

Alton Anderson Cobb

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
September 30, 1995

Alton A. Cobb, 80, of Dunn died Friday in Betsy Johnson Memorial Hospital. He retired from the Dunn Police Department as chief of police after 27 years and was a former chief of detectives. The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Sunday in First Baptist Church by the Revs. J. Richard McDuffie, Tom Freeman and Phillip Boykin. Burial will be in the Angier Primitive Baptist Church cemetery in Angier.

Mr. Cobb is survived by his wife, Nettie N. Cobb of the home; a son, Earl Cobb of Angier; two daughters, Sandra Cobb and Vickie Dupree, both of Dunn; a stepson, Dorman Naylor Jr. of Dunn; a stepdaughter, Sybil Smith of Dunn; two brothers, Glenn Cobb of Smithfield and Tyson Cobb of Angier; three sisters, Vada Smith and Rena Dupree, both of Angier, and Mildred Ragsdale of Fuquay-Varina; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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

Anthony Keith "Tony" Denning

The Herald-Sun
Sunday November 09, 2003

Anthony "Tony" Keith Denning, of Carolina Beach, N.C. died Tuesday, November 4, 2003, at the Lower Cape Fear Hospice Care Center. He was born in Durham, N.C., on February 6, 1965, the son of Walter Denning of Durham and the late Thurldean "Dean" Benson Ferrell.

Surviving, in addition to his father, are two sisters, Ann Duncan of Wilmington and Kay Barbee of Emerald Isle, N.C.; two children, Christopher Keith denning and Jessica denning; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A private memorial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Zimmer Cancer Center, 2131 S. 17th St., Wilmington, N.C. 28401 - Andrews Mortuary.

Bernice Elizabeth Bayles

Dunn Daily Record
06/06/2002

Bernice Elizabeth Bayles, 85, of 3099 N.C. 27 East, Coats, died Wednesday at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital. She was born July 8, 1916, in Harnett County to the late Daniel and Emma Denning Bayles. She was preceded in death by sisters, Ava B. Page, Iva B. Cutts and Bevie B.

Dixon; and brothers, T.C. and J.C. Bayles. Miss Bayles was a member of Pleasant Memory Baptist Church and was a farmer and homemaker.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Coats by the Revs. Blair Little and Ronnie Byrd. Burial will follow in Greenwood Cemetery, Dunn.

Survivors include nephews and spouses, Billie and Nellie Cutts of Coats, and Jerry and Faye Bayles of Dunn; niece and spouse, Shirley and Jack Matthews of Sanford; niece-in-law, Amy Cutts Cook of Coats; and several great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats and other times at the home of Billie and Nellie Cutts, 2705 N.C. 27 East, Coats.

Bessie Neighbors Mangum

Herald-Sun, The (Durham, NC)
January 23, 1995

Mrs. Bessie Neighbours Mangum, 96, of 2225 Whitley Drive, died Sunday, Jan. 22, after several months of declining health. Born and educated in Johnston County, Mrs. Mangum was the daughter of the late Henry T. and Millie Ann Denning Neighbours and was married to the late William Clarence Mangum.

A homemaker, she had lived in Durham since 1962. Mrs. Mangum was the oldest living member of First Baptist Church of Hillsborough, where she also taught Sunday school for 25 years. She was a member of the King's Daughters and was the recipient of the Matrons' Club Woman of the Year Award in 1987. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church of Hillsborough by the Rev. Dr. B. E. White Jr. Burial will be in the Hillsborough Town Cemetery.

Mrs. Mangum is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Becky M. Roberts and Mrs. Nancy Scoggins Taylor, both of Durham; a son, Mr. William Clarence Mangum Jr. of High Point; a sister, Mrs. Callie Howells Holt of Durham; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at Clements Funeral Home in Durham. Flowers are acceptable, or memorials may be made to the building fund of First Baptist Church, 201 W. King St., Hillsborough 27278.

Carl Casteen Denning, Sr.

Dunn Daily Record

07/17/2006

Carl C. Denning Sr., 80, of Benson died Sunday, July 16, 2006, at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital in Dunn. He was born Dec. 23, 1925, in Harnett County to the late Bert and Georgia Maynard Denning. He was retired lineman foreman in the electrical construction business. Mr. Denning was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was a member of the Banner Post 109 American Legion. A graveside service will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday at Devotional Gardens in Dunn by the Rev. Richard Whitman.

Survivors include a daughter, Brenda D. Allen of Coats; sons, Carl C. "Junior" Denning Jr. and William Everette Denning, both of Benson; a brother, Granville Denning of Dunn; sisters, Georgia Matilda McConnell of Dunn, Eva Hilda Cashwell of Clinton and Merdie Ruth Best of Mount Olive; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

The family will receive friends at the home of Brenda Allen, 1000 Delma Grimes Road, Coats. A service of Rose & Graham Funeral Home of Benson.

Charles David Denning

Dunn Daily Record

10/19/2005

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

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

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

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

Clara Belle Jernigan Denning

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
August 28, 2002

Mrs. Clara J. Denning, of Smithfield, formerly of Buies Creek, died Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2002, in Johnston Memorial Hospital. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday in Prospect Free Will Baptist Chapel in Harnett County by the Rev. Phillip Davis. Burial will be in Harnett Memorial Park in Lillington.

Mrs. Denning is survived by a daughter, Linda Barefoot of Smithfield; a sister, Hautense J. Ennis of Coats; and two grandchildren.

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

Clara Norris Denning

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
May 3, 1996

BENSON -- Mrs. Clara Norris Denning, 66, of 1812 Benson-Hardee Road, formerly of Cumberland County, died Wednesday. She was a member of Benson Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church and was a homemaker. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. today in Benson Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church by the Rev. Glenn McCullen. Burial will be in the Denning family cemetery. Rose & Graham Funeral Home.

Mrs. Denning is survived by her husband, Willis C. "Billy" Denning; a daughter, Ann D. Griffin of Greenville; a son, Doug Denning of Benson; two sisters, Gladys N. Neighbors and Jackie N. Black, both of Spring Lake; and four grandchildren.

Clemon Theron Miller, Jr.

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
08/27/2006

Mr. Clemon Theron Miller, Jr., 61 of 5303 King George Ct., died Friday, August 25, 2006 at his residence. A Celebration of Life service will be held Monday at 11:00 a.m. at Guilford College United Methodist Church. Burial will be private.

Theron was a native of Harnett County but had resided most of his life in Guilford County. He was a 1967 graduate of North Carolina State University and a member of Guilford College United Methodist Church where he was a member of the Altar Guild. He was also a 32 Degree Mason and a member of P.P. Turner Lodge of AF & AM, the Greensboro Valley of the Scottish Rite, and a charter member of Amran Shrine in Raleigh. He was a 20 year member of the

Guilford College Fire Department where he served on the Board of Directors, most recently as the boards President. He retired from Guilford College Fire Department as a Deputy Chief. He received the 1996 Firefighter of the Year Award from Guilford College Fire Department along with a Life-Saving Award. Theron also served on the NC Board of Boilers and Pressure Vessels Rules. He worked for many years for Burlington Industries.

Theron is survived by his wife of 40 years, Judy Miller; one son, Clemon Theron Miller, III of Charlotte; and one daughter, Cathey Miller of Greensboro; his parents, Clemon Theron Miller, Sr. and Dorothy of Erwin, NC; one brother, Delain and wife Ann Miller of Dunn, NC; two grandchildren, Josh Miller and Emma Miller; along with several aunts and uncles and nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Building Fund, c/o Guilford College United Methodist Church, 1205 Fleming Road, Greensboro, NC 27410. The family will receive friends tonight from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Forbis and Dick Guilford Chapel, 5926 W. Friendly Ave. On-line condolences may be offered at www.forbisanddick.com.

Colon Denning Ferrell

Dunn Daily Record
Monday, July 15, 2002

Colon Denning Ferrell of Coats died Saturday at Good Hope Hospital. She was a native of Harnett County and was a daughter of the late Martin Dallas and Sue Ella Dorman Denning. She was a retired dry goods sales clerk. She was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene Ferrell.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats by the Rev. Jesse Mooney. Burial will follow in Coats City Cemetery.

Survivors include a daughter and spouse, Charlotte and Richard Moore of New Bern; a grandson and spouse, Gene and Sandy Moore of Coats; a great-grandchild, Christen Moore of Coats; and a sister, Dorothy Miller of Erwin. The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats.

Curtis Denning Gregory

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
June 7, 2004

Curtis Denning Gregory, 83, of Buies Creek, died Sunday, June 6, 2004. Mr. Gregory was an Army veteran of World War II and a farmer. He was an officer of the Harnett County Farm and Home Administration.

The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday in First Baptist Church of Buies Creek by Dr. Michael Simmons. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home of Lillington.

Mr. Gregory is survived by two sons, James C. Gregory of Buies Creek and R. Max Gregory of Coats; two daughters, Patricia Hudson of Raleigh and Sarah F. Heath of Lupburg, Germany; two sisters, Martha Stephenson of Morehead City and Eloise Sexton of Lillington; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the church and at other times at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Gregory, 1350 Fleming Road, Coats. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Buies Creek, P.O. Box 160, Buies Creek, NC 27506.

David Allen Denning

The News & Observer
November 12, 2003

VASS -- Mr. David Allen Denning, 56, of 164 Cranes Cove, in the community of Woodlake, formerly of Benson, died Tuesday at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Thursday at the Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson. Officiating will be the Rev. Beaver Greenway. Burial will follow in Devotional Gardens, Dunn.

Mr. Denning was born October 26, 1947 in Harnett County to the late DeLeon and Gladys Allen Denning. Mr. Denning was a commercial pilot.

Survivors include: his wife, Ann Hardcastle Denning; stepdaughter and son-in-law, Jamie M. and Valentino Marchione of Atlanta, GA; sisters and brothers-in-law, Beth and Tommy Rogers, Cyndy and Keith Langdon, Jenny and Don Johnson, all of Benson, two grandchildren, Christian and Gabriella Marchione.

Family will receive friends from 6:00 to 9:00 PM Wednesday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson and other times at the home of Don and Jenny Johnson, Benson, NC. Flowers are welcome; however, memorials may be made to Home, Health and Hospice Care, P.O. Box 1524, Smithfield, NC 27577.

David Bryant Denning

Smithfield Herald
October 30, 1936

Benson, October 28 – Dave Bryant Denning for years a prominent farmer of Banner Township died Monday afternoon about three o'clock at his home about three miles from Benson where he

was born 89 years ago. He had been in ill health for several years having suffered a stroke of paralysis three years ago. He was critically ill for five weeks before his death.

The funeral attended by an estimated crowd of 1,500 persons was held at the home Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. The service was conducted by Rev. C. D. Jackson of the Free Will Baptist Church and Rev. W. C. Merritt pastor of the Benson Methodist Church.

The music was rendered by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Strickland, Miss Kate Johnson, Garland Mangum and Charlie Smith. The large floral offering was carried by forty grandchildren and friends of the family.

The pallbearers were Dr. S. A. Duncan, David Olive, I.O. Farmer, Willard Smith, Conner Lee and Isaac Barefoot.

The deceased was twice married and was the father of 29 children. His first wife was Miss Annie Neighbors. Children surviving this union are W. R. Denning, Lonnie Denning and Mrs. Lovie Parker.

His second wife was Miss Florence Strickland who survives together with the following children; Edgar Denning of Four Oaks, Herman Denning of Birmingham, Ala., Hunter, Howard, Bruce, Jesse Martin, Worth Denning and Mrs. Roy Stephenson of Benson. He leaves one brother, John R. Denning of Princeton and one sister, Mrs. Millie Neighbors of Hillsboro.

DeAnna Gail Ennis Byrd Denning

Dunn Daily Record
05/01/2006

DeAnna E. Denning, 68, of Tucker Street, Four Oaks, died Saturday morning, April 29, 2006, at her home. She was born in Harnett County on Nov. 10, 1937, to the late Eugene and Mary Maude Ennis. Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. Tuesday in the chapel of Minshew Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Hodges Chapel Church Cemetery in Benson.

Survivors include her husband, Edgar M. Denning; a son, Ray C. Byrd of Fancy Gap, Va.; daughters, June B. Rhodes and Kay S. Byrd, both of Four Oaks; sisters, Faye E. Spears and Joyie E. Wright, both of Estero, Fla., and Jonnie E. Kim of Four Oaks; grandchildren, David Byrd, Haywood Rhodes, Kalan Talton, Jennifer Byrd, Cindy Rhodes, Kimberly Byrd and Jessica Sheckler; and great-grandchild, Camille Talton.

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

Donald Earl McLeod

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
December 2, 2006

RALEIGH - Donald E. McLeod, 83, died peacefully in his sleep at Raleigh Health and Rehabilitation Center, November 30, 2006. Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Monday at Montlawn Funeral Home chapel. Burial will follow at Montlawn Memorial Park, Raleigh.

Donald is survived by his wife, Lillian "Mickey" McLeod; daughters, Sandra Vaughn of Garner, Theresa McLeod of Angier, Dianne and husband, Dennis Hudson of Clinton, Sue Kornegay of Durham; sisters, Mary Frances Coats of Angier, Faye Creech of Angier, Peggie Franklin of Angier, Betty Ann Fisher of Springfield, MO; one brother, Andy McLeod of Cary; grandchildren, Kelly Jones, Leah Ottaway, Jared Vaughn, Coley Maynard, Steven Maynard, Brittney Hudson, Natalie Hudson, Chris Allen; great-grandchildren, Brittney Eason, Matthew Eason, Samantha Ottaway.

He was preceded in death by his son, Ronnie McLeod.

The family will receive friends 11 a.m. 1 p.m. at Montlawn Funeral Home prior to service. Arrangements by Montlawn Funeral Home, 2911 S Wilmington St., Raleigh, NC. Condolences may be made at www.montlawn.com.

Dora Williams Denning

The News & Observer
April 25, 1998

Mrs. Dora Williams Denning, 80, of Coats, died Friday at the Brian Center in Clayton. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Sunday at the Rose & Graham Funeral Chapel in Coats. Officiating will be the Rev. John Stephenson. Burial will follow in the Coats City Cemetery.

Mrs. Denning was born June 3, 1917 in Harnett County to the late Ando and Cassandra Poole Williams. She was married to the late Esco Denning. Mrs. Denning was a homemaker.

Surviving include daughter and son-in-law, Margaret D. and Wayne Stewart of Garner; two grandchildren, Mike Stewart and Steve Stewart both of Garner; two great-grand- children, Austin and Dylan Stewart.

Family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats 7-9 p.m. Saturday.

Edgar Allen Poe

DURHAM -- Mr. Edgar Allen "Dick" Poe, 77, of 5133 Pine Trail Dr., died early Tuesday at his home. Mr. Poe was born in Durham Co., the son of the late Luther S. and Sudie Morris Poe. He was a former employee of Electrolux for 40 years.

Mr. Poe is survived by his wife, LaRue Poe; two daughters, Terri Poe and Marty Poe; and one granddaughter, Mandy Hicks.

A memorial service will be held Thursday 4 p.m. in Clements Funeral Chapel in Durham. The family will receive friends following the service at Clements Funeral Home in Durham. Memorial contributions may be made to Lakewood Baptist Church, 2100 Chapel Hill Rd., Durham, NC 27707.

Edith Holmes Denning

The News & Observer
July 17, 2001

BENSON - Mrs. Edith Holmes Denning, 84, of 2113 Benson-Hardee Rd., died Sunday at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. Revs. Warren Bock and Glenn McCullen will officiate. Burial will follow in the Denning family cemetery.

Mrs. Denning was born June 25, 1917 in Vance County to the late Joseph and Lizzi Preddy Holmes. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde S. Denning. Mrs. Denning was a member of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, and was a homemaker.

Survivors include: son, Robert S. Denning of Benson; daughter, Sue Frances Bailey of Henderson; sister, Mary H. Coats of Dunn; three grandchildren, Denise Bailey, Patrick Bailey, and Ashley Herring; four great-grandchildren, Samantha Bailey, Taylor Bailey, Jackson Bailey, and Ryan Herring.

The family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and other times at the home of Robert S. Denning, 807 Denning Rd., Benson, NC. Flowers are welcome; however, memorials may be made to Ebenezer Presbyterian Church Building Fund, 2981 Ebenezer Church Road, Benson, NC 27504.

Edna Denning Cashwell

Skinner & Smith Funeral Home Notice

02/20/2006

Mrs. Edna Denning Cashwell, 79, formerly of Dunn, NC died Monday, Feb. 20, 2006 at Wesley Long Hospital. Mrs. Cashwell was the eldest daughter of Bertis Lee Denning and Georgia Maynard Denning of Johnston County. She grew up on the family farm at Easy Street and attended Meadow School. Mrs. Cashwell married Ray Brooks Cashwell of Clinton, NC after he returned from service in the South Pacific during World War II. She was a loving wife and a dedicated mother who disciplined wisely and encouraged honesty, hard work and the love of learning in her children.

Mrs. Cashwell's church and Christian faith were important parts of her life. She was a member of Smyrna Freewill Baptist Church where she had been a Sunday school teacher and active in church affairs. As the wife of a career Marine, her faith sustained her through long separations and periods of single parenthood while her husband was stationed overseas, including service both in the Korean War and Vietnam.

Mrs. Cashwell was an avid gardner, cook and traveler. She made many friends and fed them well. For many years she was an active member and officer in Amaranth, a ladies auxiliary of the Masons and also a long standing member of the Onslow County Home Demonstration Club. Since 1998 she has resided at Wesley Long Nursing Center in Jamestown, NC where she was affectionately known as "shug".

A funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. at Smyrna FWB Church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. She was preceded in death by her husband Ray B. Cashwell in 1986 and by her daughter Georgia Gail in 1976.

She is survived by her son, Eddie Ray Cashwell and wife Judy of Virginia Beach, VA., daughter, Callie Ruth Cashwell husband Charles Price of Greensboro, grandson, Eddie Ray Cashwell II and wife Robyn of Virginia Beach grandson, Eric Cashwell of Virginia Beach granddaughter, Kimberly Leland and husband John of Spokane, WA., and two great grandchildren, Sisters, Merdie Best and husband Billy of Mt. Olive, Georgia McConnell of Dunn, Eva Cashwell of Clinton, brothers, Carl Denning and Granville Denning and wife Peggy both of Dunn many nieces and nephews, relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions can be made to Smyrna Freewill Baptist Church, Care of Ray Smith, 322 W Main St., Benson, NC 27504 or to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Att: Communications Dept., 6931 Arlington Rd., Bethesda, MD 20814 (donation form at www.cff.org). Special thanks to the staff on the 3rd floor west wing of Wesley Long Hospital for the care and comfort provided to Mrs. Cashwell and her family. The family will receive friend Friday 6-8 p.m. at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home. On line condolences may be sent to www.skinnerandsmith.com.

Eugene Ferrell

The News & Observer
May 14, 2000

COATS - Mr. Eugene Ferrell, 94, of 220 E. Washington St., died Friday at Harnett Manor Nursing Home in Lillington. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Monday at the Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Coats. Officiating will be the Rev. John B. Stephenson. Burial will follow in the Coats City Cemetery.

Mr. Ferrell was born September 29, 1905 in Wake County to the late Alexander and Sue Ann Howard Ferrell. He was a carpenter in the Home Construction Business. Mr. Ferrell was also a member of the Coats Baptist Church.

Surviving is his wife, Colon Denning Ferrell; daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte F. and Richard E. Moore of New Bern; grandson and wife, Gene and Sandra Moore of Coats; great-granddaughter, Christen Jean Moore; sister, Maude D. Hughes of New Jersey.

Family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday.

Flora Iona Denning Glover

Charlotte Observer, The (NC)
May 4, 1999

Mrs. Iola Glover, 80, formerly of 2920 Kilbourne Drive, Apt. 2, Charlotte, died Sunday, May 2, 1999, at Destin Healthcare in Destin, FL.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, at Cornerstone Baptist Church with the Reverends Glenn Gunter and David Wooten officiating. Interment will follow in Sharon Memorial Park. The family will receive friends for one hour prior to the service at the church.

Edwin Phillips, Jr., Chris Phillips, Bill Farmer, Dick Butler, Rick Butler and Jarvis Warren are serving as active pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are the Men's Sunday School Class and Deacons of Cornerstone Baptist Church.

Born October 5, 1918, in Harnett County, NC, a daughter of the late James K. Denning and Flora Stewart Denning, Mrs. Glover was retired from the accounting department of the J.P. Stevens Company. For a number of years she made custom draperies for many homes in Charlotte and the surrounding area. The widow of Perry D. Glover, she was a charter member of Cornerstone Baptist Church. Mrs. Glover played the piano for local nursing homes on occasion and had a real talent in the imitation of Minnie Pearl, adding much joy to many lives. She was also an avid gardener who loved her flowers, especially Gerber Daisies.

Surviving are daughters Penny Phillips and husband, Ed, of Greensboro, NC, and Judy Jones and husband, Doug, of Ft. Walton Beach, FL; sister Hazel Hathaway of Atlanta, GA; grandsons Edwin Phillips, Jr., and wife, Karen, and Chris Phillips; granddaughter Jill VanStratten; and great grandchildren Anna and Erin Phillips and Taylor, Ashley and Shelby VanStratten.

Memorials may be made to the Cornerstone Baptist Church, 8947 Albemarle Road, Charlotte, NC 28227 or the Hospice of NW Florida, Inc., 1005 W. College Boulevard, Niceville, FL 32578. Arrangements are by Hankins & Whittington, Wilson Chapel, 5301 Albemarle Road.

Florence Helen Denning Sorrell

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
June 26, 1999

Mrs. Florence Denning "Tince" Sorrell, 87, of 403 West Church St., died Friday at her home after an extended illness. A graveside service will be 2 p.m. Sunday at the Denning Family Cemetery on Benson-Hardee Road. Officiating will be Rev. Bobby Smith, Rev. Bill Denning, and Mrs. Terry Waddell.

Mrs. Sorrell was born June 17, 1912, in Harnett County to the late William (Billy) Robert Sr. and Mary Smith Denning. Mrs. Sorrell was married to the late Norwood L. Sorrell. Mrs. Sorrell was a retired Home Economics Teacher. She attended Greensboro College and graduated from East Carolina Teachers college. She taught in the Harnett and Johnston County School systems for 30 years; teaching at Boone Trail, Four Oaks High School, Benson High School, and retired from South Johnston High School. During her years of teaching, she was active in many phases of education. She was currently a member of Alpha Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Teachers Society, having served as President. She was also an active member of the American Home Economics Assoc., American Vocational Assoc., and State & National Future Homemakers of America. Mrs. Sorrell served as regional adviser of FHA and served in other capacities as well.

Mrs. Sorrell was a life-long member of the Benson United Methodist Church. During this time she was a choir member, a Sunday school teacher, youth leader, and president of the United Methodist Women. She was also active in the Al Parker Sunday school class until her health declined.

Surviving include daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Ann Sorrell Lee and J. Glenn Lee of Benson and Helen Sorrell Bostic & Dr. Berry Bostic of Fayetteville; four grandchildren, Cliff Bostic, Mary Helen Lee, Leighton Bostic, and Charles Daniel "Chuck" Lee; sister-in-law, Elizabeth "Lib" Denning of Benson; also several nieces and nephews.

Family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson from 7-9 p.m. Saturday. Family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the Benson United Methodist Church, Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 72; Benson, NC 27504; Hospice, P.O. Box 1524, Smithfield, NC 27577; or one's favorite charity.

Florence Strickland Denning

Smithfield Herald

February 8, 1957

Mrs. Florence Denning, 84 widow of Dave Bryant Denning died Monday at the home of a son, Jesse Martin Denning on Route 1, Benson. A funeral service was conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at the Tabernacle Free Will Baptist Church in Benson of which she had been a member many years. The Rev. J.D. Capps, pastor, and the Rev. Carlton F. Hirsch, pastor of the Benson Methodist Church officiated. Interment followed in the Denning family cemetery.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. A. V. Parrish of Portsmouth, Va.; six sons, Edgar M. Denning of Four Oaks, Hunter, Howard, Jesse Martin and Bruce Denning all of Benson and Herman Denning of Jacksonville, Fla. One stepdaughter, Mrs. Ezra Parker of Benson; two sisters, Mrs. Jesse M. Jernigan of Dunn and Mrs. Frances Hines of Four Oaks; One brother, Tom Strickland of Dunn; and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Gladys Ilene Clayton Denning

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

May 31, 2000

COATS -- Mrs. Gladys C. Denning, 78, of 307 W. Main St. died Monday in Good Hope Hospital in Erwin. Mrs. Denning was a homemaker. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. today in Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel in Coats by the Revs. Jesse Mooney and Jerome Edwards. Burial will be in Coats City Cemetery.

Mrs. Denning is survived by two daughters, Ruth Dennis of Coats and Judith Wood of Lillington; two sons, Tommy Denning of Stanfield and Linwood Denning of Coats; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Glenn Cobb

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

February 12, 2003

Glenn Cobb, 85, of Clayton, died on February 10 surrounded by his family. He was born on September 7, 1917 in Angier. He was former Deputy Sheriff of Johnston County, a "Yellow Dog Democrat" and a loyal Yankee Baseball fan who treasured his friends and their friendship. He was the "Ultimate Salesman". Everything he sold, horses, mules, cows, dogs and guns was the "best one he had ever seen." He was preceded in death by his wife, Agnes Adams and a daughter, Karen Stone.

Survivors include: daughter, Gwenda Matthiae and husband, Ralph of Clayton; three sons, Gary Cobb and wife, Peggy of Clayton, David Cobb and wife, Jackie of Clayton, Andy and wife, Ann of Maryland; six grandchildren, Dean Laney of Hawaii, Lee McGee of Florida, Bradley Keith Stone and John Stone, both of Virginia, Grayson and Quincy Cobb, both of Maryland. He is survived by two sisters, Vada Smith of Angier, Mildred Ragsdale of Fuquay-Varina; brother, Tyson Cobb of Angier.

The family will receive on Wednesday night from 7-8:30 p.m. at McLaurin Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Maplewood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a memorial contribution may be made to the charity of one's choice. Arrangements by McLaurin at Pinecrest, Funerals & Cremations, Clayton.

Grace Elizabeth Lee Denning

Dunn Daily Record
10/3/2006

Grace Lee Denning, 88, of 277 E. Depot St., Angier, died Sunday, Oct. 1, 2006, at Rex Hospital. Born in Wake County to the late R.W. Lee Sr. and Hazel Jones Lee, she grew up, married and lived most of her life in Angier. She was preceded in death by her husband, D.W. "Stumpy" Denning Jr. in 1993; sisters, Alice Lee Reavis and Kathy Lee Clifton; and brothers, Howard R. Lee, R. Edgar Lee and Paul A. Lee.

Mrs. Denning was a longtime member of Angier Baptist Church. She was a member of the Philathea Sunday School Class and served as a WMU circle leader. For years she sang in the Chancel Choir and served on the Hospitality Committee. She and her husband were involved in the Democratic Party and hosted many events in their home. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday at Angier Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Angier Memorial Cemetery.

Survivors include daughters, Donna Denning of Angier, Joy D. Smith and husband Ray of Joppa, Md.; a son, Dan Denning and wife Laura Ann of Lillington; grandchildren, Lee Denning of Lillington and fiancée Beverly Wilkie of Buies Creek and Rachel Denning of Appalachian State University in Boone; brothers, Baxter Lee and wife Hilda, R.W. Lee Jr. and wife Shirley, Wayne Lee and wife Jean, all of Angier; sisters-in-law, Rachel D. Adams of Fuquay-Varina, Betty S. Denning of Angier and Pattie B. Lee of Garner; a brother-in-law, Wilburn Reavis of Angier; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home and other times at the home. Memorials may be made to the Windows Project of Angier Baptist Church, P.O. Box 130, Angier, NC 27501.

Granville Morrison Denning

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

August 23, 2001

DUNN - Mr. Granville M. "Shamrock" Denning, 78, died Wednesday. Mr. Denning was a Minor League and Semi-Pro baseball player, he was signed in 1945 by the Boston Braves Baseball team before returning to the Raleigh Caps, their farm team. He played for the Dunn-Erwin Twins in the Tobacco State League in 1946, and the Tri-State League in Fayetteville in 1948. In 1949, Shamrock returned to the Dunn-Erwin Twins and played with them until they were sold to the City of Whiteville in 1951. He helped form and manage a Semi-Pro team with the reorganized Tobacco State League. His batting average was never less than 300, and he was one of the most feared hitters in the Minor Leagues.

In later years he worked as Crossing Guard at several Dunn schools. In Shamrock's several careers, he was an inspiration to many, and a true friend to all. Funeral will be 11 a.m. Friday at Skinner Funeral Home Chapel. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery with Masonic Honors.

Surviving are his wife, Peggy Beasley Denning; son and daughter-in-law, Benjamin "Morry" and Jonnie Ann Denning of Dunn; sister Anna Lou Denning of Jacksonville FL; granddaughters, Tara Ann Denning and Sham Megan Denning both of Dunn.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday evening at Skinner Funeral Home.

Hyson Albert Denning

The News & Observer

April 1, 2001

BENSON - Mr. Hyson Albert Denning, 76, of 2607 Benson-Hardee Road, died Saturday at Good Hope Hospital in Erwin. He was a native of Harnett County, born August 30, 1924, to the late William A. and Ida Mae Williams Denning. Mr. Denning was a retired accountant for the NC Employment Security Commission, a US Army Veteran of WWII, a member of Hiram Lodge 40 of Raleigh, a member of Banner Post 109 American Legion, and a member of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. Revs. Warren Bock and Carl Dixon will officiate. Interment will follow in the church cemetery with Masonic Rites.

Surviving: wife, Betty Jean S. Denning; son and daughter-in-law, Stephen H. and Kimberly Denning of Raleigh; brothers, Carsie K. Denning Sr. of Coats, and Arthur R. Denning of Morehead City; sister, Kizzie D. Williams of Dunn; two grandchildren, Blake Denning and Morgan Denning.

Memorials may be made to the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, c/o Kathy Johnson, 2981 Ebenezer Church Road, Benson, NC 27504. The family will be at Rose and Graham Funeral Home in Benson from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday.

Ida Jeanette Upchurch Denning

News And Observer
11/25/2001

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

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

Surviving are daughters and sons-in-law, Judy D. and Ricky V. Jackson, and Jackie D. and Thomas P. Page all of Benson; Sister, Rebecca U. Pope of Coats; brothers, Rupert Upchurch and Phil Upchurch both of Dunn, and Tony Upchurch of Coats; grandchildren; Martin V. "Marty" Jackson and Stephanie "Stephie" P. Bates; great-granddaughter, Tommie Lauren Bates. Family will receive friends at Rose and Graham Funeral Home in Benson 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday and at other times at the home of Jackie D. and Thomas P. Page, 1980 BensonHardee Road, Benson, NC.

Isabelle Wade Phillips

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
October 13, 2001

Mrs. Isabelle Wade Phillips, 78, of 305 West K St., died Friday in Charles Parrish Nursing Home in Dunn. The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Sunday in Price Funeral Home chapel in Erwin by the Rev. Currie Parker. Entombment will be in Erwin Memorial Park.

Mrs. Phillips is survived by her husband, Ernest Phillips of Erwin; two sons, James W. Phillips of Erwin and Mickey D. Phillips of Durham; two half brothers, C.D. Smith and Billy Ray Smith, both of Lillington; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

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

James Stephenson Denning

Dunn Daily Record

02/04/2008



Elder James S. Denning, 86, of 278 Railroad St., Coats, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008, at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. He was born Oct. 10, 1921, in Johnston County to the late Willis E. and Bessie Stephenson Denning. He was a retired funeral director, having served with three local funeral homes - Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Coats Funeral Home and the former Overby Funeral Home of Coats. He was the owner of Denning Flower Shop in Coats.

Elder Denning was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II and fought in the European Theater and the Battle of the Bulge. He was a Bronze Star medal recipient. He was a member of Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church and served as pastor. He also served as pastor of Clement Primitive Baptist Church, Bethany Primitive Baptist Church and Sapony Primitive Baptist Church in Rocky Mount.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Coats by Elders R.L. Fish and Virgil Davis. Burial will follow at Sandy Grove Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Angier.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Clara Dupree Denning; daughters, Linda Byrd and husband Ron of Coats, Diane Barefoot and husband Larry of Dunn; son, Ron Denning and wife Joan of Fayetteville; sister, Lena Sambataro of New Jersey; brother, Bobby Denning of Atlanta, Ga.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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

James Walter Denning

Unknown Newspaper

7/1972

North Carolina Civil Defense Director James Walter Denning, 56, died Saturday at Rex Hospital here. Denning had been Director since July, 1969, when he was appointed by Gov. Bob Scott. When informed of Denning's death, Scott said, "Jim Denning was a quiet and capable man. He was dedicated to his job and to the cause of Civil Defense. He set an example in his service to the people of North Carolina that will be a tribute to his memory."

Denning was a native of Angier, He enlisted as a private in the U. S. Army in April 1941. He was later commissioned as an officer in the 101st Airborne Division in World War II. He parachuted behind the German lines in Normandy, France, the day before the D-Day invasion, to cut communication lines. In June, 1950, he joined the North Carolina National Guard, and in

September, 1953, was promoted to lieutenant colonel. He retired from the Guard in 1965. Denning served as operations officer for Civil Defense for 14 years before succeeding William M. Hodge as director.

Surviving are his wife, the former Maxine Pleasant of Angier, and one daughter, Jan. A graveside funeral service will be held at Montlawn Cemetery in Raleigh at 11 a.m. Monday.

Janie Evelyn Adams Denning

Dunn Daily Record

05/22/2006

Janie Adams Denning, 78, of Johnston County Road, Coats, died Thursday, May 18, 2006, at her home. She was born Dec. 5, 1927, in Johnston County to the late Robert and Callie Ennis Adams. She was a homemaker and member of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. Funeral services were held 2 p.m. May 21 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Coats by the Rev. Joe Hester. Entombment followed at Roselawn Cemetery in Benson.

Survivors include her husband, Lamas Denning; a daughter, Rhonda Stephenson and husband Randy of Coats; a son, Gary Denning of Angier; sisters, Freda Johnson of Angier and Bobbie Owens of Southport; grandchildren and spouses, Kurt and Christy Stephenson, Justin and Stephanie Denning, and Brandon Denning; and a great-granddaughter, Arabella Grigley.

Condolences may be sent to www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com.

Jerry Whitfield Denning

Dunn Daily Record

December 22, 2003

Jerry Whitfield Denning, 76, of 1646 Denning Road, Benson, died Thursday at Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield. He was born June 15, 1927, in Johnston County to the late Lonnie and Hattie Wood Denning. He was a farmer and a member of Pleasant Hill Christian Church. Mr. Denning was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and was a member of the American Legion Banner Post 109.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel by the Revs. Don Williams and Tim Bass. Burial followed in the Denning Family Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Ernestine Creech Denning; sons, Tracy Denning and wife Tammy, and Steven Denning and wife Karla, all of Benson; daughters, Deborah D. Byrd, Rhonda D. Peacock and husband Jamie, all of Benson; a sister, Rosalie D. Stephenson of Benson; a brother, Charles Denning of Benson; five grandchildren and spouse, Christie and Jeffery Mitchell,

Jennifer Byrd, Blake Denning, Brandon Byrd, and Cole Denning; and one great-granddaughter, Katie Mitchell.

Jimmie Odell Matthews

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
October 9, 1999

ANGIER - Jimmie O. Matthews 64, a retired fireman from Pope A.F. Base, died Friday, Oct. 8, 1999. Funeral 2 p.m. Sunday, Neill's Creek Baptist Church with Dr. Greg McClain officiating. Burial, church cemetery.

Surviving: wife, Jean Jones Matthews; daughters, Patricia Ann Williford and son-in-law, Tony of Angier; brother, Rex Matthews; nephew, Tomie Matthews, granddaughters, Toni, Tori and Tabitha.

Family will receive friends 7-9 p.m. Saturday at Overby-Johnson Funeral Home. Contributions may be made to Neill's Creek Baptist Church Choir Fund, Neill's Creek Church Rd., Angier.

Joseph Rupert Parrish

The News & Observer
May 5, 1999

Mr. Joseph Rupert Parrish, age 77, of 1469 Johnston County Road died Tuesday at Good Hope Hospital in Erwin. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, Benson. Officiating will be Rev. Warren Bock. Burial will follow in Devotional Gardens, Dunn, with Masonic Rites.

Mr. Parrish was born December 7, 1921, in Harnett County to the late Eddie Lester and Ethel Langdon Parrish. He was a farmer and a member of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. Mr. Parrish served in World War II with the U.S. Army, was a member of American Legion Banner Post 109, a member of the 40 & 8, and served in many other capacities. He was a member of the Angier Masonic Lodge 686, was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Scottish Rites, and was an Amran Shriner. Mr. Parrish served on the Harnett County Board of Directors for Farm Bureau for over twenty-five years. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Agnes Denning Parrish and sisters, Thelma Mason and Audrey Burchette.

Surviving include wife, Christine Stewart Akerman Parrish; sons and daughters-in-law, Ronnie and Sue Parrish, of Angier, Keith and Martha Parrish of Benson, Dwight and Janice Parrish, of Angier and; step- son, Stewart Akerman of Seattle, WA; sisters, Rebeth Mitchell and Joyce Carter, both of Angier, and Marva Whittington of Garner; twin brother, Raeford Parrish of Angier; grandchildren, Mandy Parrish, Kristy Parrish, Kevin Parrish, Jason Parrish and Todd Parrish.

Family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson 7-9 p.m. Wednesday. Family suggests memorials be made to Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, c/o Juanita Hudson, 2981 Ebenezer Church Road, Benson, NC 27504.

Julia Frances Langdon Pleasant

Unknown Newspaper
3/1965

Mrs. Julia Frances Langdon Pleasant, 75, of Angier, died Monday. Funeral services were held at 3 p.m., Tuesday at Sandy Grove Primitive Baptist Church, of which she was a member, with Elder C. P. Harward officiating, assisted by Elder T. F. Adams. Burial was in Montlawn Memorial Park in Raleigh.

Survivors include her husband, M. B. Pleasant; seven daughters, Mrs. Gladys Langdon and Mrs. Leola Lassiter, both of Smithfield, Mrs. Susan Ogburn and Mrs. Maxine Denning, both of Angier, Miss Christine Pleasant of the home, Mrs. Rachel Peterson of Harrell and Mrs. Doris Barnes of Fayetteville; three sons, Willard Pleasant of Raleigh, Joseph and M. B. Pleasant, Jr., both of Angier; two brothers, Lexie and Delma Langdon, both of Angier; two sisters, Mrs. Carrie Pleasant and Mrs. Ethel Parrish, both of Angier; and 29 grandchildren.

Julian Allen Denning

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
January 31, 2006

Julian Allen "James Earl" Denning, 66, of Garner, died Saturday, January 28, 2006 at Rex Hospital. Funeral service will be 3 p.m. Wednesday at Montlawn Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Montlawn Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 2-3 p.m. Wednesday prior to the service at Montlawn Funeral Home.

A native of Wake County, Julian was born in 1939 to Gladys Mae Denning and Julian Adrian Denning. He was a retired employee of Dorthea Dix Hospital. His retirement activities included gardening, fishing, the love of the outdoors and spending time with his grandchildren. He was an active member of the "41 Club", with friends and fellowship that were dear to his heart.

He is survived by his wife, Flora Lee Denning; five children, Darlene Marie Cramer of Garner, Donna and Chris Pons of Battleboro, Judy and Randy Bass of Willow Springs, Janet and Jeff Peason of Knightdale, Dennis and Tonia Denning of Clayton; nine grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 11 S. Boylan Ave., Raleigh, NC 27603. Arrangements by Montlawn Funeral Home, 2911 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh.

Kizzie Ann Denning Pope Williams

Dunn Daily Record
3/31/2005

Kizzie Ann Denning Williams, 85, of Coats died Wednesday at Dunn Rehab & Nursing Center. She was born Sept. 20, 1919, in Harnett County to the late Billy and Ida Williams Denning. She was preceded in death by husbands, Woodrow Pope and Rudolph Williams; a son, Waeford Pope; a sister, Ollie Raper; and brothers, Evit "Preacher" Denning, Ezra "Doc" Denning and Hyson Denning. Mrs. Williams had retired from the N.C. Unemployment Security Commission. She was also a homemaker and a member of Coats Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. Friday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats by the Rev. Jesse Mooney. Burial will follow at Harnett Memorial Park in Lillington.

Survivors include sons, Tony Pope and wife Jean, Billy Pope and wife Peggie, all of Coats; brothers, Carsie Denning of Coats and Arthur Denning of Newport; grandchildren, Sherri Bowen, Tresea Lane, Randall Pope and Mark Pope; and six great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats and other times at the home of Billy and Peggie Pope, Coats.

Lenora Eloise Gregory Sexton

From the Sanford NC, Herald
11/4/2004

LILLINGTON - Eloise G. Sexton, 82, died Tuesday (11/2/04). The daughter of the late Otha and Lessie Denning Gregory, she owned and operated Sexton's Department Store in Lillington along with her husband until their retirement in 1982. She was a devoted mother and homemaker and was a member of Lillington Baptist Church for more than 50 years.

She is survived by her husband, William K. "Billy" Sexton; daughter Laura Denning and husband Dan of Lillington, son Kenneth Sexton and wife Sandra of Lillington; sister Martha Carol Stephenson of Morehead City; four grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Funeral will be held 11 a.m. Friday at Lillington Baptist Church by the Rev. Mark Morris and the Rev. Jeff Roberts. Burial will follow in Harnett Memorial Park.

Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at O'Quinn Peebles Funeral Home and other times at the

family home. Memorials may be made to Lillington Baptist Church, P.O. Box 670, Lillington, N.C., 27546. Arrangements are by O'Quinn Peebles Funeral Home.

Leray Thomas Ennis

Dunn Daily Record
06/07/2006

Leray Thomas Ennis, 79, of 1013 Fairground Road, Dunn, died Tuesday, June 6, 2006, at his residence. Mr. Ennis was born April 4, 1927, in Johnston County to the late James Waltie and Anna Denning Ennis. He was preceded in death by sisters, Frances E. Dean and Edna Earl Miller; a brother, Dan D. Ennis; and nephews, Bobby and Tommy Dean.

Mr. Ennis was a member of Hodges Chapel PFWB Church since 1956. He was the former choir director and congregational song leader for 22 years. Mr. Ennis and his wife sang with the church trio for 30 years. Mr. Ennis received an award from the church for his professional expertise in rebuilding Hodges Chapel after the fire in 1991. Mr. Ennis was a former building committee member and grounds keeping chairperson for many years. He was also a trustee. Mr. Ennis was presented the "Good Neighbor Citation" from the Woodman of the World in 1994.

Mr. Ennis retired from Civil Service, the department of Government Directorate of Engineering. He received several awards in keeping with the highest traditions of the Department of the Army Civilian Career Services. After retiring from Civil Service, Mr. Ennis worked at Pine Burr and Reedy Creek Golf courses, and enjoyed playing for several years. He also worked for Western Star Trucking Company in Dunn until the fall of 2005. Mr. Ennis served his country as a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He was a former member of the Banner Post 109 American Legion, Mary Stewart Lions Club, and served as its president for two terms.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Thursday at Hodges Chapel PFWB Church by the Revs. Kelvin Blackman, Curtiss Tatum, Condary Ellis and Willard Hardison. Burial will follow in Devotional Gardens, Dunn.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Doris Miller Ennis; foster daughter, Crystal Hurst of Sabring, Fla.; foster grandsons, Everett and Avery Hurst; a brother, Stacy Ennis and wife Judy of Dunn; sister-in-law, Janice Ennis of California; several nieces; and one nephew.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson. Flowers are welcomed, however, memorials may be made to Hodges Chapel PFWB Church Building Fund, 780 Hodges Chapel Church Road, Benson, NC 27504; or to Hospice of Harnett County, 111-A N. Ellis Ave., Dunn, NC 28334.

Linda Lee Stephenson Keeling Milliron Stewart

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

01/22/2008



Linda Lee Stewart, 68, of 434 South Raleigh Street, died Saturday, at Betsy-Johnson Hospital. A native of Harnett County, she was the daughter of the late Enoch and Leon Denning Stephenson and a member of the Eastern Star for over 30 years. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, in the chapel of Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, Angier. Burial will follow in Lakeside Memorial Gardens, Angier.

Surviving are her husband, Larry Gene Stewart; sons, Jody Milliron and wife, Kim of Angier, Todd Milliron and wife, Paula of Garner, and Ricky Keeling and wife, Kim of Willow Spring; and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by son, Michael Lynn Milliron and grandson, Joshua Enoch Keeling.

The family will receive friends, Tuesday from 6:00-8:00 p.m., at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home and at other times at the home. The family would like to express their special thanks to Linda's caregiver for the past two years, Cliftina Trochez for her special care and love for Linda. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.bryan-leefuneralhome.com.

Lonnie Franklin Denning

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

February 15, 1996

Lonnie Franklin Denning, 47, of Benson died Tuesday in the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Fayetteville. He was a former employee of Dixie-Denning Supply Co. and was an Army veteran of Vietnam. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday in the Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel by the Revs. Kenneth Thornton and Don Price. Burial will be in the Denning family cemetery on Route 1.

Mr. Denning is survived by his wife, Sharon B. Denning; two daughters, Shana L. Denning and Loni E. Denning, both of the home; and a brother, Roy W. Denning of Fayetteville.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at the funeral home and other times at the home of Roy and Gloria Denning, 952 Sunbury Drive, Fayetteville, N.C.

Louise Denning Britt

The News & Observer
January 18, 2001

VIRGINIA BEACH - Louise Denning Britt, 88, passed away peacefully, Tuesday morning, January 16, 2001. Louise was born in Angier, NC. She was the daughter of the late Joseph Walter Denning and Mettie Melinda Godwin Denning and was preceded in death by six sisters and two brothers. She was the widow of Richard Britt and was preceded in death by her daughter, Dottie Britt Smith.

She is survived by three grandchildren; Gail Kuykendall and her husband, Jonathan of Kitty Hawk, NC; Lisa Wildermuth and her husband, Bruce, of Frederick, MD; and Brit Smith of Virginia Beach; four great-grandchildren, Chelsea and Aaron Kuykendall, Amber and Corinne Wildermuth, and son-in-law, A.J. Smith and his wife, Pat.

Louise will be greatly missed by her many family members and dear friends. A memorial service will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, at Kellum Funeral Home, Rosewood Chapel, 601 N. Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach by The Reverend David Davenport.

The family will receive loved ones and friends following the service at the home of A.J. and Pat Smith. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 20, 600 Independence Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23455.

Lu Esta Smith Massengill Denning

News and Observer
June 14, 2004

LU ESTA DENNING, 87, passed away on Friday, June 11, 2004. She is survived by her daughter, Joy LaFerne Green and her husband, Bobby and his son, Robert of Raleigh; son, Wayne Massengill of Four Oaks; sister, Merlene Eldridge of Jacksonville; grandson, Chance Massengill and wife, Joann; and great-grandson, Cameron, all of Smithfield; grandson, Chad Massengill and wife, Wendy, of Four Oaks; and granddaughter, Lisa Wooten Shapiro of Wake Forest.

Visitation is from 7 to 9 PM on Sunday at Minshew Funeral Home, Hwy 301, Four Oaks. The funeral service will be held at 2 PM on Monday at Minshew Funeral Home with the burial at Stone's Creek Advent Christian Church Cemetery in Four Oaks. The family wishes to thank everyone for their many kindnesses and prayers, especially her niece, Hazel Ryals.

Dunn Daily Record
Tuesday, June 15, 2004

Lu Esta Massengill Denning, 87, of Laurels of Forest Glenn, Garner, died June 11. She was the owner of a restaurant. She was born Oct. 31, 1916, in Johnston County to the late Handy and Martha Hudson Smith. She was preceded in death by her husband, Needam "Gulf" Massengill.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p.m. at Minsheu Funeral Home Chapel by the Revs. Billy Keen and James Wooten. Burial was in Stoney's Creek Advent Christian Church Cemetery.

Survivors include a son, Wayne Massengill of Four Oaks; a daughter, Joy LaFeren Green and husband Bobby of Raleigh; a sister, Merlene Eldridge of Jacksonville; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Lundy Thomas Denning

Dunn Daily Record
June 04, 2003

Lundy Thomas Denning, 68, of 936 County Line Road, Benson, died Monday at his home. He was born Nov. 19, 1934, in Harnett County to the late Festus and Margaret Clayton Denning. He retired in 1992 as an auto mechanic with O'Neal Motors in Raleigh and Coats Motor Company. Mr. Denning was a member of Coats Baptist Church, Coats Kiwanis Club and the Benson Junior Order. He served with the Benson National Guard. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Coats Baptist Church by the Rev. Jesse Mooney. Burial will follow in Coats City Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Glenda Pope Denning; sons and daughters-in-law, David Denning, Dudley and Umica Denning, all of Benson, and Darwin and Mary Denning of Angier; a brother, Earl Denning of Coats; four grandchildren, Erin, Hannah, Emily and Seth Denning. The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats.

Flowers are welcomed, however, memorials may be made to Advantage Hospice & Home Care, 305 Tilghman Drive, Suite D, Dunn, N.C. 28334; or to Coats Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 297, Coats, N.C. 27521.

Luther Perry Denning

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
January 20, 2003

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

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

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

Lyda Barilla Denning Price

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

Lyda D. Price, 96, died Sunday. She was the daughter of the late Walter and Meddie M. Denning of Angier. Funeral service 11 a.m. Tuesday at Overby-Johnson Funeral Home Chapel. Officiating are Rev. Robert Coats and grandson, Craig Price, owner of the Seven Sisters Restaurant that was established in honor of Mrs. Price and her sisters.

Surviving: sons, Marshall L., David W., and Ben L. Price, all of Angier; one sister, Louise Britt of Virginia Beach, VA; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Romie C. Price Sr.; son, R.C. Price Jr. and sisters, Lola Gardner, Lillian McLeod, Leon Stephenson, Lenora Matthews, Leslie "Pete" Byrd; brothers, James W. and Bill Denning.

Family will receive friends at the funeral home 7-9 p.m. Monday; all other times at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Ben Price, 103 South Pleasant Street, Angier.

Macy L. Stephenson Parrish

Dunn Daily Record
October 28, 2002

Macy Stephenson Parrish, 80, of 17031 N.C. 210, Angier, died Sunday at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. She was born May 13, 1922, in Johnston County to the late William Lawrence and Kizzie Denning Stephenson. She was a homemaker and a member of Providence Presbyterian Church and the Providence Presbyterian Ladies' Circle. She was also a member of American

Legion Banner Post 109 Ladies Auxiliary. Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson by the Rev. Mark Scott. Burial will follow in Providence Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Angier.

Survivors include her husband, E. Raeford Parrish; daughters, J. Raye P. Miklas and husband Jack of Angier, Joy P. Johnson and husband Rodney of Elizabeth City and Ginger S. Parrish of Elizabeth City; a sister, Edith S. Stephenson of Dunn; granddaughters, Jessica J. Johnson and Wendy B. Johnson; and a great-grandson, Dylan B. Jordan. The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson.

The family suggests memorials be made to Providence Presbyterian Church, 14664 N.C. 210, Angier, N.C. 27501, or to one's favorite charity.

Mae Elizabeth Denning Norris

The News & Observer
February 12, 2001

BENSON, N.C. - Mrs. Mae Elizabeth Denning Norris, age 70, died Sunday at Britthaven of Smithfield. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Benson Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church. Officiating will be Rev. Glenn McCullen. Burial will follow in the Denning Family Cemetery.

Mrs. Norris was born May 15, 1930 in Johnston County to the late Bruce and Rena Barefoot Denning. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Wilbert Norris; granddaughter, Cathy Diane Norris; and brother, Randy Phillip Denning. She was a Homemaker and member of the Benson Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church.

Surviving are daughters, Diane N. Barefoot and Jenny Kay Ivey both of Benson; sons, James Richard Norris of Four Oaks and Wilbert Ray Norris of Davidson; sisters, Marjorie D. Ferrell of Raleigh, Sue D. Godwin of Benson, and Marie D. Emmons of Durham; brothers, Dwight Denning, Don Denning both of Benson and Richard Denning of Hopewell, Va.; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, and at other times at the home of Kenny and Diane Barefoot. The family wants to thank the Staff at Britthaven of Smithfield, and the nurses and aids at Wake Medical Center in the Urology and Renal Departments.

Mallie Thompson Denning

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

Mallie Thompson Denning, 79, of Raleigh, died Tuesday, January 18, 2000. Mrs. Denning was born in Apex, the daughter of the late Rufus and Lizzie Thompson. Mrs. Denning was predeceased by her husband, Macon L. Denning. Graveside service will be 2 p.m. Friday, January 21, 2000 in Oakwood Cemetery.

Surviving are her daughter, Delories D. Pleasant of Raleigh; granddaughter, Robin Gregorinci and husband, Joe of Willow Spring.

The family will receive friends 7-9 p.m. Thursday at Brown-Wynne Funeral Home, 300 Saint Mary's Street.

Mamie Ruth Denning Dennis

Dunn Daily Record
4/15/2005

Ruth Denning Dennis, 71, of 860 Clayhole Road, Coats, died Wednesday at her home. She was born March 22, 1934, in Harnett County to the late Ezra "Doc" and Bessie Barnes Denning. She was reared by her stepmother, the late Gladys Denning. Mrs. Dennis retired as secretary to the chief of staff for the XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg and was a member of St. Matthew PFWB Church. She was preceded in death by a sister, Patty Sue Denning; and a brother, Jerry Lee Denning.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Matthew PFWB Church in Erwin by the Revs. Jerome Edwards and Paul Dennis II. Burial will follow at Coats City Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, Hubert "Bert" P. Dennis; sons, David Glenn Dennis and wife Cindy of Coats, Douglas "Doug" Earl Dennis and wife Jackie of Dunn; a daughter, Patti D. Godwin and husband Sonny of Erwin; a sister, Judith D. Wood of Lillington; brothers, Fred T. "Tommy" Denning of Stanfield and E. Linwood Denning of Coats; a sister-in-law, Gail G. Denning of Dunn; and grandchildren, Nicholas Dennis, Jason Dennis, Jeremy Dennis, Blair Stevens, Andrew Stevens and Cheryl Stevens.

Visitation will be tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham in Coats.

Mary C. Stephenson Johnson Surles

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

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

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

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

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

Mary Eliza Lee Denning

Dunn Daily Record
01/18/2007

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

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

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

Mary 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-leefuneralhome.com.

Mildred Harris Card Denning

Parrish & Underwood Funeral Homes
08/22/2007

Mildred Card Denning, age 84, died Tuesday evening at Johnston Memorial Hospital. Born May 19, 1923 in Granville, Co. she was a daughter of the late Joseph James and Annie Young Ellington Card and was the widow of Robert Rudolph Denning who died January 12, 2001.

She was a member of the Princeton Baptist Church and a former member of the Princeton Home Extension Club. Funeral services will be conducted at 6:00 p.m. Friday in the chapel of Parrish Funeral Home in Princeton with the Rev. Dwayne Batten and the Rev. Don Price officiating. The family will receive friends immediately following the service. The burial will be at 10:00 a.m. Saturday in the Sunset Memorial Park.

Surviving are her son, Rev. Frank Denning and wife, Susan of Hudson, daughters, LaRue Willoughby and husband Roland (deceased) of Princeton and Jean Collins and husband, Hascal of Collins, MS, 10 grandchildren, Greg Collins, Joey Collins, Maribeth Blackledge, Jeff Willoughby, Jamie Willoughby, Jason Willoughby, Justin Willoughby, Robbie Denning, Lisa Denning and Elizabeth Denning and 15 great grandchildren, Christopher and Zachary Collins, Tristan and Kendra Collins, Cody, Nathan, Ben and Rylee Blackledge, Jessica Willoughby, Haley Greenwood, Jordan Williams, Noah Willoughby, Rebecca Lanier, Makenzie Denning and Peyton Denning and grand nephew, Cameron Braswell.

Flowers are acceptable or memorials may be made to the Princeton Baptist Church Building Fund, 211 Pearl Street, Princeton, NC 27569.

Minnie Mae Denning Tart

Goldsboro News - Argus
1/23/2004

Minnie Mae "Sis" Denning Tart, 100, of 4342 U.S. Hwy. 13 S., died Friday evening at Wayne Memorial Hospital. A native of Wayne County, she was the daughter of the late John William Denning and Minnie Mae Britt Denning, and was married to the late Lisker Tart. Mrs. Tart attended Atlantic Christian College and was a teacher in the early 1920s. On December 22, 1925, she eloped with her husband Lisker Tart. She was a life-long, faithful member of St. John

Pentecostal Holiness Church and the Women's Ministry. Mrs. Tart was also a member of the Wayne County Extension Homemakers and the Grange.

A celebration of her life will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at St. John Pentecostal Holiness Church with the Rev. Richard Parsons officiating. Burial will follow in Wayne Memorial Park. Mrs. Tart is survived by her children, John Tart and wife, Marjorie of Goldsboro, Sarah T. Lewis and husband, William of Wilson, Tillie T. Oliver of Goldsboro and Billy O. Tart and friend, Jane Blackman of Goldsboro; twelve grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren; and her special caretaker, Jewel Laws.

She was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Billy Ray Oliver; her daughter-in-law, Linda Tart; her brothers, Norman, Luke, Leonard, Herman and El; and her sister, Eva. Flowers are welcome, while memorials may be made to St. John Pentecostal Holiness Church, 276 St. John Church Road, Four Oaks, N.C., 27524.

The family will receive friends at Seymour Funeral Home on Sunday from 4 until 6 p.m., and other times at the home of her son, John and Marjorie Tart, 4294 U.S. Hwy. 13 S., Goldsboro.

Naomi Frances Barefoot McLamb

Dunn Daily Record
12/05/2005

Frances B. McLamb, 76, of Dunn died Saturday morning, Dec. 3, 2005, at Dunn Rehab and Nursing Center. The Johnston County native was a daughter of the late Lee Rome and Naomi Frances Barefoot. *{Editor's note: Mother's name should read, Kitsey Irene Denning Barefoot Quigley}* A graveside service will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday at Greenwood Cemetery.

Survivors include daughters, Kaye Ivey and husband Oliver of Dunn, Retha Smith and husband Lloyd of Windsor; several stepchildren; brothers, Houston Barefoot of Southern Pines, Malcolm Quigley of Fayetteville, Waylon Quigley of Texas, Larry Quigley and Sherrill Quigley, both of Pennsylvania; sisters, Pattie Lee of Garner, Repsie Warren and Lerome Darden, both of Dunn, Minnie Bailey of Wake Forest, and Mary Wheatley of Pennsylvania; grandchildren, Chris Ivey, Clif Smith and Jessica Smith; and one great-grandchild.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.skinnerandsmith.com.

Ollie Mae Denning Clayton Raper

The News & Observer
July 30, 1998

Ollie Mae Denning Clayton Raper, 81, died Wednesday, July 29, 1998 at Wellington Nursing Center. Mrs. Raper is preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Thomas "Rink" Clayton in 1957 and Joseph Martin Raper in 1994 and by her brothers, Evit Denning and Ezra Denning. She was the daughter of the late Ida and Billy Denning. Funeral service 2 p.m. Friday, July 31, 1998 at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, Coats. Burial, church cemetery.

Surviving: daughters, Melba C. Moore of Spring Hope, Joy Dan C. Spivey of Greensboro, Deborah C. Ellison of Smithfield; sons, Daywood Clayton and C.T. Clayton, both of Coats, Winfred Clayton of Henderson; stepsons, "Billy" Raper of Wendell, Marshall Raper of Greer, SC, Bruce Raper of Wendell; brothers, Carsie Denning of Coats, Hyson Denning of Benson, Arthur Denning of Morehead City; sister, Kizzie D. Williams of Dunn; sister-in-law, Gladys C. Denning of Lillington; 20 grand- children; 21 great-grandchildren.

Family will receive relatives and friends from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, July 30, 1998 at L. Harold Poole Funeral Service and Crematory, 944 Old Knight Road, Knightdale, NC 27545 and other times at the home of C.T. and Sue Clayton.

Pattie Elizabeth Mae Morris Denning

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
January 16, 2003

Mae Morris Denning, 87, of Garner, died Monday, January 13, 2003. Mae was born in Wake County on April 10, 1915 to the late Leonard A. Morris and Lillie Gargis Morris. She was the widow of Herman Denning who died in 1989.

Funeral service will be conducted 11 a.m. Thursday, January 16, 2003 in the chapel of Mitchell Funeral Home, 600 St. Mary's Street by the Rev. Wayne Morris. Entombment will follow in Historic Oakwood Cemetery Mausoleum.

Her sons Jerry L. Denning and Ted R. Denning; brother Robert Morris and sisters, Ruby Alford, Mary Davis and Irma Privatte; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren survive her.

Memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

Pauline Wade

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
January 12, 1997

Ms. Pauline Wade, 76, of Lillington died Saturday. The funeral service will be private. Arrangements are being handled by O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home.

Ms. Wade is survived by a sister, Isabelle Phillips of Erwin; and two half brothers, C.D. Smith and Billy R. Smith, both of Lillington.

Pearsey Henton "Pete" Denning, Jr.

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
02/17/2008

Mr. Pete H. Denning, owner and operator of Denning Exteriors & Home Improvements, of 970 Jonesboro Road died Saturday at his residence. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Monday at the Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson. Officiating will be the Revs. Bill Denning and Murray King. Burial will follow in Old Bluff Cemetery, Wade.

Mr. Denning was born September 13, 1936 in Harnett County to the late Pearsey Henton and Ellie Norris Denning. He was also preceded in death by sisters, Mildred Godwin and Ruby Thomas; and a brother, Joe Denning. Mr. Denning was in the Vinyl business for over 25 years. He was also a member of Stoney Run Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include, wife, Sandra Ennis Denning; sons and daughters- in-law, Bill and Jenny Denning of Raleigh, and Richard and Pam Denning of Willow Spring; daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne and Jimmy Stephenson of Dunn; stepchildren and spouse, Pam and Keith Miller of Willow Spring, Natalie Barnes of Dunn, and Scott Barnes of Coats; seven grandchildren, Adam Denning, Christopher Denning, Jessica Denning, Zachary Denning, Nicholas Denning, Daniel Stephenson, and Hannah Stephenson.

Family will receive friends 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sunday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com.

Rena Barefoot Denning

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
February 14, 2000

BENSON -- Mrs. Rena Barefoot Denning, 89, of 300 S. Dunn St. died Saturday. Mrs. Denning was a homemaker. She was a member of Benson Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church. The

funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Benson Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church by the Rev. Glenn McCullen. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Denning is survived by four daughters, Mae D. Norris and Sue D. Godwin, both of Benson, Marjorie D. Farrell of Raleigh and Marie D. Emmons of Durham; three sons, Dwight Denning and Don Denning, both of Benson, and Richard Denning of Hopewell, Va.; three brothers, Wilson Barefoot of Canton, Charlie Barefoot of Garner and Roland Barefoot of Four Oaks; a sister, Alma B. Pearson of Four Oaks; 21 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home.

Rena Cobb Dupree

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

Mrs. Rena Cobb Dupree, 92, of Angier died Friday, Feb. 18, 2000 at Rex Hospital in Raleigh. Funeral service will be Sunday at 3:00 p.m. at Angier Baptist Church. Rev. Grover K. Blackburn Jr. officiating. Burial will be at Angier Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Surviving: one son, Edward C. Dupree of Elon College; two sisters Mildred Ragsdale of Fuquay-Varina, Vada C. Smith of Angier; brothers, Tyson Cobb of Buies Creek Glenn Cobb of Clayton; grandchildren, Jeannie Gray of Elon College, Susan Dupree of Elon College, Mike Dupree of Gibsonville.

The family will receive friends and relatives from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Saturday, at Overby-Johnson Funeral Home other times from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Saturday from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Honeycutt, Angier.

Ruth Denning Burton

The Herald-Sun
Sunday May 24, 1998

Mrs. Ruth Burton, 86, of 315 Hocutt Rd., died Friday at her home, following a lengthy illness. Mrs. Burton was born in Johnston County, the daughter of the late Lonnie P. Denning and Mary Wood Denning. A homemaker, she was a resident of Durham for most of her life. Mrs. Burton was a member of Durham Alliance Church. Surviving are her husband, Mr. Wilburn M. Burton; a son, Mr. Sherrill P. Burton, of Matthews; a grandson, Gary Wilburn Burton, of Matthews; two half-brothers, Charles E. Denning and Jerry W. Denning, both of Benson; and a half-sister, Rosalie D. Stephenson, of Benson.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Clements Funeral Chapel in Durham, Rev. Steve Altman and Rev. John Gorsuch officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends Monday evening from 6 to 9 at Clements Funeral Home in Durham and at other times at the home.

Sue Frances Denning Bailey

News & Observer
06/15/2005

SUE FRANCES DENNING BAILEY, 67, a resident of 115 Kerr Lake Club Drive, expired at her residence Monday, June 13, 2005, and went to be with the Lord. Mrs. Bailey was the daughter of the late Clyde S. Denning and Edith Holmes Denning. She was a loving wife and mother whose morals, virtues and humor were the pride of her family.

Raised in Benson NC, she moved to Raleigh after marriage. A lifetime member of the N.C. Highway Patrol Auxiliary, she was very active for many years and ardently supported the N.C. Highway Patrol. Upon moving to Henderson in 1974, she devoted her time to raising her children. She enjoyed spending time reading, going to the beach, and was dearly loved by all those who met her. Her last remaining years were spent bringing great joy to those around her.

She was a member of Flat Rock United Methodist Church where funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. by the Rev. Pamela Gilliam. Graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. at the Denning family cemetery in Benson.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Stacey S. Bailey, of the home; one daughter, Denise Cheryl Bailey of Henderson; one son, Patrick Lee Bailey and wife, Sheri L. Bailey of Henderson; three grandchildren, Samantha Nicole Bailey, Taylor Marie Bailey, and Jackson Lee Bailey; one brother, Robert Sherrill Denning and wife, Wanda Kay, of Benson.

The family will receive friends Wednesday night from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the J. M. White Funeral Home; other times at the home.

Serving as active pallbearers will be Donnie Hogge, Tracy Denning, Dwight Denning, Butch Gray, Larry Parker and Steven Denning. Honorary pallbearers will be all active members of the N. C. Highway Patrol.

Flowers will be accepted or memorial contributions may be made to Flat Rock United Methodist Church Youth Group, c/o Christine Callis, 2195 Satterwhite Point Road, Henderson, N. C. 27537. Arrangements are by the J. M. White Funeral Home.

Thessie Lee Denning Daniel

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

December 21, 1999

DUNN -- Mrs. Thessie Denning Daniel, 81, of 99 Melvin Daniel Lane died Monday in Rex Hospital in Raleigh. Mrs. Daniel was a homemaker and a seamstress at Campbell University in Buies Creek before retiring. She was a member of Coats Baptist Church. She was an art student.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Coats Baptist Church in Coats by the Revs. Jesse Mooney and A. Howard Beard. Burial will be in Lakeside Memorial Gardens in Angier.

Mrs. Daniel is survived by two daughters, Jeanette D. Johnson and Lynda D. Butler, both of Coats; two sons, Dorsey Daniel of Coats and Richard Daniel of Morehead, Ky.; two brothers, Lamas Denning of Benson and Junius Denning of Angier; 15 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats. Memorials may be made to Coats Baptist Church building fund, P.O. Box 297, Coats, N.C. 27521.

Thurldean Benson Denning Ferrell

The Herald-Sun

November 07, 2000

Mrs. Thurldean "Dean" Benson Ferrell, age 69, of 3903 Hanford Road, died Sunday morning at her residence. Mrs. Ferrell was born in Johnston Co. daughter of the late Preston C. and Velma Parrish Benson. She was educated in the Durham County Schools. She was employed as a waitress until her retirement. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Hall-Wynne Funeral Chapel.

Surviving are two daughters Kay Barbee of Emerald Isle, and Ann Duncan of Wilmington; one son, Tony Denning of Wilmington; three sisters, Mary Dominick and Leona Mallick both of Durham, and Peggy Carden of Bladenboro, two brothers, Ronald Benson and Preston Garfield Benson both of Durham; two grandchildren.

In lieu flowers memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 11 S. Boylan Ave., Raleigh, NC 27603. The family will receive friends after the service, and other times will be at 2313 Carver Street.

Arrangements are with Hall-Wynne Funeral Service.

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.

Vada Emily Cobb Owen Smith

Dunn Daily Record

12/29/2003

Vada Owen Smith, 90, of 610 Junny Road, Angier, died Saturday at Brighton Manor. Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home Chapel in Angier. Burial will be in Angier Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Angier.

Survivors include her husband, James C. Smith; daughters, Janice O. Shattuck of Fuquay-Varina and Bonnie O. Parsons of Angier; a sister, Mildred Ragsdale of Fuquay-Varina; a brother, Tyson Cobb of Angier; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home in Angier and other times at the home of Bonnie Parsons, 590 Junny Road, Angier.

Verna Ella Turlington Rhiner

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
July 15, 1996

COATS -- Mrs. Verna Turlington Rhiner, 74, Route 1 died Sunday in her home. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Cromartie-Miller & Lee Funeral Home in Dunn by the Revs. Chuck Herrin and Ray Smith. Burial will be in Devotional Gardens in Dunn.

Mrs. Rhiner is survived by two sons, M. Wayne Rhiner of Raleigh and Gregory R. Rhiner of Fayetteville; a daughter, Brenda K. Rhiner of Coats; a foster brother, Otis Lockamy of Coats; and five grandchildren.

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

Wade Albert Turlington

Dunn Daily Record
11/04/2005

Wade Albert Turlington, 80, of 384 McLamb Road, Coats, died Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2005, at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital in Dunn. He was born Oct. 31, 1925, in Harnett County to the late A.F. and Hermie Denning Turlington.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Verna T. Rhiner. Mr. Turlington was a member of Pleasant Memory Baptist Church. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and saw action in the Battle of the Bulge. He was also a member of the Coats Junior Order and of Banner Post 109 American Legion.

Funeral services were held this morning at 11 at Pleasant Memory Baptist Church by the Revs. Stancil Baucom and Blair Little. Burial followed at Devotional Gardens in Dunn.

Survivors include his wife, Blanche Weaver Turlington; sons, Don W. Turlington and wife Debbie, and Tony Turlington, all of Coats; and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Community Home Care & Hospice, 400 E. "H" St., Erwin, NC 28339; or to Pleasant Memory Baptist Church, 579 Old Stage Road, Coats, NC 27521. Condolences may be sent to www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com.

William Houston Barefoot

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

02/15/2007

Houston Barefoot, 82, a retired employee of the N.C. Dept. of Correction and a U.S. Army Veteran of WWII, died Wednesday. A native of Johnston County, he was the son of Lee and Kitsey Denning Barefoot. He was preceded in death by his wife, Augerine "Jean" Justice Barefoot. Graveside service will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday at the Clinton Cemetery, Clinton, NC.

Surviving: daughter, Karen Barefoot Locklear; sisters, Pattie B. Lee of Garner, Repsie B. Warren of Dunn, Ruth B. Bailey of Wake Forest, LeRome B. Darden of Dunn and Mary Q. Wheatley of Pennsylvania; brothers, Malcolm Quigley of Fayetteville; Waylon Quigley of Texas; Larry and Sherrill Quigley, both of Pennsylvania; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation, 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, Angier. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.bryan-lee-funeralhome.com.

Willie Herbert Young, Jr.

Dunn Daily Record

7/25/2007

Willie H. Young Jr., 74, of Angier died Monday, July 23, 2007, at Rex Hospital. He was born Sept. 24, 1932, to the late Willie Herbert Young Sr. and Alpha Denning Young. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Thursday at Williford Funeral Home Chapel, 201 E. Academy St., Fuquay-Varina. Burial will follow at Lakeside Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Flora Young; a son, Richard Young and wife Chris of Angier; daughter, Cathy Young of Angier; a brother, Larry Young of Knightdale; sisters, Vada Barbour of Angier, Marie Beasley of Angier and Bessie Beasley of Wilmington; grandchildren, Crystal L. Willis and husband Michael of Angier and Johnny Willis Jr. of Angier; and a great-grandchild, Michael Jr.

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