

Alice Rudolph Holmes Wrenn

Greensboro News & Record (NC)

May 6, 2000

Alice H. Wrenn, 83, of 1131 North Church St., died Friday, May 5, 2000, at Moses Cone Extended Care. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 7, 2000, in Lakeview Memorial Park, with the Rev. Jack Morris officiating.

Mrs. Wrenn was born Feb. 14, 1917, in Harnett County, to Carther Lee and Laura Ann Messer Holmes. She lived most of her life in Greensboro. Mrs. Wrenn was a member of 16th Street Baptist Church, the WMU and was a member of the Cone Sunshine Club. She was retired from Wesley Long Hospital. Mrs. Wrenn was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde L. Wrenn.

Surviving are her daughter, Ann Wrenn Solomon and husband, William B. Solomon of Greensboro; sons, Don Wrenn and wife, Retha of Clarkesville, Ga., and Harold Wrenn and wife, Linda of Browns Summit; sisters, Hettie Mitchell and Ardell Farrington, both of Greensboro; brothers, Willie Holmes of Greensboro and Bob Holmes of High Point; six grandchildren, Reid Wrenn, Jeff Wrenn, Chris Wrenn, Laura Wrenn, Ronda Brown and Melanie Kolberg; and eight great-grandchildren, Jordan Wrenn, Brittany Wrenn, Shelby Wrenn, Joshua Wrenn, Bryan West, Craig West, Jessica Clonch and Michael Kolberg.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 6, 2000, at Lambeth-Troxler Funeral Service and other times at the home of her son, Harold Wrenn, 1115 Hillcroft Road, Browns Summit. Memorial contributions may be made to Donald L. Trapp Ministries, 1404 Kellenberger Drive, Greensboro, N.C. 27406.

Alma Green Wheeler Cobb Lloyd

Obituary courtesy of Jill Sturgis

Independent Tribune (Cabarrus County)

11/5/2003

Alma Wheeler Cobb Lloyd, 87, formerly of 5760 Alexander Road, died Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2003, at Lutheran Home of Salisbury after several years of declining health. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Whitley's Funeral Home Chapel in Kannapolis. Chaplain Gene Bost of the Lutheran Home of Salisbury will officiate. Burial will follow at West Lawn Memorial Park in China Grove. The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Born Jan. 8, 1916, in Johnson County, she was the daughter of the late Newt Wheeler and Winifred Holmes Wheeler. She was employed with W.T. Grant Co., Kannapolis for many years. Later she was employed with Fiber Industries, Inc. in Salisbury until her retirement in 1978. She was active in the developmental stages in bringing Hospice to Cabarrus County and was an active member of Bethpage Presbyterian Church in Kannapolis for many years until her illness.

She was a resident of the area for most of her life.

She was preceded in death by husbands W.M. Lloyd and Dixie G. Cobb; five brothers and sisters; and a son-in-law, Benny Whitley. Survivors include two daughters, Carol Whitley of Concord and Winifred Ann Measmer and husband Bobby of Salisbury; two sons, Gene Cobb and wife Doris of Concord and Jimmy Ray Cobb and wife Cathy of Mount Pleasant; eight grandchildren, Jill Sturgis, Eddie Whitley, Valdann Smith, Janice Whitley, Rene Damewood, Tamara Garifo, Brooke Moose and Colby Cobb and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Lutheran Home of Salisbury, c/o Alzheimer's Building Fund, 820 Klumac Road, Salisbury, N.C. 28144. Whitley's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Andrew Jackson Wheeler, Jr.

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
February 26, 2005

BENSON -- Mr. Andrew Jackson "A.J." Wheeler, Jr., 85, of 2612 NC HWY 50 North died Friday at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. Funeral service will be 3 p.m. Sunday at Hodges chapel Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church. Officiating will be the Revs. Curtiss Tatum, Kelvin Blackman and Condary Ellis. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Mr. Wheeler was born January 4, 1920 in Johnston County to the late Andrew J., Sr. and Media Pleasant Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler was a Farmer and member of Hodges Chapel Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church.

Surviving include: wife, Judie Holmes Wheeler; sons and daughters-in-law, Andrew J., III and Jacque Wheeler, and Michael Alan and Wanda Wheeler, all of Benson; daughter and son-in-law, Carol W. and Mark Dupree of Willow Spring; brother, Robert L. Wheeler of Benson; sister, Dorothy W. Stubbs of Rocky Mount; four grandchildren, Lindsey Paige Wheeler, Larry Brant Blackmon, Jr., Hannah Rose Wheeler, and Abigail Renee Dupree.

The family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson from 7 9 p.m. Saturday and at other times at the home of Andrew J. Wheeler, III, and wife, Jacque, 1171 Tarheel Rd., Benson, NC 27504.

Artice William Holmes

Richmond Times-Dispatch (VA)
May 28, 2005

Artice W. "Art" Holmes, of South Hill, died May 25, 2005. Survived by three daughters, Elizabeth Holmes Kilgo of Bunn, N.C., Francine Holmes of Godwin, N.C. and Lindy Edwards of Coats, N.C.; a son, William Holmes of Godwin; his fiancée, Elsie Wright of Brodnax; two

sisters, Gerline Pope of Top Sail Island, N.C. and Peggy Hairr of Fayetteville, N.C.; two half brothers, Robert and Richard Sessoms, both of Magnolia, N.C.; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Graveside service 2 p.m. Sunday at Crestview Memorial Park with American Legion military honors. Visitation Saturday, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Crowder-Hite-Crews Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences to www.crowderhitecrews.com.

Atlas Isham Blackman

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
September 9, 1995

COATS -- The Rev. Atlas I. Blackman, 68, of Route 2, Box 317, Baily Road, died Thursday in Harnett Manor Nursing Home in Lillington. He was a retired farmer and minister. Rev. Blackman had been a minister for the Eastern North Carolina Advent Christian Conference and Lee's Union Advent Christian, Unity Avent Christian and Dunn Advent Christian churches.

The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel in Benson by the Revs. O.T. Spence, Billy Keene and Hubert A. Morgan. Burial will be in Devotional Gardens.

Rev. Blackman is survived by his wife, Ernesteen W. Blackman of the home; a son, Benny A. Blackman of Benson; a daughter, Pansy L.B. Allen of Knoxville, Tenn.; two brothers, Shelton Blackman and Robert Blackman, both of Benson; two sisters, Allene B. McLamb of Benson and Eloise B. Dunn of Dunn; and seven grandchildren.

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

Betty E. Howard Holmes

Salem News
December 8, 2003

Betty E. (Howard), age 59, wife of Stacey E. Holmes. Mother of Mark Howard and his wife, Laurie, Wesley Howard, Stacey Holmes Jr., Andy Holmes and his wife, Ginny, and Brenda Tufts and her husband, George. Sister of Herbert Howard, Alfred Howard Jr., Glen Howard, Walter Howard, Doris "Squeekie" Watman and Virginia "Gingi" Colclough. Grandmother of 10.

Funeral services in the Cuffe-McGinn Funeral Home, 157 Maple St., Lynn, on Wednesday at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends respectfully invited. Visitation on Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2680, North Canton, OH 44720. Directions and guestbook, www.cuffemcgin.com.

Bitha Green McLamb Holmes

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
October 17, 1997

COATS -- Mrs. Bitha G. McLamb Holmes, 57, of Clay Hole Road died Thursday in Rex Hospital in Raleigh. She was a homemaker. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday in Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel by Elders James Denning and J.M. Mewborn. Burial will be in Devotional Gardens in Dunn.

Mrs. Holmes is survived by her husband, Thomas H. Holmes; two daughters, Angelia K. Holmes of the home and Terry H. Ennis of Coats; a son, Jeffrey T. Holmes of the home; seven sisters, Doris Tart of Coats, Esther Holmes and Lucille Lucas, both of Dunn, Naomia Baker of Erwin, Dorothy Eagerton of Savannah, Ga., Alene Saturday of Georgia and Julia Humphries of Baltimore; two brothers, Joe McLamb of Benson and Tony Leonard of Mount Pleasant; and six grandchildren.

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

Charles Welton Holmes

Dunn Daily Record
07/12/2004

Charles Welton Holmes, 72, of Dunn died Thursday evening at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital. The Johnston County native was the son of the late Archie T. and Viola M. Holmes. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. A funeral service was held Sunday at 4 p.m. at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home by the Revs. C.H. Lee and David Brooks. Burial followed in Devotional Gardens.

Survivors include sisters, Mel McLamb of Benson, Agnes Young of Dunn, Eloise Roberts of Chesapeake, Va., Sarah Davis and Rowena Barefoot, both of Dunn; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Advantage Hospice, 1420-A Pollock St., Selma, N.C. 27576.

Clara Beatrice Holmes Harden

Rose & Graham Funeral Home Notice
02/26/2006

Four Oaks, NC: Mrs. Clara Holmes Harden, age 88, died Sunday at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital in Dunn. Funeral Services will be 11:00AM Tuesday at the Benson United Methodist

Church, Benson. Officiating will be Revs. Arthur Warren & Bobby Smith. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Harden was born September 4, 1917 in Johnston County to the late John S. and Annie Rose Holmes. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Harold Harden. She was a supervisor at Block Industries, a member of Benson United Methodist Church, and was a leader of the County Home Extension Club and the 4-H Club.

Surviving include Sisters & Spouse, Velma Williams, Gladys Blackmon, and Edna & Talmadge Gilbert, all of Four Oaks; and many Nieces & Nephews.

The family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson from 7:00PM to 9:00PM Monday and other times at the home of Gladys Blackmon, 421 Ivey Road, Four Oaks, NC. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Benson United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 72, Benson, NC 27504 or to one's favorite charity.

Earnest Jeffery Holmes

Smithfield Herald
08/08/2006

Earnest J. Holmes, 88, of Benson died Sunday, Aug. 6, at Betsy Johnson Hospital in Dunn. Born April 8, 1918, in Harnett County, Mr. Holmes was the son of the late Arthur and Lula Strickland Holmes. He was retired from the retail furniture business. Mr. Holmes was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, and he was a member of Dunn Advent Christian Church. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the cemetery at Banner Chapel Advent Christian Church near Benson. Michael Whitley will officiate.

Surviving is a son, A.G. Holmes of Knightdale.

The family will receive friends from 7 till 9 p.m. today (Tuesday) at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, 301 W. Main St., Benson; and other times at the home of Janice Barefoot, 484 Dragstrip Road, Benson.

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 Gray Holmes Strickland

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
September 1, 2001

Ms. Edna Gray Strickland, 73, of Dunn, died Friday in Duke University Medical Center in Durham. The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Sunday in Skinner Funeral Home chapel in Dunn by the Rev. Jeff Roberts and Dr. Karl Minor. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Ms. Strickland is survived by a daughter, Alice A. Warren of Apex; two brothers, O.W. Holmes of Dunn and Erdie Holmes of Charlotte; and a granddaughter.

The family will receive friends Sunday from 2 to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Edward Holmes

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
June 7, 1998

Edward "Goat" Holmes, 71, of Erwin died Friday in Good Hope Hospital. A graveside service will be conducted at 3:30 p.m. today in Erwin Memorial Park by the Rev. Jerome Pope. Arrangements are being handled by Price Funeral Home.

Mr. Holmes is survived by a son, Randy Holmes of Garner; a daughter, Jennie Gregory of Lillington; two brothers, Sterlin Holmes of Dunn and Leo Holmes of Florida; two sisters, Rese Eaton of Hope Mills and Helen Parks of Laurinburg; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The family will receive friends at 405 S. 13th St.

Edward L. Bland

Herald & Review (Decatur, IL)

April 23, 1995

Edward L. Bland, 83, of Decatur died 9:06 a.m. Friday (April 21, 1995) in his home. Services will be 11 a.m. Monday in Graceland/ Fairlawn Funeral Home with visitation one hour before services. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery.

Edward was born Feb. 4, 1912, in North Carolina, the son of W.R. and Ethel M. Homes Bland. Mr. Bland retired from A.E. Staley Mfg. Co. in 1973, after 37 years. He was a member of Prairie Avenue Christian Church. He married Minnie Lee Speagle in 1937. She preceded him in death in 1975.

Surviving are his brothers, Bruce; W.R. Jr.; Billy Ray; sisters, Eleva; Inez Pipkin; Minnie Ruth McLeod; stepchildren, Ruth Robb; Bill A. Speagle; J.A. Speagle; and good friend, Tina Holderness.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one stepson, one brother and one sister.

Ethel Inez Bland Pipkin

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

April 19, 2007

Mrs. Inez Pipkin, 90, of Fayetteville, died Tuesday, April 17, 2007, in Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. She was preceded in death by her husband, George C. Pipkin. Mrs. Pipkin was the oldest member of Stoney Point Baptist Church, attending services there since 1963. Known for her quick wit, love of life and her love for children, she will be greatly missed.

She is survived by a daughter, Jacqueline P. Riley and husband Steve of Fayetteville; a granddaughter, Dana Riley of Fayetteville; and two brothers, Bruce Bland of Creedmoor and Bill Bland and wife Ann of Spartanburg, S.C.

Visitation will be between the hours of 7 and 9 tonight, April 19, 2007, at Stoney Point Baptist Church. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, April 20, 2007, in Stoney Point Baptist Church with the Rev. Dr. Harold Herd and the Rev. Darrell Rooks officiating. Directed by Crumpler Funeral Home in Raeford. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Stoney Point Baptist Church, 6554 Rockfish Road, Fayetteville, NC 28306; or to Camp Rockfish, 226 Camp Rockfish Road, Parkton, NC 28371.

Eva Florence Holmes Parker

Herald-Sun, The (Durham, NC)

November 16, 1996

Eva Holmes Parker, 93, of 1028 Gloria Ave., died Thursday at her residence. Mrs. Parker was born in Harnett County. She was the daughter of the late Joseph Edgar and Florence Jernigan Holmes. She was educated in Harnett County schools. Mrs. Parker had lived in Durham for over 60 years and spent her career here as a private duty nurse. A graveside service will be held 2:00 PM Sunday in Greenwood Cemetery, Dunn. The Rev. Nancy Stahl will officiate.

Surviving are a daughter, Dorothy P. Bagley, of Charlotte; a son, W. Rudolph Parker, of Moncure; a step-son, Joseph M. Parker, of Greensboro; her sisters, Nellie H. Foster, of Four Oaks, Armenta H. Harris, of Rocky Mount, and Edna Grey Strickland, of Dunn; her brothers, Davis Holmes, of Salt Lake City, Eardmon Holmes, of Charlotte, Elwin Holmes, of Winchester, VA, and Oliver Holmes, of Dunn; 5 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice. The family will receive friends at Hall-Wynne Funeral Home 7-8 PM Saturday.

Ezra Marvin Hall

Dunn Daily Record

04/21/2005

Ezra Marvin Hall, 88, of 11466 N.C. 301 South, Benson, died Tuesday at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. He was born July 9, 1916, in Johnston County to the late George W. and Carrinna Holmes Hall. He was preceded in death by his wife, Romie Parker Hall. Mr. Hall was a retired farmer and was a member of Banner Chapel Advent Christian Church. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson by the Revs. Randy Beasley and Glenn Fell. Entombment will follow at Hodges Chapel Church Cemetery.

Survivors include a daughter, Peggy "Jewel" Beasley and husband Danny of Benson; granddaughter, Christie B. Allen and husband Timmy of Benson; and great-grandsons, Danny Paul Allen and Cody Lane Allen.

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

Fannie Sue Holmes Elder

Greensboro News & Record (NC)

March 10, 2001

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

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

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

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

Frances Gail Holmes Sorey

Pensacola News Journal (FL)

February 22, 2007

Mrs. Frances Gail Sorey, age 56, of Pensacola, passed away February 19, 2007. She was born December 28, 1950 in Martinsville, VA and had been a resident here since 1975 moving here from Maryland. Her parents; Richard and Lola Holmes preceded her in death.

Survivors include four Sisters; Gloria Holmes, Joyce Crowl, Delores Gissendanner, Susie Holmes, two Brothers; Jerry Holmes and Johnny Holmes, and a host of Nieces and Nephews.

Graveside Funeral Services will be conducted Friday, February 23, 2007 in the Bayview Memorial Park at 11:00 a.m. with the Reverend John Stacey officiating. Burial will follow.

BAYVIEW FISHER-POU FUNERAL HOME is in charge of arrangements. The family will receive friends at Bayview Fisher-Pou Funeral Home, Friday from 10 to 11 a.m.

Frank Washington Thornton, Jr.

Dunn Daily Record
08/30/2007

Frank W. Thornton Jr., 81, of 1196 Woodall Dairy Road, Benson, died Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2007. Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at West & Dunn Funeral Home Chapel in Benson. Burial will be at Burnell Baptist Church Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Geraldine L. Thornton; daughters, Charlotte T. Lee and Jennifer T. Johnson of Benson, and Deborah T. Cobb of Smithfield; son, Frankie Carl Thornton of Benson; brother, Billy Thornton of Jacksonville, Fla.; sister, Gladys Parrish of Benson; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The family will receive friends Friday from 6 to 8 at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Burnell Baptist Church, c/o JoAnn Johnson, 658 Camelia Road, Benson, NC 27504.

Garland A. West

News & Observer, The (NC)
10/29/2007



Mr. Garland West, age 76, of 3442 Elevation Rd Benson, NC, died Sunday October 28, 2007. He was born in Johnston County to the late James A. West and Martha Holmes West.

He was Chief of Elevation Fire Department. He was a lifetime member and held several offices at Barbours Chapel Advent Christian Church. He was retired from Johnston County School System and well known for carpentry and wood working skills.

The funeral will be Tuesday, 2:00 p.m., at Barbour's Chapel Church with burial in the church cemetery. The Rev. Robert West and Rev. Durwood Jackson will be officiating. The visitation will be Monday, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Minshew Funeral Home.

Surviving, wife, Shirley Moore West; son, Keith West and wife, Lea of Matthews, NC; daughter, Ann McBain and husband, Robert of Dallas, TX; special grandchildren, Leslie Barbour and

Jamie Knipp; special great-grandchildren, Brittany and Jordan. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Thurman, Theron and Joseph.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or American Red Cross.

Gary Douglas Blackmon

Dunn Daily Record
03/27/2006

Gary Douglas Blackmon, 56, of 801 Stanley St., Four Oaks, died Friday, March 24, 2006, at Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield. He was born Feb. 3, 1950, in Johnston County. He was preceded in death by his father, Carl Blackmon; and a grandson, Lucas Daniel Jackson.

Mr. Blackmon was a teacher, and head girls' varsity basketball and softball coach at South Johnston High School. He was active in the SJHS football program and served in many capacities. Mr. Blackmon also helped coach the Benson American Legion Post 109 baseball teams. He enjoyed serving on the Official Chain Crew for the N.C. State football games.

Mr. Blackmon was a member of the First Baptist Church of Four Oaks. He was a 1968 graduate of Benson High School, attended East Carolina University and graduated from Fayetteville State University in 1993 with a degree in secondary education. Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. today at South Johnston High School gymnasium by the Rev. John Norman. Burial will follow at Roselawn Cemetery in Benson.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie Evans Blackmon; daughters, Tally B. Jackson and husband Greg, and Alison Blackmon of the home; a sister, Sharon B. Strickland and husband Floyd of Benson; and a brother, Frank Blackmon and wife Pat of Oak Island.

Memorials may be made to the South Johnston Athletic Department, 10381 U.S. 301 South, Four Oaks, NC 27524. Condolences may be sent to www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com.

Gladys Holt Hodges Holmes

Skinner & Smith Funeral Home
02/25/2008

Gladys Hodges Holmes, 87, of Wilmington formerly of Dunn died Sunday morning at Cape Fear Hospital in Wilmington. The Harnett County native was the daughter of the late Zola W. and Hester W. Hodges. She was preceded in death by her husband Jeff Holmes. A graveside service will be conducted Tuesday, February 26, at 2 P.M. at Veterans Memorial Park Cemetery in Dunn by Rev. Jerome Pope.

She is survived by a son, Jeffrey L. Holmes and wife Lavada of Wilmington, a grandson, Jeffrey O. Holmes and wife Kris of Wilmington, special friends, Ting Hilliard, Paul and Kitty Slebodnik, Charles and Ruth Faulk, Bob and Edna Morgan and, two faithful companions, Scooter and Sugar.

The family will receive friends following the services. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, Memorial Tribute, Processing Center, P.O. Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058.

Gloria Lynn Holmes

Pensacola News Journal (FL)
October 3, 2007

Mrs. Gloria Lynn Holmes, 63, of Pensacola, passed away September 29, 2007. She was a well known musician, homemaker, beloved daughter, sister, mother, grandmother and she will be greatly missed.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Lola Holmes; children, Michael and Toby Bernard; brothers and sisters, Gary Holmes, Richard Holmes Jr., Bobbie Blosser, Frances Sorey and Linda Garner.

She is survived by her daughters, Deborah Wilson, Lisa Saville and Sherry Horton; grandchildren, Amber, Brittany and Kyle Wilson, Robert Saville, Austin, Alec and Skyler Edwards, Trè, Alexis and Hailey Horton; sisters and brothers, Joyce Crawl, Delores Gissendanner, Jerry Holmes, Johnnie Holmes and Susan Holmes.

Funeral services will be 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 03, 2007 in the Bayview Fisher-Pou Chapel. The family will be receiving friends from 2:00 to 3:00 pm for the visitation. BAYVIEW FISHER-POU CHAPEL is in charge of all arrangements.

Harold McLeod Upchurch, Sr.

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
June 10, 2003

Harold McLeod Upchurch, Sr., 80, died Sunday, June 8, 2003. Funeral service 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, 2003 at the Fuquay-Varina Baptist Church. Burial, Harnett Memorial Park in Lillington. Mr. Upchurch was preceded in death by his wives, Ruth Holmes Upchurch and Ada Wimberly Upchurch.

Surviving: son, Harold M. "Hal" Upchurch, Jr. and wife, Lisa of Fuquay-Varina; stepson, Eddie Wimberly and wife, Donna of Angier; step-grandchildren, Don, Ashley, David and Meredith Wimberly; sister, Clara Owen of Angier; brother, J. B. Upchurch of Durham.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, June 10, 2003 from 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home and other times at the home of Hal and Lisa Upchurch, 612 Sunset Drive, Fuquay-Varina. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Fuquay-Varina Baptist Church Building Fund, 301 N. Woodrow Street, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526.

Herbert Howard Holmes

The News & Observer
August 6, 2001

BENSON - Mr. H. Howard Holmes of 1003 North Johnson St. died Saturday at Betsy Johnson Hospital in Dunn. Funeral Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson. Officiating will be the Revs. Bobby Smith and Jonnie P. West, Sr. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery.

Mr. Holmes was born in Johnston County to the late J. Ed and Mamie Ryals Holmes. He was preceded in death by brothers, Ray Holmes, Ed Holmes and Milton Holmes; a sister, Vira H. Julian. Mr. Holmes had retired after 43 years of service with the US Postal Service. Mr. Holmes was a US Air Force veteran of WWII, a member of the Banner Post 109 American Legion, the 40 & 8, and served in many capacities. He was also a member of the Benson United Methodist Church.

Survivors include: wife, Jewell Holland Holmes; daughters, Barbara H. Medlin of Benson and Lou H. Sims of Atlanta, GA; sisters, Katie H. Bellino, Mabel H. Johnson, Annie Lee H. Tart, and Jean H. Lucas, all of Benson; brother, Bobby Holmes of Wilson; grandchildren, Eric Barbour and wife Judith of Fayetteville, and Logan Sims of Atlanta, GA; great-grandson, Jordan Barbour.

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

Horace McClellan Holmes

Rose & Graham Funeral Home Notice
02/24/2006

Dunn, NC: Mr. Horace "Mack" McCellan Holmes, age 79, of 90 Tobacco Barn Lane died Friday at Betsy Johnson Hospital in Dunn. Funeral Services will be 11:00AM Monday at Prospect Free Will Baptist Church. Officiating will be Revs. Phil Davis, Jerome Pope, and Rayford McLeod. Burial will follow in Devotional Gardens, Dunn.

Mr. Holmes was born October 10, 1926 in Harnett County to the late Elijah Lester and Hettie Mae Stone Holmes. He was a member of Prospect Free Will Baptist Church and was a retired employee of Campbell University.

Surviving include Wife, Esther McLamb Holmes; Daughters & Sons-In-Law, Otivia & Bruce Kenemer of Rocky Face, GA., Renee & Ronnie Faircloth of Manassas, VA., and Paulette & B.W. Holland of Coats; Sisters, Jean Norris, Verlene Barbour, and Diane Mathews all of Dunn; Brothers, Thomas Holmes of Coats, Ronzie Holmes and Roy Holmes both of Garner; Grandchildren, Benjamin Kenemer, Amanda Kenemer, Wendy Wells, Amy Faircloth, Kimberly Bledsoe, Ashley Holland, and Leigh-Anne Holland; and Great Grandson, Luke Jackson Wells.

Family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats 6:00PM to 8:00PM Sunday, and at other times at the home of Paulette & B.W. Holland, 204 West Washington St., Coats.

Iva Belle Capps Holmes

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
August 11, 1998

BENSON -- Mrs. Iva Belle Holmes, 85, died Sunday in Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield. Mrs. Holmes was associated with Holmes & Morris IGA Grocery Store for several years. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Banner's Chapel Church by the Revs. Sam Worley and Glenn McCullen. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Holmes is survived by a daughter, Emma H. Hudson of Dunn; a sister, Christine Stewart of Southern Pines; a brother, Hunter Capps of Elm City; a grandson; and two great-grandchildren.

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

Jake D. "Papa" Byrd

Herald-Sun, The (Durham, NC)
April 21, 1997

Jake D. 'Papa' Byrd, Jr., 80, of 1915 Shaw Road, died Sunday, April 20, 1997, in his home, after a period of declining health. Mr. Byrd was a native of Johnston County and had lived in Durham since 1933. He was the son of the late Cynthia and Jessie Duncan Byrd, Sr. He retired after 35 years with Black Industries and was the mechanical shop foreman. He was of the Baptist faith and was a member of the Redwood Ruritan Club. He loved to fish and work in the garden.

Surviving are his wife, Helen Holmes Byrd; 2 sons, Dwane and Alice Byrd and Michael Byrd, all of Durham; 2 daughters, Yolanda and Bobby James and Kaye and George Woods, of Durham; 1 sister, Alma Tart, of Johnston County; 10 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Hudson Funeral Chapel. Rev. Randy Willis, Rev. Doug Brown, and Rev. Forest Gale will officiate. Burial will be in the Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be tonight from 7 until 9 at Hudson Funeral Home and at other times at the home. Flowers are acceptable, or donations may be made to Triangle Hospice, 1804 W. Martin Luther King Pkwy., Suite 112, Durham NC 27707.

James Marvin Reaves

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
January 7, 2005

FOUR OAKS -- Mr. James Marvin Reaves, age 68, of 468 Hannah Creek Road died Thursday at Rex Hospital in Raleigh. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Benson PFWB Church. Officiating will be Revs. Glenn McCullen, Barry Thomas, and Durwood Jackson. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery.

Mr. Reaves was born February 22, 1936 in Wake County to Kathleen Young Reaves of Benson and the late Callie Reaves. He was a retired commercial contractor and a farmer. Mr. Reaves was a member of the Benson Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church where he served as a deacon since 1975. He also was the superintendent of the Hannah's Creek Sunday School class. Mr. Reaves enjoyed participating in tractor pulling events in the area.

Survivors in addition to his mother are: his wife, Jean Holmes Reaves; sons and daughters-in-law, Phillip and Carolyn Reaves, Steven and Sarah Reaves, all of Four Oaks; granddaughters, Margina Reaves and Anna Reaves, both of Four Oaks; sister and husband, Jean R. and Gerald Blackmon of Four Oaks; brother and wife, Billy and Shirlena Reaves of Four Oaks.

Family will receive friends 6 9 p.m. Friday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson.

Jasper Henry Holmes

Smithfield Herald
December 16, 1966

Jasper H. Holmes, 75, of Route 1, Benson, died Wednesday. Mr. Holmes, a retired farmer, was a native of Johnston County. He was a son of the late Joseph H. and Martha Wood Holmes. He was a veteran of World War I.

The funeral was scheduled for Friday afternoon at 2:30 in Hodges Chapel Free Will Baptist Church with the Rev. J. Mewborn, the Rev. Irvin Stephens, and Elder Wilbur Barbour officiating and interment following in Devotional Gardens.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Bertie McLamb Holmes; two sons, J. Henry Holmes, Jr. of Coats and W. Hiram Holmes of Benson; three daughters, Mrs. Charles Satterfield of Erwin, Mrs. Ira Wedding of Coats, Mrs. A. J. Wheeler of Benson; two brothers, Joseph Holmes of Benson, John

Holmes of Four Oaks; four sisters, Mrs. Jimmie West of Benson, Mrs. E. B. Jernigan of Dunn, Mrs. B. L. Godwin of Coats, Mrs. Elbert Stewart of Erwin, and 13 grandchildren.

Jennie Lynn Holmes

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
April 30, 2005

Ms. Jennie Lynn Holmes, 45, of Lillington, died Friday, April 29, 2005, in her home. Ms. Holmes worked with COTY Manufacturing in Sanford for 10 years. She was a member of Overhills Community Baptist Church in Linden.

Services: Funeral, 3 p.m. Sunday in O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home chapel in Lillington. Burial in Harnett Memorial Park. Visitation, 6 to 8 tonight at the funeral home and at other time at her parents' home in Kipling.

Survived by: Sons, Brad Gregory and Brent Gregory; mother and stepfather, Doris Murray and William Murray; brother, Randy; stepbrothers, Ronnie Murray, Steven Murray and William Murray; and special friend, Eddie Hall.

John Davis Holmes

Salt Lake Tribune, The (UT)
October 23, 1997

John Davis Holmes, age 81, passed away October 20, 1997 at St. Mark's Hospital in Salt Lake City. Born December 21, 1915 at home near Dunn, North Carolina to Joseph Edgar and Clementina Florence Jernigan Holmes. Married Teresa MacPherson, October 20, 1950 in Salt Lake City, later divorced.

He served in the US Navy from 1937-41. Also served in the US Army from 1941-45, during World War II. He worked as a salesman for Structural, Allen and Western Steel, retired in 1970. He was a loving father, grandfather, and brother. His greatest joy was spending time with his family.

Preceded in death by parents; wife; five sisters; three brothers. Survived by his children, John Jr. (Wendy) of Sandy; William and Patricia of Salt Lake; five grandchildren; three brothers and two sisters.

Graveside service will be held Friday, October 25, 1997 at 3 p.m. at the Larkin Sunset Gardens Cemetery/Mortuary, 10600 South 1700 East, Sandy, where friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the service.

John Sutton Holmes

Smithfield Herald

May 1, 1990

John S. Holmes, 97, of Route 3, Four Oaks died Saturday after a period of declining health. Born January 5, 1893 in Johnston County, he was a son of the late Joseph Hiram and Martha Wood Holmes. His wife, Annie Holmes, died in 1934. He was a member of Hannah's Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Monday in Rose and Graham Funeral Home in Benson. Elder Woodrow Lake officiated. Burial was in Hannah's Creek Church cemetery.

Surviving are five daughters, Clara Harden, Velma Williams, Chrystelle Allen, Gladys Blackman, and Edna Gilbert, all of Route 3, Four Oaks; a sister, Sarah H. Godwin of Coats; 24 grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

Joseph Calvin Holmes

Smithfield Herald

May 31, 1981

Joseph Calvin Holmes, 91-year-old farmer of Route 3, Benson, died Saturday in Colonial Rest Home in Smithfield. Mr. Holmes was born on June 27 1889. He was a son of the late Jodie and Martha Wood Holmes. He was a member of Four Oaks Primitive Baptist Church.

The funeral was held at 2:30 Monday afternoon in the chapel of Rose Funeral Home in Benson. Elder Henry Byrd, Elder D. E. Parker, and the Rev. Norman Asheworth officiated. Burial was in the cemetery at Hannah's Creek Church.

Pallbearers were Michael Young, Roger Hudson, Marvin Barnes, Leamon Gilbert, and Hiram and Henry Holmes.

Surviving are four sons, Dalton Holmes of Route 3, Benson, Melbourne Holmes of Pensacola, Fla., Oliver Holmes of Titusville, Fla., and Wade Holmes of Maryland; one daughter, Mrs. Theraldine Douglas of Miami Fla.; one brother, John S. Holmes of Route 3, Four Oaks; one sister, Mrs. Sarah Godwin of Coats; and several grandchildren.

Katie Bellino Holmes

Dunn Daily Record

01/08/2008

Katie Holmes Bellino, 94, of Benson died Monday, Dec. 31, 2007, at Carolina House in Smithfield. She was born Sept. 19, 1913, in Johnston County to the late James Edward and Mamie Ryals Holmes. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sam Bellino; a daughter, Joann Garland; grandchildren, Kelly Garland and Kurt Garland; sisters, Mabel Johnson and Vera Julian; and brothers, Ray Holmes, Ed Holmes, Howard Holmes and Milton Holmes.

She was a member of Benson United Methodist Church and was a homemaker. Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. Thursday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson by the Rev. Ron Patton. Burial will follow at Roselawn Cemetery.

Survivors include daughter, Trease Kay Cooper of South Hampton, Mass.; son, Phillip James Bellino of North Smithfield, R.I.; sisters, Annie Lee Tart, Jean Lucas and husband P.D., all of Benson; brother, Bobby Holmes of Wilson; grandchildren, Tracy and Todd; three great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends Thursday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home and other times at the home of Jean and P.D. Lucas, 901 N. Lincoln St., Benson. Flowers are welcome, however, memorials may be made to Benson UM Church, P.O. Box 72, Benson, NC 27504.

Kenneth Dwight Thornton

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

02/08/2007

Reverend Kenneth Dwight Thornton, Sr., 78, Retired Southern Baptist Minister, died Tuesday, February 6 at Johnston Memorial Hospital following complications of Alzheimer's disease. Mr. Thornton, known to many as "Preacher T," was born in Benson, NC, January 26, 1929. He graduated from Benson High School in 1948 and later served in the US Navy for five years during the Korean War. He felt the calling to the ministry during a successful career as a life insurance salesman. He graduated from Southeastern Theological Seminary and served various churches in Bladen, Johnston, and Sampson Counties. After retirement, he and his wife owned and operated "The Dwelling Place," a bed and breakfast in Four Oaks, NC.

Rev. Thornton was the son of the late Frank W. and Lettie Holmes Thornton. In addition to his parents, Mr. Thornton was preceded in death by his brother, Paul E. Thornton and sisters, Iris Denning, Mavis McQuigg, Patricia Walker Butler, Pearl North and Mabel Johnson.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Rebecca Mayes Thornton; sons, Kenneth Dwight Thornton, Jr. and wife, Cathy of Kelly, NC, Samuel Alan Thornton of Four Oaks, Jeffery Steven

Thornton and wife, Rita of Four Oaks; daughter, Rebecca Brent "BeeBee" Thomas and husband, Don of Hillsborough; grandchildren, Ryan and Cindy of Kelly, NC, Brent and Wesley of Hillsborough, Caleb and Ann Bostic of Clinton, Joshua, Jason, and Jonathon of Four Oaks; step-great-grandson, Aaron of Kelly, NC; great-grandson, Tyler of Kelly, NC; brothers, Frank W. Thornton, Jr. and wife, Geraldine of Benson, Billy Thornton and wife, Patricia of Jacksonville, FL.; sister, Gladys Parrish of Benson; many nephews and nieces.

His family, friends, and colleagues will remember him for his love of his Saviour, his country, his family, his friends, his appreciation for the beauty of flowers and birds, his bean shooters and his whistling ability.

A visitation will be held on 7-9 p.m. Thursday, February 8, 2007 in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church of Four Oaks, 403 North Main Street. The funeral will take place 2 p.m. Friday, February 9, 2007 at the First Baptist Church of Four Oaks, NC, 403 North Main Street.

Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the Kenneth Dwight and Rebecca Mayes Thornton Endowment of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation, 201 Convention Drive, Cary, NC 27511.

Leddie Etta Byrd Holmes

Unknown Newspaper
06/1990

Mrs. Leddie Etta Byrd Holmes, 74, died Thursday. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday at 3 p.m. at Coats United Methodist Church by the Rev. Jack Page. Burial will be in Dunn Devotional Gardens.

Surviving are her sons Fred A. Holmes of Greenwood, S.C., Stacy E. Holmes of Lynn, Mass., Benny L. Holmes of Chesapeake, Va., James D. Holmes of Raleigh and Jackie L Holmes of Coats; brothers Jessie Byrd of Coats and Victor Byrd of Benson; sisters Bettie Byrd of Coats, Lola Parker of Raleigh, Agnes Couch of Chester, S.C., and Mavis Johnson of Benson; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Cromartie, Miller & Lee Funeral Home in Dunn.

Lelan Stewart

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
December 7, 1999

ERWIN -- Lelan "Buddy" Stewart, 74, of 803 S. 12th St. died Monday in Good Hope Hospital. Mr. Stewart worked for Burlington Industries before retiring. He was a Navy veteran of World

War II. A graveside service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Williams family cemetery by the Rev. Wesley Hamilton.

Mr. Stewart is survived by his wife, Ruby T. Stewart; a son, Harry D. Stewart of Clayton; a sister, Grace S. Jackson of Goldsboro; and a grandson.

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

Linwood Ray Jernigan

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
February 9, 1996

COATS -- Linwood R. Jernigan, 61, of Route 3, Box 567, died Wednesday in UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill. He was a retired carpenter. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. Ronnie Byrd. Burial will be in the Devotional Gardens in Dunn.

Mr. Jernigan is survived by his wife, Sandra W. Jernigan; two sons, Ricky Jernigan of Florida and Kevin Jernigan of Coats; a daughter, Donn McLamb of Benson; a stepson Mack Weaver of Coats; a stepdaughter, Sharon Lucas of Erwin; a brother, Harold Jernigan of Coats; three sisters, Ruth Williams, Inez Hawley and Mildred Council, all of Coats; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

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

Lola Mae Wilkins Holmes

Pensacola News Journal (FL)
November 14, 2006

Lola Mae Holmes, 90 of Pensacola, passed away Sunday, November 12, 2006. She was born in 1916, in Pine Level, North Carolina. Lola was of the Baptist faith. She was preceded in death by her husband Richard Holmes.

Lola is survived by two sons; Jerry Holmes and Johnny Holmes. Five daughters; Gloria Holmes, Joyce Cowl, Frances Sorey, Deloris Gissendanner and Susie Holmes. One brother; Tom Wilkens and one sister; Sonial Sitzer. 35 grandchildren, 70 great-grandchildren and 2 great great-Grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1:00 P.M. until service time at 2:00 P.M. at Bayview Fisher-Pou Chapel. With Entombment will follow in the Chapel of Peace at Bayview Memorial Park. Bayview Fisher-Pou Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Mabel Holmes Johnson

Greensboro News & Record (NC)

April 6, 2002

Mrs. Mabel Holmes Johnson, 83, of 103 Lakeshore Drive, died Friday, April 5, 2002. The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 7, 2002, at the Benson United Methodist Church. Officiating will be the Rev. Bobby Smith. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery, Benson.

Mrs. Johnson was born June 16, 1918, in Johnston County, to the late James Edward and Mamie Ryals Holmes. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd M. Johnson; sister, Vira Julian; and brothers, Ray Holmes, Ed Holmes, Milton Holmes and Howard Holmes. Mrs. Johnson had retired after 25 years as librarian at the Mary Duncan Public Library. She was also a member of the Banner Post 109 Ladies Auxiliary, Benson Ladies Civitan Club, the Benson United Methodist Church, member of the E.A. Parker Sunday school class and Circle of Faith Ladies Circle.

Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law, Betsy J. and Charlie O. Woodall of Wilmington, Susan "Susie" J. and Will T. Chandler of Benson; son and daughter-in-law, L. Michael and Linda B. Johnson of Greensboro; sisters and spouse, Kate H. Bellino, Annie Lee H. Tart and Jean H. and P.D. Lucas, all of Benson; brother and spouse, Bobby and Hill Holmes of Wilson; grandchildren and spouses, Todd and Jennifer Woodall, Lisa Johnson, Amy W. and Mike Mack, Katie Chandler and Holly Chandler.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 6, 2002, at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Benson, and at other times, at the home of Will and Susie Chandler, 103 Lakeshore Drive, Benson. Flowers are welcomed, however, memorials may be made to Johnston County Services & Rehabilitation, Cancer Patients, c / o Melba Chandler, 119 Woodside Lane, Benson, NC 27504.

Mabel Thornton Johnson

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

November 3, 2004

FOUR OAKS -- Mrs. Mabel "Bill" Thornton Johnson, 81, of 3442 Old School Road, Four Oaks, NC, went to be with Jesus Tuesday morning. She was born in Johnston County on October 3, 1923 to the late Frank and Lettie Thornton. Mrs. Johnson was a member of Burnell Baptist Church. Preceding her in death were brother, Paul Thornton; and sisters, Iris Denning, Patricia Butler, Mavis McQuigg and Lettie Pearl North.

Mabel is survived by her husband of 62 years, Nelson, of the home; son, Joseph Johnson and special friend, Geri Meacham, of Garner; daughters, Donna Sue Langdon and husband, Howard of Raleigh, and Betsy Fonke of Fayetteville; sister, Gladys Parrish of Benson; brothers, Kenneth Thornton of Four Oaks, Billy Thornton of Jacksonville, FL, and Frank Thornton, Jr. of Benson;

grandchildren, Dana Marlowe and husband, Brandon of Whiteville, Chris and Anna Fonke of Sanford, Allison and Justin Summey of Laurinburg, Erich and Emily Fonke of Fayetteville; one great-grandson, Chase Marlowe. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive to cherish her memory.

Funeral service will be held Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. at Burnell Baptist Church, 3720 Old School Road, Four Oaks, NC. Family will receive friends from 1:30 to 3:15 p.m. prior to and following the funeral service.

Contributions may be made to Burnell Baptist Church, c/o Ivey Johnson, 953 Garner Road, Four Oaks, NC 27524 or the Baptist Children's Home of NC, P.O. Box 338, Thomasville, NC 27361.

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints. -- Psalms 116:15.

Margaret Evelyn Holmes McLamb

Dunn Daily Record
5/31/2002

Margaret E. McLamb, 78, of Dunn died Thursday morning at her home. The Johnston County native was the daughter of the late Son A. and Lula S. Holmes. She was preceded in death by her husband, Evander McLamb. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Skinner Funeral Home by the Rev. Michael Whitley. Burial will follow at Young family cemetery.

Survivors include two sons, Tommy McLamb and wife Linda, and Donnie McLamb, all of Dunn; a daughter, Janice M. Barefoot and husband Wayne of Benson; a brother, Ernest Holmes of Dunn; five grandchildren, Tonya Edgerton, Kim Dunn, Emily McLamb, Kevin McLamb and Tisha McLamb; and a great-grandchild, Hanna Edgerton.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Skinner Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Harnett, 111-A N. Ellis Ave., Dunn, N.C. 28334.

Marie Maynard Holmes

Dunn Daily Record
Thursday, October 10, 2002

Marie M. Holmes, 79, of Dunn died Wednesday morning at her home. She was born Oct. 18, 1922, to the late Earl and Gladys Maynard. She was a member of Hood Memorial Christian Church where she was a member of the choir, taught Sunday school, served as chairwoman of the board and also as a deacon. Mrs. Holmes was a member of the Woman's Club of Dunn and Olde Towne Arts Club.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Skinner Funeral Home by Dr. Sam Simon. Burial will follow in Greenwood Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, Oliver; three daughters, Becky Pollard and husband Bill of Alexandria, Va., Debbie Riegel and husband Gary of Dunn and Frances Pittman and husband Ross of Milton, Fla.; a brother, Earl Maynard Jr. of Dunn; sisters, Helen Manning of Ivyland, Pa., Electa Deitch of Alexandria; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. The family will receive friends Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Skinner Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be made to Hood Memorial Christian Church, 300 E. Cumberland St., Dunn, N.C. 28334; or to Hospice of Harnett County, 111-A N. Ellis Ave., Dunn, N.C. 28334.

Martha Elizabeth Wood Holmes

Smithfield Herald
May 7, 1943

Benson - Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Holmes, 80, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. L. Godwin, on Dunn, Route 3, Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. Funeral rites were held from Hannah's Creek Primitive Baptist church Wednesday at 4 p.m. with Elder Xure Lee and Elder Millard Westbrook officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the following sons, J. A. Holmes of Erwin, J. C. Holmes of Benson, Route 2, J. H. Holmes of Benson, Route 1, J. S. Holmes of Four Oaks, Route 3, E. L. Holmes of Dunn, Route 3; and the following daughters, Mrs. J. A. West of Clayton, Route 1, Mrs. E. B. Jernigan of Dunn, Route 3, Mrs. B. L. Godwin of Dunn, Route 3, Mrs. H. E. Stewart of Coats; the following sisters, Mrs. J. R. Pope of Coats, Route 1, Mrs. Effie Beasley of Benson, Route 2; and the following brothers, Ben F. Wood of Four Oaks, Route 3, Burney Wood of Benson, Route 2; 45 grandchildren, and 45 great-grandchildren. She had been a member of Hannah's Creek Primitive Baptist church for about 30 years.

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.

Mildred Inez Bazemore Holmes

Smithfield Herald
March 8, 1988

Mrs. Mildred Inez Holmes, 72, of Benson died Saturday. Born May 4, 1915 in Virginia, she was the daughter of the late James William and Eve Lair Bazemore. She was a member of Carolina Pines Baptist Church in Raleigh.

The funeral is scheduled for 2 p.m. today (Tuesday) at Rose and Graham Funeral Home in Benson, with the Rev. Glenn McCullen officiating and burial following in the cemetery at Hannah's Creek Primitive Baptist Church on Route 3, Four Oaks.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Jean Reeves of Four Oaks, Mrs. Jeannette Jones of Angier, Mrs. Lois Hardison of Lincolnton, Mrs. Theresa Harris of Salem, Ala., and Ms. Marie Holmes of Raleigh; three sisters, Mrs. Jewel Barefoot of Chester, Va., Mrs. Elizabeth Jennings of Lynchburg, Va., and Mrs. Sammie Crenshaw of Victoria, Va.; 15 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Minnie Ruth Bland McLeod

Herald-Sun, The (Durham, NC)
July 1, 2002

Mrs. Minnie Ruth Bland McLeod was born August 29, 1927, and died peacefully early Saturday morning, June 29, 2002, at Durham Regional Hospital, after an extended illness. Minnie Ruth was formerly of 4701 Lumley Rd. She was born in Wayne County but resided the last few years with her son. She was a long-time employee of the Durham County school system and a member of the Bethesda United Methodist Church.

Minnie Ruth is survived by her husband of 40 years, Leroy McLeod; a daughter, Debbe Berry and husband, Glenn of Cary; a son, Jimmy McLeod of Durham; a step-daughter, Pat Wall of Wilmington; one sister, Inez Pipkin of Fayetteville; three brothers, Rocky Bland of LaPorte, Ind., Bruce Bland of Creedmoor, and Bill Bland of Spartanburg, S.C.; six grandchildren, Steven Wall, Vince Wall, Lee McLeod, Mitzi Berry, Wiley McLeod, and Matthew Berry; two great-grandchildren, Lauren and Luke Wall; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. at Bethesda United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church and other times at the home, 3012 Berry Farm Rd. Burial will be in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Honorary pallbearers will be her grandsons and Claiborne Bland, Mack Bland, Rusty Alger, Herman McLeod, and Nicky McLeod.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Bethesda United Methodist Church Building Fund, 2309 S Miami Blvd, Durham NC 27703. Arrangements are by Hudson Funeral Home.

Newton Conray Byrd

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
January 2, 1995

Newton Conray Byrd, 58, of Raleigh, formerly of Coats, died Saturday. A memorial service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Brown-Wynne Funeral Home in Raleigh.

Mr. Byrd is survived by his wife, Parmie M. Byrd of the home; a daughter, Susan A. Byrd of Raleigh; and a sister, Barbara Mitchell of Hope Mills.

Nola Florence Hall Johnson

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
September 3, 2001

BENSON - Mrs. Nola Hall Johnson, 88, of 1807 N. Wall Street, died Sunday at Betsy Johnson Memorial Hospital in Dunn. She was born in Johnston County February 20, 1913 to the late George W. and Corina Holmes Hall. She was a homemaker and a member of Benson Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church. Her husband, Furman Johnson, preceded her in death. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Glenn McCullen will officiate. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery.

Surviving: son, Stacy G. Johnson of Garner; daughter, Lavonne J. Morgan of Wilmington; brother, Marvin Hall of Benson; three granddaughters, Bonnie Worrall, Sharon Lewis and Debora Johnson; two great-grandchildren, Curtis Lewis and Kirby Lewis.

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

Norman Elwood Elder

Greensboro News & Record (NC)

December 24, 2001

Norman E. Elder, 63, went to live in his heavenly home, to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, Dec. 22, 2001. After nine difficult months he is back together with his "Precious Sue" his devoted wife of 45 years. Also waiting there for him were his loving mother, Ruby M. Elder and his wonderful mother-in-law, "Holmie" Rosa Lou Holmes. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, 2001, at Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

Norman was a very loving and devoted husband, father, son and Poppa. Once you became his friend, you were friends for life, with his contagious laughter and his warm and loving smile for whom he shared with everyone he met. Norman was a member of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church where he attended ever before birth. He honorably served his country in the United States Navy. Norman retired from Montgomery Wards after more than 25 years of service.

Norman is survived by his daughter, Tanza Sue Elder of Greensboro; his loving father, Henry W. Elder of Greensboro; his father-in-law, Willie F. Holmes of Greensboro; sisters and brothers-in-law, Anne & Frank Wicker of Gibsonville, Peggy and Randall Simpson of Greensboro. Like a sister and brother, Vearle and Richard Page of Greensboro. Like a daughter and son, Vickie and Rick Page and their son "Poppas special buddy" Matthew Brady Page. Norman is also leaving behind our special friend, Ms. Barbara Ostler. Also many other loved nieces and nephews and numerous relatives and very dear friends.

Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2001, at Lambeth-Troxler Funeral Service. The family will be receiving friends and loved ones at his daughter's home at 2014 Brightwood School Road. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care of Greensboro, 2500 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N.C. 27405.

Oliver Warren Holmes

Dunn Daily Record

08/01/2005

Oliver W. Holmes, 82, of Dunn died Friday, July 29, 2005, at his home. He was born May 5, 1923, to the late Joseph and Florence Holmes. He was a member of Hood Memorial Christian Church. Mr. Holmes received a baseball scholarship to Duke University and prior to his military service, he pitched for the New York Yankees farm club. In his 28 years as a pilot in the Air Force, he was stationed at various bases in the United States, the Philippines and Brazil. Mr. Holmes served his country during World War II, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam.

Funeral services were held this morning at 10 at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home by Dr. Glenn Brigman. Burial followed at Greenwood Cemetery with full military honors.

Survivors include daughters, Becky Pollard and husband Bill of Soda Springs, Calif., Debbie Riegel and husband Gary of Dunn, Frances Pittman and husband Ross of Milton, Fla.; his brother-in-law, Earl Maynard Jr. of Dunn; sisters-in-law, Helen Manning of Doylestown, Pa., and Electa Deitch and husband Ray of Alexandria, Va.; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hood Memorial Christian Church, 300 E. Cumberland St., Dunn, N.C. 28334; or to Hospice of Harnett County Inc., P.O. Box 373, Erwin, N.C. 28339.

Oscar Shelton Blackmon

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
February 2, 2002

BENSON -- Mr. Shelton Blackmon, 84, of 854 Morgan Rd., died Friday at his home. Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Sunday at the Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel in Benson. Officiating will be the Revs. David Brooks and Herbert W. Johnson. Burial will follow in Banner Chapel Advent Christian Church Cemetery.

Mr. Blackmon was born May 14, 1917 in Johnston County to the late Nathan A. and Lula Holmes Blackmon. He was retired from Farming & Textiles. Mr. Blackmon was also a member of Fair Haven Church of God.

Survivors: wife, Mary Johnson Blackmon; daughter, Rachel Johnson of Dunn; sons, Nathan B. Blackmon, Leon Blackmon and Kenneth Blackmon, all of Benson; sisters, Alene McLamb and Eloise Wood, both of Benson; brother, Robert Blackmon of Benson; nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

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

Rosa Lou Whittington Holmes

Greensboro News & Record (NC)
April 25, 2000

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Thomas Erdman Holmes

Charlotte Observer, The (NC)
January 31, 2004

Mr. Thomas Erdman Holmes, 86, of Charlotte, NC died January 29, 2004 at Brian Center in Mooresville. Mr. Holmes was born August 20, 1917, in Dunn, N.C. the son of the late Joseph and Florence Holmes. He retired after 30 years with Bost Bakery, Inc. He was a member of McQuay Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Holmes is survived by one daughter, Sally H. Deal of Charlotte; two grandchildren, Amy D. Collins and husband Brian of Mooresville, NC and Margaret D. Williams and husband, Lee of Iron Station, NC; four great-grandchildren, Joshua and Kimsey Collins both of Mooresville, NC and Julia and Caroline Williams, both of Iron Station, NC; one brother, Lt. Col. Oliver W. Holmes, U.S. Air Force, retired of Dunn, NC.

Graveside service will be held Sunday, February 1, at 2 p.m. in Forest Lawn West Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 1229 Greenwood Cliff, Suite 209, Charlotte, N.C. 28204. Arrangements are in the care of Hankins & Whittington Dilworth Chapel, 1111 East Blvd. (online www.hankinsandwhittington.com)

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.

Verdie Inez Turnage Holmes

From Stu Ackerman:

Verdie Turnage Holmes, 79, of 1557 Beasley Road, Benson, NC, died Tuesday, May 29, 2001, at Wake Medical Center. A native of Johnston County, she was a daughter of the late Eloneous and Rovira Jernigan Turnage and the widow of Garland W. Holmes.

She was preceded in death by four sisters, Mamie Hockaday, Myrtice Lee, Rowena Hockaday, and Mettie Turnage; and five brothers, Floyd Turnage, Sherrill Turnage, Maronia Turnage, Malcolm Turnage, and Coy Turnage.

She had worked at Wellons' Candy Company, Erwin Mills, and Hardees of Benson until she retired because of her health.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Grove Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Joanne Mercer. Burial will be in Banner's Chapel Church Cemetery.

Survivors include daughters, Geneva Sorrell and husband, J. W. Sorrell of Dunn; Gayle Matthews and husband, Gene Matthews, of Raleigh, and Helen Holmes of Benson; grandchildren: Jennifer Holmes, Sharon and husband, Doug Rothwell; Woody Johnson and wife, Lora Johnson; Kathy and husband, Crawford Hobgood; Sara and husband, Timmy Creech; Jessica Johnson and husband, Tony DiSanzo; and Jason Holmes; and a sister, Vira Turnage Blackman of Four Oaks; and three great-grandchildren, Matthew Eugene Hobgood, John Crawford Hobgood, and Jason Keith Capps.

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

Verona Holmes Morris

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
December 12, 1996

Mrs. Verona Holmes Morris, 81, of Benson died Tuesday in Duke University Medical Center in Durham. Mrs. Morris was a member of the Benson United Methodist Church and a librarian for the town of Benson in the late 1940s. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday in Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. David Benson. Burial will be in Benson City Cemetery.

Mrs. Morris is survived by her husband, William H. Morris; a daughter, Anita Williams of Johnston County; a sister, Ruby Haller of Irvona, Pa.; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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

Viola McLamb Holmes

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
August 4, 2000

DUNN -- Mrs. Viola McLamb Holmes of 4007 N.C. 242 died Thursday in her home. She was 102. The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Saturday in Beulah Baptist Church.

Mrs. Holmes is survived by a son, Charles Holmes of the home; five daughters, Malvirel McLamb of Benson, Rowena Barefoot, Agnes Young and Sara Davis, all of Dunn, and Eloise Fiore of Chesapeake, Va.; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

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

Walter Kenneth Allen

Rose & Graham Funeral Home
08/17/2007

Benson, NC: Mr. Walter Kenneth Allen age 57 of 430 Ivey Rd died Thursday at his residence. A Funeral Service will be at 11:00AM Saturday at Rose and Graham Funeral Chapel in Benson. Officiating will be the Rev. Glenn McCullen. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery, Benson.

Mr. Allen was born November 3, 1949 in Johnston County to the late Perry Hurley and Evelyn Chrystelle Holmes Allen. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Perry Hurley Allen, Jr. Mr. Allen was a compound mixer for PGI and a member of the American Legion and the Relief Masonic Lodge of Benson.

Surviving include Lifelong Love, Friend & Fiancée, Jenny Evans of Benson; Sisters, Rebecca Rice and Husband, Ron of Martinsburg, Va., Faye Woodall of Raleigh, Florence Johnson and Husband, Ray of Four Oaks, Sue Jernigan & Husband, Lamar of Yorktown, Va., Barbara Keen & Husband, Harold of Four Oaks, Frances Settle of Raleigh; Sister-in-law, Janet Norris & Husband, Rickie of Four Oaks Several Nieces and Nephews.

Family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Benson, from 6:00PM until 9:00PM Friday. Flowers are welcomed; however memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society Johnston County Unit, P.O. Box 1544 Smithfield, NC 27577.

William Hiram Holmes

Smithfield Herald
October 22, 1918

Death of Mr. Holmes

Mr. William H. Holmes died at his home here Monday night of pneumonia after an attack of Spanish influenza. He had been ill only a few days and before taking the disease was apparently perfectly healthy. He was buried at Hannah's Creek church Tuesday afternoon. He is survived by his wife and two children.

Mr. Holmes had been with Boon & Son for a number of years and was a man well thought of by every one. He was honorable, well meaning and considered to be one of our best men. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist church. - Benson Review

William Hiram Holmes

Dunn Daily Record
01/03/2006

Hiram Holmes, 81, of 5197 N.C. 50 North, Benson, died Monday, Jan. 2, 2006. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hodges Chapel PFWB Church by the Revs. Curtis Tatum and Calvin Blackmon. Burial will be at the church cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Elsie Frye Holmes; sons, Donnie Holmes of Cary, Garry Holmes and wife Melinda of Four Oaks; grandchildren, Zachary Byrd and Cortney Holmes; a brother, Henry Holmes of Coats; and sisters, Ida Mae Satterfield of Erwin, Elsie Gray Weddings of Selma and Judy Wheeler of Benson.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at West & Dunn Funeral Home in Benson. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hodges Chapel PFWB Church, 780 Hodges Chapel Road, Dunn, NC 28334.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.westanddunn.com.

William Howard Morris

Dunn Daily Record
May 19, 2003

William Howard Morris, 89, of 415 Dogeye Road, Benson, died Friday night at Liberty Commons Nursing Center.

He was a native of Johnston County, born May 11, 1914, to the late Rufus and Susan Holmes Morris. He was a lifelong member of Benson United Methodist Church, a Benson grocer for 47 years and many of those years co-owned Holmes & Morris IGA in Benson. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Verona Holmes Morris.

Funeral services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson by the Revs. Arthur Warren and Jeff Person. Burial will follow in Benson City Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Annie Mae Hill Morris; a daughter, Anita M. Williams of Willow Spring; grandchildren, Lynwood Williams Jr. and Susan Clayton; great-grandchildren, Beth Clayton, Charles Clayton, Joseph Williams and Dakota Williams.

Memorials may be made to Benson United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 72, Benson, N.C. 27504.

William Louis Turnage

Dunn Daily Record
08/13/2007

William Louis Turnage, 78, of Erwin died Saturday, Aug. 11, 2007, at Highsmith Hospital in Fayetteville. He was formerly of 701 E. H St., Erwin, but had been in the N. C. State Veterans Home in Fayetteville. He was a retired civil engineer with the postal service at Fort Bragg.

He was the son of the late John William and Addie Holmes Turnage and was preceded in death by his wife, Laura "BoPeep" Poythress Turnage; and a brother; Frankie D. Turnage. Funeral services with military honors will be held 2 p.m. today at Price Funeral Home Chapel. The Revs. Barry Jones and Alton Childers will officiate. Burial will follow at Erwin Memorial Park.

Survivors include brothers, Vernon L. Turnage of Linden and Leamon L. Turnage of Austin, Texas; and a sister, Deloris T. Quick of Dunn.

The family will receive friends today at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Willie Fealton Holmes

Greensboro News & Record (NC)
March 6, 2004

Mr. Willie F. Holmes, 91, went to live in his heavenly home to be with his Lord and Savior, his beloved wife of 63 years, Rosa Lou Holmes, and his precious daughter, Sue H. Elder and her husband, Norman Elder, on Friday, March 5, 2004, at Clapps Nursing Center Inc. A graveside

service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Lakeview Memorial Park, conducted by the Rev. Dan Alderman, the Rev. Jack Morris and the Rev. Jerry Wicker.

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

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

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