

Clyde Linwood Barefoot

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Clyde Linwood "Tink" Barefoot, 83, of 2230 Benson-Hardee Road, Benson, died Friday, Aug. 17, 2007, at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. He was born Jan. 23, 1924, in Johnston County to the late Isaac Vince and Eula Sorrell Barefoot. He was a retired employee of Burlington Industries and was a member of Banner Chapel Advent Christian Church.

Funeral services were held this morning at 11 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson by the Revs. Glenn Fell and Hollis Fedrick. Burial followed at Hodges Chapel Church Cemetery in Benson.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Genevieve Royal Barefoot; a sister, Lela Pearl Barefoot of Benson; and several nieces and nephews.

Eva Louise Alphin Leonard

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Louise Alphin Leonard, 92, of Dunn died Monday, Dec. 10, 2007, at Magnolia Living Center following a lengthy illness. She was born in Harnett County on July 23, 1915, to the late Ernest Franklin and Lula Ellen Sorrell Alphin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rufus Harris Leonard Jr.; brothers, William Paul, Silas Lee, Ernest Velton, Bruce Franklin, Jarvis Winfield and James Earl Alphin; and a sister, Bertha Grace Alphin Jackson Norris.

A service celebrating her life will be held noon Wednesday at Cromartie-Miller & Lee Funeral Home by the Rev. David McGuinness of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Erwin.

Survivors include daughters, Frances E. Leonard of Dunn, Carole L. Hebb-Farrar and husband George of Richmond, Va.; granddaughter, Carrie Leonard Hebb of Richmond; a brother, Jesse Clifton Alphin of Dunn; nine nieces; and four nephews.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service. If preferred, memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Florence Helen Denning Sorrell

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

June 26, 1999

Mrs. Florence Denning "Tince" Sorrell, 87, of 403 West Church St., died Friday at her home after an extended illness. A graveside service will be 2 p.m. Sunday at the Denning Family Cemetery on Benson-Hardee Road. Officiating will be Rev. Bobby Smith, Rev. Bill Denning, and Mrs. Terry Waddell. Mrs. Sorrell was born June 17, 1912, in Harnett County to the late William (Billy) Robert Sr. and Mary Smith Denning. Mrs. Sorrell was married to the late Norwood L. Sorrell.

Mrs. Sorrell was a retired Home Economics Teacher. She attended Greensboro College and graduated from East Carolina Teachers college. She taught in the Harnett and Johnston County School systems for 30 years; teaching at Boone Trail, Four Oaks High School, Benson High School, and retired from South Johnston High School. During her years of teaching, she was active in many phases of education. She was currently a member of Alpha Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Teachers Society, having served as President. She was also an active member of the American Home Economics Assoc., American Vocational Assoc., and State & National Future Homemakers of America. Mrs. Sorrell served as regional adviser of FHA and served in other capacities as well.

Mrs. Sorrell was a life-long member of the Benson United Methodist Church. During this time she was a choir member, a Sunday school teacher, youth leader, and president of the United Methodist Women. She was also active in the Al Parker Sunday school class until her health declined.

Surviving include daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Ann Sorrell Lee and J. Glenn Lee of Benson and Helen Sorrell Bostic & Dr. Berry Bostic of Fayetteville; four grandchildren, Cliff Bostic, Mary Helen Lee, Leighton Bostic, and Charles Daniel "Chuck" Lee; sister-in-law, Elizabeth "Lib" Denning of Benson; also several nieces and nephews.

Family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson from 7-9 p.m. Saturday. Family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the Benson United Methodist Church, Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 72; Benson, NC 27504; Hospice, P.O. Box 1524, Smithfield, NC 27577; or one's favorite charity.

Howard Lentis Sorrell, Sr.

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

February 15, 2000

ANGIER -- Howard Lentis Sorrell Sr., 91, of 4125 Zack's Mill Road died Monday in Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. Mr. Sorrell was a member of Johnson Memorial Church. He was a

farmer. The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel in Benson by the Rev. Mark Yates. Burial will be in Coats City Cemetery.

Mr. Sorrell is survived by three daughters, Helen Stephenson and Betty Sorrell, both of Angier, and Opal Coats of Benson; five sons, Billy H. Sorrell and Willie J. Sorrell, both of Benson, Don F. Sorrell of Apex, H.L. Sorrell Jr. of Coats and Gary K. Sorrell of Angier; a brother, Shirley Sorrell of Lillington; seven sisters, Mildred Barnes of Norfolk, Va., Lela Miller and Velma Creech, both of Benson, Sybil Mabry of Angier, Lula J. Messer of Erwin, Dot Walton of Virginia Beach, Va., and Laura Langdon of Dunn; 22 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends today from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Howard Lentis Sorrell Sr. and Maude Penny Sorrell Endowment Fund, care of BB&T, 107 W. Broad St., Dunn, N.C. 28334.

Jarvis Winfield Alphin

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
February 12, 2002

DUNN -- Jarvis Alphin, 84, died at his home on February 11, 2002. He was co-founder of Alphin Brothers Meat Packers, Dunn, N.C. and retired from the business in 1983. He was a life long member of Long Branch Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church. He was a member of the Dunn Rotary Club for over 50 years and was a Paul Harris Fellow. Jarvis was born in Harnett County, son of the late Ernest Franklin and Lula Ellen Sorrell Alphin.

He is survived by his wife, Leona Dorman Alphin; stepsons, Rick Dupree and wife Libba of Fuquay-Varina and Ronald Dupree and wife Vicki of Dunn; granddaughters Leigh Anne Dupree Adams and Lauren Dupree of Dunn; a brother, Jesse Alphin and a sister, Louise Leonard, both of Dunn; a very special niece Jane Alphin Talley of Fuquay-Varina. Also surviving are eight other nieces and four nephews.

Jarvis was preceded in death by brothers Velton, Silas, Paul, Bruce and James Earl Alphin and a sister, Bertha Grace Alphin Norris.

Jarvis was known for his many beautiful rose bushes, which he enjoyed raising and sharing with his church and friends. He was devoted to his family and was loved by many.

The family will receive from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2002 at Long Branch Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church, 1013 Longbranch Road (I-95 Exit 71), Dunn, and at other times at the Alphin home. A service celebrating his life will be held Wednesday, February 13 at 2 p.m., at Long Branch Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church, 1013 Longbranch Road, Dunn. Rev. Elvin Butts and Dr. William L. Ellis will officiate. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in Dunn.

Those desiring to make memorials may do so to Hospice of Harnett County, Inc., P.O. Box 373, Erwin, NC 28339, or to Long Branch Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 61, Dunn, NC 28335.

Lela Mae Sorrell Miller

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1/3/2005

BENSON — On Jan. 1, 2005, her 90th birthday, Mrs. Lela Sorrell Miller peacefully entered Heaven's door with her family at her bedside. She was the sweetest person, most precious mother, and dedicated Christian. Lela enjoyed working in her yard producing many beautiful flowers, making chocolate fudge, peanut brittle, pecan pies and was an avid reader. Funeral Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hodges Chapel Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church. Officiating will be the Revs. Kelvin Blackman and Steve Morris. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Miller was born Jan. 1, 1915, in Harnett County to the late Willie Thomas and Lula Jane Jackson Sorrell. She was preceded in death by her husband, P.O. Miller; son, Jerry T. Miller; daughter, Judy Mae Miller; grandson, Jeffery Miller; sisters, Mildred Barnes, Naomi Massengill and Dorothy Walton; brothers, Clyde Sorrell, W.T. Sorrell and Lentis Sorrell. She was a homemaker and member of Hodges Chapel PFWB Church.

Survivors include, daughters and sons-in-law, Gloria and Charles Matthews of Swansboro, and Sylvia and Bruce Cash of Raleigh; sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Olevia Miller of Raleigh and S. Edward and Jackie Miller of Willow Spring; daughter-in-law and spouse, Scarlett and Carl Von Canon of Marion, S.C.; brother, Shirley Sorrell of Lillington; sisters, Velma Creech of Benson, Lula Jane Messer of Erwin, Sybil Mabry of Angier and Laura Langdon of Dunn; grandchildren, Steven Miller, Thomas Miller, Michael Miller, Nichole Manning, Travis Cash, Kelly Cash, Lori Matthews, Beth Matthews, Tony Matthews, David Von Canon, Paul Von Canon and Amy Von Canon; great-grandchildren, Alanah Miller and Harrison Miller; stepgreat-grandchildren, Amber Manning, Amy Manning and Haley Matthews; special nephew and spouse, Cecil and Deborah Massengill.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 tonight at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson. Flowers are welcomed, however, memorials may be made to Lela S. Miller Memorial Fund, 5905 Woodcrest Drive, Raleigh, N.C. 27603.

Naomi Sorrell Massengill

The News & Observer
August 30, 1998

Mrs. Naomi Sorrell Massengill, 80, of 607 West Church St., died Friday at her residence. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Sunday at Hodges Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. Officiating will be the Revs. Robert Hutson and Curtiss Tatum. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Massengill was born November 29, 1917 in Harnett County to the late Willie Thomas and Lula Jackson Sorrell. She was married to the late Alton Massengill. Mrs. Massengill retired from the Block Industries, was a homemaker, and was involved with Avon Products for over 25 years.

Surviving include daughter, Carolyn Sue Hockaday of Dunn; son, Cecil Ray Massengill of Benson; sisters, Mildred Barnes of Norfolk, Va., Lela Miller of Benson, Lula Jane Messer of Erwin, Sybil Mabry of Angier, Velma Creech of Benson, Dorothy Walton of Norfolk, Va., and Laura Langdon of Dunn; brothers, Lentis Sorrell of Angier and Shirley Sorrell of Lillington; five grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
August 29, 1998

BENSON -- Mrs. Naomi Sorrell Massengill, 80, of 607 W. Church St. died Friday in her home. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday in Hodges Chapel Free Will Baptist Church by the Revs. Robert Hutson and Curtiss Tatum. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Mrs. Massengill retired from Block Industries and was a homemaker.

Mrs. Massengill is survived by a daughter, Carolyn S. Hockaday of Dunn; a son, Cecil R. Massengill of Benson; six sisters, Mildred Barnes and Dorothy Walton, both of Norfolk, Va., Sybil Mabry of Angier, Velma Creech and Lela Miller, both of Benson, and Laura Langdon of Dunn; two brothers, Lentis Sorrell of Angier and Shirley Sorrell of Lillington; five grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

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

Robert Otis Ennis

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Robert "Bill" Otis Ennis, 96, of Dunn died Monday evening, Jan. 2, 2006, at Harnett Manor. The Harnett County native was the son of the late Walter and Stella S. Ennis. He was preceded in death by his wife, Pearl F. Ennis. Mr. Ennis was a farmer until 1941 when he went to work for Coca-Cola and was there for more than 32 years. He was a member of Palmyra Masonic Lodge

for many years and was an active member of First Baptist Church. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church by Dr. Len Keever. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery.

Survivors include daughters, Jean Kirk and husband Frank of Winston-Salem, Sue Kearney and husband Tom of Raleigh; a brother, Hunter Ennis of Rockingham; a sister, Elva Moffitt of Shallotte; grandsons, Bill, Bert and Brad Kirk; and great-grandchildren, Taylor, Jonathan, Emily, Tyler and Matthew Dalton Kirk.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to First Baptist Church, 309 W. Broad St., Dunn, NC 28334. Condolences may be sent to www.skinnerandsmith.com.

Ruby Surles Freeman Sorrell

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10/31/2005

Ruby Freeman Sorrell, 87, of 200 S. Elm St., Benson, died Sunday, Oct. 30, 2005, at Liberty Commons Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Benson. She was born Sept. 6, 1918, in Johnston County to the late Walter Ayden and Eva Moore Surles.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Wilson Freeman; and her second husband, Ed Sorrell. Mrs. Sorrell was employed with Block Industries. She was a member of Benson Baptist Church and Banner Post 109 American Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson by the Revs. Robert Capps and Craig Richardson. Burial will follow at Roselawn Cemetery in Benson.

Survivors include daughters, Jean F. Lee and husband David of Benson, Judy F. Byrd and husband Bruce of Greensboro, Cathy F. Jackson and Orbie Collins of Benson; a sister, Polly S. Stewart of Dunn; grandchildren and spouses, Susan Lee, Dean Byrd, Ann Byrd, David E. Lee Jr., Wilson Lane "Bubba" and Bridgett Godwin, Amy J. and Don Young, David and Britt Jackson; a great-grandson, Dylan Jackson; stepchildren, Jan Ellington and Dee Williams; stepgrandchildren, Eddie Clifton, Tracey Waters and Bridget Williams; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

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 Benson Baptist Church, P.O. Box 323, Benson, NC 27504.