

### **Bessie Franklin Langdon Williams**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

December 14, 1995

DUNN -- Mrs. Bessie Langdon Williams, 74, of Route 4 died Wednesday in Harnett Manor Nursing Home. A graveside service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday in Erwin Memorial Park by the Rev. Jerome Pope.

Mrs. Williams is survived by her husband, Easkel Williams of the home; a daughter, Crystal L. Williams of Garner; three sisters, Virgie Weatherman of Garner, Carol Kitchen of Erwin and Peggy Kimrey of Hampton, Va.; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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

### **Betty Mae Murphrey Godwin Freeman**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

January 15, 1998

Betty Mae Murphrey Freeman, of Archer Lodge Community, 69, daughter of the late Daniel and Virgie Murphrey, died Tuesday. Funeral service 11 a.m. Thursday at White Oak Baptist Church with burial to follow in Pinecrest Memorial Gardens. Rev. Jody Griffin, Rev. C.W. Driver, and Dr. John Mark Batchelor officiating.

Surviving: sons, Ray and wife Sandra, Archer Lodge; Terry and wife Sharon, Lynn and wife Jennifer of Clayton; daughters, Becky Blalock and husband Raeford of Willow Springs, Gail Narron of the home, and Linda Hill and husband Danny of Raleigh; brothers, Jesse Murphrey of Zebulon, Harvey of Knightdale, Yates of Zebulon; sisters, Rochelle Kemp of Raleigh, Mary Lee Pittman of Selma, Barbara of Raleigh, Alma Jean Mason of Charlotte, and Brenda Hutton of Garner; grandchildren, Jenny Lynn and Daniel Freeman of Clayton; step-grandchildren, Jeanne Tomlinson and husband Ross and Laura Sutton of Archer Lodge, Matthew Hill of Raleigh, Joe Blalock and wife Jennifer of Willow Springs; great-granddaughter, Tabatha Blalock.

### **Cleo Mae Whittington Temple**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

March 27, 1998

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

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

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

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

### **Clyda Barnes Wilmoth**

Dunn Daily Record  
09/19/2006

Clyda Barnes Wilmoth, 93, of Coats died Sunday morning, Sept. 17, 2006, at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. The Johnston County native was the daughter of the late Nessie and Flonnie G. Barnes. She was preceded in death by brothers, Dennis Barnes and Wallace Barnes; sisters, Marie Clayton, Pearl Ingram and Reba Parrish; and a son-in-law, Haywood Williams. She was a member of Gift Primitive Baptist Church in Coats. A funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home in Dunn by the Rev. Louis Strickland and Elder Fred Williams. Burial will follow at Coats City Cemetery.

Survivors include daughters, Gloria Hough and husband Stewart of Fayetteville, Rosa Sharp and husband Ralph of Neeses, S.C., Mary Williams of Charlotte, Becky Taylor and husband Earl of Dunn; grandchildren, Lisa Barfield, Lori Murphy, Randy Sharp, Donna Livingston, Rhonda Robinson, Romona Midkiff, Gina Sinacori, Kim Christy, Tommy Williams and Chad Taylor; great-grandchildren, Lauren Raymes, Emily Raymes, Ryan Murphy, Amanda Chisom, Rachelle Jeffcoat, Zackary Livingston, Christopher Midkiff, Dustin Midkiff, Reece Sinacori, Bryce Sinacori and Connor Sinacori; great-great-grandchild, Riley Jeffcoat; and a sister, Etta Cobb of Angier.

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

### **David Dwight Ennis**

Dunn Daily Record  
5/09/2005

David Dwight Ennis, 60, of 69 Baywood Lane, Erwin, died Friday, May 6, 2005, at his home. He was born May 15, 1944, in Harnett County to Wynona Godwin Ennis of Benson and the late David Benton Ennis. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Nancy Sewell Ennis; brothers,

Daywood and Dennis Ennis; a nephew, Martin Ennis; and a stepson, Glenn Rivenbark. Mr. Ennis was a welder and machinist with Dunbar Foods. Funeral services were held 3 p.m. Sunday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson by the Rev. Joseph Hester.

Survivors, in addition to his mother, include his wife, Debra Wells Ennis; a daughter, Christy Lynn Parker and husband Frank Parker Jr. of Erwin; a son, Jason Dwight Ennis of Erwin; a stepson, Allen Rivenbark of Burgaw; a sister, Becky E. Adams of Benson; and grandchildren, Ty Ragan, Caylynn Parker and Wyatt Parker.

Memorials may be made to Advantage Hospice & Home Care, 305 Tilghman Drive, Suite D, Dunn, N.C. 28334; or to Ennis Family Cemetery Fund, c/o Becky E. Adams, 731 Chic Ennis Road, Benson, N.C. 27504.

### **Dennis Opie Barnes**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
May 6, 1997

ANGIER -- Dennis Opie Barnes, 80, of 2090 County Line Road died Monday in Betsy Johnson Memorial Hospital in Dunn. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel in Coats. Burial will be in Lakeside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Barnes is survived by his wife, Eleanor E. Barnes; two daughters, Janie B. Figueroa of New Bern and Kay F. Wiggins of Angier; a son, Opie L. Barnes of Elgin, S.C.; three sisters, Clyda Wilmo and Marie Clayton, both of Coats, and Etta Cobb of Angier; a brother, Wallace Barnes of Angier; and four grandchildren.

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

### **Dorothy Ruth Godwin Johnson**

Daily Record  
08/09/2006

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

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

Brown, Joshua Young, Adam O'Neal and Erin Warren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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

### **Earl Howard Godwin**

Rose and Graham Funeral Home Obituary  
1/05/2005

Rocky Mount, NC: Mr. Earl Howard Godwin, Sr. age 78 of AllTerra Sterling House, 650 Gold Rock Rd. died Thursday at Nash General Hospital in Rocky Mount. Funeral Services will be 3:00PM Sunday at the Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson. Officiating will be Rev. Don Williams. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery, Benson.

Mr. Godwin was born December 5, 1927 in Johnston County to the late J. Bryan & Maebelle Dixon Godwin. He was preceded in death by infant Sons, Robert Thomas Godwin, and Ronald Lassiter, and Brothers, Ben Godwin, Mack Godwin, and Bill Godwin. Mr. Godwin was a former resident of Fayetteville and was a retired Yard Master with CSX Railroads. He was also a member at Snyder Memorial Baptist Church in Fayetteville.

Surviving include Daughter, Teresa Godwin of Rocky Mount; Son & Daughter-In-Law, Howard & Rebecca Godwin of Rocky Mount; Sisters, Margaret G. Pipkin of Wilson, and Peggy McDade of Raleigh; Brothers, Walter Godwin of Wilson, Roy Joe Godwin, and Charles Godwin both of Benson.

Family will receive friend 1:30PM to 3:00PM prior to the service at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson.

### **Eva Florence Norris Reaves**

Dunn Daily Record  
09/26/2007



Eva F. Reaves, 88, formerly of Erwin, died Monday, Sept. 24, 2007, at Highland House Nursing Home in Fayetteville. Mr. and Mrs. Reaves raised their family in Erwin at 509 E. H St. She was the daughter of the late James Henderson Norris and Florence Godwin Norris.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roscoe C. Reaves Sr.; and daughter, June Deloris. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday at Price Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. Keith Goretzka. Burial will follow at Pleasant Grove Church Cemetery.

Survivors include daughters, Joanne Whittenton and husband Billy of Fayetteville, Patricia Owen and husband Alex of Greenville, Janette Whitt and husband Randy of Charlotte, Carolyn Taylor and husband Tom of Orlando, Fla.; a son, Roscoe C. "Rocky" Reaves Jr. of Dunn; 15 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

The family will receive friends Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

### **Eva Marie Godwin Alphin**

Dunn Daily Record  
05/01/2006

Marie Godwin Alphin, 94, of Dunn passed away on Sunday, April 30, 2006, surrounded by her family. A native of Harnett County, she was the daughter of the late Edgar and Elmer Godwin and was the widow of Silas Lee Alphin. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Oliver W. Godwin Sr.; and sisters, Mabel G. Wilson and Garnette G. Jackson.

Mrs. Alphin was employed with the Harnett County School System for 26 years before health problems forced her to retire in 1968. She was a charter member of Glad Tidings Church in Dunn. She was a friend to all and loved by many. Her warm smile and great sense of humor will be missed by all. A funeral service will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home. The Rev. Timothy Rice and the Rev. Bobby Collins will officiate. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery.

Surviving are daughters, Peggy Alphin of Dunn, Joyce Johnson and husband Billy of Raleigh; a granddaughter, Kimberly Duarté and husband Gregg of Fuquay-Varina; a great-granddaughter, Brittany Humphrey of Tampa, Fla.; and a brother, Samuel Godwin of Warsaw.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Glad Tidings Church, 711 Old Fairground Road, Dunn, NC 28334. Condolences may be sent to [www.skinnerandsmith.com](http://www.skinnerandsmith.com).

### **Florence Elizabeth Godwin Grimes**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
01/15/2007

Mrs. Florence Godwin Grimes, age 101, of 160 Carrie St., died Sunday at her residence. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Angier Primitive Baptist Church. Officiating will be Elder Andy Mozingo, Elder Devon Harris, and Rev. Jesse Mooney. Burial will follow in the Coats City Cemetery.

Mrs. Grimes was born November 23, 1905 in Johnston County to the late Aggie J. and Cornelia Woodall Godwin. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alton Floyd Grimes; son, Wayne

Grimes; daughter, Hilda Grimes Hedrick; sister, Alice White; brothers, Clem Godwin, Floyd Godwin, and Robert Godwin; grandson, David Hedrick; great-great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Scott Allen.

Mrs. Grimes was a homemaker, member of the Angier Primitive Baptist Church, and loved nature. She was instrumental in planting and caring for the dogwood trees and flowers in the Coats City Cemetery, this type of community service earned her Citizen of the Year in 1993 at the age of 87.

Surviving, include daughter, Jenny Grimes Stephenson; 11 grandchildren; Kathy Gerber, Diane Allen, Steve Stephenson, Ellen Brown, Sherree Hedrick, Bob Hedrick, Walt Hedrick, Phillip Hedrick, Doug Grimes, Janet Grimes, and Mike Grimes; 15 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats 6:00-8:00 p.m. Monday, and other times at the home. Flowers are welcomed, however memorials may be made to the Angier Primitive Baptist Church, c/o Gerald Lawrence, 156 Wendy Lane, Angier, NC 27501. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com](http://www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com).

### **Frederick Earl Tart**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
November 21, 2001

Mr. Frederick Earl Tart, 75, of 1002 Rowan Street, Dunn, died Tuesday morning in Charles Parrish Memorial Nursing Home after several years of declining health. Mr. Tart was a native of Dunn and was a son of the late J.B. "Doc" and Neva Godwin Tart.

Mr. Tart was a veteran of service in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a retired conductor for the Durham and Southern Railroad and Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Dunn and Palmyra Lodge #147, the Wilmington Consistory of the Scottish Rite and Sudan Temple. Graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Greenwood Cemetery by Rev. Larry Melton.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Frances Tart; a stepson, Jimmy Surlis of Spivey's Corner; brothers, Corbett Tart of Dunn, John Tart of Richmond, VA, Joe Tart of Cinton and Pat Tart of Baltimore, Md.; and sisters, Janie Johnson of Benson, Araminta Johnson of Benson and Ann Joyner of Cary.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Oliver Tart, and a sister, Mae Tart Wheeler.

Memorials may be made to the Dunn Kidney Center, 605 Tilghman Drive, Dunn, 28334. A service of Skinner Funeral Home.

### **Garnette Winifred Godwin Jackson**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
May 20, 2004

Mrs. Garnette Winifred Jackson, 87, of Dunn, died Wednesday, May 19, 2004, in Dunn Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. Mrs. Jackson co-owned and operated Jackson's Shoe Store in Dunn and was a charter member of Ideal Home Makers Club, the Dunn Woman's Club and Glad Tidings Assembly of God. She was a volunteer at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday in Skinner & Smith Funeral Home chapel in Dunn by the Revs. Tommy Wilson and Steven King. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Jackson is survived by a son, Samuel E. Godwin of Warsaw; and a sister, Marie G. Alphin of Dunn.

The family will receive friends Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home in Dunn.

### **Gertrude Stephenson Godwin**

Dunn Daily Record  
December 15, 2003

Gertrude Stephenson Godwin, 91, of 602 Cobb Road, Benson, died Saturday at her home. She was born Sept. 12, 1912, in Johnston County to the late Daniel Green and Ellen McLamb Stephenson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wiley W. Godwin; a son, Shelton Wade Godwin; and sisters, Agnes A. Olive, Belle S. Marshall, Linda Gregory and May Dell Stephenson. She was a homemaker and a member of Banner Chapel Advent Christian Church.

Funeral services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Banner Chapel Advent Christian Church in Benson by the Revs. Glenn Fell and Tony Kopanski. Burial will follow in Devotional Gardens in Dunn.

Survivors include a son, Don Godwin and wife Pattie of Benson; a brother, Arthur Stephenson of Richmond, Va.; grandchildren, Dana A. Godwin, Susanne D. Riggs, Angie Lee and Mitchell Clayton; and eight great-grandchildren.

A service of Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson.

### **Gillie Ann “Annie” Barefoot Beasley**

Raleigh News and Observer

Tuesday, November 3, 1959 (*courtesy of Sarah Frances Beasley Wheatley*)

Fuquay – Funeral service for Mrs. Annie Barefoot Beasley, 76 of Rt. 1 Fuquay, who died at Rex Hospital Sunday afternoon, will be held from the Kennebeck Baptist Church Tuesday at 2 p.m. Burial will follow in the Greenwood Cemetery in Dunn. Officiating will be Rev. H.C. Norris, Walter Barnes and Verion Grinner.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. W.R. Ashford (Ashwoth), Mrs. Mermon Ashford (Ashworth), Mrs. L.G. Prince and Mrs. Halfred (Halford) Matthews all of Fuquay Springs; six sons, W.A. of Lawton, Ok; Alford of Ft. Bragg, Allison and H.C. both of Fuquay, James of Charlotte, and R.V. Beasley of Raleigh; four brothers, George Barefoot of Benson, Marvin of Dunn, Willis of Wade and J.B. Barefoot of Spring Lake; two sisters Mrs. Lexie Mathews of Morehead City and Mrs. Herbert Stephens of Erwin; 36 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

### **Glenwood Godwin**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

May 25, 1998

Mr. Glenwood "Boot" Godwin, 66, of 5800 Old Fairground Road, died at his home Saturday. He was a native of Johnston County, a son of the late Rufus and Repsie Goodwin Godwin.

He served in the US Army and was a member of Banner Post #109, American Legion. Mr. Godwin was a retired NC Department of Correction officer and a retired farmer. Graveside funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Devotional Gardens. Rev. Steve Morris will officiate.

Surviving: wife, Mamie Wilkins Godwin; daughters, Glenda and husband, Bruce Adams, Angela and husband, Danny Bowden, Beverly Godwin, and Michele Godwin all of Benson; two grandchildren, Morgan Bowden and Zachary Bowden.

### **Halford Dwight Godwin**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

June 14, 2002

COATS -- Halford D. Godwin, 69, died Monday, June 10, 2002, at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. Mr. Godwin was a retired civil service employee of 39 years at Fort Bragg. Graveside service 11 a.m. Monday, June 17, 2002, at the Godwin Family Cemetery in Harnett County.

Survivors: son, Dr. Maurice Godwin of Fayetteville, and sister, Lottie Pollard of Coats.



Memorials may be made to: National World War II Memorial, 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 501, Arlington, VA 22201 or call 800-639- 4WW2. Highland Funeral Service & Crematory of Fayetteville is in charge of arrangements.

### **Hettie Olivia Barefoot Godwin**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
May 23, 2001

Mrs. Hettie B. Godwin 96, of Dunn died Tuesday morning at her residence. She was the daughter of the late James B. and Minnie J. Barefoot. Her husband, Oliver W. Godwin Sr. preceded her in death. Rev. King White will conduct a funeral service Thursday at 2 p.m. at Skinner Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Greenwood Cemetery.

She is survived by three sons, O.W. "Bill" Godwin, Jr. of Dunn, Derwood H. Godwin of Fayetteville, Larry W. Godwin of Dunn; three daughters Jean Lazenby of Durham, Linda Furr of Asheville, Margaret Caviness of Fayetteville; one brother Landen Barefoot of Dunn; 16 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

The family will receive friends 7 until 9 p.m. Wednesday at Skinner Funeral Home and other times at the home of Bill Godwin, 1505 Lakeshore Dr., Dunn. Memorials may be made to Gospel Tabernacle Church 2105 W. Cumberland St., Dunn, NC 28334.

### **Hilda Ruth Grimes Hedrick**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
January 1, 1998

Hilda Grimes Hedrick, 72, of 516 First Avenue, died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1997 at her home. Mrs. Hedrick retired from N.C. State University Health Services. Funeral service 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, 1998 at Knightdale Baptist Church. Burial, New Knightdale Baptist Church Cemetery.

Surviving: daughter, Sheree Hedrick Gardner of Wendell; sons, Walton "Walt" Hedrick of the home, Robert Grimes Hedrick of Coats, Philip Alan Hedrick and his wife, Mary Ann of Knightdale; mother, Florence G. Grimes of Lillington; sister, Jenny G. Stephenson of Coats; granddaughter, Emma Ruth Gardner of Wendell.

Mrs Hedrick was preceded in death by her husband, O.W. Hedrick Jr. in 1987; son, David Hedrick in November 1995; father, Alton Grimes in 1974.

Family will receive relatives and friends from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 1, 1998 at L. Harold Poole Funeral Service & Crematory, 944 Old Knight Road, Knightdale, NC 27545 and other times at the home. Flowers are accepted, but the family suggest memorial contributions be made to the

American Cancer Society, Wake County Unit - Research c/o Triangle Research Center, 620 W. Morgan Street, Raleigh, NC 27603 or to Hospice of Wake County, Inc, 4513 Creedmoor Road, Fourth Floor, Raleigh, NC 27612.

### **Houston Leon Hawley**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
December 21, 1996

Houston "Leon" Hawley, 67, of Route 4 died Friday in his home. Mr. Hawley was a retired correctional officer for the N.C. Department of Correction and was a member and former deacon of Fellowship Baptist Church. The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Skinner Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. James Taylor. Burial will be in Westview Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Hawley is survived by his wife, Hilda G. Hawley of the home; two sons, Johnny Hawley of Dunn and Kenneth Hawley of Raleigh; four daughters, Judy Warren of Hendersonville, Donna Whitman of Erwin, Sherry Bowman of Dunn and Billie Norris of Lillington; two sisters, Doris Sills of Dunn and Pat Coleman of Lillington; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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

### **Huel Manley Stephenson**

Smithfield Herald  
05/25/1937

Funeral services for Huel Manley Stephenson were held at his home in Cleveland township yesterday afternoon at three o'clock and interment followed in the cemetery at Shiloh church. The service was conducted by Elder Shepherd Stephenson and Rev. C. W. Teague. Mr. Stephenson died at his home Sunday morning at seven o'clock after an illness of three years. He was 75 years old.

Surviving besides his wife, Mrs. Josie Stephenson, are five children. Mrs. Maggie Williams, Wayland Stephenson, and Cary Stephenson of Garner, Route 1; Mrs. Maude Whitfield of Durham, Route 3; and Mrs. Edna Keene of Raleigh, Route 3. He also leaves two brothers, William Stephenson of near Smithfield and Baldy Stephenson of near Four Oaks.

## **Jethro Godwin**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

December 28, 2001

Mr. Jethro Godwin, 88, of Dunn died Thursday morning at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital. The Harnett County native was the son of the late Titus and Lidia Godwin. He was a life long member of Anitoch PFWB Church where he served as a Deacon and Secretary. He was a member of the Palmyra Lodge #147, Scottish Rite Bodies of Wilmington and Sudan Temple of New Bern. Mr. Godwin was a jeweler and watchmaker for more than 60 years.

A funeral service will be conducted Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at Antioch PFWB Church by Rev. Wesley Hamilton. Burial will follow in Erwin Memorial Park.

He is survived by his wife, Isabelle Godwin of Dunn; a daughter, Lois G. Konitiotis of Syracuse, NY; two brothers; Roy Godwin of Erwin and Arthur Godwin of Jacksonville; four grandchildren; Michael John Byrne, Christine Ann Byrne, Mary Byrne; two great-grandchildren; Michael and Danny Byrne.

The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. Friday at Skinner Funeral Home.

## **Joseph Ray Ryals**

Dunn Daily Record

06/30/2003

Joseph Ray Ryals, 79, of 763 Butts Road, Angier, died Thursday at his home. He was a retired truck driver. He was preceded in death by a son, Johnny Mack Ryals in 2002. Funeral services were held Sunday at 3 p.m. at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home Chapel in Angier. Burial was in Johnson Memorial FFWB Church Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Dorothy Moore Ryals; daughters, Bobbie Johnson of Willow Spring, Margaret Hayes of Creedmoor and Carolyn Ketchie of Clayton; sons, Charles Ryals of Willow Spring and Earl Ryals of Angier; a sister, Annie Ruth Barbour of Smithfield; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Community Hospice, 400 E. H St., Erwin, N.C. 28339.

### **Larry Wayne Honeycutt**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

August 1, 1998

Mr. Larry Wayne Honeycutt, 45, of 5801 Zacks Mill Rd. Angier, died Thursday at Johnston Memorial Hospital. Mr. Honeycutt was born in Harnett County, on Oct. 22, 1952. His funeral has been scheduled for Saturday 2 p.m. in the chapel of Minshew Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the McGee Family Cemetery near McGee's Crossroads. The Rev. Robert West will officiate over the service. Pallbearers will be Chris Norris, Larry Pleasant, Donald Barbour, Michael Honeycutt, Stevie Honeycutt, Charles Lawhorn.

Surviving are: son, Gregory Wayne Honeycutt of Benson; mother, Pauline Raynor Warren of Dunn; father, William Kermit Honeycutt of Angier; brother, Gary Dale Honeycutt of Dunn.

Family will receive friends, Friday evening from 7-9 p.m. at Minshew Funeral Home and at other times at the home of Glenn and Faye Johnson, 5898 Zacks Mill Rd., Angier, N.C.

### **Lena Strickland Godwin**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

April 16, 2001

SMITHFIELD - Mrs. Lena Strickland Godwin, 94, died at her home at 126 West Caroline Avenue, Smithfield, Saturday afternoon following a period of failing health. She was the widow of John Ralph Godwin who died in 1988. Lena was a native of Johnston County, a daughter of the late Thomas D. Strickland and Cornelia Royal Strickland.

Funeral service will be held at 2p.m. Tuesday from the chapel of Underwood Funeral Home conducted by Rev. Steve Hall. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery at Benson.

Surviving sons, Gerald Godwin and wife, Beryl of Four Oaks, John Ralph (Bud) Godwin and wife, Dorothy of Clayton and Jimmie Godwin and wife, Phyllis of Smithfield; daughters, Ruth Strickland and husband Lloyd of Wilson, Lois Jean Wilkins and husband, James of Durham Betty Norris and husband, Buddy of Four Oaks, Jo Ann Pope and husband, John of Smithfield; a sister Pauline Byrd of Dunn; 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

The family of Lena Strickland Godwin will receive friends at Underwood Funeral Home, Monday from 7-9 p.m.

## **Leola Pearl Weeks Tart Andrews**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

02/25/2007

Leola Weeks Andrews, 92, of 82 Andrews Pond Drive, died Friday. A loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, she was the daughter of the late George and Monnie Godwin Weeks. She was a devoted Christian woman and a faithful member and former Sunday School teacher of Coats Full Gospel Tabernacle. She will always be remembered for her great love of God's beautiful flowers. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday in the Bryan-Lee Funeral Chapel, Angier. Burial will follow at Lakeside Memorial Gardens.

She is survived by her daughters, Edna A. Mangum and her husband, Tony, of Coats, Hazel T. Shaw and her husband, Ralph of Lillington; son, Wade Tart of Martin, GA; grandchildren, Anthony Mangum and his wife, Carrie of Benson, and Eric Mangum and his wife, Robin of Buies Creek, Chris Mangum and Derek Mangum, both of Coats, Cherie Shaw of Lillington, Mark Shaw and his wife, Jennifer of Sanford, Allen Tart of Martin, GA; great-grandchildren, Anthony, Claire, Kate, Chloe and Ethan Mangum, Jamie, Olivia John Mark and Christian Shaw and Hannah Tart; sisters, Ruby W. Creech of Benson, Vera Lee Langdon of Surf City; brothers, Bill Weeks of Fyffe, AL, and Weldon Weeks of Benson.

She was predeceased by her husband, Clyde Andrews in 2002, brothers Ralph Weeks and Vernon Weeks.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Coats Full Gospel Tabernacle, P.O. Box 508, Coats, NC 27521. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.bryan-leefuneralhome.com](http://www.bryan-leefuneralhome.com).

## **Lewood Godwin**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

April 30, 2000

BENSON -- Lewood "L.W." Godwin, 88, of 6817 Benson-Hardie Road died Saturday. Mr. Godwin was a retired tobacco and livestock farmer. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday in Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel in Benson by Elder James Denning. Burial will be in Bethel Primitive Baptist Church cemetery.

Mr. Godwin is survived by his wife, Versal P. Godwin of Benson; three sons, James L. Godwin of Willow Springs, L.W. Godwin Jr. of Raleigh and R.L. Godwin of Benson; two daughters, Sarah Bennett, Vera Cotton and Faye Lovick, all of Raleigh, and Loral Ammons of Erwin; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

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

### **Lolita Dare Eason Godwin**

Dunn Daily Record

03/20/2006

Lolita Dare Eason Godwin, 73, of 2391 N.C. 27 East, Coats, died Saturday, March 18, 2006, at her home. She was born June 28, 1932, in Johnston County to the late James Edward and Mozelle Creech Eason. She was preceded in death by her husband, Stacy W. Godwin; and brothers, Joe Eason and David Eason. She was a retired nurse and homemaker. Mrs. Godwin was a member of Pleasant Memory Baptist Church. Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. Tuesday at Pleasant Memory Baptist Church by the Revs. Stancil Baucom, Chris Wroten, Blair Little and Marshall Danenburg. Burial will follow at Coats City Cemetery.

Survivors include a son, Kenneth Godwin and wife Joyce of Clayton; a daughter, Jennifer Ferrell and husband David of Coats; sisters, Shirley E. Parker of Four Oaks, Genell E. Sugrue of Johnston, R.I., Joyce E. Thornton of Henderson, Judy E. Buffkin of Benson and Wanda E. Langdon of Coats; and grandchildren, Jamie Peele, Bobby Peele and Elizabeth Ferrell.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 8:30 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 2418 Blue Ridge Road, Suite 206, Raleigh, NC 27607; or to the Harnett County EMS, 200 N. 13th St., Suite 19-A, Erwin, NC 28339. Condolences may be sent to [www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com](http://www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com).

### **Lossie Lorine Avera Godwin**

Daily Southerner Newspaper, Tarboro, NC

10/06/2005

Lorine Avera Godwin, 82, of Tarboro, died Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Freewill Baptist Church with the Rev. Stanley Buck officiating. Burial will follow in the Greenwood Cemetery in Tarboro. Godwin was preceded in death by her husband, Royce Godwin; a son Keith Godwin; and a brother, Vick Avera.

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

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

## **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.

## **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.

### **Lynn Carlton Godwin**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
April 15, 1995

Lynn Carlton Godwin, 56, of Fayetteville died Thursday. He was a bus operator for Trailways-Carolina Coach Co. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday in the Parrish Funeral Home chapel in Selma. Burial will be in Selma Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Godwin is survived by his wife, Betty A. Godwin of the home; a daughter, Lynnette G. Adams of West End; three brothers, Joe Godwin of Chesapeake, Va., Rod Godwin of Hope Mills and Gary Godwin of Stedman; and four grandchildren.

The family will receive friends an hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

### **Mamie Chelton Pleasant Smith**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
January 6, 2002

ANGIER -- Mamie Chelton Pleasant Smith, 95, died Friday, Jan. 4, 2002. She was a native of Johnston County, born to the late John and Minnie Pleasant. She was preceded in death by her husband Mallie C. Smith.

### **Marie Barnes Clayton**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
August 8, 2002

COATS -- Mrs. Marie Barnes Clayton, 87, of 1280 Hwy. 55, died Wednesday. She was a native of Johnston County, born February 7, 1915, to the late Nassie L. and Flonnie Frances Godwin Barnes. She was a retired employee of Cornell-Doublier and the widow of Paul J. Clayton. Funeral service will be 3 p.m. Friday at Coats Baptist Church. Rev. Jesse Mooney will officiate. Burial will follow in Lakeside Memorial Gardens.

Surviving: sons, Boyd C. Clayton of McGee's Crossroads, Barnes J. Clayton of Coats; sisters, Etta B. Cobb of Buies Creek, Clyda B. Wilmouth of Coats; brother, Wallace E. Barnes of Angier; grandchildren, Sharon McLamb, Mitchell Clayton, Angie Beasley, Robbie Clayton; great-grandchildren, Brandy Lee, Jill McLamb, Jared McLamb, Kyle Clayton, Haley Ennis, Casey Clayton.

Memorials may be made to Coats Baptist Church, PO Box 297, Coats, NC 27521 or to Community Hospice. The family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats from 7-9 p.m. Thursday.



### **Mary Rebon Hargis Langdon**

Dunn Daily Record  
12/13/2006

Mary Rebon Hargis Langdon, 94, of Willow Spring died Monday, Dec. 11, 2006. She was born April 4, 1912, in Johnston County to the late John and Edith Godwin Hargis. She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon Langdon; a grandson, Edsel Ty Langdon; and sisters, Onease H. Westbrook and Retha Hargis. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church by the Revs. Steve Morris and Tim Bunn. Burial will follow at Fellowship Community Cemetery in Angier.

Survivors include children and spouses, Vernon Edsel and Orpha Langdon of Raleigh, Harold R. and Ina Langdon of Willow Spring, Shirley and José Almaraz of Raleigh, John Maxton and Jane Langdon of Raleigh, Genevieve and Dennis Garoutte of Garner, Edith and Tim Bunn of Garner; a sister, Neta H. Byrd of Benson; 13 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

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

### **Mazelle Godwin Strickland**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
February 12, 2000

COATS -- Ms. Mazelle Godwin Strickland, 78, of 106 W. Main St. died Friday in Britthaven of Harnett County. Ms. Strickland was a member of Primitive Zion Church. She was a homemaker. The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Sunday in Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel by the Elder Danny Carroll. Burial will be in Devotional Gardens in Dunn.

Ms. Strickland is survived by a son, Fred Strickland of Coats; four sisters, Isabelle Fish and Helen Carroll, both of Coats, Jean Walker of Sanford and Ann Huff of Clayton; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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

### **McKendree L. Godwin**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
May 13, 2001

BENSON - Mr. McKendree "Mack" L. Godwin, age 71, of 226 West Hill St. died Saturday at his residence. Funeral Services will be 2 p.m. Monday at the Rose & Graham Funeral Home

Chapel. Officiating will be the Revs. Don Williams and Kendell Cameron. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery.

Mr. Godwin was born March 9, 1930 in Johnston County to the late Bryan and Maebelle Dixon Godwin. He was preceded in death by brothers, William and Benjamin Godwin. Mr. Godwin was a retired Bus Driver for the Carolina Trailways Bus Company. He was also a member of the Benson Baptist Church.

Surviving: wife, Joanne Lassiter Godwin; daughter, Jean G. Justice of Benson; sons, Tommy Godwin and Mark W. Godwin, both of Benson; sisters, Margaret G. Pipkin of Benson and Peggy G. McDade of Raleigh; brothers, Charles Godwin of Benson, Earl Godwin of Fayetteville, Walter Godwin of Wilson, and Roy Joe Godwin of Benson; grandchildren, Bryan Godwin, Karen Justice, Greg Godwin, Kevin Godwin, Wesley Godwin, and Aaron Godwin.

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

### **McPearl Godwin Grimes**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
01/22/2007

McPearl Godwin Grimes, 92, originally of Raleigh, NC but a resident of Columbia since 1997, died Saturday, January 20, 2007 at Life Care Center in Columbia. Born on December 22, 1914 in Dunn, NC; McPearl was the daughter of the late George Oliver Godwin and the late Florence Pope Godwin. Throughout her long life, she was a loving wife, a skilled and thoughtful mother, a superb homemaker, a productive citizen in the work place and a devoted Christian. In her retirement years, she proved to be an outstanding grandparent and great-grandparent.

She is survived by her son, LTC Tom Grimes, U.S. Army, Retired, and his wife, Carla; granddaughter, Edwige Lee and her husband, Doug; grandson, Marc Grimes and his wife, Jennifer; great-granddaughter, Katherine Lee; great-grandson, Oliver Grimes, all of the Columbia area; and sister-in-law, Rachel Godwin of Ft. Walton Beach, FL.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Thomas Grimes, Sr., her infant son, George Oliver Grimes, her brothers, Monroe and J.O. Godwin, and her sisters, Lostine Price and Olease Henry.

Family will receive friends on Wednesday, January 24, 2007 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at Mitchell Funeral Home 600 St. Mary's Street. Funeral services will be held in the funeral home chapel at 11:00 a.m., with interment to follow at Montlawn Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Association Eastern NC Chapter, 400 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, NC 27605. Arrangements with Mitchell Funeral Home, St. Mary's Street (919) 832-3760.

## **Melba Bernice Nordan Langdon Godwin**

Bryan-Lee Funeral Home Notice

03/28/2006

ANGIER - Melba Nordan Langdon Godwin, 82, died Monday at Oak Hill Living Center, surrounded by her loving family. A native of Harnett County, she was the daughter of the late Deb and Cora Wilson Nordan. She retired from Belk's Department Store in Dunn and in her later years was employed with Bryan-Lee Funeral Home as a receptionist. Funeral Services will be held Thursday at 11:00 AM at Angier United Methodist Church with Rev. Thomas Newman officiating. Burial to follow at Harnett Memorial Park, Lillington.

Surviving: daughters, Brenda Puhl, and husband, Bill of Oriental; Teri Martin and husband, Fred, of Biscoe; Kay Tart and husband, Casper, of Cameron; Joan Norris and husband, Danny, of Dunn; Jan Norris and husband, Dennis, of Coats; sister, Thelma Isom and husband, Bill, of Wilkesboro; twelve grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by sisters, Eloise Guy, Eva Dowd, Naomi Matthews, Maude Bennett, Liller Johnson, brothers, Alan Nordan and Richard Norris.

The family will receive friends Wednesday 6:00 – 8:00PM at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, Angier, and other times at the home of Dennis and Jan Norris, 460 Mann Road, Coats, NC. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Angier United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1748, Angier, NC 27501 or to Hospice of Harnett County, P. O. Box 373, Erwin, NC 28339.

## **Mertie Wilmouth Godwin Wilkins**

Dunn Daily Record

11/01/2007

Mertie Godwin Wilkins, 80, of Benson died Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2007. Services will be 11 a.m. Friday at West & Dunn Funeral Home Chapel in Benson. Burial will be at the Godwin Family Cemetery in Benson.

Survivors include daughter, Debbie Wilkins Strickland and husband Jennings of Smithfield; granddaughter, April Morgan; sisters, Anna Monday of Benson and Rena Smith of Angier; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6:30 to 8:30 at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Dunn Senior Enrichment Center, 610 E. Johnson St., Dunn, NC 28334.

## **Mildred Lee Jackson Godwin**

Skinner & Smith Funeral Home Notice

02/12/2008

Mrs. Mildred Jackson Godwin, 87, of Dun died Monday at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital. She was the daughter of the late Harvey and Mary Rachel Jackson. She was preceded in death by her husband Thurman C. Godwin.

Mildred was employed by Belk's Department Store for 35 years before retiring. She was a member of the Dunn's Women's Club, and was a volunteer at Betsy Johnson Hospital for 15 years. She was also a member of Godwin Presbyterian Church. A graveside service will be held at Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Old Bluff Cemetery by Rev. Frank Daniels.

She is survived by two sons, T.C. Godwin, Jr. and wife Barbara of Dunn, Steve Godwin of Godwin, five grandchildren, Angela G. Rogers and Natalie Godwin both of Dunn, Beth Benton of Orlando, FL., Katie Reynolds of Greenville, Wesley Godwin of Dunn, five great grandchildren, Mary Brooke Rogers, Laurie Beth Rogers, Chase Benton, Hailey Benton and Emma Kate Reynolds.

The family will receive friends following the graveside service. In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be made to the Betsy Johnson Hospital Foundation, 800 Tilghman Dr. Dunn, NC 28334 or to Godwin Presbyterian Church, 8849 Main St. Godwin, NC 28344. Services are entrusted to Skinner & Smith Funeral Home.

## **Myrtle Grimes Godwin**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

June 17, 1999

RALEIGH -- Mrs. Myrtle Grimes Godwin, 95, formerly of Coats, died Tuesday in Brian Center. Mrs. Godwin was a member of Coats Baptist Church. She was a homemaker. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday in Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel in Coats by John Gordon. Burial will be in the Coats City Cemetery.

Mrs. Godwin is survived by four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Friday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

## **Nathan Henry Godwin**

Durham Morning Herald  
Friday, May 29, 1964

Funeral services for Nathan Henry Godwin, 42, attorney and resident of 1800 Glendale Ave., will be conducted at Asbury Methodist Church Friday at 2 p.m. Interment will be in Maplewood Cemetery, Annex B. Rev. John T. Maides, pastor of Asbury Methodist Church, and Rev. LaFon Vereen of Raleigh will conduct the service.

Pallbearers will be W.A. McDonald, V.B. Lougee III, Vince Spracklin, C.L. May, Harris Lawson, Bruce Ballentine, Harold Cooke and Marvin Snipes. Members of Eno Masonic Lodge No. 210 will conduct the graveside rites.

Mr. Godwin, a native of Harnett County but a resident of Durham since 1945, died at Watts Hospital early Wednesday morning. He had been a practicing attorney in Durham since his graduation from the University of North Carolina Law School in 1951.

Surviving are his wife, the former Pauline Capri of Los Angeles, Calif., and two daughters, Nadine and Paula Godwin of the home.

## **Nathan Henry Godwin**

The Durham Sun  
May 29, 1964

Funeral services for Nathan Henry Godwin, 42, attorney and resident of 1800 Glendale Ave., were held at 2 p.m. today at Asbury Methodist Church Friday with the Rev. John T. Maides, pastor, and Rev. LaFon Vereen of Raleigh, former pastor, officiating. Burial was in annex B of Maplewood Cemetery. He died Wednesday.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Pauline Capri Godwin; two daughters, Nadine and Paula Godwin, both of the home; his mother, Mrs. Bettie Beasley Weeks Godwin of Dunn; three brothers, Samuel H. Godwin of Virginia Beach, Va., Frank Godwin of Claymont, Del., and Richard Godwin of Dunn; a half brother, Robert Weeks of Godwin; two sisters, Mrs. Emmett Byrd of Washington and Mrs. Pearl Parker of Benson; and a half sister, Mrs. O.C. Snipes of Durham.

## **Neva Jane Godwin Tart**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
February 5, 1997

Mrs. Neva Godwin Tart, 92, of Dunn died Tuesday in Betsy Johnson Memorial Hospital. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church of Dunn for 59 years. The funeral will

be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Cromartie-Miller & Lee Funeral Home chapel by the Revs. J. Richard McDuffie Jr. and Tom M. Freeman. Burial will be in Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Tart is survived by four daughters, Araminta T. Johnson and Janie T. Johnson, both of Benson, Mae T. Wheeler of Hope Mills and Anne T. Joyner of Cary; five sons, Frederick E. Tart and Corbett W. Tart, both of Dunn, William P. Tart of Baltimore, John H. Tart of Richmond, Va., and Joseph P. Tart of Clinton; 16 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Dunn Rescue Squad or to the First Baptist Church of Dunn Children's Ministry, 309 W. Broad St., Dunn, N.C. 28334.

### **Paul Thomas Grimes, Sr.**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
August 20, 1997

RALEIGH - Paul Thomas Grimes Sr., 85, died Tuesday, August 19, 1997. Mr. Grimes was born in Harnett County. He was a shipping and receiving manager for Hudson Belk. Mr. Grimes was a member of New Hope Baptist Church, Hiram Lodge #40 AF&AM, and Woodmen of the World.

Surviving are his wife, McPearl; son, Paul Thomas Grimes Jr. and wife, Carla of Columbia, S.C.; brothers, B. Roy, Jesse F. and James D. Grimes; sister, Christine G. Coats; grandchildren, Edwige G. Lee of Lexington, S.C. and Marc T. Grimes of Columbia, S.C.; great-grand-daughter, Katherine Marie Lee.

Mr. Grimes was predeceased by brothers, Joseph W. and Clarence D. Grimes, and sisters, Dorothy G. Odham and Margie G. Wescott.

Funeral services are Thursday, 2 p.m. at Mitchell Funeral Home Chapel, 600 Saint Mary's St., with interment following in Montlawn Memorial Park. Visiting hours are Thursday from 12-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

### **Raeford Louis Whittington**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
September 24, 2000

Raeford L. "Ray" Whittington, 68, of Raeford died Friday in Duke University Medical Center in Durham. Mr. Whittington was the founder and member of Clearly Country Band, which has entertained senior citizens of counties in the Cape Fear region for more than 10 years. The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Monday in O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home chapel in Lillington by the Rev. Sanders Read. Burial will be in Westview Memorial Gardens.

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

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

### **Richard Grady Godwin**

Dunn Daily Record  
January 13, 2004

Richard G. Godwin, 88, of Ammons Road and Brithaven of Dunn, died early Monday morning at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital. He was born in Harnett County on Nov. 18, 1915, to the late Nathan Henry and Bettie Florence Beasley Weeks Godwin. His paternal grandparents were Nathan Henry and Sarah Anne Taylor Godwin. His maternal grandparents were Joshua and Pherobe Ann Tart Beasley. His parents and grandparents are buried at Stoney Run PFWB Church Cemetery.

Mr. Godwin was a lifelong member of Stoney Fun PFWB Church, Brotherhood, Men's Bible class and retired from the service station and grocery business.

He was preceded in death by sons, Jerry and Ray Godwin; a half brother, Robert Weeks; a half sister, Thelma Weeks Snipes; brothers, Nathan Henry Godwin, Frank Godwin and Sam Godwin; a sister, Henrietta Godwin Byrd; and a grandson, Zachary Byerly.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Stoney Fun PFWB Church by the Revs. Preston Heath and Murray King. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Estelle Flowers Godwin; daughters, Mrs. Bruce Banther (Maxine) of High Point, Brenda Godwin Cockrell, Judy C. Godwin and Mrs. Ray Phillips (Debbie), all of Dunn; a daughter-in-law, Janice G. Fletcher of Henderson; a sister, Pearl Parker Norris; sisters-in-law, Polly G. Gwinn, Christine G. Williams and Florence Godwin; a brother-in-law, Emmett Byrd; grandsons, Ricky, Randy and Rodney Banther, Al Cobb, Marc and Andy Phillips; granddaughters, Rhonda B. Byerly, Celena Cobb and Sarah Martin Anderson; and great-grandchildren, Christopher, Courtney, Ryan, Lauren, Will, Korey and Kensley Banther, Rebecca Byerly, Hannah and Mallory Cobb.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Cromartie-Miller & Lee Funerals and Cremations. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Stoney Run PFWB Church Building Fund, 12481 Harnett-Dunn Hwy., Dunn, N.C. 28334.

## **Ruby Edna Weeks Creech**

Dunn Daily Record  
06/04/2007

Ruby Edna Creech, 91, of Oak Hill Living Center, formerly of Benson, died Sunday, June 3, 2007, at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital in Dunn. She was born May 5, 1916, in Johnston County to the late George William and Monie Godwin Weeks. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edgar Vance Creech.

She was a clothing inspector and was a member of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Joe Hester. Burial will follow at the church cemetery.

Survivors include a son, Donald Creech and wife Renate of Columbia, S.C.; a sister, Vera Lee Langdon of Surf City; brothers, Bill Weeks of Fyffe, Ala., and Weldon Weeks of Benson; grandchildren, Crystal Creech, Diane Creech, Yvonne C. Crosby and husband Scott, Jason Creech and wife Emily; and six great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, c/o Cathy Johnson, P.O. Box 397, Coats, NC 27521.

## **Rufus Jentry Godwin**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
March 10, 1995

BENSON -- Rufus Jentry "Tink" Godwin, 65, of 604 Morris Ave. died Wednesday in Raleigh Community Hospital. He was a self-employed tractor and auto mechanic. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday in Rose & Graham Funeral chapel by the Revs. Francis Daniel and Glenn McCullen. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery.

Mr. Godwin is survived by a daughter, Valerie G. Naylor of Benson; two sons, Lane Godwin and Cale Godwin, both of Benson; five stepdaughters, Kay Tart of Vass, Brenda Malinski of Pine Level, Joan Norris and Jan Norris, both of Dunn, and Teri Martin of Fayetteville; two brothers, Glenwood Godwin and Leewood "Sug" Godwin, both of Benson; four sisters, Anna Monday and Mertie Wilkins, both of Benson, and Rena Smith and Vearl Stephenson, both of Angier; five grandchildren; 14 step-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at the funeral home, and other times at the home of Cale and Michelle Godwin, 393 NC 27 West, Benson.



## **Stacy Wade Godwin**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

June 19, 2004

COATS -- Stacy Wade Godwin, 74, of 2391 NC Hwy 27 East died Thursday at his home. Funeral service will be 3:00 PM Sunday at Pleasant Memory Baptist Church. Revs. Stancil Baucom, Chris Wroten, Blair Little, and Marshall Danenburg will officiate. Burial will follow in Coats City Cemetery.

Mr. Godwin was born in the Elevation Township in Johnston County on June 21, 1929, to the late Hosea and Julia Morgan Godwin. He was a staff sergeant with the U. S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. Mr. Godwin farmed in the Coats Community for many years, was a dispatcher for the Coats Police Department, a Pinkerton Security Guard with Erwin Mills, and retired as a security guard with Campbell University. He was a member of Pleasant Memory Baptist Church and served as a deacon.

Mr. Godwin was preceded in death by a sister, Cleo G. Jeffries, and brothers, Cameron Godwin and Kermit Godwin.

Surviving: wife, Lolita Eason Godwin; son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth E. and Joyce A. Godwin of Clayton; daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer E. and G. David Ferrell of Coats; sisters, Dorothy G. Johnson of Angier and Catherine G. Scott of Durham; three grandchildren, Jamie Peele, Bobby Peele, and Elizabeth Ferrell.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 PM Saturday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats. Flowers are welcomed; however, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the SPCA.

## **Sylvia Mae Tart Wheeler**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

March 23, 1999

HOPE MILLS - Mrs. Mae Tart Wheeler, 69, of 4271 Legion Road died Sunday in Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville. Mrs. Wheeler was a substitute teacher for the Cumberland County Schools for more than 30 years. She was a member of Highland Baptist Church. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Highland Baptist Church by the Rev. Gary Ballance. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery in Benson. Arrangements are being handled by Rose & Graham Funeral Home of Benson.

Mrs. Wheeler is survived by her husband, Gene Wheeler; a son, Vince Wheeler of Trinity; three sisters, Araminta Johnson and Janie Johnson, both of Benson, and Anne Joyner of Cary; five brothers, Earl Tart and Corbett Tart, both of Dunn, Pat Tart of Baltimore, John Tart of Richmond, Va., and Joe Tart of Clinton; and two grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at the church. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or to the charity of one's choice.

### **Thelma Blanche Whittington Currin Parrish**

Dunn Daily Record  
02/13/2006

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Thurman Columbus Godwin, Sr.**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
January 21, 1998

DUNN -- Thurman C. Godwin Sr., 79, of Route 4 died Tuesday in Betsy Johnson Memorial Hospital. He was a retired salesman for Wellons Candy Company and a member of Godwin Presbyterian Church.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday in Godwin Presbyterian Church by the Revs. Ray Lammers and Dwight Barker. Burial will be in Old Bluff Presbyterian Church cemetery in Wade.

Mr. Godwin is survived by his wife, Mildred J. Godwin of the home; two sons, T.C. Godwin Jr. and Steve Godwin, both of Dunn; five sisters, Isabelle Fish, Mazelle Strickland and Helen Carroll, all of Coats, Jean Walker of Sanford and Ann Huff of Willow Spring; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Cromartie-Miller & Lee Funeral Home and at other times at the home. Memorials may be made to Godwin Presbyterian Church, Main Street, Godwin, N.C. 28344.

### **Vearl Godwin Stephenson**

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

ANGIER - Mrs. Vearl Godwin Stephenson, 83, of 3938 Old Fairground Road, died Saturday at Rex Hospital in Raleigh surrounded by her loving family. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday at the Rose & Graham Funeral Chapel in Benson. Officiating will be the Rev. Mark Scott. Burial will follow in Providence Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Stephenson was born October 8, 1917 in Johnston County to the late Rufus J., Sr. and Respie Goodwin Godwin. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leon Roscoe Stephenson, Sr., and was a homemaker.

Surviving include daughter and son-in-law, Brenda S. and Don Dupree of Angier; son and daughter-in-law, L. Roscoe, Jr. and Angela P. Stephenson of Angier; sisters, Anna G. Monday of Benson, Rena G. Smith of Angier, and Myrtie G. Wilkins of Benson; grandchildren, Donna S. Dupree, Amy D. Stephenson, Corey M. Stephenson, Parker J. Stephenson, and Hayley M. Stephenson.

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

### **Vera Versel Parrish Godwin**

Dunn Daily Record  
February 18, 2003

Versel Parrish Godwin, 91, of 6817 Benson-Hardee Road, Benson, died Sunday at Rex Hospital in Raleigh. She was born Dec. 30, 1911, in Johnston County to the late Joe and Almira Matthews Parrish.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leewood "L.W." Godwin; and grandchildren, Larry Ammons and Brent Lovick. Mrs. Godwin attended Bethel Primitive Baptist Church and was a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary of West Johnston Fire Department. She was a homemaker.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel by Elder James Denning. Burial will follow at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Survivors include daughters, Sarah Bennett, Vera Cotton and Faye Lovick, all of Raleigh, and Loral Ammons of Erwin; sons, James L. Godwin of Willow Spring, L.W. Godwin Jr. of Raleigh and R.L. Godwin of Benson; sisters, Evene P. Denning of Raleigh and Margaret P. Marcom of Benson; a brother, Lincoln Parrish of Benson; 13 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

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

### **Violet Frances Parrish Godwin**

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Mrs. Violet Parrish Godwin, 84, died Saturday at the Huntersville Oaks Nursing Home in Huntersville, NC. Funeral service will be 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats. Officiating will be the Rev. Ronnie Byrd. Burial will follow in Bethel Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Rt. 2, Angier.

Mrs. Godwin was born April 15, 1914 in Harnett County to the late Stephen and Sadie Adams Parrish. She was a homemaker and a member of Bethel Primitive Baptist Church. Mrs. Parrish was married to the late Layton A. Godwin.

Surviving: daughter, Jone G. Coats of Davidson; sons, Wayne Godwin of Taylorsville, Richard Godwin of Kansas City, MO; sisters, Mozelle P. Stephenson of Durham, Alma P. Smith of Raleigh; brothers, Enos Parrish and H. A. Parrish, both of Dunn; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats 2-3 p.m. Tuesday prior to the service.