

### **Ada Norris Whitman**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
September 8, 1995

Ms. Ada Norris Whitman, 91, of Coats died Thursday in Harnett Manor Nursing Home in Lillington. She was a homemaker and a member of Benson Church of God. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday in Benson Church of God in Benson by the Revs. Marion Hammonds and Billy Smith. Burial will be in the Devotional Gardens in Benson.

Ms. Whitman is survived by five daughters, Madeline Parnell, Annie R. Pope and Dorothy Howman, all of Coats, Shirley Temple of Emporia, Va., and Betty L. Manning of Black Mountain; two sons, Watius Whitman and Shelton Whitman, both of Coats; a brother, Bryant Norris of Coats; two sisters, Lettie Moore of Coats and Lalon Hudson of Linden; 26 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home of Benson and other times at the home of Madeline Parnell.

### **Bertie Mae Moore Hall**

Dunn Daily Record  
3/21/2005

Bertie Mae Moore Hall, 77, of Dunn died Friday at Parrish Nursing Center. She was born June 4, 1927, in Harnett County to the late Sherman and Ida Capps Moore. She was a homemaker and retired from Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John B. Hall; sons, David Brent Hall and Donald Ray Hall; sisters, Pauline M. Gallion and Sarah Williams; and a brother, J.D. Moore. Funeral services were held 11 this morning at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson by the Revs. Everett Faircloth and Kevin Haynes. Burial followed at Elevation UM Church Cemetery.

Survivors include daughters, Linda Bowden and Lucinda "Cindy" Moore, both of Benson, and Lois Norris of Knightdale; sons, John Douglas Hall of Winterhaven, Fla., Ronald Earl Hall of Bartow, Fla., and Jerry Thomas Hall of New London, N.C.; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

A service of Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson.

### **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 Surlles 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.

### **Billy O'dell Hockaday**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

November 5, 2002

Mr. Billy O'dell Hockaday, age 70, of Four Oaks, died Sunday at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh after an extended illness. A graveside service will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at Barbour's Chapel Advent Christian Church Cemetery. Officiating will be the Rev. Willis Herman.

Mr. Hockaday was born May 21, 1932 in Harnett County to the late Jonas Fulton and Cora Moore Hockaday. He had retired from Johnston Community College, with the Adult Education Department. Mr. Hockaday received his Master's degree in adult education from N.C. State University. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law, Gwen H. and Philip Fusco of San Clemente, CA, Sue H. and Theo Beach of Raleigh, Carole H. and Joel Hardy of Zebulon, and Nancy J. Hockaday of Dunn; brother, J.F. Hockaday of Cary; sister, Christine H. Myott of Eden; eight grandchildren and two-great-granddaughters.

The family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Tuesday. Because of Mr. Hockaday's love for animals and the outdoors, the family suggests that memorials be made to the local SPCA Chapters.

## **Boyd Shelton Moore**

Dunn Daily Record

6/28/2005

Boyd Shelton "Coot" Moore, 73, of 1010 N. Orange Ave., Dunn, died Monday, June 27, 2005, at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital. Mr. Moore, a Harnett County native, was born Nov. 4, 1931, to the late Junious E. and Neva Byrd Moore. He was preceded in death by brothers, Thurman "Honey" Moore and Prentise Moore.

Mr. Moore was a U.S. Army veteran and served as a sergeant in the Korean War and was decorated with honors of the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. He was a retired electrician and worked for 25 years with Walter Holmes Electric.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday at Cromartie-Miller & Lee Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. Jerome Edwards and Everette Faircloth. Burial will follow at Erwin Memorial Park.

He was a loving husband and daddy. His extra joy was his grandchildren. He has several nieces and nephews who he loved dearly.

Survivors include his wife, Ethel "Peggy" Moore; a daughter, Debbie Stewart and husband Dunkin of Erwin; sons, Milford Barefoot and wife Kaye of Dunn, Maylon Barefoot and wife Judy of Shalotte; grandchildren, Sherrie Flowers of Erwin, Cindy Stewart of Rocky Mount and Laura Brett of California; great-grandchildren, Brittany Byrd, Cody Flowers, Emma Brett, Hailey Brett, Cody and Tanner Babson, Heath and Adrian Babson; sisters, Leontine Allen of Dunn and Mary F. Byrd of Dunn; and a brother, Gardner Moore of Benson.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Cromartie-Miller & Lee Funeral Home and other times at the home. Memorials may be made to St. Matthew PFWB Church, 110 St. Matthews Road, Erwin, N.C. 28339.

## **Bryant Allen Norris**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

November 23, 1999

COATS -- Bryant Allen Norris, 90, of 6920 N.C. 27 East died Sunday in Good Hope Hospital in Erwin. Mr. Norris was a retired farmer and worked with tobacco warehouses. He was a member of Red Hill Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel in Benson by the Revs. James Gurkins, Eddie Franks and Billy Smith. Burial will be in Red Hill Church cemetery.

Mr. Norris is survived by his wife, Mattie B. Norris; eight daughters, Louise Pollard of Coats, Kathleen Byrd of Garner, Ann Messler of Cary, Peggy Adams of Garner, Doris Dupree of

Clayton, Brenda Johnson of Dunn, Helen Kirksey of Cary and Janet Stephenson of Coats; three sons, Billy Norris and Michael Norris, both of Coats, and Jerry Norris of Orange Park, Fla.; a sister, Lettie N. Moore of Coats; 21 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 9 at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Coats Rescue Squad, Coats, N.C. 27521.

### **Callie Moore Barefoot**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
December 20, 2000

Mrs. Callie Moore Barefoot, 99, of Benson died Tuesday in Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital in Dunn. Mrs. Barefoot was a homemaker and a member of Beulah Baptist Church. The funeral will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Grove Presbyterian Church in Dunn by the Rev. Jo Anne M. Mercer. Burial will be in the Young family cemetery.

Mrs. Barefoot is survived by a daughter, Eloise B. Capps of Raleigh; a sister, Kermit Core of Dunn; two granddaughters; and five great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson. Memorials may be made to Grove Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 2319, Dunn, NC 28334.

### **David Harrison Surles**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
January 8, 1995

COATS -- D.H. Surles, 74, of Route 1 died Saturday. He was a retired merchant and farmer and a member of Prospect Freewill Baptist Church. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday in the Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel in Coats by the Revs. Jimmy Tripp, Robert West and Mark Gaskins. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery in Benson.

Mr. Surles is survived by his wife, Ruby B. Surles of the home; two sons, David Surles of Angier and W.A. Surles of Coats; three sisters, Ruby Sorrell of Benson, Geneva Pollard of Coats and Polly Stewart of Dunn; and six grandchildren.

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

## **Ernest Hubert Norris, Jr.**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

04/19/2008

Ernest H. "EH" Norris, Jr., 83, April 18, 2008. Funeral service will be held on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at Horne Memorial United Methodist Church with Dr Alan Swartz officiating. Interment will follow at Pinecrest Memorial Park.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret B. Norris; daughters, Cathy Markham and husband, Bobby of Clayton, Becky Denning of Clayton; brothers, Bobby Norris, Dan Norris, Steve Norris, Wendell Norris all of Clayton; sisters, Sue Cole, Carolyn Boyette, Maude Brown all of Clayton; grandchildren, Christy Williams, Jeremy Denning, Kim Rivas, Sheree Denning; five great-grandchildren.

Flowers are welcomed. The family will receive relatives and friends on Saturday from 5:00- 7:00 p.m. at McLaurin Funeral Home. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.mclaurinatpinecrest.com](http://www.mclaurinatpinecrest.com). Arrangements by McLaurin at Pinecrest, Funerals & Cremations, Clayton.

## **Ethel Mae Jackson Wheeler**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

02/14/2007



Ethel Jackson Wheeler, 83, of 264 Ethel Lane, died Tuesday at Wake Medical Center surrounded by her loving family. A native of Harnett County she was the daughter of the late Early and Narcissus Moore Jackson. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday at Neill's Creek Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Harnett Memorial Park.

Surviving: daughter, Judy Wheeler Adams and her husband, Curtis Adams Sr. of Angier; son, Ronnie Wheeler and his wife, Judy of Angier; brother, Troy Jackson of Kipling; grandchildren, Curt Adams, Whit Wheeler, Bartley Adams, Holly Wheeler, Alex Adams, Amanda Roberts, Reddin Wheeler, and nine great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Reddin E. Wheeler; sisters, Doris, Mable, Annie, and Della; brothers, Clifford, Ed and Billy.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, 6-8 p.m., at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, Angier, and at other times at the home of Judy and Curtis Adams, 4892 NC 55 West, Angier.

Flowers are appreciated or contributions may be made to the "Lamp Lighters," Neill's Creek Baptist Church, 4200 Neill's Creek Road, Angier, NC 27501. Condolences to the family may be sent to [www.bryan-leefuneralhome.com](http://www.bryan-leefuneralhome.com).

### **Eva Pleasant Moore**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
January 12, 1996

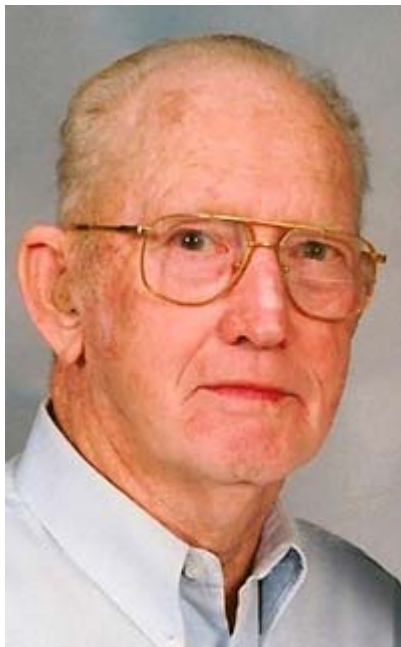
BENSON -- Mrs. Eva Pleasant Moore, 77, of Route 1, Box 219, died Thursday in Charles Parrish Nursing Center. She was a homemaker and a member of Red Hill Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday in Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel by the Revs. Billy Smith and Bobby Caudle. Burial will be in the Bethsaida Primitive Baptist Church cemetery.

Mrs. Moore is survived by a daughter, Ruth Denton of Coats; a son, James E. Moore of Benson; a sister, Annie R. Dupree of Angier; a brother, David O. Pleasant of North Plainfield, N.J.; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

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

### **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.

### **Garland Paul Sherrill, Sr.**

Dunn Daily Record  
03/01/2004

Garland Paul Sherrill Sr., 88, of 15936 N.C. 50 West, Garner, died Thursday night at Rex Hospital in Raleigh. He was born in Johnston County on May 23, 1915, to the late Martin Luther and Eunice Moore Sherrill. He was a farmer and a home building contractor. He was preceded in death by a son, Martin L. Sherrill. Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Providence Presbyterian Church by the Revs. Mark Scott and Geary Walton. Burial followed in Sunset Memorial Park.

Survivors include his wife, Ella Stephenson Sherrill; a son, Paul Sherrill Jr. and wife Karen of Willow Spring; daughters, Barbara Smith and husband Joe of Charlotte, and Gayle Matthews of Raleigh; brothers, Doye L. Sherrill of Raleigh and Jesse Sherrill of Benson; sisters, Edna Norris, Inez Barbour and Myrtle Lee, all of Benson; grandchildren, Robert Smith, Greg Smith, Grady Matthews, Megan Sherrill and Jack Sherrill; and great-grandchildren, Jeffrey Smith, Stephen Smith, C.J. Smith, Audrey Kate Smith, Gray Matthews and McCauley Matthews.

Memorials may be made to the building fund at Providence Presbyterian Church, 14664 N.C. 210, Angier, N.C. 27501; or to Hospice of Wake County, 1300 St. Mary's St., Raleigh, N.C. 27605. A service of Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson.

### **Geneva Surles Pollard**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
August 23, 2003

COATS -- Mrs. Geneva Surles Pollard, of 1181 Brickmill Road, died Thursday, Aug. 21, 2003, in Liberty Commons Rest Home in Benson. Mrs. Pollard was a retired seamstress and homemaker.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. today in Rose & Graham Funeral home chapel in Coats by the Rev. Ronnie Byrd. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery in Benson.

Mrs. Pollard is survived by a son, Donnie K. Pollard Sr. of Raleigh; two sisters, Ruby Sorrell of Benson and Polly Stewart of Dunn; a grandson; and a great-granddaughter.

### **Iva Irene Moore Gregory**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
January 13, 1998

Mrs. Irene M. Gregory, 83, of Lillington died Monday. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday in O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. Ronnie Robertson. Burial will be in Harnett Memorial Park.

Mrs. Gregory is survived by three daughters, Joyce Harrelson and Dottie G. Hood, both of Lillington, and Peggy S. Powell of Fuquay-Varina; a son, Jerry Gregory of Erwin; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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

### **James Walter Moore**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
January 17, 1996

BENSON -- James Walter "J.W." Moore, 52, of 135 Helms Dogwood Road died Tuesday in Betsy Johnson Memorial Hospital. He was a retired brick mason, a veteran of the Vietnam War and a member of Freedom Chapel Church. The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Thursday in the Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel by the Revs. Bobby Caudle and Pete Norris. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery.

Mr. Moore is survived by his wife, Connie P. Moore of the home; a daughter, Sonia M. Hayes of Benson; three sisters, Ruth M. Lee of Benson, Dorothy M. Ryals of Raleigh and Katie M. Tart of Benson; four brothers, Gerald Moore of Belhaven, Tommy Moore of Angier, Mack Moore of Benson and Kenneth Moore of Coats; and two grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at the funeral home and other times at the home of Sonia Hayes, 106 Helms-Dogwood Road, Benson.

### **John Wade Tart**

Dunn Daily Record  
05/09/2006

John Wade Tart, 64, of 951 Lane Road, Dunn, died Sunday, May 7, 2006, at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. He was born Feb. 22, 1942, in Harnett County to the late Ernest and Pearl Moore Tart. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Joe Tart.



He was a retired meat cutter for Carlie C's IGA grocery store and was a member of Grove Presbyterian Church in Dunn. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday at Grove Presbyterian Church in Dunn by the Rev. Jo Anne Mercer. Burial will follow at the church cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Porter Tart; a daughter, Belinda Talley and husband Joseph of Erwin; a sister, Julia Ivey of Durham; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson. Condolences may be sent to [www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com](http://www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com).

### **Joseph Otis Gregory**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
December 13, 1997

Joseph O. Gregory, 81, of Lillington died Thursday in Britthaven Nursing Home in Erwin. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday in O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. Hubert Morgan. Burial will be in Harnett Memorial Park.

Mr. Gregory is survived by his wife, Irene M. Gregory of the home; three daughters, Joyce Harrelson and Dottie Hood, both of Lillington, and Peggy S. Powell of Fuquay-Varina; a son, Jerry Gregory of Erwin; a sister, Ethel Capps of Coats; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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

### **Joseph Ray Ryals**

Dunn Daily Record  
06/30/2003

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

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

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

## **Kermit Moore Core**

Dunn Daily Record  
05/15/2007

Kermit Moore Core, 98, of Dunn died Monday morning, May 14, 2007, at Core Family Care. She was the daughter of the late Lewis Hardy and Evelyn Young Moore. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carlyle Core; and sisters, Callie Barefoot and Vada Webb.

She was a life-long member of Grove Presbyterian Church and was a member of the Lillie Lee Circle and recently received the Lifetime Membership in Presbyterian Women certificate. A funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday at Grove Presbyterian Church by the Rev. JoAnne Mercer. Entombment will follow in the church cemetery.

Survivors include a son, Wallace Core and wife Mickey of Dunn; grandchildren, Wally Core and wife Nancy, Beverly Williams and husband Stan, all of Dunn; and great-grandchildren, Lauren Carlisle Williams, Allison and Casey Core.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Grove Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 2319, Dunn, NC 28335.

## **Lindsey B. Tart**

Dunn Daily Record  
6/9/2004

Lindsey B. Tart, 89, of Coats died Tuesday morning at Duke University Medical Center. The Harnett County native was the son of the late H.B. and Geneva M. Tart. He was preceded in death by a brother, Jack Tart. He served in the 15th Army Air Corp in the B-24 Squadron in North Africa and Italy during World War II.

A funeral service will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home by Elders Calvin Harward and J.M. Mewborn, the Rev. Ronnie Byrd and Dr. Thomas Smith. Burial will follow in Devotional Gardens.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel P. Tart; a son, Joseph L. Tart and wife Hannah of Dunn; a daughter, Linda T. Thompson and husband Wayne of Haltom City, Texas; sisters, Juanita T. Harris and Pearl T. Lumley, both of Raleigh, and Frances T. Matthews of Coats; grandchildren, Lee T. Malone and Joseph L. Tart Jr.; and a great-grandchild, Lindsey Malone.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home.

## **Lonnie Gerald Moore**

Dunn Daily Record

07/26/2005

L. Gerald Moore, 80, of Belhaven, formerly of Benson, died Monday, July 25, 2005, in Washington. He was born June 6, 1925, in Harnett County to the late Lonnie Mack and Mamie Norris Moore. He was preceded in death by a son, Craig Moore; a sister, Ruth Lee; and brothers, Jerry Moore and J.W. Moore.

He was a brick mason and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Thursday at Roselawn Cemetery in Benson by the Rev. Russell Mann.

Survivors include a son, Wayne Lucas of Benson; daughters, Peggy M. Williams and Sherry M. Hollifield, both of Garner; sisters, Dot Ryals of Angier and Katie Tart of Benson; brothers, Tommy Moore of Angier, Mack Moore of Benson and Ken Moore of Coats; grandchildren, Keri Aldridge, Stephen Aldridge, Tyler Manning and Tori Manning; and great-grandchildren, Alexis Manning and Lucas Manning.

The family will receive friends Thursday from 9 to 9:30 a.m. at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson and other times at the home of Alice Moore, 71 Helms-Dogwood Road, Benson. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com](http://www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com).

## **Lyda Florence Hughes Byrd Moore**

Dunn Daily Record

04/24/2002

Lyda Hughes Byrd Moore, 84, a resident of Brookfield Retirement Center, formerly of Coats, died Tuesday at Good Hope Hospital in Erwin. She was born Sept. 29, 1917, in Harnett County to the late Nathan and Lovie Johnson Hughes. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Allen Byrd and Carlis Moore.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 3 p.m. at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Coats by the Rev. Bobby Caudle and Tracy L. Byrd. Burial will follow in Byrd family cemetery, Coats.

Survivors include daughters, Joyce B. Rollins and Brenda B. Overbee of Coats; sons, Thomas A. Byrd and Charles E. Byrd of Coats, Jerry W. Byrd of Dunn; sisters, Ila Mae Byrd and Betty Gibbs of Angier and Edna Faircloth of Hoffman; brothers, Emery Hughes of Rockingham; 16 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats and other times at the home of Thomas and Faye Byrd, 2775 Old Stage Road, Coats.

### **Nellie Mae Surles Moore**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

June 2, 2000

Mrs. Nellie Surles Moore, 101, of Smithfield, died Wednesday at Smithfield Manor. A graveside service will be held 2 p.m. Friday at the Dixon Family Cemetery, Benson. Officiating will be Rev. Reuben Cason.

Mrs. Moore was born January 10, 1899 in Johnston County to the late Alonzo F. and Ada Creech Surles. She was preceded in death by her husband, Quester V. Moore and a daughter, Betty M. Miller. She was a member of Unity Free Will Baptist Church and was a homemaker.

Surviving: son, Q.V. Moore Jr. of Smithfield; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Benson, 12:30- 1:30 p.m. Friday. prior to the service.

### **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.

### **Raeford Graham Dixon**

Dunn Daily Record

07/24/2007

Retired U.S. Air Force Maj. Raeford Graham Dixon, 87, formerly of the Fairfield, Calif., area, died Saturday, July 21, 2007, at his home in Forest Grove, Ore. Mr. Dixon had resided in Forest Grove since August 2000.

Mr. Dixon was born near Benson on May 16, 1920. He was the 13th out of 14 children of Walter and Ardelia Dixon, and grew up on the family farm outside Benson. He graduated from Benson High School and attended the University of North Carolina. He married Valaria Moore of Smithfield on June 10, 1943.

Mr. Dixon joined the Army Air Corps and became a B-24 Liberator pilot in World War II. He was stationed in Italy and flew bombing missions over Europe, including Budapest and Hungary. After the war, Mr. Dixon returned to the Benson area to run the family farm, but later returned to active duty in the Air Force. He was stationed in Germany, England and Korea during his career. He retired from Travis Air Force Base in California in 1970.

Mr. Dixon's wife, Valaria Dixon, preceded him in death on May 19, 1995. There will be a private family graveside service at the Fairfield-Suisun Cemetery on Friday in Fairfield.

Survivors include children, Jae Gober of Hillsboro, Ore., Rae Dixon of Big Pine, Calif., Rick Dixon of San Marcos, Calif., and Cindy Wingerter of Port Angeles, Wash.

Arrangements by Duyck & VanDeHey Funeral Home.

### **Ransom Wilson Sherrill**

Dunn Daily Record  
07/24/2003

Ransom Wilson Sherrill, 86, of 1520 Old Barbour Road, Benson, died Tuesday at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital in Dunn. Mr. Sherrill was born April 30, 1917, in Johnston County to the late Martin Luther and Eunice Moore Sherrill. He was preceded in death by brothers, Andrew and Robert Sherrill.

Mr. Sherrill was a farmer and worked in the Tobacco Warehouses in Smithfield. He was also a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and received the EAMET Campaign Medal with four Bronze Service Stars. Mr. Sherrill attended St. Mary's Grove Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson. Officiating will be the Rev. Aubrey Williamson. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery.

Surviving include his wife of 61 years, Gladys Parrish Sherrill; a daughter and son-in-law, Margaret S. and Larry Dupree of Goldsboro; sisters, Edna Norris, Inez Barbour and Myrtle Lee, all of Benson; brothers, Jesse Sherrill of Benson, Garland Sherrill of Garner and Doye Sherrill of Rolesville; granddaughters, Tammy Dupree and Wendy George; and great-granddaughter, Megan George.

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

## **Roy Jefferson Norris**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
January 30, 2001

CLAYTON - Roy Jefferson Norris, 78, died on Sunday, January 28, 2001 at Wake Medical Center after a lengthy illness. He was born on January 8, 1923 to the late Alma and Hubert Norris. Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2001 at 2 p.m. at McLaurin Funeral Home Chapel. Entombment will follow at Pinecrest Memorial Gardens Mausoleum. Pastor David Elsey will be officiating.

Survived by daughters, Brenda Thornton and husband Les Thornton of Clayton, Phyllis Austin and husband Jack Austin of Garner, Dawn Spittle and husband David Spittle of Garner, Crystal Norris of Fayetteville; sons, Jeffrey Norris of Raleigh, Michael Norris and Billy Norris, both of Fayetteville; stepdaughter, Amy Walters of Fayetteville; brothers, E.H. Norris and wife Margaret, Bobby Norris and wife Josephine, Dan Norris and wife Ann, Wendell Norris and wife Faye and Steve Norris and wife Sandra, all of Clayton; sisters, Maude Brown and husband Bobby of Garner, Carolyn Boyette and husband Ray of Archer's Lodge, Sue Cole and husband Danny of Clayton; grandchildren Tonya Williams of Greensboro, Jeff Austin of Raleigh, Corey Stephenson of Willow Springs; great-granddaughter, Riley Austin of Raleigh.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Pauline Smith of Clayton.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday night from 7-8:30 p.m. at McLaurin Funeral Home. Flowers will be welcome or donations can be made to the Smithfield Kidney Center. Arrangements by McLaurin Funeral Home, Clayton.

## **Ruth Moore Lee**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
December 1, 1999

BENSON -- Mrs. Ruth Moore Lee, 77, of 144 Helms-Dogwood Road died Tuesday. Mrs. Lee was a member of Red Hill Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church. She worked for Block Industries for 37 years before retiring. The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Thursday in Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel by the Revs. James Gurkins and Bobby Caudle. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Lee is survived by two sisters, Dorothy M. Ryals of Angier and Katie M. Tart of Benson; and four brothers, L. Gerald Moore of Belhaven, Tommy Moore of Angier, Mack Moore Jr. of Benson and Kenneth Moore of Coats.

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

## **Thomas Sherrille Moore**

Dunn Daily Record

03/17/2008

Thomas Sherrille "Tommy" Moore, 75, of 1662 County Line Road, Benson, died Saturday, March 15, 2008, at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital in Dunn. He was born April 16, 1932, in Johnston County to the late Mack and Mamie Norris Moore.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Jerry Moore, James Walter Moore and Gerald Moore; and a sister, Ruth Lee. Mr. Moore was a farmer of various crops for many years. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson by Capt. Gary Sturdivant. Burial will follow at Devotional Gardens in Dunn.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel Hardison Moore; daughters, Barbara Richardson of Zebulon, Shirley Moseley Pearsall of Benson, Teresa Stuffel of Zebulon and Beth Sturdivant of Hendersonville; sisters, Dorothy Ryals of Angier and Katie Tart of Benson; brothers, Mack Moore and Ken Moore of Benson; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

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

## **Troy Pinkney Byrd**

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Troy Pinkney Byrd of Route 3, Four Oaks died Wednesday night in Johnston Memorial Hospital following a period of declining health. He was 92 years of age. Mr. Byrd, who was born in Johnston County, was a son of the late George Washington and Harriet Beasley Byrd. He was a retired farmer. He was a member of Berea Presbyterian Church.

The funeral was scheduled for 3 p.m. Friday in the chapel of Minsheu Funeral Home in Four Oaks with the Rev. Ed Taylor and the Rev. Clearon Coats officiating and burial following in Rehobeth Church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Annie Norris Byrd; five daughters, Mrs. Sallie Langdon of Route 3, Four Oaks, Mrs. Ava Johnson of Route 1, Smithfield, Mrs. Dillie Knight of Sanford, and Mrs. Mary Morris of Raleigh, and Mrs. Shelby Jean Norris of Smithfield; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Etta Lassiter of the home; one son, T. P. Troy {note from Deb: Last name should be "Byrd"} of Route 3, Four Oaks; one stepson, Thurman Harper of Route 3, Four Oaks, 33 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.