angier, NC 27501 or Community Home Care & Hospice, 19 Noble Street, Smithfield, NC 27577.

### **Christine Ann Coats Stanley**

Dunn Daily Record  
02/10/2006

Christine Coats Stanley, 84, of 3210 Fairground Road, Dunn, died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006, at her home. She was born April 17, 1921, in Harnett County to the late Seth Allen and Corina Norris Coats. She was preceded in death by her husband, R. Earl Stanley; a son, Paul Stanley; brothers, Prentiss Coats, Dennis Coats and Stewart Coats; and a sister, Odell C. Olson.

Mrs. Stanley was a homemaker and a member of Lee's Grove PFWB Church. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Monday at Lee's Grove PFWB Church by the Revs. Randy Beasley and Hubert Morgan. Burial will follow at Devotional Gardens.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol S. Little and husband Bill of Chandler, Ariz.; sons, Wayne Stanley and wife Freida, Donny Stanley and wife Estelle, all of Dunn, Robert Earl Stanley and wife Kim of Baton Rouge, La.; a sister, Janie Harvell of Dunn; a brother, Sherrill Coats of Dunn; grandchildren, Amy Steinberger, Jeff Stanley, Chris Stanley, Robbie Stanley, Stephanie Fry, Kristina Stanley, Kayla Stanley, Kaylan Stanley and Kyle Stanley; and great-grandchildren, Loran Steinberger, Cameron Stanley, Hanna Steinberger, Tyler Fry, Connor Stanley and Kaitlyn Fry.

The family will receive friends Sunday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson. Condolences may be sent to [www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com](http://www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com).

### **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.

### **Clearon Millard Coats**

Smithfield Herald  
08/11/2006

The Rev. Clearon Millard "C.M." Coats, 93, of Smithfield died Wednesday, Aug. 9, at his home. Born Nov. 26, 1912, in Johnston County, Mr. Coats was a son of the late James William and Addie Coats Coats. His first wife was the late Nora Mae Lancaster Coats. In his younger years, Mr. Coats farmed and ran a country store near Coats Crossroads. In 1950, he was ordained a Free Will Baptist minister. Over the years, Mr. Coats was pastor of 13 churches. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Parrish Funeral Home, 1351 S. Pollock St., Selma. Entombment will follow in the mausoleum in Sunset Memorial Park in Smithfield.

Surviving are his wife, Pearl Todd Davis Coats; a brother, Merrill J. Coats of Aurora, Colo.; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 7 till 9 p.m. today (Friday) at the funeral home. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Building Fund at Tee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, 6434 Brogden Road, Smithfield, N.C. 27577; or to the Mount Olive College Endowment Fund, 634 Henderson St., Mount Olive, N.C. 28365.

### **Dennis Fleet Coats**

Virginian-Pilot, The (Norfolk, VA)  
December 25, 1996

Dennis Fleet Coats, 78, of Loxley Road died Dec. 23, 1996. A retired delivery man for Suburban Gas Co., Mr. Coats was a native of Harnett County, N.C., and a member of Fairview Heights Baptist Church. He was also a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Estelle E. Coats; two daughters, Carolyn H. Spiers of Ashland, Ky., and Patricia H. Wilkins of Zuni; four sons, Barry F. Coats of Floresville, Texas, Charles A. Holloman of Chesapeake, Hal B. Coats of Orlando, Fla., and Gary D. Coats of Portsmouth; three sisters, Christine Stanley and Janie Harvell, both of Dunn, N.C., and Odell Olson of Dunnsville, Va.; two brothers, Prentiss Coats of Lillington, N.C., and Sherill Coats of Dunn; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A funeral will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday in Snellings Funeral Home, Portsmouth Blvd. Chapel. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens. The family will be at the funeral home from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

## **Dwight Edward Clifton**

Dunn Daily Record  
11/05/2002

Dwight Edward Clifton, 76, of 63 Watkins Road, Clayton, died Monday at Rex Hospital in Raleigh. He was born Sept. 4, 1926, in Johnston County to the late Willie E. and Ada Coats Clifton. He was a retired produce farmer. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and was a member of the Banner Post 109 American Legion.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Worth Clifton. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Banner Chapel Advent Christian Church by the Rev. R.B. Parrish. Burial will follow at Roselawn Cemetery with military honors.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Joyce W. Clifton; sons, Lanny K. Clifton and wife Diane, and Timmy Clifton and wife Amy, all of Clayton; a daughter, Tammie C. Medlin and husband Larry of Clayton; brothers, Beeler E. Clifton and Ray Clifton of Benson; sisters, Vergie C. Whitt and Eloise C. Lee of Garner; eight grandchildren, Keri C. Strickland, Brian Clifton, Kristi Clifton, Jason Clifton, Kasey Clifton, Chase Langdon, Justin Clifton and Katie Pinion; and one great-granddaughter, Kyli K. Strickland.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson and other times at the home of Lanny K. and Diane Clifton, 2701 Polenta Road, Clayton.

## **Electa Cevie Coats Stancil**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
March 25, 2001

Mrs. Electa C. Stancil, 90, of Smithfield Manor died Friday. Mrs. Stancil was a member of North Smithfield Baptist Church. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday in Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel in Benson by the Rev. Tim Strickland. Burial will be in Plainview Presbyterian Church cemetery.

Mrs. Stancil is survived by a daughter, Joyce Peacock of Smithfield; five sons, Joseph Stancil of Lodi, Calif., Wade Stancil of Coco, Fla., Lynwood Stancil of Raleigh, Gerald Stancil of Wichita, Kan., and James Stancil of Greensboro; a sister, Alene Black of Lillington; a brother, Milton Coats of Angier; 19 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

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

### **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

### **Ethel Coats Stephenson**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
June 1, 2002

CLAYTON -- Ethel Coats Stephenson, 88, died on May 31, 2002. Visitation will be Sunday 2:30-3:30 p.m.; service immediately following at 3:30 p.m. at the McLaurin Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Pinecrest Memorial Gardens. Rev. Jim Bogle will be officiating.

Ethel Stephenson was a Lifetime Member of Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church. She loved to quilt and give to family and friends. The family will be at the home of Lloyd Stephenson, 202 Pool Drive, Selma, NC.

She is survived by her daughter, Vahnis O'Neal of Wilson; sons, Lloyd "Steve" Stephenson, Jr. of Selma and Steve Stephenson of Clayton; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by McLaurin at Pinecrest, Funerals & Cremations, Clayton. 919-553-7143

### **Flossie Coats Stephenson**

The News & Observer  
January 18, 1999

Mrs. Flossie Coats Stephenson, 89, of Oakhill Assisted Living Center, died Sunday at Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield. A Celebration of Life and Worship Service will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday at White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Willow Spring. Officiating will be the Revs. Danny Stephenson, Kenneth Haines and Aubrey Williamson. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.



Mrs. Stephenson was born February 24, 1909 in Johnston County to the late David Edgar and Fannie Kelly Coats. Mrs. Stephenson was preceded in death by her husband, James Myatt Stephenson and her son, Bobby Ray Stephenson. She was a member of St. Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church and Ladies Auxiliary. Mrs. Stephenson was also very active in the Johnston County Home Extension Club.

Surviving include daughter, Linda S. Strickland of Four Oaks; sons, James E. Stephenson of Dunn, L. Jay Stephenson of Willow Spring, Coy Max Stephenson of Garner, Randy Stephenson of Alpharetta, Ga.; sisters, Alice Stephenson and Alene Stephenson, both of Garner, Zula Ennis of Raleigh, Georgia Coats of Raleigh and Shirley Grissom of Garner; 13 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson.

Family will receive friends in the White Memorial Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall following the graveside service. Family suggests memorials to be made to the Debbie Strickland Library Fund, % White Memorial Church, 1459 White Memorial Church Road, Willow Spring, N.C.

### **Gary Michael Dorman**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
January 13, 2004

Gary Michael Dorman, 50, of 713 Westbrook Ave., died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Antioch Free Will Baptist Church in Erwin by the Revs. Wesley Hamilton and Ron Wooten. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in Dunn.

Mr. Dorman is survived by a daughter, Kyra M. Dorman of Winston-Salem; his parents, Sidney R. and Shirley Dorman of Dunn; two brothers, Scott Dorman and Joey Dorman, both of Dunn; and a sister, Jane D. Jeffreys of Goldsboro.

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

### **Geneva Roberts Coats**

The Smithfield Herald  
12/13/2005

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

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

### **Ioma Isabell Stephenson Coats**

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

CLAYTON -- Isabell Stephenson "Tiny" Coats, 79, died May 10, 2006. Funeral service will be conducted 2 p.m. Saturday at Shiloh Baptist Church. Pastor Mitch Lockamy officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Mrs. Coats was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Bruce Coats.

She is survived by her daughters and son-in-law, Sara A. Roth and husband, Dick of the home, Joy Coats of Clayton; sister, Virginia Rich of Garner, Magdalene Creech of Havelock; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

While flowers are appreciated the family request memorial donations to: Shiloh Baptist Church Building Fund, Hwy. 1010 Garner, NC 27529. The family will receive friends at McLaurin Funeral Home 7-8:30 p.m. Friday.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.mclarinatpinecrest.com](http://www.mclarinatpinecrest.com). Arrangements by McLaurin at Pinecrest, Funerals & Cremations, Clayton 919-553-7143.

### **Israel Stephenson**

Smithfield Herald  
02/22/1927

Aged Man Goes to His Reward

Funeral of Mr. Israel Stephenson Held at Primitive Baptist Church Here Friday

One of Johnston County's oldest men passed away Thursday afternoon at two o'clock, when Mr. Israel Stephenson died at his home near here after a long illness. Mr. Stephenson had been in feeble health for several years and was confined to his bed for three weeks before his death. If he had lived until April 2, he would have been eighty years old.

Mr. Stephenson was born in Pleasant Grove Township in 1847. At the age of sixteen he volunteered and served his country faithfully during the last fifteen months of the Civil War. When the war was over he returned to Johnston County and settled on a farm. About forty years ago he united with the Primitive Baptist church at Rehobeth and remained a faithful member there until he moved to this township, moving his membership to the Primitive Baptist church here.

The deceased was twice married, the first time to Miss Emily Coats, of Pleasant Grove. Eleven children were born to this union, four of whom survive: Messrs. D. T. Stephenson, J. O. Stephenson, J. H. Stephenson, and Israel Stephenson, Jr., all of Smithfield township. His second wife was Miss Eliza Pittman, who, with one daughter, Mrs. Alonzo Lassiter, of Elevation, survives him.

The funeral was held Friday afternoon at the Primitive Baptist church here, conducted by his pastor, Elder Jesse Barnes, assisted by Rev. D. C. Johnson, a lifelong friend and neighbor. The pallbearers were the four sons of the deceased and two sons-in-laws, John Hamilton and Arthur Johnson. Interment was made in the city cemetery. A large crowd attended the funeral and burial.

### **James Bythan Coats**

The News & Observer  
January 3, 1998

WILLOW SPRING - James Bythan Coats Sr., 76, died Thursday. Funeral 2 p.m. Sunday at Rose & Graham Funeral Chapel in Benson. Burial, Coats Family Cemetery, Willow Spring.

Surviving: wife, Nellie Stephenson Coats; sons, J.B. Coats Jr. and J.L. Coats, both of Willow Spring; daughters, Billie Jean Williams of Garner, and Brenda Blackmon of Clinton; nine grandchildren; and one great- grandson.

The family will be at the funeral home from 7-9 p.m. today.

### **James Donald Coats**

Dunn Daily Record  
06/11/2007

Donald Coats, 75, of Lillington died Sunday, June 10, 2007, at E. Carlton Powell Hospice Center in Lillington. A native of Harnett County, he was the son of the late James Prentiss and Pauline Miller Coats. He was preceded in death by a brother, Benjamin Coats. He was a member of Cape Fear Presbyterian Church and was a retired truck driver. A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday at Cape Fear Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Dr. William Goodnight.

Survivors include his wife, Beatrice Patrick Coats; a daughter, Becky Blair and husband Jon of Apex; a son, Patrick Coats of Richmond, Va.; grandchildren, Cameron and Kellen Blair; and a brother, Douglas Coats and wife Belle of Virginia.

Visitation will be this evening from 5 to 7 at O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home and other times at his home. Memorials may be made to Cape Fear Presbyterian Church, c/o 1475 Matthews Road,

Lillington, NC 27546; or to Barium Springs Home for Children, P.O. Box 1, Barium Springs, NC 28010.

### **James Parrish Coates**

Evansville Courier & Press (IN)  
May 30, 1999

James P. Coates, 58, died Saturday, May 29, 1999, at Deaconess Hospital from complications of leukemia. He was a truck driver for Leb-Arnold. He was a member of the First Southern Baptist Church and the Nu Plaza Yacht Club.

Surviving are his wife, Sue (Papantonopoulos); a daughter, Cara Calahan of Largo, Fla.; two sons, Eric of Fuquay Varnia, N.C., and Rodney of Willington, N.C.; a stepson, Benjamin Geach of Evansville; two sisters, Doris Brown of Benson, N.C., and Della Stephenson of Gamer, N.C.; four grandchildren, Zain Dallas Geach and Wesley, Matthew and Maggie Coates.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Ziemer Funeral Home East Chapel, the Rev. Don Moore officiating, with burial in Graceland Cemetery in Albion, Ill. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Southern Baptist Church or Shepherd of Paradise Lutheran Church.

### **James Prentiss Coats**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
June 12, 1998

J. Prentiss Coats, 89, of Lillington, died Thursday. The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Saturday in O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. David Luethy. Burial will be in Pleasant Union Christian Church cemetery.

Mr. Coats is survived by two sons, Donald Coats of Lillington and Douglas Coats of Chesapeake, Va.; a sister, Sarah Odell of Olson, Va.; two half-sisters, Christine Stanley and Janie Harvel, both of Dunn; a half-brother, Sherrill Coats of Dunn; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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

### **Janice Oliver Cotter Beasley**

Charlotte Observer, The (NC)

May 29, 1995

Ms. Janice Cotter Beasley 66, of Charlotte died May 27, 1995, at home. Memorial service is 2 p.m. Tuesday at Harry and Bryant Funeral Home. Burial will be in Sharon Memorial Park. Visitation is 7 to 8:30 tonight.

Ms. Beasley, a Smithfield native, was a real estate broker for over 20 years and in 1975 was the first woman to become a certified property manager in North Carolina. She was president of the Institute of Real Estate Management Chapter 40 in 1979 and has served as an officer in every capacity in the organization.

She worked with the local, state and national associations of Realtors. She was a member of the Register of Deeds Advisory Board, Opera Guild of Charlotte and Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Survivors are her sister, Mrs. Dorothy Garrard of Raleigh; uncle, Eric Cotter of Sanford.

Memorials may be made to Hospice at Charlotte, 1420 E. 7th St., Charlotte, NC 28204; or to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 101 Colville Rd., Charlotte, NC 28207.

### **Kathy Ann Coats Wells**

Dunn Daily Record

02/19/2007

Kathy Coats Wells, 72, of 817 Bailey Road, Coats, died Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007, at Wake Medical Hospital in Cary. She was born July 11, 1934, in Harnett County to the late Starling R. and Lottie Parker Coats. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Wells.

Funeral services were held 3 p.m. Feb. 18 at Cromartie-Miller & Lee Funeral Home Chapel by the Revs. Durwood Young and Armando Castillo. Burial followed at Roselawn Cemetery in Benson.

Survivors include daughters, Laurie Mejia and husband Nasario of Coats, Bonnie Wells Reaves and husband Ronnie of Erwin, Trena Laray Wells and husband Jack of Coats, Ann McLamb and husband Robert of Erwin; sons, Henry Glenn Bradshaw and wife Mildred of Erwin, Tommy Ray Bradshaw of Florida, Rodney Clayton Wells and wife Melissa of Erwin; sisters, Gladys Barefoot and husband Everette of Coats, Bessie Barefoot and husband Hubert of Lillington; brothers, Charles Coats and wife Debra of Coats, Starling Coats and wife Barbara of Selma; 25 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

## **Kathleen Coats Ruffin**

Dunn Daily Record

08/08/2003

Kathleen Ruffin, 60, of 2775 Lakeview Church Road, Benton, Ky., died Tuesday at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah, Ky. She was preceded in death by her father, Starling Coats; her mother, Lottie Parker Coats; a brother, Ricky Coats; and sisters, Mable Jackson and Mary McLeod. She was a prep cook and was affiliated with Lakeview Baptist Church. Funeral services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Collier Funeral Home Chapel in Benton by the Revs. Darvin Stom and David York. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery in Benton.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Ruffin; daughters, Susan Ruffin Webb of Bardwell, Ky., and Melissa Ruffin Hale of Calvert City, Ky.; a son, Douglas B. Ruffin of Benton; grandchildren, Charles David Ruffin and Michael K. Ruffin, both of Benton, Brittany Paris and Kathleen Webb, both of Bardwell, Ky., and Clayton Thomas Hale of Calvert City; brothers, Charles C. Coats and Buddy Coats, both of Coats, and Starling Coats Jr. of Selma; and sisters, Bessie Barefoot of Lillington, and Glaydes Barefoot and Kathy Wells, both of Coats.

## **Katie Julia Coats Stephenson**

Dunn Daily Record

5/30/2005

Katie Julia Coats Stephenson, 82, of Beaufort, formerly of Jacksonville, died Saturday, May 28, 2005 at Carteret General Hospital. She was born in Johnston County to the late Hubert Henry and Lola Norris Coats. She was a librarian for the Onslow County school system. Mrs. Stephenson was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Omega Stephenson.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Barbour's Chapel Advent Christian Church in Four Oaks with the pastor, the Rev. Steve Ruberg, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. A luncheon reception will follow the service in the church fellowship hall.

Survivors include a daughter, Judith Mercer and husband Gary of Beaufort; son, Jerry Stephenson and wife Judy of Jacksonville; sisters, Grace Barbour of Four Oaks, Shirley Dorman and husband Sidney of Dunn, Ruby Pankey and husband Tim of Fayetteville; three grandchildren; one step-grandchild; and six great-grandchildren.

Flowers are welcome or donations may be made to Barbour's Chapel Advent Christian Church, 164 Barbour's Chapel Road, Four Oaks, N.C. 27524. Internet condolences may be sent to the family at [brooksfuneralhome@earthlink.net](mailto:brooksfuneralhome@earthlink.net). Arrangements by Brooks Funeral Home & Crematory Inc., Morehead City.

## **Lena Ennis Coats**

Dunn Daily Record

10/23/2006

Lena Ennis Coats, 88, formerly of Coats, died Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006, at Brookfield Retirement Center in Lillington. She was born March 30, 1918, in Harnett County to the late Rodolphus and Roena E. Ennis. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Maynard Coats; sisters, Vernie Creech and Alma Wood; and brothers, Preston Ennis, Alvis Ennis, Delmer Ennis, Hubert Ennis, Howard Ennis and David Ennis. She was a homemaker and a member of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. Funeral services were held this morning at 11 at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Joe Hester. Burial followed at the church cemetery.

Survivors include daughters, Sandra C. Byrd of Angier, Brenda C. Byrd of Benson and Sherry C. Kent of Coats; a sister, Lunette E. Coats of Coats; grandchildren, Brian Byrd, Susan Beyer, Andy Byrd, Tammy Autry, Amanda Sanders, Chris West and Jeremy West; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Ebenezer Presbyterian Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Cathy Johnson, P.O. Box 397, Coats, NC 27521. Arrangements by Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson.

## **Lloyd Dwight Stephenson**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

July 17, 1998

Lloyd Dwight Stephenson, 89, died Thursday. Services 2 p.m. Saturday at Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church with burial to follow in Pinecrest Memorial Gardens. Rev. Jim Bogle and Rev. Frank Grubbs officiating.

Survivors: wife, Ethel C. Stephenson of Clayton; daughter, Vahnis S. O'Neal of Wilson; sons, Lloyd D. Stephenson, Jr. of Selma, Stephen C. Stephenson of Clayton; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Family will receive friends 7-9 p.m. Friday at McLaurin Funeral Home. While flowers are accepted, memorial contributions may be made to Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church, 3468 Powhatan Rd., Clayton, N.C. 27520.

## **Loleta Langdon Matthews**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

06/23/2007

Loleta Langdon Matthews, age 83, of NC 210 Highway near Benson died Thursday. Born in Johnston County on April 28, 1924, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Sirous and Nellie Coats Langdon.

Mrs. Matthews assisted her husband in his business, Daniel G. Matthews and Associates. She was a lifetime member of St. Mary's Grove Church. Funeral services will be held Sunday at 3:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Grove Church with burial following in Sunset Memorial Park in Smithfield.

Surviving are her husband, Daniel Gray Matthews; her son, Frank Matthews and his wife, Mary of Benson; and two grandsons, Thomas Daniel Matthews and Joshua Gray Matthews.

The family will receive friends at the residence located at 12700 NC 210, Benson, NC from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements are being handled by Parrish Funeral Home in Selma. Condolences may be sent to the family at [mailparrishfh.com](mailto:mailparrishfh.com).

## **Mable Lee Langdon Coats**

Dunn Daily Record

March 27, 2002

Mable Langdon Coats, 78, of 9710 N.C. 50 North, Benson, died Tuesday at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. She was born Oct. 15, 1923, in Johnston County to the late Charlie Z. and Ida Clifton Langdon. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lacy Coats. She was a homemaker and attended Berea Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson by Pastor Jack F. Schurman and the Rev. R.B. Parrish. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery in Benson.

Survivors include daughters and son-in-law, Ann C. and Johnny Wiggins of Angier and Carolyn C. Knight of Garner; a son and daughter-in-law, Benjamin and Phyllis Coats of Clayton; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson and other times at the home of Ann and Johnny Wiggins, 9610-D N.C. 50 North, Angier.



## **Martha Jane Horton Coats**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
May 30, 1999

FOUR OAKS -- Mrs. Martha Horton Coats, 70, of 670 Berea Church Road died Friday in Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. Mrs. Coats was a retired dietitian and nurse's aide. She was a member of Sr. Mary's Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday in St. Mary's Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church by the Revs. Aubrey Williamson and Billy Nowell. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Coats is survived by two daughters, Lesia C. Raynor of Dunn and Wanda C. Norris of Charleston, S.C.; a son, Robbie A. Coats Jr. of Raleigh; four sisters, Agnes H. Ingram of Benson, Eula Mae H. Allen of Four Oaks, Bobbie H. Ammons of Roseboro and Faye H. Brooks of Bennettsville, S.C.; a brother, C. Sherrill Horton of Four Oaks; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home of Benson. Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church, care of Cathy Langdon, Benson, N.C. 27504.

## **Mary Frances McLeod Coats**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
02/22/2007



Mary Frances McLeod Coats, 79, of 131 Wilma Street, died Tuesday morning at Rex Healthcare. A native of Harnett County, she was the daughter of the late Joseph Malcolm and Lillian Denning McLeod.

After graduating from Angier High School in 1944, Mary Frances McLeod and W. A. Coats, Jr., were married on May 10, 1944 and after almost 44 years of life together, Mr. Coats passed away on April 19, 1988. Mrs. Coats was also a graduate of Hales Business College in Raleigh.

They were the owners of Coats Properties, which over the years substantially contributed to the growth and development of the town of Angier. Eastover Homes, North Hickory Homes, Plaza Self Storage, North Park Apartments, Angier Car Wash 1 & 2, Angier Plaza Shopping Center and Crestview Mobile Home Park are among the list of the commercial developments owned

by Mary and W. A. Coats.

Coats & Shelley Construction, for which Mrs. Coats was office manager and bookkeeper, built other commercial properties across the state as well as in Virginia and South Carolina. Mrs. Coats was an organizer of several bus trips to U.S. destinations for the pleasure of Angier residents. She taught ceramic classes from her home in earlier years, was a secretary and bookkeeper for Electric Sales and Service.

An active member of Angier Baptist Church, choir member and Sunday School teacher, she was also in the Women's Missionary Union as a Circle leader and Girl's Auxiliary leader. She was Rotary Club president, a board member of BB&T Bank in Angier and Backers Club member of the North Carolina Theatre and Angier Chamber of Commerce member. Before the Junior Woman's Club disbanded, she served as president. Her charity work included serving as chairperson for the Angier Cancer Drive and Easter Seals Campaign.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Bob McLeod, Ray McLeod, Wesley McLeod, and Donald McLeod. Funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Friday at Angier Baptist Church with Rev. Grover K. Blackburn, Jr., Rev. Joe Zimmerman, Rev. Robert Coats and Rev. Craig McLeod officiating. Burial will follow at Montlawn Memorial Park, Raleigh.

Surviving: daughter, Mary Jill Vann of Angier; son, William Alan Coats of New York; grandchildren, William Corey Vann and Kenneth Ashley Vann, both of Angier; sisters, Betty Ann Fisher of Springfield, MO, Lillian Faye Creech and Peggy Lou Franklin, both of Angier; brother, Andy McLeod of Cary.

The family will receive friends 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, Angier and other times at the home. Memorial contributions may be made to: the Mary Frances Coats Memorial Fund, c/o Angier Baptist Church, P.O. Box 130, Angier, NC 27501. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.bryan-lee-funeralhome.com](http://www.bryan-lee-funeralhome.com).

### **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

### **Millie Christelle Coats Eubanks**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
August 25, 1997

Mrs. Millie Coats Eubanks, 81, of Dunn died Sunday in Betsy Johnson Memorial Hospital. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Skinner Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. Tim E. McQueen. Burial will be in Coats city cemetery.

Mrs. Eubanks is survived by a daughter, Judy Garcia of Sunrise, Fla., and two grandchildren. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

### **Mozelle Creech Eason**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
April 16, 1996

BENSON -- Mrs. Mozelle Creech Eason, 82, of 507 W. Hill St. died Monday in Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield. She was a retired lunchroom staff member for Benson Elementary School and was a member of Benson Church of God. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. today in Benson Church of God by the Revs. Marion Hammonds and David Linton. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery. Rose & Graham Funeral Home.

Mrs. Eason is survived by seven daughters, Lolita Godwin and Jennifer Ferrell, both of Coats, Shirley Parker of Four Oaks, Genell Sugrue of Johnston, R.I., Joyce Thornton of Henderson, and Judy Buffkin and Wanda Langdon, both of Benson; a son, David Eason of Coats; 18 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson.

### **Nannie Pauline Miller Coats**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
February 1, 1997

Mrs. Pauline Miller Coats, 91, of Lillington died Friday in her home. The funeral will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. David Luethy. Burial will be in the Pleasant Union Christian Church cemetery.

Mrs. Coats is survived by her husband, Prentiss Coats of the home; two sons, Donald Coats of Lillington and Douglas Coats of Chesapeake, Va.; two sisters, Sallie Tripp of Dunn and Beatrice Dean of Erwin; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Pleasant Union Christian Church, Route 1, Box 166-A, Lillington, N.C. 27546.

## **Nellie Louise Stephenson Coats**

Dunn Daily Record  
4/29/2005

Nellie Stephenson Coats, 83, of 2100 Sanders Road, Willow Spring, died Wednesday at Laurels of Forest Glenn in Garner. She was born April 28, 1921, in Johnston County to the late Irving Henry and Minnie Etta Barefoot Stephenson. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Bythan Coats Sr.; and brothers, Warren G. Stephenson and Garland Stephenson. Mrs. Coats was a homemaker, farmer and a member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church.

Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. today at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson by the Rev. Jonathan Hill. Burial will follow at Coats Family Cemetery.

Survivors include daughters, Billie Jean Williams and husband Lee E. "Pete" of Raleigh, Brenda Blackmon and husband James of Clinton; sons, James Bythan "J.B." Coats Jr. and wife Gale of Willow Spring, Jerise "J.L." Coats and wife Barbara of Willow Spring; sisters, Marie Byrd of Benson and Magalene Smith of Four Oaks; a brother, Charles Stephenson of Willow Spring; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends today from 2 to 3 p.m. at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson and other times at the home of J.L. and Barbara Coats, 2048 Sanders Road, Willow Spring.

## **Rachel Aline Dorman Yarborough**

Herald-Sun, The (Durham, NC)  
February 5, 1996

Mrs. Rachel Dorman Yarborough, 73, of 5519 Eaker Dr., died Saturday at her home. Born in Harnett Co., daughter of the late Robert and Sinnie Coats Dorman, she moved to Henderson in 1937 and to Durham in 1961.

She was a charter member of the North Henderson Church of God. Mrs. Yarborough was a kind, loving mother who devoted her life to her husband, children, and grandchildren. She was loved by everyone who met her. Her husband, Chesley H. Yarborough, preceded her in death in 1990.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Betty Y. Campbell, Mrs. Nadene Y. Capell and Mrs. Brenda Y. Beckwith, all of Durham, and Mrs. Dianne Herndon Smith of Creedmoor; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; her twin sister, Mrs. Ruth Williams of Erwin; three other sisters, Mrs. Maeline Lowe of Erwin and Mrs. Dewanna Strickland and Mrs. Annette Core, both of Dunn; and two brothers, Robert Dorman of Selma and James H. Dorman of Durham. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Rev. Thomas Dorman.

Funeral services will be held at 2 PM Tuesday in Hall-Wynne Funeral Chapel with Rev. Johnny Godair officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Memorial Park. Pallbearers will be Richard Campbell, Chesley Campbell, Louis Wilmoth, Tim Fluct, Steve Woods, Craig Capell, Brian Capell, Ken Pollok, Vinson Beckwith, Jr., Douglas Beckwith, Dwayne Herndon, and Jody Herndon.

The family will receive friends at Hall-Wynne Funeral Service Monday from 7 to 9 PM and other times at her home.

### **Raymond Elbert Coats**

Dunn Daily Record  
11/08/2005

Raymond Elbert "Buddy" Coats Sr., 69, of Coats died Monday, Nov. 7, 2005, at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. Mr. Coats was born in Harnett County on Aug. 22, 1936, to the late Starling Coats Sr. and Lottie Parker Coats. He retired from Erwin Mills after 30 years of service.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Coats by the Rev. Jerome Pope and Dr. Jim Cochran. Burial will follow at Erwin Memorial Park in Erwin.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Spence Coats; a daughter, Tammy C. Cooper and husband Mike of Fayetteville; a son, Raymond E. Coats Jr. and wife Kim of Coats; sisters, Kathy C. Wells and Gladys C. Barefoot, both of Coats, and Bessie C. Barefoot of Lillington; brothers, Starling Coats Jr. of Micro and Charles Coats of Coats; grandchildren, Timmy Lucas, Amy Manning and William Coats; and six great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats and other times at the home of Ray and Kim Coats, Abattoir Road, Coats. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com](http://www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.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.

### **Robert Blackman Dorman**

The Smithfield Herald  
12/20/2005

Robert Blackman "Bob" Dorman, 81, of Selma died Sunday, Dec. 18, at Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield. Born Nov. 28, 1924, in Harnett County, Mr. Dorman was a son of the late George Robert and Sinnie Coats Dorman. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he served in the Pacific Theatre as a radioman aboard the USS Emery, a destroyer and escort ship.

Mr. Dorman graduated from the University of North Carolina with a degree in electronics. For more than 22 years, he was the co-owner and operator of Selma TV and Appliance Sales. Mr. Dorman was a lifetime member of the Greater Smithfield-Selma Area Chamber of Commerce.

The funeral was scheduled for 2 p.m. today (Tuesday) at Parrish Funeral Home, 1351 S. Pollock St., Selma. The Rev. Bill Braswell was to officiate. Burial with military honors was to follow in Selma Memorial Gardens.

Surviving are his wife, Jerri Earp Dorman; a son, Warren Dorman of Selma; two daughters, Debra Blackman of Southern Pines and June Price of Zebulon; three sisters, Annette Core and Dewana Strickland, both of Dunn, and Maeline Lowe of Wendell; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

### **Robert Earl Stanley**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
December 5, 1999

DUNN -- Robert Earl Stanley, 79, of 3210 Fairground Road died Friday in Betsy Johnson Memorial Hospital. Mr. Stanley was an Army veteran of World War II. He worked for Erwin Mills before retiring. Mr. Stanley was a member of Banner Post No. 109 American Legion and Lee's Grove Pentecostal Freewill Baptist Church. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Lee's Grove Pentecostal Freewill Baptist Church by the Revs. Hubert Morgan and Thomas Gardner. Burial will be in Devotional Gardens.

Mr. Stanley is survived by his wife, Christine C. Stanley; three sons, Danny K. Stanley and Allen W. Stanley, both of Dunn, and Robert E. Stanley Jr. of Baton Rouge, La.; a daughter, Carol S. Little of McLean, Va.; two brothers, Charles Stanley of Trinity and Gerald Stanley of Four Oaks; four sisters, Inez Pace of Raleigh, Evelyn Dunn of Frederick, Md., Doris Johnston of Clayton and Gladys Creech of Four Oaks; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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

### **Rosalee Barbour Hales**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
12/22/2006



Rosalee Barbour Hales, 79, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, December 20, 2006. Rosalee was born April 30, 1927 to the late Edward and Ada Barbour. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, mother-in-law and friend to all who knew her. Her sacrifices and commitment to her three sons was known and respected by everyone. She will be sorely missed. She was predeceased by her husband of 34 years, Almond Bevan Hales.

She is survived by three sons and their wives, Lynn Hales and his wife, Diane of Raleigh, Craig Hales and his wife, Elizabeth of Raleigh and Jeff Hales and his wife, Nickie of Clayton; grandchildren, Ashley Hales and his wife, Lorie of Wilmington, Ryan Hales and his fiancée, Sandee Bizzell of Holly Springs, Kristen Hales of Raleigh, Kelsey Hales of Raleigh, Nicholas Hales of Clayton and Duncan Hales of Clayton.

A funeral service will be conducted 10:00 a.m. Friday, December 22, 2006 at First Baptist Church of Garner. Rev. Travis Tobin will officiate. Interment will follow at Montlawn Memorial Park. The visitation will be 6:00-8:00 p.m. Thursday at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, Garner. Flowers are appreciated or contributions may be made to, Alzheimer's Disease Association, 400 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, NC 27605. Condolences to the family may be made to [www.Bryan-leeFuneralHome.com](http://www.Bryan-leeFuneralHome.com).



## **Rouse Lyon Coats**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

October 27, 2005

Rouse Lyon Coats, 81, of Pelham Street in Selma, died Tuesday, October 25, at Rex Healthcare after several years of declining health. Born February 15, 1924, he was the son of the late Amos Pou and Lizzie Wells Coats from the Cleveland community.

Rouse served his country during World War II in the Merchant Marines. He was employed by the Coca-Cola Company for 40 years before his retirement in 1985. He was a faithful member of Selma Original Free Will Baptist Church where he served as a Sunday School teacher, Choir member, and Deacon for many years. In his younger days he played minor league baseball and he continued his love for the game until his death.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Margaret Vallie Coats; a daughter, Bonnie C. Woodruff and husband, Leon of Raleigh; son, Bruce Lyon Coats and wife, Kitty of WinstonSalem; son, Jeffrey Mark Coats of Selma; brothers, Pou Coats, Jr. and wife, Violet of Oxford, Alfred Coats and wife, Ruth of Garner; sister, Esther Coats of the Cleveland community. He leaves behind four grandchildren, Molly Painter and husband, Michael, Marion Coats, Becca Coats, and Jeffrey Coats; a great granddaughter, Margaret Painter.

Rouse was preceded in death by his brothers, Tom Coats, Bobby Coats, and George Coats; his sister, Dolly Coats; and his grandson, Ben Woodruff.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to the nurses, doctors, and all those at Rex Healthcare who provided understanding and professional care. The family will receive friends at Parrish Funeral Home in Selma, Thursday evening October 27, from 6 - 8 p.m.

A service to celebrate his life will be held Friday, October 28, at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Parrish Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Selma Memorial Gardens. Flowers are appreciated or memorials may be made to the Selma Original Free Will Baptist Church, P.O. Box 224, Selma, NC 27576.

A son, husband, father, grandfather, brother, friend, and gentle man, he lived his life from beginning to end by his favorite Bible verse: "Not that I complain of want; for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content". Philippians 4:11.

## **Roy Columbus Coates**

Smithfield Herald

1/25/2004

Roy Columbus Coates, 86, of 7076 Raleigh Road, Benson, died Saturday. Born July 4, 1918, in Johnston County, Mr. Coates was a son of the late J. B. and Lula Smith Coates. His first wife

was the late Lacy Powell Coates. Mr. Coates was a charter member of the 4-H club, serving as county president and state president in 1936. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1940 till 1945, attaining the rank of major and commanding a B-29 airplane.

Mr. Coates served in the N.C. House of Representatives from 1953 till 1963. He filled an administrative post in the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C., until 1975. Mr. Coates was director of community development for the Town of Smithfield from 1976 till 1988. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Smithfield. For many years, he played in Bill Joe Austin's Band and in the Techniques.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church, 202 S. Fourth St., Smithfield. The Revs. Lee Colbert and Donald Coates will officiate. Burial with military honors will follow in Sunset Memorial Park.

Surviving are his wife, Melverine Langdon Coates; two daughters, Kaye Daniel of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Lulane Chasteen of Raleigh; a son, Roy C. Coates II of Hopewell Junction, N.Y.; four stepsons, Steve Langdon and Phil Langdon, both of Benson, Andy Langdon of Knightdale and Ray Langdon of Raleigh; three brothers, Lacy Coates of Clayton, Edwin Coates of Raleigh and Bryan Coates of Spartanburg, S.C.; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and eight stepgrandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 7 till 9 p.m. today (Tuesday) at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, 301 W. Main St., Benson. The family suggests memorial contributions to First Baptist Church, Smithfield, N.C. 27577; or to Hospice of Harnett County, 111-A N. Ellis Ave., Dunn, N.C. 28334.

### **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.

## **Sarah Odell Coats Olson**

Dunn Daily Record

5/06/2005

Sarah Odell Coats Olson, 95, of St. Petersburg, Fla., died Tuesday, May 3, 2005, at her home under the care of Hospice. She had previously lived in Richmond, Va., and Tappahannock, VA. She was born in Benson to Seth Allen Coats and Sarah Hattie Stewart Coats. Mrs. Olson was a retired RN, graduating from Sheltering Arms Hospital Nursing School in Richmond. She was a captain in the Army Nurse Corps, serving during World War II in England with the 92nd General Hospital. She was the widow of Lt. Col. Clarence O. Olson, U.S. Army (retired).

She was preceded in death by brothers, James Prentice Coats, Duncan Stewart Coats and Dennis Coats. A visitation will be held 5 p.m. Saturday until service time at 7 p.m. at Anderson-McQueen Funeral Homes in St. Petersburg. Burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery.

Survivors include a son, Stewart O. Olson of St. Petersburg; a daughter, Janice M. Olson of St. Petersburg. Local survivors include cousins, James Donald and Bea Coats of Lillington.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of The Florida Suncoast, 300 E. Bay Drive, Largo, Fla. 33770; or to the Women in Military Service Memorial in Arlington, Va. An online guestbook is at [www.andersonmcqueen.com](http://www.andersonmcqueen.com)

## **Seba Clifton**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

May 20, 1999

Elder Seba Clifton, 80, of 745 Parrish Rd., Benson, died Tuesday, May 18, 1999. Mr. Clifton was a Primitive Baptist Minister and had served several churches in the Benson Area. Funeral 11 a.m. Friday, May 21, 1999 at Rehobeth Primitive Baptist Church. Elder Worth Stephenson, Elder Fred Williams, Elder Tony Parker, and Rev. R.B. Parrish officiating. Burial, Rehobeth Church Cemetery.

Surviving: wife, Edna B. Clifton; daughters, Betty Gail Baker of Erwin, Joy Clifton of Roxboro; step-daughters, Brenda Thornton of Clayton, Phyllis Austin of Garner, Dawn Spittle of Garner; sons, Stacy Clifton of Benson, Ronnie Clifton of Benson, Randy Clifton of Garner; brother, J.O. Clifton of Benson; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

Family at the funeral home 7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 20, 1999. Arrangements by West & Dunn Funeral Home, Benson, N.C.

## **Sherbert Edgar Benson**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
September 10, 2001

BENSON - Mr. Sherbert Edgar Benson, age 83, of 7504 NC 50 North died Saturday at his residence. Funeral services will be 3:00 p.m. Tuesday at Benson Grove Baptist Church. Officiating will be Revs. Billy Cashwell and Terry Golden. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery, Benson.

Mr. Benson was born June 19, 1918 in Johnston County to the late Edgar A. and Mary "Molly" Coats Benson. He was a member of Benson Grove Baptist Church. Mr. Benson served in the US Navy during WWII in the South Pacific. He was a member of the Banner Post 109 American Legion, the Johnston County Seabees and the Disabled American Veterans Commanders Club.

Surviving include wife, Eva Adams Benson; daughters and sons-in-law Dr. Jean B. and Jerry L. Douglas of Greensboro, Drs. Janice B. and E. Randall Allen of Benson, and Sue B. and Jerry Vann of Angier; sisters Estelle B. Flythe of Garner, and Eloise Worrell of Tampa, FL; brother, Shelton A. Benson of Benson; and grandchildren, Jeremy Vann, Adam Vann, and Matthew Douglas.

Family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday.

## **Sie Coats, Jr.**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
June 29, 1998

Sie Coats Jr, 66, died Sunday, June 28, 1998. Funeral services 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 30, 1998 at McLaurin Funeral Home Chapel with entombment following in Pinecrest Memorial Gardens Mausoleum. Officiating Rev. Nathan Eason.

Surviving: wife, Nancy Franks Coats; daughter, Jennifer Braswell of Garner; son, J. Bryant Coats of Garner; brothers, Leonard Murray Coats of Lansing and Raphus Coats of Willow Springs; sisters, Audrey Dupree of Angier and Thelma Williams of Coats; five grandchildren.

Family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m Monday evening at McLaurin Funeral Home in Clayton.

## **Stanley Ricky Coats, Sr.**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

July 10, 2001

LILLINGTON - Stanley Ricky Coats Sr., 48, of 1253 Adams Road, died Saturday in UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Cromartie-Miller & Lee Funeral Home in Dunn by the Rev. Jerome Pope. Burial will be in Erwin Memorial Park.

Mr. Coats is survived by two sons, Stanley R. Coats Jr. and Stacy R. Coats, both of Lillington; a daughter, Samantha C. Simmons of Lillington; four sisters, Kathy Wells and Gladys Barefoot, both of Coats, Bessie Barefoot of Lillington and Kathleen Ruffin of Benton, Ky.; three brothers, Raymond Coats and Charles C. Coats, both of Coats, and Starling R. Coats Jr. of Selma; and several grandchildren.

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

## **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.

### **Thomas Bruce Coats**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
September 2, 1997

Mr. Thomas Bruce Coats, 75, of 9909 Cleveland Road, passed away Monday at home. Mr. Coats was retired as a counselor with the N.C. Department of Corrections. He was also a World War II Army veteran. Funeral service will be held Wednesday at 4 p.m. from the Shiloh Baptist Church, with the Rev. Danny Poyner officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Survivors: wife, Isabell S. "Tiny" Coats of Clayton; two daughters, Joy Coats of Clayton and Sara A. Roth and her husband, Dick of Selma; one sister, Esther Coats of Garner; four brothers, Rouse Coats of Selma, Pou Coats Jr. of Oxford, Alfred "Spot" Coats of Garner, Bobby Coats of Raleigh; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; and his loving dog, Angel.

Mr. Coats was preceded in death by his sister, Dolly C. Pearce and a brother, George Ross Coats.

Memorial donations may be made to the Shiloh Baptist Church Building Fund. The family will receive friends at the McLaurin Funeral Home Tuesday night from 7-8:30 p.m.

### **Vallie Coats Stone**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
January 25, 1995

Mrs. Vallie Coats Stone of Dunn died Monday in Betsy Johnson Memorial Hospital. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday in Spring Branch Baptist Church by the Rev. Tim McQueen. Burial will be in Coats City Cemetery.

Mrs. Stone is survived by her husband, Lamar Stone of the home; a daughter, Faye Thomas of High Point; a sister, Millie Eubanks of Falcon; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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

### **Wanda Diane King Honeycutt**

Rose & Graham Funeral Home Obituary  
07/2005

Ms. Wanda Diane Honeycutt of E. Branch Street died Saturday at Liberty Commons Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Funeral service will be 2:00PM Tuesday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. R.B. Parrish will officiate.

Ms. Honeycutt was born in Wake County to Doris Coats Brown of Benson and the late Charles King. She was also preceded in death by maternal grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Hosea Coats, and paternal grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. I. H. King. She was a nursing home assistant. Family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Benson, immediately following the service and other times at the home of Mrs. Doris Brown, 501 E. Branch Street, Benson.

### **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 Arler Roberts, Jr.**

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

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

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

Preceded in death by a daughter: Deloris Byrd.

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

### **William Ray Clifton, Sr.**

Dunn Daily Record  
03/10/2005

William Ray Clifton Sr., 75, of Pine Hill Farm, Benson, died Wednesday at his home. He was born Oct. 8, 1929, in Johnston County to the late Willie E. and Ada Coats Clifton. He was preceded in death by brothers, Worth Clifton and Dwight Clifton.

Mr. Clifton operated heavy equipment for construction. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson by the Rev. R.B. Parrish. Burial will follow at Roselawn Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Clifton; a son, Willie Clifton and wife Leslie of Garner; a daughter, Sandra C. Brewer and husband Steve of Oxford; sisters, Vergie C. Whitt and Eloise Lee, both of Garner; a brother, Beeler Clifton of Benson; and grandchildren, Lyndsey Brewer, Jordan Clifton, Jacob Brewer, Kayley Clifton, Brooke Clifton and Ty Clifton.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson and other times at the home of Willie and Leslie Clifton, 489 Galaxy Drive, Garner.

### **Winfred Marvin Jackson**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
September 27, 1995

DUNN - Winfred Marvin Jackson, 66, of 404 Aversaboro Road died Tuesday in Betsy Johnson Memorial Hospital in Dunn. He was retired from the Spinning Room of Erwin Mills. The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Thursday in the Cromartie-Miller & Lee Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. Jerome Pope. Burial will be in Erwin Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Jackson is survived by a son, Winfred K. Jackson of Dunn; a daughter, Sandra K. West of Dunn; a brother, Kenneth Jackson of Fayetteville; eight sisters, Thelma Toler, Ruby Graham and Linda Enloe, all of Fayetteville, Muriel Hospador of Wilmington, Ruth Young of Cleveland,



Jewel McNeil of Aberdeen, Margaret Lockamy of Erwin and Faye Brake of Ark, Va.; and five grandchildren.

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