

### **Bessie Franklin Langdon Williams**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

December 14, 1995

DUNN -- Mrs. Bessie Langdon Williams, 74, of Route 4 died Wednesday in Harnett Manor Nursing Home. A graveside service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday in Erwin Memorial Park by the Rev. Jerome Pope.

Mrs. Williams is survived by her husband, Easkel Williams of the home; a daughter, Crystal L. Williams of Garner; three sisters, Virgie Weatherman of Garner, Carol Kitchen of Erwin and Peggy Kimrey of Hampton, Va.; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Price Funeral Home of Erwin and other times at the home.

### **Blanche Williams Gregory**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

November 3, 1996

ANGIER -- Mrs. Blanche Williams Gregory, 76, of Route 2 died Saturday in her home. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday in Coats Baptist Church by the Rev. Jesse Mooney. Burial will be in the Bethel Primitive Baptist Church cemetery.

Mrs. Gregory is survived by a son, Joe Gregory of Angier; a daughter, Mayor Frances G. Avery of Coats; two brothers, Harvey Williams and Eskel Williams, both of Erwin; a sister Eutha Turner of Dunn; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Price Funeral Home in Erwin and at other times at the home of Mayor Frances G. Avery, 303 S. Mason St., Coats. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Coats Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 297, Coats, N.C., 27521.

### **Bonnie L. Williams Cooper**

Dunn Daily Record

02/28/2005

Bonnie Williams Cooper, 51, of 1900 Bailey Road, Coats, died Thursday at Emerald Isle. She was born in Wake County on Nov. 25, 1953, to Clarence O. Williams of Coats and the late Marion Byrd Williams. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Cooper. Mrs. Cooper was a seamstress and a member of Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held 3 p.m. Sunday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson by Elder Fred Williams and Tony. Burial followed at Byrd Family Cemetery in Angier.

Survivors, in addition to her father, include a sister, Barbara Hodges and husband Mike of Emerald Isle; and a niece, April M. Hodges.

### **Callie Mae Byrd Fish**

Dunn Daily Record  
01/18/2006

Callie Mae Byrd Fish, 92, of Fuquay-Varina died Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006. She was born Oct. 3, 1913, to the late Willie Green and Minnie Williams Byrd. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of Bryan-Lee Funeral Home in Angier. Burial will follow at Sandy Grove Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Survivors include sons, Vernon L. Fish of Raleigh and Kenneth E. Fish of Fuquay-Varina; sisters, Retha Arrington of Angier and Mavor Gregory of Buies Creek; brothers, Addison Byrd of Coats, Fred Byrd and Raeford Byrd, both of Angier; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent to [www.bryan-leefuneralhom.com](http://www.bryan-leefuneralhom.com).

### **Charles Bagley Williams**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
June 16, 1998

Charles Bagley Williams, 69, of Dunn, formerly of Cumberland County, died Monday in Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital. Mr. Williams retired from the Army as a sergeant first class after 23 years of service. He was a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Skinner Funeral Home chapel. Burial with full military honors will be in Devotional Gardens.

Mr. Williams is survived by his wife, Dora N. Williams; two sons, Keith Williams of Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Kai Williams of Tampa, Fla.; two daughters, Katrina Cutchins and Kim Strickland, both of Dunn; a stepdaughter, Becky N. Pope of Dunn; his mother, Katie W. Johnson of Dunn; three sisters, Lois Neighbors, Willadean Lee and Darlene Altman, all of Dunn; a brother, Oscar C. Williams of Dunn; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at the funeral home; at other times at the home of Dora N. Williams, 103 Joy St., Dunn; and Wednesday morning at the home of Lois and Paul Neighbors Jr., Route 3, Dunn.

### **Charles Earl Pope**

Dunn Daily Record  
09/21/2006

Charles Earl Pope, 77, of 300 S. Isabelle St., Coats, died Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2006, at his home. He was born March 19, 1929, in Harnett County to the late Samuel and Annie Mae Williams Pope. He was a carpenter in the home construction business. Mr. Pope was preceded in death by a son, Danny Earl Pope. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Coats by the Rev. Billy Cashwell, Dr. Jim Cochran and Sue Langdon. Burial will follow at Lakeside Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include his wife, Annie Whitman Pope; daughters, Nina Vinson of Erwin, Linda Benson of Benson, Sandra Pope of Coats and Teresa Parker of Benson; sons, Dennis Pope and Jerry Pope, both of Coats; sisters, Alene Lewis of Coats, Barbara Garner of Coats and Cathleen Martin of Charlotte; brothers, Sherwood Pope, Aaron Pope and Sammy Pope, all of Coats; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at the funeral home. Flowers are welcome, however, memorials may be made to the Highway Shepherd Ministries, c/o Benson Grove Baptist Church, 6963 N.C. 50 North, Benson, NC 27504.

### **Clarence O'Dell Williams**

Dunn Daily Record  
04/04/2006

Clarence O'Dell Williams, 79, formerly of Coats, died Sunday, April 2, 2006, at Diversicare of Newport. He was born Dec. 4, 1926, in Harnett County to the late Albert J. and Flonnie Stone Williams. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marion Byrd Williams; and a daughter, Bonnie W. Cooper.

Mr. Williams retired from Burlington Industries and was a member of Gift Primitive Baptist Church. Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Wednesday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson by Elder Fred Williams. Burial will follow at the Byrd Family Cemetery.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Hodges and husband Mike of Emerald Isle; a granddaughter, April Hodges; sisters, Vergie Knox of Coats, Ola Barefoot Wood of Benson and Dorothy Barefoot of Dunn; and a brother, Eugene Williams of Swansboro.

The family will receive friends Wednesday from noon to 12:45 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson. Condolences may be sent to [www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com](http://www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com).

### **Dora Belle Matthews Norris Williams**

Dunn Daily Record  
9/14/2004

Dora Norris Williams, 80, of Dunn died Sunday at Wake Medical Center after a recent illness. The Harnett County native was a daughter of the late George Washington and Gertie Shaw Matthews. She was a retired waitress with Heath's Tastee Freeze. She was preceded in death by her husband, John E. Norris; and a son, John E. Norris Jr.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday at South Erwin Baptist Church by the Revs. Ronnie Byrd and Sherrill Pope. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Survivors include a daughter, Becky Norris Barbour of Dunn; a sister, Cynthia McLemore of Dunn; brothers, Bennie Ray Barbour of Southport and Wilson Barbour of Stockbridge, Ga.; grandchildren, Rhonda Norris, Jennifer Vinson and husband Marcus, Christy West and husband Scott; and great-grandchildren, Caleb Norris, Jonathan Stewart, Dustin Stephenson, Dylan Matthews, Hunter Vinson and Zachary West.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home.

### **Dora Williams Denning**

The News & Observer  
April 25, 1998

Mrs. Dora Williams Denning, 80, of Coats, died Friday at the Brian Center in Clayton. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Sunday at the Rose & Graham Funeral Chapel in Coats. Officiating will be the Rev. John Stephenson. Burial will follow in the Coats City Cemetery.

Mrs. Denning was born June 3, 1917 in Harnett County to the late Ando and Cassandra Poole Williams. She was married to the late Esco Denning. Mrs. Denning was a homemaker.

Surviving include daughter and son-in-law, Margaret D. and Wayne Stewart of Garner; two grandchildren, Mike Stewart and Steve Stewart both of Garner; two great-grand- children, Austin and Dylan Stewart.

Family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats 7-9 p.m. Saturday.

## **Edna Mae Williams Stephenson**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

October 25, 2002

COATS -- Mrs. Edna Williams Stephenson, 72, of 35 Denise Road, died Thursday, Oct. 24, 2002, in Rex Hospital in Raleigh. Mrs. Stephenson was a tax consultant and a homemaker.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday in Gift Primitive Baptist Church in Coats by Elder Fred Williams and the Rev. Tommy Smith. Burial will be in Coats City Cemetery.

Mrs. Stephenson is survived by her husband, Donahue Stephenson; two daughters, Pam S. Tart and Wanda S. Williams, both of Coats; a son, Tim D. Stephenson of Dunn; a sister, Faye W. Page of Coats; a brother, Elder Fred Williams of Linden; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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

## **Estelle Butler Williams**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

09/09/2007

Mrs. Estelle Butler Williams, 84, of Coats died Friday in Winston-Salem. A graveside service will be held 11:00 a.m. Monday at Coats City Cemetery. Officiating will be Rev. Jesse Mooney and Rev. Ronnie Byrd.

Mrs. Williams was born September 25, 1922 in Harnett County to late Haywood and Sudie Price Butler. She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnnie V. Williams, and a brother, Bobby Butler. Mrs. Williams was a homemaker, secretary in the Insurance Business, and worked at Burlington Industries. She was also a member of the Coats Baptist Church.

Surviving: daughter and spouse, Phyllis W. and Thomas Ronald McDonald of Winston-Salem; son and daughter-in-law, Larry V. and Ida Williams of Boca Raton, FL; sister, Evelyn Stephenson of Dunn; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Family will receive friends 6:00- 8:00 p.m. Sunday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Coats. Flowers are welcomed; however, memorials may be made to: the Coats Baptist Church, PO Box 297, Coats, NC 27521 or Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., FL 17, Chicago, IL 60601-7633. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com](http://www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com).

### **Eula Pauline Williams Byrd**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
October 16, 2000

Mrs. Eula Williams "Ma Ma Byrd" Byrd, 98, of Coats died Saturday. Mrs. Byrd was a member of Angier Primitive Baptist Church. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel in Coats by Elder Devon Harris. Burial will be in the Coats City Cemetery.

Mrs. Byrd is survived by 13 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and 34 great-great-grandchildren.

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

### **Fernie Ellen Pope Meadows**

Dunn Daily Record  
06/18/2007

Fernie Ellen Pope Meadows, 68, of 858 Carson Gregory Road, Coats, died Friday, June 15, 2007, at her home. She was born June 18, 1938, in Harnett County to the late James Fernie and Vida Williams Pope.

She was preceded in death by a brother, James Sexton Pope; stepfather, Lonnie Pope; stepsisters, Sally Askew and Pearl Littleton; and a grandson, Gary Meadows Jr. She was a homemaker and a member of Gift Primitive Baptist Church. Funeral services were held 2 p.m. June 17 at Gift Primitive Baptist Church by Elder Fred Williams. Burial followed at Lakeside Memorial Gardens in Angier.

Survivors include her husband, Marvin M. Meadows; daughters, Deborah Ruffin and husband David of Havelock, Janice Westbrook and husband Gene of Coats, Karen Lucas and husband Glenn of Coats; sons, Gary Meadows and wife Shelia, Daryl Meadows and wife Amy, all of Coats; sister, Violene P. Stevens of Coats; brother, John Rex Pope of Coats; stepsisters, Myrtle Odum of Swansboro, Ruth Askew of Wilson, Ollie Collins of Swansboro and Ethelene O'Neal of Newport; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Rose & Graham Funeral Home of Coats.

## **Garland Leon Whittington**

Dunn Daily Record

12/27/2007



Garland Leon Whittington, 95, of 184 S. Railroad St., Coats, died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2007, at Dunn Rehabilitation Center. He was born Oct. 22, 1912, in Harnett County to the late Joseph Tyson "Jody" and Rena Williams Whittington. The oldest of 10 children, Mr. Whittington was a retired farmer and carpenter. He was a member of Coats Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Stacy Whittington, Fonzer Whittington and Preston Whittington. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Friday at Coats Baptist Church by the Revs. Jesse Mooney and Ronnie Byrd. Burial will follow at Erwin Memorial Park.

Survivors include his wife of 74 years, Jewell McLamb Whittington; daughters, Wanda W. Murray and husband Bobby of Coats, Julia W. Marriott and husband Peter of Angier; sons, Elwood Leon Whittington and Garland Robert Whittington, both of Coats; sisters, Agatha McLamb of Coats, Christine Fish of Angier and Marie Honeycutt of Raleigh; brothers, Phillip Whittington of Raleigh, Billy Whittington and McKinley Whittington, both of Coats; granddaughter, Beverly M. Sadler of Fuquay-Varina; and great-grandson, Matthew L. Sadler of Fuquay-Varina.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats. Family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats from 7:00PM to 9:00PM Thursday.

## **Harold Stuart Turlington**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

May 30, 1999

Harold Stuart Turlington, of Dunn died Friday in his home. A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Skinner Funeral Home chapel by the Revs. Randy Barker and Joseph Ammons. A private burial will be at a later date.

Mr. Turlington is survived by a daughter, June D. Irwin of Enterprise, Ala.; four stepdaughters, Hazel Byrd of Erwin, Edie Rich of Dunn, Joan Stone of Greensboro, and Janie Gonzales of Fayetteville; a son, Harold S. Turlington Jr. of Dunn; two stepson, Dough Lee and Brent Lee, both of Dunn; a sister, Thelma Wilson of Raleigh; a brother, Dr. Eastwood G. Turlington of Rochester, Minn.; and 13 grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Monday from 7 to 9 at the home. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Harnett County, 111-A N. Ellis Ave., Dunn, N.C. 28334.

### **Herbert LaVonne Williams**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
August 11, 1996

Herbert LaVonne Williams Sr., 53, of Coats died Friday. He was an Army veteran and a trim contractor. He was a member of Gift Primitive Baptist Church, where he was a deacon. The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Monday in Gift Primitive Baptist Church by Elders Fred Williams and Sexton Pope. Burial will be in Devotional Gardens.

Mr. Williams is survived by his wife, Betty O. Williams; three sons, Toby L. Williams and Brian E. Williams, both of Erwin, and Herbert L. Williams Jr. of Coats; his mother, Ruth J. Williams; three brothers, Jerry B. Williams of Waxhaw and Kenneth "Keith" Williams, of Spring Lake, and H. Ronald Williams of Angier; three sisters, Betty W. Manning and Wilma W. Stone, both of Spring Lake, and Joan W. Mize of Benson; and three grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats and other times at the home of Charles and Betty Manning in Coats.

### **Hermie Mable Williams Jackson**

Dunn Daily Record  
05/18/2005

Mable Williams Jackson, 93, of Dunn died Tuesday afternoon, May 17, 2005, at Dunn Rehab and Nursing Center. The Harnett County native was the daughter of the late Almond and Betty T. Williams. Mrs. Jackson was an active member of Shady Grove FWB Church, where she taught Sunday school for 56 years. She was a charter member of the Just-A-Mere Garden Club and was a past president. She worked for Belk for 30 years before retiring. Graveside services will be held 2 p.m. Thursday at Shady Grove Church Cemetery by the Rev. Jesse Fulcher.

Survivors include a son, Dr. Don Jackson of Raleigh; daughters, Marvel Tart of Dunn and Faye Anderson of Raleigh; brothers, Clay Williams of Raleigh and Stacy Williams of Bethesda, Md.; a sister, Jean Hunter of Raleigh; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends in the church fellowship hall following the service Thursday. Memorials may be made to Shady Grove FWB Church, 7605 Newton Grove Hwy., Dunn, N.C. 28334. A service of Skinner & Smith Funeral Home.



## **Iva Mae Williams**

Herald-Sun, The (Durham, NC)  
November 2, 1996

Miss Iva Mae Williams, 90, of Durham, died Friday morning in the Carver Living Center. Miss Williams was born in Johnston County, daughter of the late Stephen E. and Susanna Ennis Williams. She attended the Johnston Co. Schools. Miss Williams was of the Baptist faith and taught music in public schools in various areas of North Carolina. Graveside funeral services will be conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:00 in Roselawn Cemetery, Benson. Officiating will be the Rev. Shawn Higgins.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Mary Pearl Williams, of Durham; and four nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a favorite charity. Arrangements by Howerton & Bryan Funeral Home.

## **James Leray Barefoot**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
02/09/2008



Mr. J. Leray Barefoot, age 66, of 1260 Denning Rd. died Thursday at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. Funeral service will be 3:00 p.m. Sunday at Rose & Graham Funeral Chapel. Officiating will be the Revs. Leon Tart, Glenn McCullen, and Condary Ellis. Burial will follow in Devotional Gardens, Dunn.

Mr. Barefoot was born August 8, 1941 in Johnston County to Ola Williams Barefoot of Benson and the late Labell Barefoot. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce B. Barefoot. He had retired from Erwin Mills after 38 years of service. Mr. Barefoot was also a member of Jonesboro Baptist Church where he was a deacon and served in many other capacities.

Surviving in addition to his mother; are son and daughter-in-law, Chuck and Cathy Barefoot of Dunn; granddaughter, Michelle N. Barefoot of Dunn; sister and brother-in-law, Donna B. and Davey Stephenson of Benson; aunt, Lela Pearl Barefoot of Benson; niece and spouse, Heather and Bradley Bullard of Autryville; great nephew, Luke Bullard; and special friend, Lois Ivey of Dunn.

Family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson Saturday 6:00-8:00 p.m. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com](http://www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com).

## **James Myett Williams**

Columbian, The (Vancouver, WA)

January 11, 1998

A graveside service will begin at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery for James M. Williams, 75, who died of cancer Thursday, January 8, 1998, at Portland Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Mr. Williams was born April 25, 1922, in Smithfield, N.C. and had lived in Vancouver since 1952. A U.S. Navy veteran who served in World War II and Korea, Mr. Williams was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans. A retired salesman, he enjoyed gardening, fishing and attending events with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel, at home; one son, Rod Williams of Hot Springs, Ark.; one stepson; three daughters, Elaine Kramm, Brenda Pratt and Joanne Harris, all of Vancouver; three stepdaughters; three brothers, Leroy, Gilbert and Robert all of Smithfield, N.C.; three sisters, Floy Eidson of Willmington, N.C., Florence Phillips of Smithfield, N.C. and Mary Sellers of Whiteville, N.C.; nine grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and eight step great-grandchildren.

The casket will be open from 5 to 9 p.m. on Monday at Memorial Gardens Funeral Home.

## **James Sexton Pope**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

October 17, 1997

COATS -- Elder James Sexton Pope, 66, of 918 Carson Gregory Road died Thursday in Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. Mr. Pope was pastor of Little Flock Primitive Baptist Church and a member of Grove Rural Fire Department. He retired as manager of Par-Gas Co. in Buies Creek.

The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday in Gift Primitive Baptist Church by Elders Fred Williams, Tony Parker and Worth Stephenson. Burial will be in Lakeside Memorial Gardens in Angier.

Mr. Pope is survived by his wife, Margaret S. Pope; two daughters, Lois P. Wilbourne of Charles Town, W.Va., and Dina P. Coats of Coats; a son, J. Ronnie Pope of Wilmington; two sisters, Violene P. Stevens and Fernie E. Meadows, both of Coats; a brother, John R. Pope of Coats; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

## **John Curtis Byrd**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

October 28, 2000

COATS - Mr. John Curtis Byrd, 71, of 2282 NC Hwy 55 West, died Saturday at his home. He was born December 25, 1928, in Harnett County to the late Huey Robert and Julia Catherine Byrd. He owned and operated Byrd Painting Company. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Coats Baptist Church. Brother Mac Fowler and Rev. Jesse Mooney will officiate. Burial will follow in Oak Grove Church Cemetery.

Surviving: wife, Naomi Stewart Byrd; daughters and sons-in-law Teresa and Don Stewart of Coats; Lisa and David Fitchett of Dunn; son and daughter-in-law, Tony and Polly Byrd of Coats; sister, Wenona B. Dupree of Angier; sister-in-law, Ethel Byrd of Coats; nine grandchildren, Brian Stewart, Chris Byrd, Brad Stewart, Lori Stewart, Austin Fitchett, Victoria Byrd, Katherine Fitchett, Katelyn Byrd, and Sarah Byrd.

Flowers are welcome, however memorials may be made to Hospice of Harnett County, PO Box 373, Erwin, NC 28339. The family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats from 7-9 p.m. Sunday.

## **John Henry Williams**

Dunn Daily Record

02/24/2005

John Henry Williams, 96, of 184 Langdon Road, Angier, died Tuesday night at IHS of Dunn. He was born April 22, 1908, to the late Marion and Rena Surcey Williams. He was a retired farmer.

Mr. Williams was preceded in death by his wife of 74 years, Bertha Carter Williams; a son, C.L. Williams; and a daughter, Lucy Helen Barnes. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats by the Rev. Tim Batten. Burial will follow at Byrd Family Cemetery in Angier.

Survivors include daughters, Linda Mangum of Benson, Leola Dykes of Angier, Inez Krause and husband John of Winston-Salem, Geraldine Smith of Kinston, Patty Godwin and husband Don of Benson; a son, Connie Ray Williams and wife Ferebee of Henderson; 19 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

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

### **Johnnie Voight Williams**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

March 29, 2006

Johnnie V. Williams, 84, of Coats, died Monday, March 27, 2006, in Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem. Mr. Williams was an Army veteran of World War II and was a member of American Legion Banner Post No. 109.

Services: Funeral, 1 p.m. Thursday in Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats. Burial in Coats City Cemetery. Visitation: 7 to 9 tonight at the funeral home.

Survived by: Wife, Estelle; daughter, Phyllis McDonald; son, Larry; sister, Callie Ennis; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials: One's favorite charity.

### **Kizzie Ann Denning Pope Williams**

Dunn Daily Record

3/31/2005

Kizzie Ann Denning Williams, 85, of Coats died Wednesday at Dunn Rehab & Nursing Center. She was born Sept. 20, 1919, in Harnett County to the late Billy and Ida Williams Denning. She was preceded in death by husbands, Woodrow Pope and Rudolph Williams; a son, Waeford Pope; a sister, Ollie Raper; and brothers, Evit "Preacher" Denning, Ezra "Doc" Denning and Hyson Denning. Mrs. Williams had retired from the N.C. Unemployment Security Commission. She was also a homemaker and a member of Coats Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. Friday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats by the Rev. Jesse Mooney. Burial will follow at Harnett Memorial Park in Lillington.

Survivors include sons, Tony Pope and wife Jean, Billy Pope and wife Peggie, all of Coats; brothers, Carsie Denning of Coats and Arthur Denning of Newport; grandchildren, Sherri Bowen, Tresea Lane, Randall Pope and Mark Pope; and six great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats and other times at the home of Billy and Peggie Pope, Coats.

## **Leroy Williams**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

November 23, 2005

SMITHFIELD -- Leroy Williams, 81, retired farmer of NC 210 Highway, died Monday. Born in Johnston County on October 9, 1924, he was the son of the late Millard and Kitty Langdon Williams. His wife was the late Catherine Wallace Williams. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Wilbert, Albert, Gilbert, and James Williams, and his sisters, Mary Sellers, Florence Phillips, Floy Edison, and Martha Baker. Leroy was a US Army veteran of World War II.

Funeral service will be held 6 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel of Parrish Funeral Home in Selma. A private family burial will be on Friday in Hills of the Neuse Memory Gardens.

Surviving are: two daughters, Becky Davis and husband, Jimmy of Smithfield, Carolyn Baker and husband, Willis of Louisburg; a brother, Robert Williams of Smithfield; two grandchildren, Tommy Davis and wife, Sabrina of Smithfield, Jonathan Baker of Raleigh; one great-grandchild, Halley Davis of Smithfield.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Wednesday night immediately following the funeral service. Flowers are appreciated or memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

## **Lillian Edna Byrd Hargis**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

November 11, 2004

ANGIER -- Edna Byrd Hargis, 78, of 354 Langdon Road, died Wednesday. Funeral 2 p.m. Saturday at Oak Grove Baptist Church, Angier. Burial, Lakeside Memorial Gardens, Angier.

Surviving: daughters, Sheila Roberts and Denise Wooten, of Angier; sons, Glenn, Jerry and Ronnie Hargis, all of Angier; sisters, Callie Fish and Retha Arrington, both of Angier and Mavor Gregory of Buies Creek; brothers, Edison, Fred and Raeford Byrd, all of Angier; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, Angier.

## **Linda Mae Williams Mangum**

Dunn Daily Record

03/21/2007

Linda Williams Mangum, 61, of 109 S. Fitzgerald St., Pine Level, formerly of the Angier/Coats area, died Monday, March 19, 2007, at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill. She was born May 12, 1945, in Harnett County to the late John H. and Bertha Carter Williams. She was a retired hairdresser and worked with Wal-Mart in Smithfield.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Barnes; and a brother, C.L. Williams. Graveside funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Thursday at Price Cemetery in Pine Level by the Rev. Tim Batten.

Survivors include daughters, Gina Garner and husband Jimmy of Pine Level, Kristie Daniels and husband Chris of Selma; grandchildren, Trevor Bryant, Meagan Daniels and Mackenzie Garner; sisters, Patty Godwin and husband Don of Benson, Inez Krause and husband John of Winston-Salem, Leola Dykes of Angier and Geraldine Habe of Kinston; and a brother, Connie Ray Williams and wife Ferebee of Henderson.

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

## **Lucy Helen Williams Matthews Barnes**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

March 18, 2003

ANGIER -- Lucy Helen Williams Barnes, 73, of 184 Langdon Rd., died Monday. She was the widow of Billy Matthews. Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Bryan-Lee Funeral Chapel. Burial will follow in the Byrd Cemetery.

Surviving: daughter, Teresa Rutherford of Garner; sons, Michael Matthews and Jeffery Matthews, both of Raleigh; father, John H. Williams of Angier; sisters, Leola Dykes of Angier, Inez Krause of Winston-Salem, Geraldine Smith of Kinston, Patty Godwin of Benson and Linda Mangum of Benson; brother, Connie Ray Williams of Henderson; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Bertha Williams and son, Kenneth Matthews, and brother, C.L. Williams.

The family will be at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, Angier from 7-9 p.m. today.

### **Lynwood Ashley Williams, Sr.**

The News & Observer  
September 1, 2001

WILLOW SPRING - Mr. Lynwood Williams, Sr., 62, of 298 Hillcrest Drive, died Friday at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. Graveside service will be 4 p.m. Saturday at Roselawn Cemetery, Benson. Officiating will be Rev. Jeff Person.

Mr. Williams was a native of Harnett County, born September 23, 1938, to the late James Edwin and Ruth Williams.

Surviving: wife, Anita Morris Williams; son, Lynwood A. Williams, Jr. of Clayton; daughter, Susan W. Clayton of Wendell; sister, Linda W. Ennis of Dunn; brothers, Jimmy Williams of Lexington, Kenneth Williams of Albemarle, Mark Williams of Concord; grandchildren, Joseph Williams, Dakota Williams, Beth Clayton and Charles Clayton.

Arrangements by Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson.

### **Mattie Belle Guin**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
November 6, 1997

ERWIN -- Mrs. Mattie Guin House, 71, of 1201 Warren Road died Tuesday in Betsy Johnson Memorial Hospital in Dunn. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. today in Price Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. Ron Byrd. Burial will be in Veterans Memorial Park in Dunn.

Mrs. House is survived by her husband, Junius E. House Sr. of the home; a son, J. Earl House of Raleigh; and three grandchildren.

### **Marvin Theron Turner**

Virginian-Pilot, The (Norfolk, VA)  
March 19, 1992

Marvin Theron Turner Sr., 85, of the 2300 block of Drum Creek Road, a retired master electrician, died March 18, 1992, in a Portsmouth hospital. Mr. Turner was born in Erwin, N.C. He had retired from the Norfolk Naval Shipyard after 20 years. He was the widower of Roella Phillips Turner.

Survivors include three daughters, Marilyn S. Kay of St. Leonard, Md., and Janet T. Spruill and Sylvia A. Respass, both of Portsmouth; a son, Marvin T. Turner Jr. of Camden, N.C.; five sisters, Alpine Gorman of DeLongia, Ga., Daphnie Cannady of Dunn, N.C., Nura Moss of Erwin,

Christine Gibson of Little River, S.C., and Shirley Massad of Coats, N.C.; two brothers, Lincoln Turner of Jacksonville, Fla., and Howard Turner of Raeford, N.C.; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

The funeral will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday in Sturtevant Funeral Home, Portsmouth Boulevard Chapel, by the Rev. W. Thomas Wood. Burial will be in Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens. Friends may join the family from 7 to 9 p.m. today in the funeral home.

### **Marvin Washington Byrd**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
November 8, 1995

COATS -- Marvin Washington Byrd, 77, of 104 Carrie St. died Tuesday in Rex Hospital in Raleigh. He was a brickmason. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday in Full Gospel Tabernacle Church by the Revs. Willie Jones and Sexton Vann. Burial will be in Byrd Cemetery.

Mr. Byrd is survived by his wife, Ila Mae H. Byrd of the home; three daughters, Janice F. Capps and Faye A. Thornton, both of Coats, and Doris Jones of Woodbridge, Va.; three brothers, Fred Byrd and Edison Byrd, both of Angier, and Raeford Byrd of Coats; six sisters, Callie Fish of Lillington, Rosie Byrd of Coats, Edna Hargis, Retha Arrington and Alice Adams, all of Angier, and Ms. Gregory of Buies Creek; nine grandchildren; and 11 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.

### **Mavor Williams Penny Jones**

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

Mrs. Mavor Williams Penny Jones, 85, of Coats died Wednesday at Brookfield Retirement Center in Lillington. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Saturday at the Coats Baptist Church. Officiating will be the Revs. Jesse Mooney and Ronnie Byrd. Burial will follow in Devotional Gardens, Dunn.

Mrs. Jones was born November 17, 1916 in Harnett County to the late Almond and Betty Turner Williams. She was married to the late Talmon Henry Penny and Luther Dallas Jones. Mrs. Jones was also preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Carol J. Gregory; brothers, Homer Williams and Russell Williams; sister, Lizzie W. Smith. She was a member of Coats Baptist Church and a member of the Coats PTA. She held many positions in both organizations. Mrs. Jones was a cosmetologist.



Surviving are sons and daughters-in-law, Ted and Sue Penny of Coats, Kenneth and Gail Penny of Fuquay-Varina; stepchildren and spouse, Debbie J. Johnson of Raleigh, Jimmy K. and Ann Jones of Garner; sisters, Hermie Mable Jackson of Dunn, Jean Hunter of Raleigh; brothers, Clay Williams of Raleigh, Stacy Williams of Maryland; six grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats 7-9 p.m. Friday and other times at the home of Ted and Sue Penny. Flowers are welcomed however, memorials may be made to the Coats Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 297, Coats, NC 27521, or one's favorite charity.

### **Nolia Christine Turner Gibson**

Dunn Daily Record  
12/29/2005

Christine T. Gibson, 82, of Myrtle Beach, S.C., died Monday, Dec. 26, 2005, at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center. She was born Aug. 26, 1923, in Erwin to the late Roscoe M. and Nolia Catherine Williams Turner. She retired as a registered nurse from Ocean View Memorial Hospital in Myrtle Beach. Mrs. Gibson was a member of Bethel Primitive Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas W. Gibson Sr.

The family will receive friends Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at Lee Funeral Home in North Myrtle Beach. Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home chapel. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery in Conway, S.C.

Survivors include sons, Thomas W. Gibson Jr. (Glenda) of Socastee and John M. Gibson (Louvenia) of Myrtle Beach; brothers, Lincoln Turner (Lena) of Jacksonville, Fla., and Haywood Turner (Mildred) of Dunn; sisters, Daphne Cannaday of Coats, Shirley Massad of Benson and Alphine Gorman (Eddie) of Dahlonga, Ga.; grandchildren, Thomas III, Sean and Johnnie; and great-grandchildren, Christian and Madilyn.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, Ash, NC; or Our Group Ministries (Romanian Children), 2 Plantation Road, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588.

### **Octavia Doris Stephenson Williams**

Greensboro News & Record (NC)  
January 24, 2001

DURHAM - Mrs. Octavia Doris Williams, 102, of 3712 Linden Road, died Monday, Jan. 22, 2001, at Brookshire Nursing Center, after a brief illness. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, 2001, at Clements Funeral Chapel, Durham, with the Rev. Shawn

Blackwelder and the Rev. Vassar Jones officiating. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Memorial Park.

Mrs. Williams was born in Harnett County, the daughter of the late Joseph C. and Hattie Guy Stephenson. She was a graduate of Lancaster Business School, Lancaster, Pa., and North Carolina State College. She began her teaching career in Harnett County. Mrs. Williams was a member of Palmers Grove United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Murde Eugene Williams.

Mrs. Williams is survived by a daughter, Mary Ellen McFadyen of Greensboro; two sons, Larry E. Williams of Oriental and Ted Williams of Durham; seven grandchildren, Suzanne McFadyen-Gutter, Heather Spencer, Courtney Oakley, Leshia Williams-Correll, Jodie Bennett, Stephanie Tomey and Chris Williams.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to Palmers Grove United Methodist Church, 1211 Palmers Grove Road, Hillsborough, N.C. 27278 or to the Salvation Army, 909 Liberty St., Durham, N.C. 27701.

### **Phillip Tyson Whittington**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
06/15/2008



Phillip Tyson Whittington, 82, of 4912 Cindy Dr., a retired printing manager for Capital Printing Co., with over 35 years of service, died Friday at Rex Hospital. A native of Harnett Co., he was the son of the late Joseph and Rena Williams Whittington.

He was a dedicated member of St. Andrews United Methodist Church, a member of Hiram #40 Masonic Lodge and a charter member of Amran Shrine Temple. A U.S. Navy WW II Veteran, he was a member of the American Legion for over 60 years.

He was a devoted family man who will be missed by his family and friends and memories of him will always fill our hearts with love. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday at St. Andrews United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at Montlawn Memorial Park.

Surviving his wife of 63 years, Marva Lee Parrish Whittington; sons, Phillip T. Whittington, Jr. and his wife, Tricia of Wilmington and Eddie J. Whittington and his wife, Sarah of Cary; sisters, Agatha McLamb of Coats, Christine Fish of Angier and Marie Honeycutt of Raleigh; brothers, Billy Whittington and McKinley Whittington both of Coats; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends 6:00-8:00 p.m. Sunday at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, Garner. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Andrews United Methodist Church, Building Fund, 1201 Maxwell Drive, Raleigh, NC 27603.

The family would like to offer thanks to Dr. Gregory Rose, Marian Uy and Hospice of Wake Co. for the special care given to Mr. Whittington during his illness. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.bryan-leefuneralhome.com](http://www.bryan-leefuneralhome.com).

### **Ruby Poole Williams**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
February 19, 2003

COATS -- Mrs. Ruby Poole Williams, 79, of 173 E. Washington St., died Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2003, in her home. Mrs. Williams worked in food service at Campbell University in Buies Creek and attended South Erwin Baptist Church. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday in Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel in Coats by the Rev. Ronnie Byrd. Burial will be in Lakeside Memorial Gardens in Angier.

Mrs. Williams is survived by a daughter, Annette Varner of Coats; two sisters, China Williams and Reba Barbour, both of Bunnlevel; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at the funeral home and at other times at the home of Annette and Larry Varner, 124 W. Parrish St., Coats. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Harnett County, P.O. Box 373, Erwin, NC 28339; or to Meals on Wheels Program of Harnett County, P.O. Box 366, Coats, NC 27521.

### **Ruth Kistler Williams**

Herald-Sun, The (Durham, NC)  
March 4, 2000

Mrs. Ruth K. Williams, 92, of 2616 Erwin Rd., died Friday morning at the Coble Health Care Center. Mrs. Williams was born in Cumberland County, the daughter of the late George W. and Bessie Mae Kistler. Mrs. Williams was preceded in death by her husband, Colon E. Williams; and a daughter, Betty Ann Holroyd. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Williams is survived by two sons, Rick Williams, of Chapel Hill, and Jack Williams, of Atlanta; eight grandchildren, Jane Holding, of Raleigh, Ann Bowers, of Raleigh, Kay Mulkeen, of Atlanta, Eddie Williams, of Durham, Brad Williams, of Raleigh, Kathy Kendall, of Chapel Hill, Barry Williams, of Raleigh, and Ashley Williams of Arlington, Va.; and 11 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted Monday at 2:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Joseph S. Harvard and Rev. Lori E. Pistor officiating.

### **Susanna Brown Cannady**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
October 26, 1995

Mrs. Susanna Brown Cannady, 104, of Lillington died Wednesday in her home. The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Friday in Cape Fear Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Franklin Pierce. Burial will be in the Harnett Memorial Park.

Mrs. Cannady is survived by two daughters, Josie C. Redfern of Lillington and Mallie C. Jenkins of West Virginia; a son, Stuart Cannady of Lillington; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. at O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home of Lillington and other times at the home of Stuart Cannady.

### **Willie Mae Byrd Parrish**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
December 21, 1994

COATS - Mrs. Willie Mae Parrish, 71, of 502 S. Railroad St. died Tuesday in her home. She was a retired ward secretary for Betsy Johnson Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Parrish was a member of Angier Primitive Baptist Church. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel in Coats by Elders Devon Harris and Ronald Lawrence. Burial will be in Coats City Cemetery.

Mrs. Parrish is survived by two daughters, Joy S. Bonilla of Coats and Donna G. Brinker of Wilmington; a son, J. Keith Parrish of Coats; her mother, Eula P.W. Byrd of Coats; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at the funeral home in Coats. Memorials may be made to Angier Primitive Baptist Church, C/O Gerald Lawrence, Route 2, P.O. Box 227, Angier, N.C. 27501.