

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.

Ammie Willis Truelove

Dunn Daily Record

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Ammie Willis Truelove, 91, of 107 North St., Erwin, died Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2005, at Harnett Manor Nursing Home in Lillington. The Harnett County native was born Nov. 20, 1913 to the late Oscar and Janie Faircloth Truelove. A graveside service will be held today at 2 p.m. at Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church with the Rev. Sherrill Pope officiating.

Survivors include his wife, Flonnie Messer Truelove; sons, Wallace Truelove and wife Edna of Erwin, and Wayne Truelove of Dunn; daughters, Glenda T. Doucet and husband Joe of Dunn, and Janet Truelove of Erwin; sister, Voncile Cates and husband Marvin of Raleigh; grandchildren, Carolyn P. Jackson of Erwin, Pam T. McKenzie of Fairfax, Va., and Zena T. Guy of Fayetteville; great-grandchildren, Joshua Guy, Meredith Guy, Cassie McKenzie and Bryan James Wood.

The family will receive friends from noon to 1:30 p.m. today at Cromartie-Miller & Lee Funeral Home prior to the service and at other times at the home of Wallace and Edna Truelove, 344 E. Jackson Blvd., Erwin.

Arthur Sherrill Norris

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
November 17, 1999

SANFORD -- Arthur Sherrill Norris, 80, of 2525 Buffalo Church Road died Monday. Mr. Norris was a roadmaster with Seaboard/CSX Railroad before retiring. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge for 53 years. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Gum Neck Freewill Baptist Church in Columbia. Arrangements are being handled by Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home.

Mr. Norris is survived by his wife, Christine Norris; two sons; four daughters; a stepson; several grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Montgomery County, 404 N. Main St., Troy, N.C. 28371-2708.

Edgar Raymond Messer

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
July 26, 1997

E. Raymond Messer, 57, of 600 McKay St., Erwin died Friday at his home. He was a Field Superintendent for Hughes Betchol Inc. Sheet Metal Workers of North Carolina. He was the son of the late William Aaron and Verla Jones Messer. Funeral service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday at Erwin United Methodist Church with the Rev. John Wenberg officiating. Burial will follow in Erwin Memorial Park.

He is survived by his wife, Doris Gregory Messer of the home; daughters, Sandy Messer Giles of Erwin, Jill Messer Lloyd of Linden; two brothers, Milton Lee Messer of Orlando, FL, Bobby M. Messer of Charlotte, N.C.; sister, Helen Elmore of Warrenton, VA; three grandchildren, Trevor John Giles, Jared Ray Giles and Savanna Rae Lloyd.

The family will receive friends Saturday from 7-9 p.m. at Price Funeral Home in Erwin and at other times at the home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Harnett County, 111-A North Ellis Ave., Dunn, N.C. 28334.

Etta Mae Messer Pleasant

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
January 22, 1996

Mrs. Ettie Mae Messer Pleasant, 83, of Coats died Sunday. She was a member of Red Hill Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Red Hill Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church by the Revs. Billy Smith, James Gurkins and Rossie Blackman. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Pleasant is survived by seven sons, J.L. Pleasant, Wesley R. Pleasant, Sherrill Pleasant, Gerald Pleasant, Cecil Pleasant and Robert Pleasant, all of Coats, and Glenn E. Pleasant Sr. of Raleigh; two sisters, Brice Stephenson of Coats and Myrtle Houston of New Bern; 16 grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and 12 step-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Cromartie-Miller & Lee Funeral Home of Dunn and other times at the home of Gerald Pleasant, South Lincoln Street Extension, Coats.

Gertrude Ellen Norris Moore

Dunn Daily Record
2/22/2005

Gertrude "Gertie" Norris Moore, 82, of 606 E. Dixon Drive, Benson, died Monday at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill. She was born Sept. 16, 1922, in Harnett County to the late Haywood and Creasy Messer Norris. She was preceded in death by her husband, J.D. Moore. She was a homemaker and a member of Red Hill PFWB Church.

Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. Wednesday at Red Hill PFWB Church by the Revs. Tony Kapanski and Tim Batten. Burial will follow at the church cemetery. Survivors include several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson.

Izola Messer Stephenson

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Izola Messer Stephenson, 98, of 5445 Red Hill Church Road, Coats, died Saturday, Dec. 3, 2005, at Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield. She was born Sept. 30, 1907, in Harnett County to the late Edward Green and Lillie Barbour Messer. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd Walton Stephenson; and a grandson, Michael Wade Godwin.

Mrs. Stephenson was a homemaker and the oldest living member of Red Hill PFWB Church, becoming a member at the age of 12. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson by the Rev. Tony Kopanski. Burial will follow at Red Hill Church Cemetery.

Survivors include daughters, Imogene Stephenson of Coats and Lottie G. Ennis of Boyton Beach, Fla.; sons, Mack E. Stephenson and wife Patricia of Lake Worth, Fla., Thomas Stephenson and wife Bette of Cornelius, N.C., Cecil W. Stephenson and wife Beverly of Coats; a sister, Gladys Williams of Benson; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; caregiver, Kim Stainbrook; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson. Flowers are welcome, however, memorials may be made to Coats Grove Fire & Rescue, P.O. Box 835, Coats, NC 27521; or to Red Hill PFWB Church, 5335 Red Hill Church Road, Coats, NC 27521. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com.

John David Norris

Dunn Daily Record
11/30/2005

John David "J.D." Norris, 94, formerly of Coats, died Tuesday morning, Nov. 29, 2005, at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital in Dunn. He was born Sept. 25, 1911, to John and Julia Norris. He married Mavle Miller on Feb. 22, 1935, until her death on Sept. 19, 1989.

Mr. Norris began his working career in grocery and dry goods stores. He did this type of work until 1939 when he started selling insurance. He worked for Wellons Mercantile in Coats in 1950 and in 1952, he joined Herbert L. Johnson in a real estate business known as Johnson-Norris Real Estate. They were partners in this business until Mr. Johnson's health began to fail. Their business was located on Main Street in Coats for many years. Mr. Norris began his auctioneer career in 1945. He was associated with R.B. Butler Auction Co. He held auctions for the Coats Junior Order, Coats Rescue Squad Talkathons and the Senior Center's fall festivals.

Mr. Norris was one of the three founders of the Coats United Methodist Church. He remained an active member until his health failed in 2002. He became a member of the Coats Junior Order in 1949. Mr. Norris served on the State Board of Directors for the organization's children's home in Lexington as well as the Coats Junior Order board. He served on the Regional M Government Council for Harnett County Committee for Domiciliary Homes. Mr. Norris was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels until the age of 89. He was mayor of Coats and served on the Coats Town Board for more than 30 years. He served as police commissioner and mayor pro-tem. Two honors which were bestowed on him were Coats Man of the Year in 1987 and Coats Junior Order Man of the Year in 1989.

A gentle man and a man of his word, a friend to all, he touched many, many lives in his 94 years and will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of crossing his path. Funeral services will

be held 2 p.m. Thursday at Price Funeral Home Chapel by Dr. John D. Norris Jr. and the Rev. Tommy Smith. Burial will follow at Lakeside Memorial Gardens in Angier.

Survivors include sons, Dr. John D. Norris Jr. and wife Beverly of Virginia Beach, Va., Lewis Norris and wife Gloria of Raleigh; daughters, Shirley Norris Mangum of Raleigh, Virginia Norris Holden and husband Bill of Raleigh, Cathy Norris Eason and husband Mike of Fuquay-Varina, and Julia Norris Adams of Angier; a special friend, Betty Stewart; 17 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Price Funeral Home in Erwin and other times at the home of Julia Adams, 492 N. Dunn St., Angier. Memorials may be made to the American Junior Order Children's Home, P.O. Box 1288, Lexington, NC 27293.

Mildred Tripp Beck

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
June 16, 2000

DUNN -- Ms. Mildred Tripp Beck, 89, of Senior Citizens Village died Thursday in Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday in Cromartie-Miller & Lee Funeral Home chapel in Dunn by Drs. Frank Neville and Wayne Ballard. Burial will be in Pleasant Grove Church cemetery.

Ms. Beck is survived by a sister, Jessie C. Tripp of Dunn; three brothers, Robert Tripp and Moses Tripp Jr., both of Dunn, and Leonard Tripp of Shoals, Ind.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Westfield Baptist Church, 700 N. Ashe Ave., Dunn, N.C. 28334; or to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 218, Ewin, N.C. 28339.

Milton Lee Messer

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
April 17, 2002

GARNER -- Milton Lee Messer, 69, died Monday. He was retired owner/operator of Messer Trucking and Grading. Funeral 11 a.m. Thursday at First Alliance Church, 4400 Buffaloe Rd. Raleigh. Burial will follow at Devotional Gardens, Dunn, NC.

Surviving: daughter, Wendy Yde and husband, Martin of Raleigh; son, Rev. Aaron Eriksen and wife, Susie of Cary; sister, Helen Elmore of Warrenton, VA; brother, Bobbie Messer of Charlotte; grandchildren, Jamie, Kristin, Nathan and Marida; fiancée, Barbara Messer of Apex.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial contributions be made to Faith Alliance Church Building Fund, 403 West Garner Rd. Garner, NC 27529. The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. today at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, Garner.

Raymond Allen Turnage

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
February 19, 1999

Raymond Allen Turnage, 87, died Tuesday afternoon at Betsy Johnson Hospital in Dunn. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Wilda May Pope, and his wife, Mary Messer Turnage. On his spare time, he made small fishing boats. He also Retired from Erwin Cotton Mills after 56 years. He was also the last Charter Member of the Erwin Church of God. Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. Friday at the Erwin Church of God, with Rev. Currie Parker officiating and burial will follow in Erwin Memorial Park.

He is survived by two sons, Donald Raymond Turnage of Garner, Joe Allen Turnage of Lillington; three daughters, Wanda T. Barefoot of Falcon, Doris T. Ennis of Coats, Elgie T. Beasley of Angier; 2 brothers, Woodrow Turnage of Erwin, Fred Turnage of Richmond, Va.; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; several great-great-grandchildren.

Virginia Laddis Messer Byrd

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
August 6, 1997

Laddis M. Byrd, 90, died Tuesday. Graveside service 11 a.m. Thursday, Byrd family cemetery.

Surviving: son, Garner Byrd of Angier; sisters, Nettie Bridges of Angier, Euzebia Baker of Fuquay- Varina; brother, Ollie Messer of Benson; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

Family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. today. Arrangements by Overby-Johnson 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.

Wilma Inez Messer Norris Prevatt

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
September 6, 2003

ERWIN -- Mrs. Inez Messer Prevatt, 82, of 308 Wondertown Drive, died Friday, Sept. 5, 2003, in her home. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday in Price Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. Jerome Pope. Burial will be in Erwin Memorial Park.

Mrs. Prevatt is survived by her husband, Mark Prevatt of Erwin; two sons, Bobby S. Norris of Apex and Donald C. Norris of Charlotte; a daughter, Nancy Faircloth of Dunn; and eight grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Winfred Lavern Messer

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
April 14, 1998

COATS -- Winfred Lavern Messer, 69, of 1962 N.C. 55 East died Monday in Rex Hospital in Raleigh. He was a retired farmer and an Army veteran of World War II. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. Ronnie Byrd. Burial will be in Coats City Cemetery.

Mr. Messer is survived by two sons, Larry Messer and Ricky Messer, both of Coats; two brothers, Buddy Messer and Billy Messer, both of Coats; four sisters, Louise Rassman, Hilda Tyndall and Lois Ennis, all of Raleigh, and Goldie Powell of Fuquay-Varina; and three grandchildren.

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