

Beatrice Miller Dean

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Mrs. Beatrice Miller Dean, 78, of Erwin died Saturday in Britthaven of Harnett. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday in East Erwin Baptist Church by the Rev. Carl Graham and Jon Johnson. Burial will be in Hodges Chapel Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Dean is survived by two sons, James R. Miller of Erwin and Jerry L. Dean of Richmond, Va.; a sister, Sallie Tripp of Dunn; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Cromartie-Miller & Lee Funeral Home in Dunn. Memorials may be made to East Erwin Baptist Church, Fourth Street, Erwin, NC 28339.

Betty Jean Moore Miller

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
February 3, 1999

Mrs. Betty Jean Moore Miller, 67, of 208 Holly Hill Road, Enterprise, AL, formerly of Benson, died Sunday. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel, Benson. Officiating will be Revs. Carl Dixon and Ruben Cason. Burial will follow in Dixon family cemetery, Benson.

Mrs. Miller was born August 26, 1931, in Johnston County to Nellie Surles Moore of Benson and the late Quester V. Moore, Sr. She was a homemaker.

Survivors: in addition to her mother, include husband, Harry Miller and brother, Q.V. Moore Jr. of Smithfield; several nieces and nephews.

Family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Benson 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

Charles Worth Matthews

Dunn Daily Record
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Charles Worth Matthews formerly of Benson and recently of Swansboro is now running all over heaven without pain or worry with our Lord Jesus Christ as of April 13, 2006. He has finally cashed in on the biggest winning lottery ticket, got the best card hand, and is wearing his cap on backwards telling corny jokes.

He was born Sept. 20, 1941 in Benson. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ishmael Matthews and Josie Lynn Dixon Matthews of Benson.

He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Gloria Jean Miller Matthews of Benson and Swansboro; son and daughter in law, Tony and Wendy Matthews; granddaughters Haley Matthews and soon-to-be-born Holly Jean Matthews of Lillington; daughters Beth Matthews of Raleigh, Lori Matthews of Zebulon; brothers Robert Matthews of West Hills, Calif., and Richard Matthews of Virginia Beach, Va.

Charles was in the Navy when he was rendered quadriplegic by a diving accident while stationed in Hawaii in 1963. After a long recovery, he dedicated his life to serving others and never letting his physical disability define him.

He graduated from Campbell University graduating magna cum laude. He was a high school teacher in Erwin, a Benson Little League baseball coach, PTA president, police dispatcher, town commissioner, mayor of Benson, which he loved, for 14 years, Citizen of the Year, President of N.C. Electricities, received the Jim Hunt Volunteer Award, was a member of the Benson Jaycees and Lions Club, American Legion Chapter, selected "Person of the Week" by the Dr. Vincent Peele Radio Show, instrumental in preserving Benson High School to the current Town Hall, life member of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, and American Lung Cancer Phone Buddy.

He was a former member of First Baptist Church Benson and present member of Cape Carteret Baptist Church, Swansboro. He was also a member of the Emerald Isle Bridge Club and the Carteret County Mayors' Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Charles never gave up, never complained, rarely asked for help, and always kept his sense of humor. Charles' faith in God was a testament to us all. He believed all his life God kept saving him for a greater purpose and he strove successfully all his life to repay God for saving his life and to fulfill what he believed was his mission on earth.... to be a formidable example to others and showed that in spite of all odds, he could be a productive person. He lived every day as if it were his last and lived it to its fullest. He will be fondly missed by many many people whose lives he has touched. Charles and Gloria were one heart, one soul, one body, for the 28 years they were together and will continue to be.

The family would like to thank the numerous friends and relatives who over the many years have helped Charles and Gloria in so many kind ways.

A memorial service will be held Monday, April 17, 4 p.m. at the WJ Barefoot Auditorium on Church Street in Benson, followed by a reception to greet visitors. In lieu of flowers, Charles requested memorials be made to the Charles Matthews Memorial Fund, c/o First Citizens Bank, 306 WB McLean Drive, Cape Carteret, NC 28584; or to Gloria Matthews, 1204-58 Cedar Pt. Blvd., Swansboro NC, 28584.

The Matthews Family is being served by the Rose & Graham Funeral Home, of Benson. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com.

Clemon Theron Miller, Jr.

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

08/27/2006

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

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

He was a 20 year member of the Guilford College Fire Department where he served on the Board of Directors, most recently as the boards President. He retired from Guilford College Fire Department as a Deputy Chief. He received the 1996 Firefighter of the Year Award from Guilford College Fire Department along with a Life-Saving Award. Theron also served on the NC Board of Boilers and Pressure Vessels Rules. He worked for many years for Burlington Industries.

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

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

Donald S. Miller

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

June 23, 2000

Donald S. Miller Sr., 72, of 1525 Neighbors Road died Thursday in his home. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday in Cromartie-Miller & Lee Funeral Home chapel in Dunn by the Revs. Curtiss Tatum and Jerome Pope. Burial will be in Devotional Gardens.

Mr. Miller is survived by his wife, Elma B. "Ann" Miller of the home; two sons, Donald Miller Jr. and Ricky D. Miller, both of Dunn; a stepson, Dwight Brewer of Clinton; two stepdaughters, Diane Pope of Tennessee and Jeannie Faulk of Salemburg; two sisters, Naomi M. Parker and

Eloise M. Byrd, both of Dunn; three grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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

Faye Miller Stancil

Dunn Daily Record
11/09/2005

Faye Miller Stancil, 57, of 593 Miller Road, Benson, went to be with the Lord Monday evening, Nov. 7, 2005, at her home. Mrs. Stancil, a Harnett County native was born April 7, 1948, the daughter of the late Charlie H. and Iva Altman Miller. She was preceded in death by a son, Roy Lynn Stancil; and a brother, Ottis Miller.

Mrs. Stancil was a dear wife, wonderful mother and proud grandmother. She loved her family, her church and was a friend to all; an encourager to those who needed a word of encouragement. She was a prayer warrior to those in need of prayer and a counselor to those who needed guided Christian counseling; a body of many talents who touched many with her kindness.

She and her family ran a catering service for several years. She was also an Avon representative. She was a leader and organizer and helped organize the first Annual October "Lift Jesus Higher." Always a helping hand, a faithful servant and a member of The Gospel Tabernacle Church. She and Jerry taught Sunday school for many years, supported and served on many church committees and participated in the fund-raisers. She was employed at the church in 1985 as a receptionist/bookkeeper. In August 2005, due to hear health, she retired and at that time held the position of administrative assistant.

A funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Thursday at Gospel Tabernacle Church by the Revs. King White and Ron Wooten. Burial will follow at Hodges Chapel Church Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry C. Stancil of the home; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dewayne and Brenda Stancil of Benson, Daniel and April Stancil of Benson; grandchildren, Jason Matthews/Stancil and Courtney Stancil; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mae M. and Clyde Pleasant of Benson, Kay M. and George McLamb of Benson; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, T.C. and Mildred Miller of Benson, Glenn and Jackie Miller of Wilmington, Bobby and Laura Miller of Dunn.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Cromartie-Miller & Lee Funeral Home in Dunn and other times at the home.

Iva Altman Miller

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

November 5, 2000

DUNN - Mrs. Iva Altman Miller, 91, of Britthaven of Harnett, formerly of Route 2, died Saturday at Good Hope Hospital in Erwin. She was born September 1, 1909, to the late Nathan and Norma Altman Altman. She was the widow of Charlie H. Miller. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hodges Chapel Pentecostal Freewill Baptist Church. Revs. Kelvin Blackman and Curtis Tatum will officiate. Burial will follow in the Church Cemetery.

Surviving: daughters and sons-in-law, Mae and Clyde Pleasant, Wanda Kay and George McLamb, and Faye and Jerry Stancil all of Benson; sons and daughters-in-law, T. C. and Mildred Miller and Ottis and Janice Miller of Benson, Glenn and Jackie Miller of Wilmington, Bobby and Laura Miller of Dunn; twelve grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family will be at Rose and Graham Funeral Home in Benson from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday and at other times at the home of Mae and Clyde Pleasant, Hodges Chapel Road Benson.

James Donald Coats

Dunn Daily Record

06/11/2007

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

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

Visitation will be this evening from 5 to 7 at O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home and other times at his home. Memorials may be made to Cape Fear Presbyterian Church, c/o 1475 Matthews Road, Lillington, NC 27546; or to Barium Springs Home for Children, P.O. Box 1, Barium Springs, NC 28010.

James Edison Byrd

Dunn Daily Record

01/18/2008



James Edison Byrd, 89, of 1280 Tarheel Road, Benson, died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008, at his home. He was born June 13, 1918, in Johnston County to the late Roger G. and Lula Mae McLamb Byrd. He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Maude Miller Byrd; sisters, Reba Byrd Stewart and Annie Ruth Ennis; brothers, William Olden Byrd, John Erwin Byrd and Otis Leon Byrd.

He was a retired farmer and pork producer. Mr. Byrd was a member of the Mary Stewart Lions Club and a member of Hodges Chapel PFWB Church. Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. Sunday at Hodges Chapel PFWB Church by the Revs. Willard Hardison and Curtiss Tatum. Burial will follow at Devotional Gardens in Dunn.

Survivors include daughter, Judie Byrd Walsh of Benson; son, J.E. "Jay" Byrd Jr. and wife Martha of Olive Branch, Miss.; grandchildren, Christopher Jay Byrd and Shaun Ryan Byrd of Birmingham, Ala.; great-grandchildren, Abigail Kathryn Byrd, Jacob Andrew Byrd and Nathan James Byrd; sisters, Eloise B. Beasley of Benson and Mary Weaver of Four Oaks; and a brother, R.G. Byrd Jr. of Fort Myers, Fla.

The family will receive friends Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson. Flowers are welcome, however, memorials may be made to Hodges Chapel PFWB Church, 780 Hodges Chapel Church Road, Dunn, NC 28334.

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.

Leray Thomas Ennis

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06/07/2006

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

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

Mr. Ennis retired from Civil Service, the department of Government Directorate of Engineering. He received several awards in keeping with the highest traditions of the Department of the Army Civilian Career Services. After retiring from Civil Service, Mr. Ennis worked at Pine Burr and

Reedy Creek Golf courses, and enjoyed playing for several years. He also worked for Western Star Trucking Company in Dunn until the fall of 2005. Mr. Ennis served his country as a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He was a former member of the Banner Post 109 American Legion, Mary Stewart Lions Club, and served as its president for two terms.

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

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

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

Maude Opal Miller Byrd

Dunn Daily Record
10/25/2005

Maude Miller Byrd, 84, of 1280 Tarheel Road, Benson, died Sunday, Oct. 23, 2005, at Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield. Mrs. Byrd was born Oct. 19, 1921 in Harnett County to the late Johnny Albert and Beulah Mae Brown Miller. She was a homemaker and member of Hodges Chapel Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hodges Chapel PFWB Church. Officiating will be the Revs. Kevin Blackman, Curtiss Tatum and Willard Hardison. Burial will follow in Devotional Gardens in Dunn.

Survivors include her husband, James Edison Byrd Sr.; daughter, Judie B. Walsh of Benson; son, J. E. "Jay" Byrd Jr. and wife Martha of Olive Branch, Miss.; sister, Doris M. Ennis of Dunn; brothers, Theron Miller and Rudolph Miller, both of Erwin; grandsons, C. Jay Byrd and Shaun R. Byrd; and great-grandchildren, Abigail Kathryn Byrd and Jacob Andrew Byrd.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 tonight at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson. Flowers are welcome and memorials may be made to Hodges Chapel PFWB Church, 780 Hodges Chapel Road, Dunn, N.C. 28334.

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

Nannie Pauline Miller Coats

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

February 1, 1997

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

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

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

Sallie Cleo Miller Tripp

Greensboro News & Record (NC)

May 10, 2002

Mrs. Sallie Miller Tripp, 90, of Fairground Road, died Thursday, May 9, 2002, at Betsy Johnson Hospital. A funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday at Lees Grove Church with the Rev. Randy Beasley and Rev. Hubert Morgan officiating. Burial will follow in Hodges Chapel Church Cemetery. Mrs. Tripp was born in Harnett County on August 23, 1911, to the late Benjamin and Lawrence Smith Miller and the widow of the late Furnie Tripp, Sr.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Henry Franklin and Catherine Tripp of Pleasant Garden; a daughter and son-in-law, Jackie and Nelson Soto of Dunn; a daughter, Kay Tart of Dunn; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at Cromartie Miller & Lee Funeral Home and at other times at the residence of Kay Tart, 5190 Fairground Road, Dunn.