

### **Alice Langdon Stephenson**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

August 22, 2000

Alice Langdon Stephenson, 87, of 10172 NC Hwy 210 Four Oaks, NC died Sunday at home. Funeral 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at Minshew Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Billy Nowell officiating. Burial Hills of The Neuse Memory Gardens. She was born in Johnston County on Oct. 6, 1912 to the late Lester and Julia Lassiter Langdon.

Surviving: daughter, Grace E. Stephenson of Smithfield; daughter and son-in-law, Barbara S. and Hampton Lee of Benson; daughter-in-law, Leta Gray Stephenson of Four Oaks NC; sisters, Beatrice Hare of Smithfield, Ophelia Crumpler of Smithfield; brother, Rudolph Langdon of Four Oaks; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Stephenson and son Bill Stephenson. Family at Minshew Funeral Home 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

### **Alice Stephenson Little**

The News & Observer

January 9, 2004

Alice Stephenson Little, 84, of 105 Stancil Street, Smithfield, NC was called home to be with the Lord on January 8, 2004 after a short illness at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh.

She is survived by daughters, Joan Little Dowless and husband, Allen of Smithfield and Tammy Jo Little of Smithfield. Alice is predeceased by her loving husband, Woodrow and son Woodley Hughes Little. Surviving family members also include granddaughter, Angela Jolly of Lumberton and her husband, Larry and daughter, Carla; granddaughter, Amy Stuckey of Lumberton and her son, Nathan; granddaughter, Joanna Hardin of Smithfield and her husband, Wayne and daughters, Ashly and Ondria. Surviving siblings include Catherine Cobb of Four Oaks, Carolyn Allen of Smithfield and Jimmy Stephenson of Virginia. Predeceased siblings are brothers, Wade, Horace, Earl and Carl Stephenson and sisters, Arah Adams and Rachel Braswell.

Alice was born April 8, 1919 in Johnston County, a daughter of I.O. Stephenson and Kitty Johnson Stephenson. Alice was a devoted wife, mother and sister. She loved her church, Hopewell Free Will Baptist Church, where she had been a member for 50 years. She was also active in the Ladies Auxiliary. While following the flag with her husband, she was an active volunteer with the Red Cross for many years. After his retirement from the Army, Alice was the Director of the Day Care Center for Mentally Retarded Children from 1967 to her retirement. She was also a World Book Sales Representative for many years.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Friday January 9, at Parrish Funeral Home in Selma and services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Saturday in the Hopewell Free Will Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. Flowers are accepted or memorial contributions may be made to the Ladies Auxiliary at Hopewell Free Will Baptist Church, c/o Ralph Parker, P.O. Box 429, Four Oaks, NC 27524.

### **Allene Coats Stephenson**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
May 31, 2000

Allene Coats Stephenson, 86, of Garner, died Tuesday. She was predeceased in death by her husband, Kemp B. Stephenson and 2 infant sons. She will always be remembered for her humbleness. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Bryan-Lee Funeral Chapel, Garner. Rev. Mark Scott will officiate. Burial will follow at Providence Presbyterian Church Cemetery, McGee's Crossroads.

Surviving: sons, C. Stacy Stephenson of Raleigh and Darryl B. Stephenson of Morrisville; sisters, Alice Stephenson of Garner, Zula Ennis and Georgia Williams of Raleigh, Shirley Grissom and husband, Marshall of Garner; special cousin, Dorothy West of Garner and special niece, Barbara Walton of Willow Spring.

The family will receive friends 7-8:30 today, Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, Garner.

### **Alton Clingman Langdon**

The News & Observer  
June 7, 2001

WILLOW SPRING - Mr. Alton Clingman "A.C." Langdon, age 64, of 1780 White Memorial Church Rd, died Wednesday at his residence. Funeral Services will be 2 p.m. Friday at White Memorial Presbyterian Church. Officiating will be Revs. Ken Haines and Herbert Underwood.

Burial will follow in the Church Cemetery, Willow Spring. Mr. Langdon was born May 25, 1937 in Johnston County to the late Alton and Lunette Stephenson Langdon. He had retired after 30 years from Harris Wholesale in Raleigh and was employed with the North Carolina Department of Correction. Mr. Langdon was a member of White Memorial Presbyterian Church, served as a Deacon and Elder.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth L. Langdon; daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Richard Denning; two grandchildren, Adam and Jessica Denning; sisters and brothers-in-law, Betty L. and Wallace Ashworth, Jean L. and Glenn Wilson, Carol L. and Curtis Price, Patricia L. and Wilson Lee, all of Willow Spring, Dale L. Slaughter of Garner, and Nancy L. and Frankie

Anderson of Fuquay-Varina; brother and sister-in-law, Tommy and Doris Langdon of Willow Spring.

The family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson from 7-9 p.m. on Thursday.

### **Alzula Stephenson Stewart Johnson**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
May 18, 1997

BENSON -- Mrs. Alzula Stewart Johnson, 93, of 2693 Benson-Hardee Road died Saturday. She was a homemaker and a member of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday in Ebenezer Presbyterian Church by the Revs. Warren Bock and Carl Dixon. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by two daughters, Katherine S. Wassermann and Betty S. Denning, both of Benson; two sisters, Emojean S. Green of Benson and Joyce S. Cotton of Fuquay-Varina; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

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

### **Amanda Christine Carroll Pourron**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
March 23, 2005

CLAYTON -- Amanda Christine Pourron, 78, passed March 21, 2005. Funeral service will be held Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Lloyd Hargis and Rev. Jerry Allen will be officiating. Entombment will follow at Pinecrest Memorial Park Mausoleum.

She is survived by her husband, Louis F. Pourron; sons, Wayne and wife, Sherrie Pourron of Clayton, Frankie and wife, Patricia Pourron of Rochester, NY; daughter, Vi and husband, Johnnie Perdue of Clayton; seven grandchildren; one great-granddaughter.

While flowers are accepted, memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Building Fund, RFD 2, Clayton, NC 27520. The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at McLaurin Funeral Home.

## **Annie Stephenson King**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

July 30, 1999

Mrs. Annie Stephenson King, 93, of 14317 NC Hwy. 210, died Wednesday. A Celebration of Life service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday at Providence Presbyterian Church. Officiating will be the Rev. C. Mark Scott. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Mrs. King was born March 23, 1906 in Johnston County. Her parents were Joseph and Nancy Stephenson.

She was married to the late G. Valmond King. Mrs. King was the granddaughter of the late Elder Moore Stephenson, who was one of the founding members of Rehobeth Primitive Baptist Church. She was a charter member of Providence Presbyterian Church and was very active in the church. She was awarded the Honorary Life Membership of the Presbyterian Women. Mrs. King served over 50 years in the Pleasant Grove Home Extension Club.

Surviving: daughters and sons-in-law, Ann K. and Paul Stephenson of Mcgee's Crossroads, Nancy K. and Tom Nelms of Garner; grandchildren, Sherrie N. Byrd, Steve Nordan, David Nelms, Mark Nelms, Susan N. Scott, Allison N. Tart and Phyllis N. Davis; great-grandchildren, Stephanie Nordan, Jessica Langdon, Stephen Nordan, Sarah Byrd, Ryan Nelms, Christina Nelms, Tyler Nordan, Heather Langdon, Meredith Tart, James Michael Byrd, and Kendall Nelms; god children, Joy and Richard Jones.

Mrs. King will be carried to Providence Presbyterian Church at 3 p.m. Friday and the family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. Family suggest memorial contributions to Providence Presbyterian Church Organ Fund, 14664 NC Hwy. 210, Angier, NC 27501. Arrangements by Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson.

## **Barbara Ann Stephenson Langdon**

Dunn Daily Record

06/30/2008

Barbara Ann Langdon, 64, of Dunn died Sunday, June 29, 2008, at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital. The Wake County native was a daughter of the late J. K. and Plassie Jones Stephenson. She was preceded in death by sons, Richard M. Langdon and Bobby Glenn Langdon. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home. Burial will be at Willow Spring Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, Bobby Ray Jackson; a son, Jeffrey Langdon and wife Susan of Benson; a daughter, Carolyn Stephenson of Dunn; brothers, Tom Stephenson of Supply, George Stephenson of Smithfield and Wilbur Stephenson of Snow Hill; sisters, Doris Griffis of Smithfield, Lucille Bowden of Willow Spring, Linda Milligan and Shirley Smith, both of Shallotte; 16 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the funeral home and other times at the home.

### **Beatrice Langdon Stephenson Hare**

Dunn Daily Record  
12/22/2006

Beatrice Langdon Stephenson Hare, 98, of Lassiter Road, Four Oaks, died Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2006, at Smithfield Manor. She was born on Sept. 25, 1908, in Johnston County to the late Willis Lester and Juliane Lassiter Langdon. She was preceded in death by her first husband, James T. Stephenson; her second husband, Lonnie P. Hare; and a daughter, Alice Langdon Stephenson. Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. Saturday at Hopewell FWB Church by the Revs. Scott Casey and Edmund Gonzalez. Burial will follow at the church cemetery.

Survivors include daughters, Hazel S. Creech of Smithfield and Larue S. Whitley of Dunn; sons, Fred T. Stephenson of Culpepper, Va., and Don W. Stephenson of Clayton; a sister, Ophellia L. Crumpler of Smithfield; a brother, Rudolph Langdon of Four Oaks; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Minshew Funeral Home.

### **Benton Norris Stephenson**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
May 20, 2001

BENSON -- Benton Norris Stephenson, 74, of 1016 N. Lincoln St., died Saturday in Rex Hospital in Raleigh. Mr. Stephenson was a Navy veteran of World War II and owned and operated a Case Tractor dealership. He was a member of Benson United Methodist Church where he sang in the choir for several years. Mr. Stephenson was also a member of American Legion Banner Post No. 109 and the Benson Kiwanis Club. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday in Benson United Methodist Church by the Rev. Bobby Smith. Burial will be in the Denning family cemetery.

Mr. Stephenson is survived by his wife, Rosalie D. Stephenson; a daughter, Dr. Sharon R. Stephenson of Cary; and three brothers, Kyle H. Stephenson of Southern Pines, Robert Louis Stephenson of Benson and Tommy W. Stephenson of Cary.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6:30 to 8:30 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Benson United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 72, Benson, NC 27504.

## **Bessie Mae Stephenson Lassiter**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

June 3, 2001

Mrs. Bessie Stephenson Lassiter, 97, of Charlotte died Friday, June 1, 2001 at Presbyterian Hospital. Born Bessie Mae Stephenson on June 22, 1903 in Johnston County, NC Mrs. Lassiter was the only child of Israel and Eliza Hamilton Stephenson; however, her family included five step-brothers and three step-sisters. In 1921 she married the late Rufus Alonzo Lassiter. The Lassiters relocated to Charlotte in 1932 and Mrs. Lassiter became a member of Tabernacle ARP Church (now Craig Avenue ARP).

She is survived by her son, Rufus Stephenson Lassiter, of Charlotte; a granddaughter, Debbie Wolfe and her husband, Dale, of Gastonia; one grandson, Jeff Austin of Cary; her son-in-law, Chuck Austin, also of Cary; and four great-grandchildren Lauren Baity, Caitlin Baity, Ginger Ervin and Heather Baity. Her daughter, Linda Austin, preceded her in death.

Mrs. Lassiter's family will receive friends from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Sunday June 3 at Hankins & Whittington Dilworth Chapel. A funeral service will follow in the funeral home chapel at 6 p.m. with the Reverend Dr. John E. Hill officiating. A graveside will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 5 at Riverside Cemetery in Smithfield NC officiated by the Reverend Seth Allen.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to St. Marks Center, 3124 Windsor Drive, Charlotte, NC 28209. Please designate it for use at the Windsor Drive home. Arrangements are in the care of Hankins & Whittington, Dilworth Chapel, 1111 East Blvd., Charlotte.

## **Betsy Katherine Parrish Stephenson**

Smithfield Herald

3/29/1935

**MRS. STEPHENSON DIES SATURDAY WAS 73 YEARS OLD**  
**Funeral For Mrs. Katherine Stephenson Held Near Willow Springs**

The funeral of Mrs. Betsy Katherine Stephenson, widow of the late Haywood Stephenson, who died Saturday night at eleven o'clock was held at her home near Willow Springs Sunday afternoon at three o'clock and burial took place in the family cemetery near the home.

Mrs. Stephenson, who was 73 years of age, had been in declining health for the past year. She suffered a bad case of pneumonia in January and had never fully recovered. A large crowd of relatives and friends gathered for the final rites which were conducted by Elder Floyd Adams at her home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Stephenson was the daughter of the late Elijah and Susan Keene Parrish of Pleasant Grove township. She was married to Haywood Stephenson in 1878 and to this union were born thirteen

children, ten of whom survive. Two children died in infancy and one daughter, Mrs. J. E. Stephenson, died two years ago. The children who survive are as follows: Mrs. J. L. King, of Angier; Mrs. J. O. King, of Willow Springs; Mrs. Minnie E. King, of Angier; Mrs. G. W. Partin, of Angier; Mrs. W. F. Barnes, Benson; Mrs. Floy Stephenson, Willow Springs; Mrs. Agnes R. Johnson, Willow Springs; Mrs. L. E. Woodall, of Willow Springs; and W. P. Stephenson, of Willow Springs. Two half-sisters, Mrs. Della McGee, of Angier, and Mrs. Flora Allen, of Richmond, Va., survive; also two half-brothers, Ed Parrish and Marshall Parrish, both of Angier.

### **Betty Evelyn Stephenson Coats**

The News and Observer  
8/17/2002

Mrs. Evelyn Stephenson Coats, 77, of 9610-A NC Hwy. 50 North, died Thursday at her residence. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Sunday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel, Benson. Officiating will be Pastor Jack S. Schurman. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Coats was born November 30, 1924 in Johnston County to the late Robert and Irene Coates Stephenson. She was preceded in death by her husband, J. Wilbert Coats. She was a member of Berea Presbyterian Church where she served in many capacities and was a homemaker.

Surviving: daughters and sons-in-law, Betty Jean and Bruce Faircloth, Brenda C. "Pete" and Ronnie Norris, all of McGee's Crossroads; grandchildren and spouses, Eric and Vickie Faircloth, Shawn and Robin Norris, Andrea F. and Clay Baggett, Jason Norris; sisters, Magalene S. Creech of Havelock, Izabelle S. Coats and Virginia S. Rich, both of Clayton; three great-grandchildren, Katlin Faircloth, Ana Payton Norris, and Chase Faircloth.

Family will receive friends 7-9 p.m. Saturday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson. Flowers are welcome, however, memorials may be made to Berea Presbyterian Church Building Fund, c/o J.W. Coats, 217 Clayton Road, Angier, NC 27501 or Community Home Care & Hospice, 19 Noble Street, Smithfield, NC 27577.

### **Betty Lois Stephenson Dudley**

Smithfield Herald  
09/20/2006

Betty Lois Stephenson Dudley, 70, of Raleigh died Tuesday, Sept. 19, at Rex HealthCare. Born June 24, 1936, in Johnston County, she was a daughter of the late William Preston and Lois Partin Stephenson. The funeral will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Montlawn Funeral Home, 2911 S. Wilmington St., Raleigh. Burial will follow in Montlawn Memorial Park.

Surviving are her husband, Louis Dudley; a son, Johnny Dudley of Wake Forest; a sister, Joan Page of Willow Spring; two brothers, William Stephenson of Garner and Roy Lee Stephenson of Maryville, Tenn.; and two grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 6 till 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. The family suggests contributions to the Memorial Fund at White Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1459 White Memorial Church Road, Willow Spring, N.C. 27592.

### **Beulah Parrish West**

Winston-Salem Journal (NC)  
December 11, 2004

KERNERSVILLE - Beulah Parrish West, 96, of Linville Road died Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004, at Forsyth Medical Center. She was born Oct. 17, 1908, in Johnston County, a daughter of Mack Ruffin and Rossie Stephenson Parrish. Mrs. West was a member of Sedge Garden United Methodist Church. She was a member of Glenn View Baptist Church Best Years Club, a member of the Loyal Wesley Class and Senior Adult Fellowship at Sedge Garden United Methodist Church, a charter member of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, and a former member of Mineral Springs Baptist Church Senior Citizens Group. She was a retiree of Hanes Hosiery.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wade M. West; a daughter, Peggy W. Whitley; a brother, Worth F. Parrish; and two sisters, Velma Fulp and Lether Smith.

Surviving are a daughter, Nancy Tuttle and husband, Bill, of Kernersville; two grandsons, Lee A. Tuttle Sr. and Craig S. Tuttle and wife, Sarah, all of Winston-Salem; six great-grandchildren, Crystal Finney and husband, Rodney, of Pinnacle, Kymberly Tuttle of Wentworth and Amanda, Alan, Heather and Chris Tuttle, all of Winston-Salem; a great-great-grandchild, Brandon Finney of Pinnacle; two sisters, Alene Flynn and Juanita Gilchrist and husband, Al, all of Winston-Salem; and a brother, Marvin T. Parrish and wife, Elizabeth Ann, of Hope Mills.

A funeral service will be conducted at 3 p.m. today, Dec. 11, at Sedge Garden United Methodist Church by the Rev. Ellis Rouse, the Rev. Jim Faggart and the Rev. Phil Bauguess. Burial will follow at Forsyth Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be directed to Sedge Garden United Methodist Church, 794 Sedge Garden Road, Kernersville, NC 27284.



## **Beverly June Sauls Grimes**

The Smithfield Herald

12/20/2005

June Sauls Grimes, 71, of 674 White Memorial Church Road, Willow Spring, died Sunday, Dec. 18, at WakeMed in Raleigh. Born Nov. 28, 1934, in Johnston County, Mrs. Grimes was a daughter of the late S.S. "Bill" and Iva Stephenson Sauls. She was the widow of Max Grimes. Mrs. Grimes was a homemaker and a member of White Memorial Presbyterian Church. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at White Memorial Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Paul Fulks will officiate. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Surviving are a daughter, Beverly Allen of Tega Clay, S.C.; two sons, Rush Grimes and Robin Grimes, both of Willow Spring; a sister, Norma Parsons of McGee's Crossroads; and a brother, Sidney Sauls of McGee's Crossroads.

The family will receive friends from 7 till 9 p.m. today (Tuesday) at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, 301 W. Main St., Benson; and other times at the home. The family suggests contributions to the Memorial Fund at White Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1459 White Memorial Church Road, Willow Spring, N.C. 27592.

## **Bobby Glenn Langdon**

Dunn Daily Record

05/29/2007

Bobby Glenn Langdon, 42, of Dunn died Sunday, May 27, 2007, at Wake Medical Center. The Wake County native was a son of the late Glenn Langdon and Barbara Stephenson Langdon. He was a back hoe operator with Warren Oil Co. and was preceded in death by a brother, Richard M. "Ricky" Langdon.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home by the Rev. Tom Stephenson. Burial will be at Willow Spring Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Survivors include a son, Jeremy Langdon and wife Katheryn of Four Oaks; daughters, Gwendolyn Caldwell of Maryland and Barbara Marie Langdon of Bear Creek; mother, Barbara Langdon and stepfather, Bobby Jackson of Dunn; sister, Carolyn Stephens of Dunn; a brother, Jeffrey Langdon and wife Susan of Benson; and two grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home and other times at the home.

### **Bruce Wilson Byrd**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
March 28, 2000

Bruce W. Byrd, 84, of Lillington died Monday in Good Hope Hospital in Erwin. A graveside service will be conducted at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Westview Memorial Park Gardens by Dr. William Goodnight.

Mr. Byrd is survived by a sister, Jerry Stogsdill of Lillington; and two brothers, Clifton Byrd of Erwin and Eugene Byrd of Godwin.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 8:30 at O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home and at the home of Trudy Hamilton.

### **Callie Stephenson Johnson**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
November 8, 2000

ZEBULON - Callie Stephenson Johnson, 88, of 7905 Old Bunch Road died Tuesday, November 7, 2000 at her home. Funeral 11 a.m. Thursday, November 9, 2000 at L. Harold Poole Funeral Service Chapel. Burial, Fellowship Community Cemetery, Angier, Old Fairground Road - Johnston County.

Surviving: daughters, Royline Johnson of Zebulon, Patricia J. Thaxton and her husband, Howard of Burlington; sons, Ronald E. Johnson and his wife, Brenda of Zebulon, Donald B. Johnson and his wife Myra of Garner; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren. Mrs. Johnson was preceded in death by her husband, Brasbey Ernest Johnson, February 24, 1989.

Family will receive relatives and friends from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 8, 2000 at L. Harold Poole Funeral Service and Crematory, 944 Old Knight Road, Knightdale, NC 27545 and other times at the home 7905 Old Bunch Road, Zebulon, NC 27597.

### **Carl Robert Pleasant**

Dunn Daily Record  
01/16/2007

Carl Robert Pleasant, 80, of 611 Berkshire Drive, Garner, died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007. A native of Harnett County, he was the son of the late Richard and Almetre Stephenson Pleasant. Funeral services will be held this evening at 6 at Triangle Baptist Church, 9713 Old Stage Road, Raleigh. The graveside service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Harnett Memorial Park in Lillington.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Thelma Beatrice Patterson Pleasant; a daughter, Rose Pleasant Gurkin and husband Michael of Raleigh; a son, Richard Pleasant of Gordonsville, Va.; sisters, Betty Matthews and husband Linwood of Angier, and Lois Pleasant of Angier; grandchildren, Nathaniel Pleasant and fiancée Catherine Troglen of Tampa, Fla., and Rachel Pleasant of Grottoes, Va.; and a stepgrandchild, Scott Gurkin and fiancée Becky Derthick of Raleigh.

The family will receive friends immediately following the service at the church. Memorials may be made to Triangle Baptist Church. Arrangements by Bryan-Lee Funeral Home.

### **Carlton Sherrill Walton**

Dunn Daily Record  
11/04/2005

C. Sherrill Walton, 74, of Willow Spring died Thursday, Nov. 3, 2005. He was born Feb. 10, 1931, to the late Carlton and Ethel Stephenson Walton. He was preceded in death by a brother, Lundy H. Walton. Graveside services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday at Willow Spring Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Survivors include sisters, Hilda Whitley of Willow Spring and Lois Blalock of Angier; and a brother, Talmadge Walton of Youngsville.

Visitation will be tonight from 6 to 8 at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home in Angier and other times at the home of Hilda and Stanley Whitley, 760 Mt. Pleasant Road, Willow Spring.

### **Carson D. Partin**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
September 21, 1998

Carson D. Partin, 71, died Saturday. Funeral 2 p.m. Tuesday at Friendship Baptist Church in Angier. Burial in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens in Fuquay-Varina.

Surviving: wife, Emma Ruth Partin; sons Leonard Partin of Excelsior Springs Mo.; Billy Partin and wife Judy of Apex, Randy Partin and wife Sommai of Hampton, Va.; daughters, Martha McLamb and husband Earl of Angier, Shary Moss and husband Cliff of Selma; sisters, Hazel Whitley of Raleigh, Bessie Rambeaut of Garner, Lou Jarman of Angier, Ezda Griffis of Fayetteville; eight grandchildren; and one greatgrandchild.

The family will receive friends 7-9 p.m. today at Sugg Funeral Home in Fuquay-Varina.

## **Catherine Upchurch Peede**

Dunn Daily Record

11/26/2003

Catherine Upchurch Peede, 78, of 249 W. Stewart St., Coats, died Tuesday at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital in Dunn. She was born April 7, 1925, in Harnett County to the late Ben and Alpha Stephenson Upchurch. She was preceded in death by her husband, J. Fleming Peede, who owned and operated Quality Auto Sales in Coats. Mrs. Peede was a member of Coats Baptist Church, a member of Coats Women's Club and was a homemaker.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Coats Baptist Church by the Revs. Jesse Mooney, Ronnie Byrd and Chris Wroten. Burial will follow in Lakeside Memorial Gardens in Angier.

Survivors include a daughter, Cathy Byrd and husband Ronnie of Coats; sons, Jerry F. Peede, Mike Peede and wife Kathy, and Tim Peede and wife Kathy, all of Coats; sisters, Thurlene Stancil of Angier and Peggy Morgan of Dothan, Ala.; grandchildren and spouses, Andrea Peede, Crystal Peede, Jeremy and Paula Byrd, Melissa B. and Stephen Pope, Amy Peede, John Peede, Nicholas Peed and Katie Peede; and great-grandchildren, Hannah, Kelsie and Dustin Byrd.

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

## **Cecil Louis Stephenson**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

March 31, 1997

COATS -- Cecil Louis Stephenson, 67, of Route 1 died Saturday in Britthaven of Dunn. He was retired farmer and served in the U.S. Coast Guard. A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. today in Erwin's Chapel Cemetery in Erwin by the Rev. Jesse Mooney. Arrangements are being handled by Rose & Graham Funeral Home.

Mr. Stephenson is survived by a sister, Rachel S. Ennis of Coats; and a brother, George H. Stephenson of Angier.

## **Charles Kay Stephenson**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

February 7, 1996

BENSON -- Charles Kay Stephenson, 65, of 603 W. Harnett St. died Monday in Betsy Johnson Memorial Hospital in Dunn. He was an Air Force veteran of the Korean War. Mr. Stephenson

was a member of Banner Post Number 109 American Legion and Benson United Methodist Church.

The funeral will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in the Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. Tom Vestal. Burial will be in Raleigh National Cemetery.

Mr. Stephenson is survived by a son, Charles W. Stephenson of Morrisville; four brothers, Kyle H. Stephenson of Southern Pines, Benton N. Stephenson and Robert L. Stephenson, both of Benson, and Thomas W. Stephenson of Cary; and two grandsons.

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

### **Charles Ravon Ennis**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
July 21, 2000

Mr. Charles Ravon Ennis, 71, of 1117 Lincoln Street, died Wednesday at Rex Hospital in Raleigh. Funeral service will be 3 p.m. Saturday at Coats Baptist Church. Rev. Jesse Mooney, Rev. A. Howard Beard, Dr. Mark T. White, Rev. Jim Cashwell, and Rev. Keith Hall will officiate. Burial will follow in Devotional Gardens, Dunn.

Mr. Ennis was born November 4 1928 in Harnett County to the late M.E. and Minnie Lee Ennis. He retired with the Harnett County Correctional Department and was a farmer. Mr. Ennis served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of Coats Baptist Church where he served as deacon, a Sunday School teacher, and a member of the choir for 40 years. Mr. Ennis was very active in community affairs and was named Coats Farmer of the Year.

Survivors include: wife, Rachel Stephenson Ennis; daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Don Turlington of Coats; sisters, Edna E. Ennis of Coats, Sue E. Benner of Fayetteville; brothers, Earl Ennis of Coats, Shelton Ennis of Durham; grandsons, Chad Turlington and Brian Turlington; special family friend Stephen Norris.

Family will receive friends from 6:30-9 p.m. Friday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Coats.

### **Clara Alene Wallace Langdon**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
July 27, 1999

BENSON -- Mrs. Clara Alene Langdon, 80, of 986 BH Parrish Road died Sunday in her home. Mrs. Langdon was a homemaker. She was a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Pleasant Grove Baptist Church by the Revs. Steve Morris, Geary Walton and Chuck Linkston. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Langdon is survived by two daughters, Brenda S. Brown of Black Mountain and Kay Langdon of the home; three sons, Earl Langdon of Smithfield, David G. Langdon of Raleigh and Roy W. Langdon of Clayton; a sister, Beatrice Stephenson of Benson; a brother, Delbert Wallace of Benson; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

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

### **Clara Rose Wilkins Stephenson**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
December 11, 1994

ANGIER -- Mrs. Clara Wilkins Stephenson, 82, of 778 Massengill Pond Road in Johnston County died Saturday in her home. She was a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday in Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson by the Revs. Elliott Hill and Gary Walton. Burial will be in Devotional Gardens.

Mrs. Stephenson is survived by her husband, D. Wilbern Stephenson; a son, John W. Stephenson of Angier; three sisters, Ida Campbell and Mamie Godwin, both of Benson, and Dorothy Stephenson of Richmond, Va.; four brothers, Ernest Wilkins and Elmo Wilkins, both of Benson, Spencer Wilkins of Angier and Thomas Wilkins of Richmond, Va.; his stepmother, Christine Wilkins of Benson; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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

### **Clarence Glenn Stephenson**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
February 15, 2001

Clarence Glenn Stephenson, 92, of Coats died Tuesday in Britthaven of Dunn. Mr. Stephenson was a farmer. A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. today in Coats City Cemetery by the Revs. Agnes Baker - Douglas and Sammy Wood. Arrangements are being handled by Rose & Graham Funeral Home of Benson.

Mr. Stephenson is survived by two daughters, Dorothy M. Buchanan of Farmville, Va., and Ruth S. Jesse of Pebble Beach, N.Y.; a son, Sherrill Stephenson of Mountain View, Okla.; two sisters, Hazel Parker and Maude Faircloth, both of Benson; 11 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

### **Danville Joseph Langdon**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
February 9, 1999

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Danville Joseph Langdon, 71, of 4085 Benson Road, a retired builder and farmer, died Sunday, at his home. He was preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie S. Langdon. Graveside service 11 a.m. Tuesday at The Langdon family cemetery, located on the Langdon family farm by Rev. Max Eller.

Surviving: daughters, Angela L. Scurry of Angier, Patrice and her husband, Michael Broadwell of Benson, Dana and her husband, Daniel McClure of Beulah, CO; son, Ashley and his wife, Donna Langdon of Angier; 11 cherished grandchildren; sisters, Brookie L. Tripp of Dunn, Berlene L. Ennis of Coats and Brenda Langdon of Sanford; brothers, Daywood Langdon of Coats, Devaul Langdon and Don Ray Langdon, both of Angier.

In lieu of flowers, please give to a children's charity of your choice. Service by Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, Angier.

### **Daphne Gray Stephenson McGee Braxton**

The News & Observer  
August 10, 1997

Daphne G. Braxton, 68, died Friday. Funeral 11 a.m. Monday, Overby Johnson Funeral Home chapel, with Rev. Wayne Johnson officiating. Burial, Erwin Memorial Park.

Surviving: daughter, Rose M. Kirby of Angier; sons, Jimmy McGee of Benson, Stephen McGee of Clinton; sister, Joann Hargrove of Cary; brothers, Gordon Stephenson of Dunn, Leon Stephenson of Erwin; six grandchildren.

Family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral Home.

### **David Edward Dupree**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
January 25, 2000

David Edward Dupree, 84, of Angier died Monday in Laurels of Forest Glen in Garner. Mr. Dupree was an auto mechanic before retiring. He was a veteran of the Merchant Marines. A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Fellowship Community Cemetery by Elder James Denning.

Mr. Dupree is survived by a brother, Thomas A. Dupree of Angier. The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson.

### **Dennis Brantley Medlin**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
January 15, 2003

CLAYTON -- Mr. Dennis Brantley Medlin, age 61, of 206 Muirfield Lane died Tuesday at Raleigh Community Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Garner Advent Christian Church, Garner. Officiating will be the Revs. Joseph Pritchett and Harold Aldridge. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery, Benson.

Mr. Medlin was born January 1, 1942 in Johnston County to the late Brant Medlin and Hazel Stephenson Medlin Koch. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Linda M. Barefoot and a brother, Larry G. Medlin.

Mr. Medlin was a consultant with Highlands Insurance Company. He was a member of the Garner Advent Christian Church where he served in many capacities and was an active and faithful choir member. Mr. Medlin was also a member of the Optimist Club of Garner and served as a past president.

Survivors include: wife, Linda Massengill Medlin; daughters and sons-in-Law, Jenny M. and Robbie Pollock, Kimberly M. and Scott Smith; son and daughter-in-law, Denny L. and Shannon Medlin, all of Garner; brother, Gerald Medlin of Dunn; five grandchildren, Brantley Pollock, Dawson Medlin, Sawyer Pollock, Mason Medlin, and Abby Smith and stepfather, Rubin Koch of Benson.

Family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson 6-9 p.m. Wednesday. Flowers are welcome, however, memorials may be made to the Garner Advent Christian Church, c/o Music Ministry, 1120 Vandora Springs Road, Garner, NC 27529.

### **Dermar Wilbern Stephenson**

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

ANGIER - Mr. Dermar Wilbern Stephenson, 86, of 778 Massengill Pond Road, died Tuesday at the Laurels of Forrest Glenn in Garner. Funeral service will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Officiating will be Revs. Stephen Morris and Elliot Hill. Burial will follow in Devotional Gardens Dunn.



Mr. Stephenson was a native of Johnston County, born June 10, 1915 to the late James Pearin and Lena Harriett Stewart Stephenson. He was a retired farmer and timber cruiser. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Clara Wilkins Stephenson and two sons, Wilson W. Stephenson and J. Wayne Stephenson. He was a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

Surviving: wife, Grace K. Stephenson; five grandchildren, James W. Stephenson, Becky A. Stephenson, Carol L. Stephenson, Timothy F. Stephenson and Sue S. Noles; three great-grandchildren, Braxton Stephenson, Kaven Stephenson and Alexandria Noles; stepson, Glen Gardner of Garner; stepdaughter, Carolyn Johnson of West Palm Beach FL; brother, Lenzy P. Stephenson of Angier; two step-grandchildren, Anthony Johnson and Renee Ake; and step-great-grandchild, Samuel Johnson.

The family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson from 7-9 p.m. Thursday and at his home at other times.

### **Earthul Gatas Clifton**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
February 9, 2002

Earthul Gatas Clifton, 66, of Fayetteville, died Thursday in Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. Mr. Clifton was a member of Village Baptist Church. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday in Village Baptist Church by Dr. Bruce Martin. Arrangements are being handled by Cape Fear Crematory.

Mr. Clifton is survived by his wife, Shirley Clifton of Fayetteville; a daughter, Paula Munsey of Fayetteville; a son, Kelly Clifton of Fayetteville; two brothers, P.L. Clifton and Harold Clifton, both of Benson; three sisters, Emogene Lambert and Marjorie Wallace, both of Benson, and Judy Smith of Lillington; and three grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the home of Paula Munsey, 2325 Dartmouth Drive. Memorials may be made to Village Baptist Church building fund, 906 S. McPherson Church Road, Fayetteville, NC 28303.

### **Eddie Raeford Parrish**

Rose & Graham Funeral Home Notice  
03/22/2007

Angier, NC - Mr. E. Raeford Parrish, age 85, of 17031 NC 210 Hwy, died Thursday. Funeral services will be 11:00AM Saturday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson. Burial will follow in the Providence Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Angier with Masonic Rites.

Mr. Parrish was born on December 7, 1921 in Harnett County to the late Eddie Lester and Ethel Langdon Parrish. He was a retired Chief Building Inspector for the city of Raleigh. He was a member of Angier Masonic Lodge 686, Scottish Rite Mason and a member of Amran Shrines. Mr. Parrish was a veteran of WW II and a member of American Legion Banner Post 109 in Benson. He was also a member of Providence Presbyterian Church. Mr. Parrish was preceded in death by his wife, Macy S. Parrish, twin brother J. Rupert Parrish, sisters, Thelma Mason and Audrey Burtchette.

Survivors include Daughters and Sons-In-Law, Raye P. & Jack Miklas of Angier, Joy P. & Rodney Johnson of Elizabeth City, and Ginger S. Parrish of Elizabeth City; Sisters, Rebeth Mitchell & Joyce Carter both of Angier, and Marva Whittington of Garner; Granddaughters, Jessica J. Johnson & Wendy B. Johnson; and Great-Grandson, Dylan B. Jordan; Special Cousin, Melvin Parrish of Newport News, VA, and Special Friend, Louisa Wilkins of Oxford.

The family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson from 6:00 to 8:00 PM Friday and other times at the home. Family suggests that memorials be made to the Providence Presbyterian Church, 14664 NC 210 Hwy, Angier, NC 27501 or to one's favorite charity.

### **Edna Stephenson Dupree**

Dunn Daily Record  
Friday, May 16, 2003

Edna Stephenson Dupree, 80, of 202 Stancil Road, Angier, died Wednesday at Rex Hospital. She suffered a debilitating stroke 60 years ago at the age of 19, just 12 days after her first child, Tommy, was born. The stroke left her speechless for three weeks and permanently paralyzed on her right side. With help from her husband, she learned to walk and talk again.

On April 9, 1941, she married T. Layton Dupree, a farmer. Her elder son became a preacher, her elder daughter achieved a doctorate in education, her younger son a plumber and younger daughter a registered nurse.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elder L.H. and Alice Stephenson; a son, Thomas Leonard "Tommy" (1988); her husband, Layton (2000); brothers, Nimrod and Donnie Stephenson; and a half sister, Ava Stephenson.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. at Sandy Grove Primitive Baptist Church, with which she united in March 1971.

Survivors include daughters, Nancy Canady and husband Red of Garner, Peggy Smith and husband Ray of Angier; a son, Charles and wife Sandra of Angier; grandchildren, Kimberly Lynn Michie and husband Kevin, Penny Sue Dupree, Kevin Raeford Smith, Lowell Kent Smith and wife Meredith, Trinity Daniel Clifton and wife Sylvia, Courtney Evalice Roy and husband Bobby; stepgrandchildren, Kasey Garrison, Christopher Garrison and wife Selena of

Russellville, Ala.; great-grandchildren, Melissa, Jennifer and Amanda Clifton; and step-great-grandchild, Caleb Garrison; sisters, Ethel Briley of Alexandria, Va.; half sisters, Lola Delbridge of Goldsboro and Catherine Painter of Raleigh.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home and other times at the home, 202 Stancil Road. Memorials may be made to Sandy Grove Primitive Baptist Church, c/o Elder Danny Carroll, 6280 Harnett Co. Road, Willow Spring, N.C. 27592.

### **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.

### **Ella Elizabeth Stephenson Sherrill**

Rose & Graham Funeral Home Notice  
07/16/2007

Mrs. Ella Stephenson Sherrill, age 88, of Garner died Sunday at Oaks of Carolina in Raleigh. Funeral Services will be 11:00 AM Wednesday at Providence Presbyterian Church, Angier. Officiating will be the Rev. Mark Scott. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Park, Smithfield.

Mrs. Sherrill was born December 20, 1918 in Johnston County to the late Fletcher and Vallie Barefoot Stephenson. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Garland Paul Sherrill, and a son, Martin Lloyd Sherrill. Mrs. Sherrill was a homemaker. She was an active member of Providence Presbyterian Church and received an "Honorary Life Membership" given by the Presbyterian Women, Presbyterian Church USA. Mrs. Sherrill was an avid Wolfpack fan and thoroughly enjoyed attending her children's and grandchildren's activities.

Survivors are Daughters & Son-In-Law, Barbara S. & Joe Smith of Charlotte, and Gayle S. Matthews of Raleigh; Son & Daughter-In-Law, Garland Paul & Karen Sherrill of Willow Spring;

Grandchildren, Bobby Smith, Greg Smith, Grady Matthews, Jack Sherrill, and Megan Sherrill; Seven Great Grandchildren.

Family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Benson, from 6:00PM until 8:00PM Tuesday. Flowers are welcomed; however memorials may be made to Providence Presbyterian Church, 14664 NC Hwy 210, Angier, NC 27501.

### **Ella Marie Stephenson**

Dunn Daily Record  
12/15/2004

Ella Marie Stephenson, 67, of Lillington, formerly of the Pleasant Grove community in Johnston County, died Tuesday. She was born Nov. 9, 1937, and was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Pauline Stephenson. She suffered epilepsy for many years. A graveside service will be held 11 a.m. Thursday at Pinecrest Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include a sister, Shirley S. Bledsoe of Willow Spring; brothers, Ralph Glenwood Stephenson and wife Elaine, Robert "Bobby" Stephenson and wife Brenda, James "Frankie" Stephenson and wife Sue, Ronnie Stephenson and wife Becky, all of Willow Spring, and Charles Stephenson and wife Janet of Danville, Va.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at McLaurin Funeral Home in Clayton. Flowers are appreciated or memorials may be made to Pleasant Grove Senior Citizens Center, 15832 N.C. 210, Angier, N.C. 27501.

### **Elsie Irene Stephenson Trader**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
March 24, 1997

BENSON -- Mrs. Elsie Stephenson Trader, 80, of 3072 Stephenson Road died Sunday in her home. She was a retired registered nurse and a member of Lou Parrish of Providence Presbyterian Church and Lou Eastern Star. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Mrs. Traders' garden at her home by the Rev. Warren Bock. Arrangements are being handled by Rose & Graham Funeral Home.

Mrs. Trader is survived by two daughters, Barbara T. Faires of Pulaski, Pa., and Becky T. Raynor of Elizabethtown; three sons, Michael S. Trader and Kent T. Trader, both of Angier, and Lyle D. Trader of Raleigh; a sister, Pauline S. Johnson of Raleigh; and seven grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the home. Memorials may be made to Lou Parrish Chapter of the Eastern Star, N.C. 50-210, or to Fire & Rescue, or to Providence Presbyterian Church.

## **Emily Long Stephenson**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
May 5, 1999

Emily Long Stephenson, 55, died Tuesday, May 4, 1999 at Nash General Hospital. She was born April 5, 1944 in Franklin County, the daughter of the late George Duke Long and Meta Griffin Long of Franklin County. Mrs. Stephenson was a member of Englewood Presbyterian Church. She was preceded in death by her husband James Donnie Stephenson.

Besides her mother she is survived by her son, James Lawrence Stephenson of Rocky Mount; one daughter, Kathryn Ann Stephenson of Rocky Mount; one brother, George Long of Raleigh; one sister, Frances Murray of Louisburg, NC.

Funeral service will be held 1 p.m. Thursday, May 6, 1999 at Englewood Presbyterian Church with Rev. Drew Clark officiating. Burial will follow at Rocky Mount Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at Bowling Funeral Home, 661 English Road, Rocky Mount, NC. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to Englewood Presbyterian Church Building Fund, 100 S. Englewood Drive, Rocky Mount, NC 27804.

## **Ernest Haskel Holland**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
March 12, 2005

ANGIER -- Ernest Haskel Holland, 75, of 196 Holland Road, died Tuesday at Betsy Johnson Memorial Hospital. He was born in Johnston County the son of the late Irvin and Lida Holland. He retired from farming and was a fireman with the West Johnston Fire Department. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday at Piney Grove Chapel Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Fellowship Community Cemetery.

Surviving are his sons, Danny Ray Holland, and wife, Sue of Willow Spring, Wayne Lee Holland and wife, Sieglinde of Angier, Ronald Lynn Holland and wife, Teresa of Apex, Ernest Phil Holland and wife, Debbie of Mebane, Jason Holland of Angier; sister, Shirley H. Yeargan and her husband, Rex of Angier; grandchildren, Dustin Holland, Jamie Martinez, Parker Holland, Dalton Holland, Dillon Holland; greatgrandchildren, Blake and Kaylee Martinez. He was preceded in death by a brother, Leroy Holland.

The family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, Angier and other times at the home of Rex and Shirley Holland Yeargan, 118 Holland Road, Angier.

### **Ethel Coats Stephenson**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

June 1, 2002

CLAYTON -- Ethel Coats Stephenson, 88, died on May 31, 2002. Visitation will be Sunday 2:30-3:30 p.m.; service immediately following at 3:30 p.m. at the McLaurin Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Pinecrest Memorial Gardens. Rev. Jim Bogle will be officiating.

Ethel Stephenson was a Lifetime Member of Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church. She loved to quilt and give to family and friends. The family will be at the home of Lloyd Stephenson, 202 Pool Drive, Selma, NC.

She is survived by her daughter, Vahnis O'Neal of Wilson; sons, Lloyd "Steve" Stephenson, Jr. of Selma and Steve Stephenson of Clayton; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by McLaurin at Pinecrest, Funerals & Cremations, Clayton. 919-553-7143

### **Eugene Byrd**

Dunn Daily Record

4/11/2005

Eugene Byrd, 86, of Dunn died Sunday at his home. He was the son of the late James R. and Margaret Stephenson and was preceded in death by his wife, Selma Lee Byrd. Mr. Byrd had been a member of Godwin Baptist Church and most recently a member of Friendship Baptist Church in Bunnlevel. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday at Friendship Baptist Church by the Rev. Paul Fowler. Burial will be at Bunnlevel Cemetery.

Survivors include sons, Phil Byrd and wife Lynne of Dunn, Walter Byrd and wife Barbara of Erwin; a brother, Clifton Byrd of Erwin; a sister, Jerry Stogsdill of Lillington; and grandchildren, Phillip Byrd, Megan Byrd and Jennifer Byrd.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home in Lillington and other times at his home. Memorials may be made to Friendship Baptist Church, P.O. Box 120, Bunnlevel, N.C. 28323.

### **Eurice Langdon Ogburn Martin**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

October 11, 2004

Eurice Langdon Ogburn Martin, 90, of Willow Spring, died Friday at home. She was the daughter of the late Grover Cleveland Langdon and Mittie Catherine Stephenson Langdon. She

was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Lee Ogburn; sisters, Rosa Rambeau, Iris Barnes, and Cleo Langdon; brothers, Hector Langdon, Grover Langdon, Woodrow Langdon, Vernon Langdon and Gerald Langdon.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday in the chapel of Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, Angier, with Elder Calvin T. Harward and Elder J.M. Mewborn officiating. Burial will follow at Sandy Grove Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Angier, NC.

Mrs. Martin is survived by her husband, Gorrell Wilbur Martin of the home; her three daughters, Shirley Ogburn McLaurin and husband, Ottis, Jo Anne Ogburn Myers and husband, Leamon, and Joy Ogburn Dry and husband, Jesse, all of Willow Spring; stepson, James Martin and wife, Barbara of South Salem, NY; grandchildren, Rodney Coates and wife, Annette, Eric Coates and wife, Tammy, Eugene Myers and wife, Britta, Barry Myers and wife, Sally, Kevin Myers and wife, Laura, Joel Myers and wife, Pennie, Jessica Beth Dry, Frederick Dry and wife, Kim; step-grandchildren, Craig Martin, Robert Martin, Deborah Martin Adamo and husband, Gregory, and David Martin and wife, Kate; and 17 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Martin is also survived by sisters, Vallie Sauls, Edna Ogburn and Ruth McNeil; and brother, Sherwood Langdon.

The family received friends from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Sunday at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, Angier. Flowers are welcomed or memorial gifts may be made to Home Health and Hospice Care, 3125 Poplarwood Court, Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27604 or Lamm's Grove Primitive Baptist Church, c/o Elder Calvin T. Harward, 4636 Cox Mill Road, Sanford, NC 27332.

### **Evie Mae Norris Stephenson**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
March 13, 1995

COATS -- Mrs. Evie Norris Stephenson, 83, of Washington Street died Saturday in Good Hope Hospital in Erwin. She was a homemaker. A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Coats City Cemetery by the Revs. Jimmy Tripp and Agnus Baker.

Mrs. Stephenson is survived by her husband, Clarence G. Stephenson of the home; two daughters, Dorothy M. Buchanan of Farmville, Va., and Ruth S. Jesse of Mount Morris, N.Y.; a son, Sherrill Stephenson of Mountain View, Okla.; two sisters, Vonnie Hogans of Benson and Alvie Sullivan of Clayton; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Tuesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats.

## **Flossie Coats Stephenson**

The News & Observer  
January 18, 1999

Mrs. Flossie Coats Stephenson, 89, of Oakhill Assisted Living Center, died Sunday at Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield. A Celebration of Life and Worship Service will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday at White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Willow Spring. Officiating will be the Revs. Danny Stephenson, Kenneth Haines and Aubrey Williamson. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Stephenson was born February 24, 1909 in Johnston County to the late David Edgar and Fannie Kelly Coats. Mrs. Stephenson was preceded in death by her husband, James Myatt Stephenson and her son, Bobby Ray Stephenson. She was a member of St. Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church and Ladies Auxiliary. Mrs. Stephenson was also very active in the Johnston County Home Extension Club.

Surviving include daughter, Linda S. Strickland of Four Oaks; sons, James E. Stephenson of Dunn, L. Jay Stephenson of Willow Spring, Coy Max Stephenson of Garner, Randy Stephenson of Alpharetta, Ga.; sisters, Alice Stephenson and Alene Stephenson, both of Garner, Zula Ennis of Raleigh, Georgia Coats of Raleigh and Shirley Grissom of Garner; 13 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson.

Family will receive friends in the White Memorial Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall following the graveside service. Family suggests memorials to be made to the Debbie Strickland Library Fund, % White Memorial Church, 1459 White Memorial Church Road, Willow Spring, N.C.

## **Foy Kimble Stephenson Matthews**

Dunn Daily Record  
11/30/2007



Foy Stephenson Matthews, 88, of 1130 Prospect Church Road, Dunn, died Friday morning, Nov. 30, 2007 at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital. She was the daughter of the late Paul Cade and Ada Cannady Stephenson and was preceded in death by her husband, Dick Matthews in 1991. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Sunday at Price Funeral Home Chapel by the Revs. Ronnie Byrd and Phil Davis. Burial will follow at Erwin Memorial Park.

Survivors include sons, Max Matthews and wife Dorothy, Harry Matthews and wife Debbie, all of Coats; sister, Jean S. West of Plain View; sister-in-law, Evelyn C. Stephenson of Dunn; grandchildren, Max Matthews Jr. and wife Dale of Dunn, Anita McClernon and husband Daniel of Cary, Chris Matthews and Allison Matthews, both of



Coats; great-grandchildren, Tiffany Sellers of Sanford, Justin Matthews of Raleigh and Renee K. McClernon of Cary; and a great-great-grandchild, Brinlee Sellers.

The family will receive friends Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Price Funeral Home in Erwin and other times at the home.

### **Frances Lucille Jones Carroll**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
December 11, 2004

BENSON -- Mrs. Frances Jones "Lucille" Carroll, 84, of Benson, died Friday, Dec. 10, 2004, in Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital in Dunn. Services: Funeral, 2 p.m. Sunday in Skinner & Smith Funeral home in Dunn. Burial in Rehobeth Church cemetery. Visitation: 7 to 9 tonight at the funeral home.

Survived by: Son, Jay; daughters, Eloise Barbour and Sue Wiggins; brother, Willie Jones; sister, Ophelia; five grandchildren; a step grandchild; 10 great-grandchildren; and seven stepgreat-grandchildren.

### **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.

### **George Hildred Carroll**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
December 21, 1998

WILLOW SPRING -- George Hildred Carroll, 77, of 715 Old Fairground Road died Saturday in Rex Hospital in Raleigh. The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Pleasant Grove Baptist Church by the Rev. Steve Morris. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Among Mr. Carroll's survivors are two daughters, Cathy C. Langdon of Benson and Anita C. Stephenson of Four Oaks; a son, G.H. Carroll Jr. of Angier; and a brother, James Carroll of Angier.

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

### **George Hoyt Stephenson**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
April 11, 1999

G. Hoyt Stephenson, 74, of 3625 Abattoir Road, died Saturday at Betsy Johnson Memorial Hospital in Dunn. He was a native of Harnett County, born November 17, 1924, to the late George W. and Viola Mae Stevens Stephenson. He was a retired farmer, a US Navy Veteran of World War II, and a member of Banner Post 109, American Legion.

Mr. Stephenson was preceded in death by his wife Shirley Hayes Stephenson. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Rose & Graham Funeral Chapel in Coats. Revs. Steve Pegram and Jesse Mooney will officiate. Burial will follow in Lakeside Memorial Gardens.

Surviving: daughter and son-in-law, Angela and Terry Godwin of Dunn; son, Lynn Hayes Stephenson of Coats; sister, Rachel Ennis of Coats; three grandchildren, Melissa Godwin, Stephen Godwin and Andrea Godwin.

The family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats from 7-9 p.m. Sunday and at other times at the home of Rachel and Charles Ennis, 1117 S. Lincoln Street, Coats, NC.

### **George Wilbur Partin**

Dunn Daily Record  
12/14/2004

George Wilbur Partin, 72, of 11742 N.C. 210 North, Angier, died Sunday after a battle with cancer. He retired from Westinghouse Electric Corporation in 1990 after 35 years of service. He was the son of the late Malissie Stephenson Partin and George Washington Partin. Funeral

services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home Chapel, Angier. Burial will be at Lakeside Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include daughters, Jane Partin Warren and Jean Partin Melton, both of Garner; a son, Steven G. Partin and wife Debbie of Angier; and grandchildren, Erin Warren of Chapel Hill, Jeremy Melton of Herndon, Va., Kristen Melton of Garner and Steven Partin of Angier.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home. Flowers are appreciated or memorials may be made to Abundant Life Church, 153 Langdon Road, Angier, N.C. 27501.

### **Gerald A. Langdon**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
April 18, 1995

COATS -- Gerald A. Langdon, 70, of Route 1, Box 200 died Sunday in Betsy Johnson Hospital in Dunn. He was the developer of Langdon Pine Park in Coats. Mr. Langdon donated the land to the Town of Coats for the Coats Recreation Park. He was a member of Coats United Methodist Church and was active in many community affairs.

The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Coats United Methodist Church by the Rev. Church Herring. Burial will be in Coats City Cemetery.

Mr. Langdon is survived by a son, David G. Langdon; two brothers, W.R. Langdon and S.W. Langdon, both of Coats; four sisters, Eurice L. Martin and Edna L. Ogburn, both of Willow Spring, Vallie L. Sauls of Garner and Ruth L. McNeill of Sanford; and a grandson.

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

### **Gertrude Stephenson Godwin**

Dunn Daily Record  
December 15, 2003

Gertrude Stephenson Godwin, 91, of 602 Cobb Road, Benson, died Saturday at her home. She was born Sept. 12, 1912, in Johnston County to the late Daniel Green and Ellen McLamb Stephenson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wiley W. Godwin; a son, Shelton Wade Godwin; and sisters, Agnes A. Olive, Belle S. Marshall, Linda Gregory and May Dell Stephenson. She was a homemaker and a member of Banner Chapel Advent Christian Church.

Funeral services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Banner Chapel Advent Christian Church in Benson by the Revs. Glenn Fell and Tony Kopanski. Burial will follow in Devotional Gardens in Dunn.

Survivors include a son, Don Godwin and wife Pattie of Benson; a brother, Arthur Stephenson of Richmond, Va.; grandchildren, Dana A. Godwin, Susanne D. Riggs, Angie Lee and Mitchell Clayton; and eight great-grandchildren.

A service of Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson.

### **Gladys Jones Carroll**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

February 23, 2002

BENSON -- Gladys J. Carroll, 91, of Garner, formerly of Benson, died February 21, 2002. Funeral 2 p.m. Saturday, Rehobeth Primitive Baptist Church. Elder Worth Stephenson officiating. Burial Rehobeth church cemetery. Mrs. Carroll was preceded in death by her husband Vonnie Lee and daughter Linda Choate.

Surviving are, daughter and son-in-law, Lois and Jim Cline of Raleigh; grandsons, Jim Jr. and wife Sally Cline of Raleigh, Kevin and wife Valerie Cline of Baltimore MD; Jason Cline of Raleigh; granddaughter, Michelle Choate of Four Oaks; sisters, Ophelia Carroll of Garner, Lucille Carroll of McGees Crossroads; brother, Willie Jones of Florida.

Arrangements by West & Dunn Funeral Home, of Benson.

### **Gordon Franklin Stephenson**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

June 7, 2001

DUNN -- Gordon Franklin Stephenson, 67, of 201 Saints St., died Wednesday in Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital. Mr. Stephenson was a maintenance technician for Burlington Mills before retiring. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday in Skinner Funeral Home chapel in Dunn by the Rev. Troy Daniel. Burial will be in Devotional Gardens.

Mr. Stephenson is survived by his wife, Barbara K. Stephenson of Dunn; a son, Gary Stephenson of Asheville; a daughter, Teresa Stephenson of Winston-Salem; a brother, Leon Stephenson of Erwin; a sister, Joanne Hargrove of Cary; and two grandchildren.

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

## Herbert Tallie Dupree

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

01/11/2007



H. Tallie Dupree departed this world to be with his Lord at the age of 92 in his home in Angier, NC. A native of Angier, he was the son of the late Herbert and Bettie Dupree. Tallie was a member of the Angier United Methodist Church for 78 years, where he faithfully worshiped and served on many committees throughout his life.

Tallie received a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and History at Wake Forest University in 1938, where he excelled in the varsity sports of baseball, football and basketball. After college, he began his teaching career in Whiteville, NC until World War II began.

During the war, Tallie Dupree was an officer in the United States Marine Corps, serving in the Pacific Theater. As a combat veteran, he fought at Saipan and Iwo Jima and was assigned in Nagasaki near the end of the war.

After the war, he continued his teaching and became the owner of Dups Auto Parts in Angier for 59 years. Tallie retired from Coats High School as an Assistant Principal, Sports Coach and Biology Teacher completing a distinguished teaching career of 33 years.

In 2002, Tallie Dupree was honored by being inducted as a member of the Educators Hall of Fame at East Carolina University. He earned an enjoyable retirement with international travels, family time, watching ballgames and gardening.

Tallie Dupree was a family man - a devoted husband, father, and grandfather to those who loved him dearly. He loved his God and those around him. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Con and Nick Dupree and one sister, Edna Bull.

He is survived by his dedicated wife of 65 years, Sarah Darlene Stephenson Dupree; his son, Stephen Dupree and wife, Renette of Angier; two daughters, Shelia Dupree Rhodes and husband, Dan Rhodes of Decatur, GA, Ginger Dupree of Raleigh; a sister, Millie Gray Dupree Umstead of Raleigh; grandchildren, Grant, Ryan, Tally, and Jimmy Dupree, Jenny Querubin, Anna Lindsey; and one great-grandson, Caleb Dupree.

Friends and family will be received by the immediate family on Thursday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Bryan- Lee Funeral Home, Angier. The celebration of the life of Tallie Dupree will be held on Friday, January 12, at 11:00 a.m. at the Angier United Methodist Church, 278 S. Wilma Street, Angier, NC with burial to follow at Montlawn Memorial Park, Raleigh.

Flowers are appreciated and contributions may be made to the Heartland Home Health Care and Hospice, 3117 Poplarwood Court, Suite 114, Raleigh, NC. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.bryan-leefuneralhome.com](http://www.bryan-leefuneralhome.com)

### **Hattie Mae McDaniels Stephenson**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
July 26, 1999

Hattie Mae Stephenson, age 81, died Sunday morning. Born December 5, 1917, in Johnston County to the late, Joseph A. and Henrietta Holloman McDaniels, she was the widow of Joseph Graham Stephenson. Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church in Smithfield with the Rev. Lee Colbert to officiate. Entombment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park.

Surviving are her son, Jerry Joe Stephenson and his wife, Gloria of Selma; sisters, Julia McDaniels of Smithfield and Caroline Jones of Rowland; grandchildren, Jay Stephenson of Smithfield and Leah Stephenson Wallace of Wallace; great grandsons, Wells Wallace and Joe Wallace.

The family will receive friends from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Monday at Parrish Funeral Home in Selma. Flowers are acceptable or memorial donations may be made to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, 202 South Fourth Street, Smithfield, NC 27577.

### **Hazel Stephenson Medlin Koch**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
June 21, 1996

BENSON -- Hazel Stephenson Medlin Koch, 78, of 2359 Federal Road died Wednesday in Good Hope Hospital in Erwin. Mrs. Koch was a member of the choir and United Methodist Women at Elevation United Methodist Church. She was a vice president of the Benson Swinging Seniors and a homemaker.

The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. today in Elevation United Methodist Church by the Rev. Jim Bell. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery. Rose & Graham Funeral Home.

Mrs. Koch is survived by her husband, Rubin W. Koch; two sons, Dennis Medlin of Clayton and Gerald Medlin of Wilmington; four sisters, Mildred Woody of Oxford, Ethel Matthews of Raleigh, and Mable Medlin and Doris Barbour, both of Benson; a brother, Elmond Stephenson of Raleigh; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

## **Huel Manley Stephenson**

Smithfield Herald

05/25/1937

Funeral services for Huel Manley Stephenson were held at his home in Cleveland township yesterday afternoon at three o'clock and interment followed in the cemetery at Shiloh church. The service was conducted by Elder Shepherd Stephenson and Rev. C. W. Teague. Mr. Stephenson died at his home Sunday morning at seven o'clock after an illness of three years. He was 75 years old.

Surviving besides his wife, Mrs. Josie Stephenson, are five children. Mrs. Maggie Williams, Wayland Stephenson, and Cary Stephenson of Garner, Route 1; Mrs. Maude Whitfield of Durham, Route 3; and Mrs. Edna Keene of Raleigh, Route 3. He also leaves two brothers, William Stephenson of near Smithfield and Baldy Stephenson of near Four Oaks.

## **Iduma Stephenson Jones**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

September 6, 2000

WILLOW SPRING -- Mrs. Iduma Stephenson Jones, 80, of 62 Old Lee Rd., died Tuesday at Western Wake Hospital in Cary. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Thursday at White Memorial Presbyterian Church. Officiating will be Rev. Ken Haines and Brother Mack Fowler. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Jones was born May 13, 1920 in Johnston County to the late James Everette and Ellie Stephenson. She was married to the late James Edward Jones. Mrs. Jones was a homemaker and a member of White Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Surviving include: daughter, Phyllis J. Edwards of Cary; sons, Edward Nelson Jones of Holly Springs and Marcus Lee Jones of Waxhaw sister, Annie S. Coats of Linden brothers, Raeford Stephenson of Fuquay-Varina, J. Simon Stephenson of Willow Spring; five grandchildren five great-grandchildren.

Family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and other times at the home of Phyllis and Don Edward, Cary.

### **Ila Askew Stephenson Byrd Jackson Stephenson**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

March 4, 2002

GARNER -- Ila Jackson Stephenson, 93, formerly of Benson, died Saturday. She was a wonderful Christian mother, grandmother and cherished by all who knew her. An inspiration to her family and friends, she lived every day of her life according to her Christian convictions. Funeral 3 p.m. Monday at Bryan- Lee Funeral Chapel, Garner. Burial at Fellowship Community Cemetery.

Surviving: daughters, Hilda Harvell Young of Willow Spring and Orpha B. Langdon and her husband Edsel Langdon of Garner; sons, Johnny A. Byrd and his wife Kay Byrd of Raleigh and Jerry A. Byrd of Boca Raton, FL; granddaughters, Debora L. Mann, Diane H. Wentz, Darlene Harvell, Cindy Harvell, Sonja B. Puryear and Amy B. Burnett; grandsons, Ty Langdon, Steve Harvell and Dr. Allan Byrd; seven great- grandchildren; and special friend, Steven Stephenson.

She was predeceased by her parents, George Leonard Stephenson and Della B. Langdon Stephenson; two sisters and five brothers.

### **Ila Lettie Stephenson Parrish**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

August 27, 2000

ANGIER - Mrs. Ila Stephenson Parrish, 90, died Friday at Cary Health & Rehab Center. Graveside Service will be 2 p.m. Sunday at Fellowship Community Cemetery. The Rev. Mark Scott will officiate.

Mrs. Parrish was born October 8 1909 in Johnston County to the late Andrew and Lenore Parrish Stephenson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rassie B. Parrish and a son, Charles B. Parrish. Mrs. Parrish was a homemaker and a member of Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church.

Surviving include, daughters Grace Bowden of Willow Spring, and Carolyn Stuart of Benson; sons, Ray Von Parrish of Supply, NC, Leon Parrish of Angier, Glenwood Parrish of Garner, and Andy Parrish of Benson; sister, Callie Johnson of Wendell; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends in Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church immediately following the Graveside service. Arrangements by Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson.



## **Ioma Isabell Stephenson Coats**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

May 12, 2006

CLAYTON -- Isabell Stephenson "Tiny" Coats, 79, died May 10, 2006. Funeral service will be conducted 2 p.m. Saturday at Shiloh Baptist Church. Pastor Mitch Lockamy officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Mrs. Coats was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Bruce Coats.

She is survived by her daughters and son-in-law, Sara A. Roth and husband, Dick of the home, Joy Coats of Clayton; sister, Virginia Rich of Garner, Magdalene Creech of Havelock; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

While flowers are appreciated the family request memorial donations to: Shiloh Baptist Church Building Fund, Hwy. 1010 Garner, NC 27529. The family will receive friends at McLaurin Funeral Home 7-8:30 p.m. Friday.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.mclarinatpinecrest.com](http://www.mclarinatpinecrest.com). Arrangements by McLaurin at Pinecrest, Funerals & Cremations, Clayton 919-553-7143.

## **Irene A. Vavasis Stephenson**

Herald-Sun, The (Durham, NC)

January 3, 2004

Irene A. Vavasis Stephenson, 83, of Durham, died at Duke University Medical Center, on Thursday, January 1, 2004. Irene was a native of Elmira, N.Y., but had lived in Orange County and Durham for the last 42 years. She was a member of Durham Memorial Baptist Church and a former member of Little River Presbyterian Church, Hurdle Mills, NC. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Annette Poole.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 57 years, Daniel Graydon Stephenson, Jr.; two sons, Daniel "Buddy" Stephenson of Lilburn, Ga.; Graydon Stephenson of Garner; one daughter, Nancy Dillard of Louisburg; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A chapel memorial service will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Hudson Funeral Home, 211 S. Miami Blvd., Durham. Mr. Tony Morris will officiate. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home, and at other times at the home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Durham Rescue Mission, 1201 E. Main Street, Durham, NC 27701, or a charity of your choice - Hudson Funeral Home.

## **Irene Peedin Stephenson**

Parrish Funeral Home

03/24/2008

Irene Peedin Stephenson, age 93, of Yelverton Grove Road near Smithfield, died Sunday. Born in Johnston County on October 15, 1914, she was the daughter of the late William Span and Nora Phillips Peedin. Her husband was the late Lester Stephenson. Mrs. Stephenson was a member of Yelverton Grove Free Will Baptist Church. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2:00 PM in Yelverton Grove Free Will Baptist Church with burial following in the church cemetery.

Surviving are: a son, David Stephenson and wife Vivian of Smithfield; brothers, Wilbert Peedin of Smithfield and Walter Peedin of Garner; sister, Pauline Kemple of Smithfield; grandchildren, Janet Rouland, Wayne Stephenson and Jason Stephenson; step-grandchildren, Frankie Powers and Christy Norris; great grandchildren, Justin, Lauren, and Reagan Rouland, Jay Johnson and Blake Stephenson; and step-great grandchildren, Devin and Dillon Powers, and Jonathan Flannery.

The family will receive friends at Parrish Funeral Home in Selma Tuesday night from 7 to 9 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Yelverton Grove Free Will Baptist Church, c/o David Stephenson, 597 Yelverton Grove Road, Smithfield, NC 27577.

## **Israel Stephenson**

Smithfield Herald

02/22/1927

Aged Man Goes to His Reward

Funeral of Mr. Israel Stephenson Held at Primitive Baptist Church Here Friday

One of Johnston County's oldest men passed away Thursday afternoon at two o'clock, when Mr. Israel Stephenson died at his home near here after a long illness. Mr. Stephenson had been in feeble health for several years and was confined to his bed for three weeks before his death. If he had lived until April 2, he would have been eighty years old.

Mr. Stephenson was born in Pleasant Grove Township in 1847. At the age of sixteen he volunteered and served his country faithfully during the last fifteen months of the Civil War. When the war was over he returned to Johnston County and settled on a farm. About forty years ago he united with the Primitive Baptist church at Rehobeth and remained a faithful member there until he moved to this township, moving his membership to the Primitive Baptist church here.

The deceased was twice married, the first time to Miss Emily Coats, of Pleasant Grove. Eleven children were born to this union, four of whom survive: Messrs. D. T. Stephenson, J. O.

Stephenson, J. H. Stephenson, and Israel Stephenson, Jr., all of Smithfield township. His second wife was Miss Eliza Pittman, who, with one daughter, Mrs. Alonzo Lassiter, of Elevation, survives him.

The funeral was held Friday afternoon at the Primitive Baptist church here, conducted by his pastor, Elder Jesse Barnes, assisted by Rev. D. C. Johnson, a lifelong friend and neighbor. The pallbearers were the four sons of the deceased and two sons-in-laws, John Hamilton and Arthur Johnson. Interment was made in the city cemetery. A large crowd attended the funeral and burial.

### **Izola Messer Stephenson**

Dunn Daily Record  
12/05/2005

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

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

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

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

### **James Bland Carroll**

Dunn Daily Record  
08/13/2007

James B. Carroll, 78, of 25 Dupree Road, Willow Spring, died Thursday, Aug. 9, 2007, at his home. He was born May 31, 1929, in Johnston County to the late Mallie and Hettie Stephenson Carroll. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Wendy Myers. He was a retired farmer and truck driver. Mr. Carroll was a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. A graveside

service was held 2 p.m. Aug. 12 at Savannah Hill Church Cemetery, Dunn. The Rev. Adam English officiated.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Ogburn Carroll; daughter, Donna C. Myers and husband Donnie of Willow Spring; sons, Jerry Carroll, Greg Carroll and wife Susan, all of Willow Spring; sisters, Mary C. Williams of Durham and Maybelle Gulley of Garner; brother, Glenn Carroll of Willow Spring; granddaughter, Amanda Petty; and grandson, Daniel Carroll.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association, 61 Broadway, New York, NY 10006; or to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601-7633. Arrangements by Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Benson.

### **James Donnie Stephenson**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
September 25, 1998

James Donnie Stephenson, 56, died Thursday, Sept. 24, 1998. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Englewood Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Drew Clark officiating. Burial will follow at Rocky Mount Memorial Park.

Mr. Stephenson was born Jan. 18, 1942, in Johnston County, son of the late Donnie and Floda Stephenson. He was an Elder of Englewood Presbyterian Church and retired Nash County Director of the NC Cooperative Extension Service.

In 1992 he was named Cub Master of the Year for the Tar River District, Boy Scouts of America. In 1993 he received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of County Agricultural Extension Agents. Mr. Stephenson was Past President (1985-86) of the Rocky Mount Luncheon Lions and was named a Phillip Morris Fellow by the NC Agricultural Extension Service in 1978.

Surviving: wife, Emily L. Stephenson; son, James Lawrence Stephenson of the home; daughter, Kathryn Ann Stephenson of the home; sister, Norma Stephenson Griffin of Goldsboro.

The family will receive friends from 7-8:30 p.m today at Bowling Funeral Home, 661 English Road. Flowers will be accepted or memorials may be made to the Englewood Presbyterian Church Building Fund.

### **James Lloyd Barbour**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
December 27, 1994

BENSON -- James Lloyd Barbour, 90, of 7380 Raleigh Road and Harnett Manor died Monday. He was a retired farmer and a member of Providence Presbyterian Church in Angier. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Providence Presbyterian Church by the Revs. Ray M. Tear and J.D. Nesselrodt. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mr. Barbour is survived by his wife, Elsie J. Barbour of the home. The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson.

### **James Milton Stephenson**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
November 8, 1995

WILLOW SPRING -- James Milton Stephenson, 93, of 13380 N.C. 50 W. died Tuesday in Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. He was a retired farmer, a member of Providence Presbyterian Church and a past member of the Johnston County School Board.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday in Providence Presbyterian Church in Angier by Paul Stephenson and the Rev. Danny Stephenson. Burial will be in the church cemetery, Route 1, Angier.

Mr. Stephenson is survived by a son, Mack A. Stephenson of Daytona Beach, Fla.; two granddaughters; and a great-granddaughter. The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home of Benson and other times at the home of Edsel and Lou Penny, 13551 N.C. 50 W., Willow Spring. Memorials may be made to Providence Presbyterian Church, N.C. 210, Angier, N.C. 27501.

### **James Rupert Stephenson**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
July 11, 1995

TEMPLE HILLS, Md. -- James Rupert Stephenson, 74, formerly of Erwin, N.C., died Sunday in South Maryland Hospital. The funeral will be conducted at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday in George P. Kalas Funeral Home in Oxon Hill by the Rev. Ron Collier. Burial will be in Cheltenham Veterans Affairs Cemetery in Maryland.

Mr. Stephenson is survived by his wife, Marilyn P. Stephenson of the home; two daughters, Tracey Serie of Arlington, Va., and Kelly Blanchette of Fairfax Station, Va.; two sisters, Joann

Hargrove of Cary, N.C., and Daphne Braxton of Greenville, N.C.; two brothers, Gordon Stephenson of Dunn, N.C., and Leon Stephenson of Erwin; and three grandchildren.

Announcement made by Price Funeral Home of Erwin.

### **James Stephenson Denning**

Dunn Daily Record  
02/04/2008



Elder James S. Denning, 86, of 278 Railroad St., Coats, died Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008, at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. He was born Oct. 10, 1921, in Johnston County to the late Willis E. and Bessie Stephenson Denning. He was a retired funeral director, having served with three local funeral homes - Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Coats Funeral Home and the former Overby Funeral Home of Coats. He was the owner of Denning Flower Shop in Coats.

Elder Denning was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II and fought in the European Theater and the Battle of the Bulge. He was a Bronze Star medal recipient. He was a member of Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church and served as pastor. He also served as pastor of Clement Primitive Baptist Church, Bethany Primitive Baptist Church and Sapony Primitive Baptist Church in Rocky Mount.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Coats by Elders R.L. Fish and Virgil Davis. Burial will follow at Sandy Grove Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Angier.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Clara Dupree Denning; daughters, Linda Byrd and husband Ron of Coats, Diane Barefoot and husband Larry of Dunn; son, Ron Denning and wife Joan of Fayetteville; sister, Lena Sambataro of New Jersey; brother, Bobby Denning of Atlanta, Ga.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at the funeral home.

### **James Washington Stephenson**

Dunn Daily Record  
3/11/2002

James W. Stephenson, 76, of 14665 N.C. 210, Angier, died at home Sunday. Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church by the Revs. Steve Morris and Glenn McCullen. Burial will be in the church cemetery. He was born Sept. 26, 1925, to the late

Milton and Ina Partin Stephenson. He was preceded in death by his won, Jerry W. Stephenson Sr. He was a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church where he served as a deacon and trustee.

Survivors include his wife, Helen S. Stephenson; daughters and sons-in-law, Teresa S. and Stuart Thompson of Hickory, Kimberly S. and Chris Auten of Conover; son and daughter-in-law, Davey W. and Donna B. Stephenson of Benson and daughter-in-law, Becky M. Stephenson of Willow Spring; granddaughters, Chandra Williams of North Canton, Ohio, Helen Elmore of Charlotte, Jessie Black of Hickory, Heather Stephenson of Benson, Caitlin Auten of Conover; a grandson, Jerry W. Stephenson Jr. of Willow Spring; one great-grandson; one sister, Retha Ogburn of Fuquay-Varina; and a brother-in-law, J.S. Stephenson of North Topsail Island.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson and other times at the home. Memorials may be made to Johnston Memorial Home Care and Hospice, P.O. Box 1376, Smithfield, N.C. 27577.

### **Jimmy L. Stephenson**

Smithfield Herald  
07/14/2006

Jimmy L. Stephenson, 76, of Temperanceville, Va., died Sunday, July 9, at Shore Memorial Hospital. Born in Smithfield, Mr. Stephenson was the son of the late I.O. and Kittie Johnson Stephenson. An electrician, he was retired from Delmarva Power Co. Mr. Stephenson was a member of Atlantic Baptist Church. The funeral was at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Atlantic Baptist Church. Burial followed in the John W. Taylors Cemetery in Temperanceville, Va.

Surviving are his wife, Brookie C. Stephenson; three children, Jimmy L. Stephenson Jr. of Salisbury, Md., Leslie Furman of Assawoman, Va., and Jennifer Taylor of Painter, Va.; two sisters, Catherine Cobb of Four Oaks and Carolyn Allen of Smithfield; and five grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Atlantic Fire Department, in care of Joe Maher, P.O. Box 207, Atlantic, Va. 23303.

### **John Albert Stephenson**

The News & Observer  
January 18, 2000

ANGIER - Mr. John Albert Stephenson, age 66, of 14711 NC Hwy 210, died Monday at Wake Medical Center, Raleigh. Funeral service will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at Friendship Baptist Church. Brother Mack Fowler will officiate. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Mr. Stephenson was born July 22, 1933, in Johnston County to the late Jasper S. and Beulah McGee Stephenson. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Larry Stephenson and Grady Stephenson.

Mr. Stephenson was a retired electrical contractor and was a member of Friendship Baptist Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran, and a past commander and member of American Legion Banner Post 109.

Surviving include wife, Jane Lockamy Stephenson; daughter, Gina S. Norris of Virginia Beach; son, John Ashley Stephenson of Lillington; step-daughters, Kathy Collins and Vicky Matthews, both of Sanford; sister, Helen S. Stephenson of Angier; brother, J.S. Stephenson of Topsail Island; six grandchildren.

Family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Benson, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday.

### **John B. Stephenson**

Dunn Daily Record  
01/08/2008



The Rev. John B. Stephenson, 87, of Coats died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008, at N.C. State Veterans Home in Fayetteville. He was born Jan. 22, 1920, in Harnett County to the late Ingham and Lula Pleasant Stephenson. He was preceded in death by brothers, Wade and Julian Stephenson.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Rev. Stephenson was a graduate of Southwest Theological Seminary. He was in the ministry for more than 50 years and served in Sampson, Bertie, Onslow, New Hanover, Harnett and Columbus counties. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday at Coats Baptist Church by the Revs. Jesse Mooney and Tom Austin. Burial will follow at Lakeside Memorial Gardens in Angier.

Survivors include his wife, Agatha Sartin Stephenson; sons, Jerry F. Stephenson of Richmond, Va., and Joel Van Stephenson of Greensboro; brothers, Lindsey Stephenson of Angier, A.D. Stephenson of Garner and David Stephenson of Angier; sisters, Pauline Guy of Willow Spring, Leola Stephenson of Angier and Sue Nooney of Angier; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; 27 nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats. Flowers are welcome, however, memorials may be made to Coats Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 297, Coats, NC 27521.



## **John Fleming Peede**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

April 8, 2001

COATS -- John Fleming Peede, 75, of 249 Stewart St. died Friday in Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. Mr. Peede was an Army veteran of World War II. He owned and operated Quality Auto Sales before retiring. Mr. Peede was a deacon at Coats Baptist Church and a member of the American Legion Banner Post No. 109.

The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. today in Coats Baptist Church by the Revs. Jesse Mooney, Ronnie Byrd and Chris Wrooten. Burial will be in Lakeside Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are being handled by Rose & Graham Funeral Home of Coats.

Mr. Peede is survived by his wife, Catherine U. Peede; a daughter, Cathy P. Byrd of Coats; three sons, Jerry Peede, Mike Peede and Tim Peede, all of Coats; a brother, Lenny Peede of Angier; six sisters, Maggie Parrot of Knightdale, Mary D. Stephenson of Angier, Alice Coats of Rocky Mount, Gracie Barbour of Smithfield, Naomi Batson of Wilmington and Marie Young of Petersburg, Va.; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to Coats Baptist Church building fund, P.O. Box 297, Coats, NC 27521.

## **Johnny Raeford Stephenson**

Dunn Daily Record

10/10/2006

Johnny Raeford Stephenson, 77, of 603 W. Parrish Drive, Benson, died Sunday night, Oct. 8, 2006, at his home. He was born in Wake County on Oct. 27, 1928. He was preceded in death by his father, Silas Stephenson; and his mother, Alma Page S. Wade. Mr. Stephenson was a retired Ford dealer in Benson and was a member of Benson Baptist Church where he served in many capacities including chairman of the Board of Deacons. He was active in the community serving as president of the Benson Area Chamber of Commerce and president of the Benson Kiwanis Club. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday at Benson Baptist Church by the Rev. Michael Edwards and Dr. Mike Cogdill. Burial will follow at Roselawn Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Laurie Barnes Stephenson; sons, Randy and wife Bonnie of Benson, Timothy of Raleigh and Jeffrey of Durham; a daughter, Sue Ann Wood and husband John Wood III of Benson; grandchildren, John Robert Stephenson, Ruth Taylor Stephenson, Barnes Stephenson, Nathan Stephenson, John Wood IV, Kate Wood and Andrew Stephenson; and a sister, Jackie Castlebury and husband B.J. of Angier.

The family will receive friends at the home of Sue and John Wood, 607 W. Parrish Drive, tonight from 6 to 9. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Benson Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 323, Benson, NC 27504.

**Joseph L. Cooke, Jr.**

Dunn Daily Record  
3/27/2004

Joseph Leonard "J.L." Cooke Jr., 84, of Lassiter Road, Four Oaks, died Monday night at his home. He was born Feb. 7, 1920, in Johnston County to the late Joseph Leonard Cooke Sr. and Mary Stephenson Cooke. He worked for 18 years with Hook and Layne Tire Company and after that with Johnston County Tax Supervisor's Office in charge of the business property tax.

Mr. Cooke served in the South Pacific during World War II where he was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He was a charter member of the Disabled American Veterans Johnston County Unit 44, as well as the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He served Hopewell FWB Church since 1958, serving as deacon, Sunday school superintendent, Sunday school teacher and member of the finance committee.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Minshew Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Hills of the Neuse Memory Gardens.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Lois Cooke; daughters, Gail Massengill and husband David, and Janet D. Cooke, all of Four Oaks; a son, Robert J. Cooke and wife Becky of Jamestown; a sister, Floy Langdon and husband Rudolph of Four Oaks; a brother, Roy E. Cooke and wife Peggy of Eugene, Ore.; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Minshew Funeral Home.

**Katie Julia Coats Stephenson**

Dunn Daily Record  
5/30/2005

Katie Julia Coats Stephenson, 82, of Beaufort, formerly of Jacksonville, died Saturday, May 28, 2005 at Carteret General Hospital. She was born in Johnston County to the late Hubert Henry and Lola Norris Coats. She was a librarian for the Onslow County school system. Mrs. Stephenson was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Omega Stephenson.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Barbour's Chapel Advent Christian Church in Four Oaks with the pastor, the Rev. Steve Ruberg, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. A luncheon reception will follow the service in the church fellowship hall.

Survivors include a daughter, Judith Mercer and husband Gary of Beaufort; son, Jerry Stephenson and wife Judy of Jacksonville; sisters, Grace Barbour of Four Oaks, Shirley Dorman and husband Sidney of Dunn, Ruby Pankey and husband Tim of Fayetteville; three grandchildren; one step-grandchild; and six great-grandchildren.

Flowers are welcome or donations may be made to Barbour's Chapel Advent Christian Church, 164 Barbour's Chapel Road, Four Oaks, N.C. 27524. Internet condolences may be sent to the family at [brooksfuneralhome@earthlink.net](mailto:brooksfuneralhome@earthlink.net). Arrangements by Brooks Funeral Home & Crematory Inc., Morehead City.

### **Katie Stephenson Dorman**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
November 9, 1997

Katie Stephenson Dorman, 85, died Friday. She was a daughter of the late Lonnie Oscar and Polly Partin Stephenson. She was a homemaker, a member of Coats Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church and the widow of the late Z. Nassie Dorman. Funeral 4 p.m. Sunday, Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Coats. Burial will follow in Devotional Gardens.

Surviving: daughter and son-in-law, Leona and Jarvis Alphin of Dunn; sons and daughters-in-law, Donnie G. and Joe Carroll Dorman of Garner, Lonnie C. and Sallie Dorman of Coats; six grandchildren, Rick Dupree, Ronald Dupree, Sonny Dorman, Chris Dorman, Zach Dorman and Monica Dorman; three great-grandchildren, Leigh Anne Dupree, Lauren Dupree and Tyler Black.

The family will be at the home of Lonnie and Sallie Dorman.

### **Kedie Lee Rambeau Stewart**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
August 3, 1997

Mrs. Kedie Rambeau Stewart, 95, of Lillington died Saturday in Good Hope Hospital in Erwin. A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday in the Stewart family cemetery in Coats by the Rev. Chris Wroten.

Mrs. Stewart is survived by two daughters, Kisady S. Allen of Erwin and Ramona S. Franklin of Buies Creek; a stepson, Charles C. Stewart of Houston; three grandchildren; five great-grandsons; two step-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home in Lillington.

### **Kenneth Hugh Stephenson**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

April 27, 1999

Mr. Kenneth Hugh Stephenson, 62, of 12623 NC Hwy. 210, died Monday at his home after an extended illness. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Officiating will be the Rev. Steve Morris. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Mr. Stephenson was born May 11, 1936 in Johnston County to the late A. Hugh and Mary Ryals Stephenson. He was a farmer and a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

Surviving: daughters, Kelli S. Wall of Wilson Mills, Johnnie Ann S. Heath of Four Oaks, Kimberly D. Stephenson of Benson, Rebecca S. Petit of Benson, Sandra S. Long of Garner; son, Kenneth Tracy Stephenson of Clayton; sisters, Sue S. Ward of Newport News, VA, Nadine S. Wells of Clayton, Judith S. Rollins of Rocky Mount; special friend, Susan K. Robertson of Garner; 10 grandchildren, Kristi Wall, Devin Wall, Lauren Stephenson, Caleb Stephenson, Jonathan Barrow, Jordan Heath, Kristen Petit, Jesse Petit, Jacob Burton and Cassidy Long.

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

### **Kitty Eleanor Byrd Stephenson**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

April 8, 2001

Mrs. Kitty Eleanor Stephenson, 89, of Coats died Saturday in Integrated Health Services in Dunn. Mrs. Stephenson was a homemaker and a member of Gift Primitive Baptist Church. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday in Gift Primitive Baptist Church by Elder Fred Williams. Burial will be in Fellowship Community Cemetery.

Mrs. Stephenson is survived by two sons, Donahue Stephenson of Coats and Levern Stephenson of Benson; a sister, Glenna B. Holt of Erwin; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandsons.

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

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

April 8, 2001

Mrs. Kitty Eleanor Stephenson age 89, of Coats died Saturday at IHS of Dunn. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Gift Primitive Baptist Church in Coats. Elder Fred Williams will officiate. Burial will follow in Fellowship Community Cemetery.

Mrs. Stephenson was born April 26, 1911 in Harnett County to the late John Ira and Cornelia Byrd. She was preceded in death by her husband G.W. "Bill" Stephenson; sons, Denzil M. Stephenson and Billy Stephenson; daughter, Janice Stephenson and two infant daughters. Mrs. Stephenson was a member of Gift Primitive Baptist Church and was a homemaker.

Surviving: sons and daughters-in-law, Donahue and Edna Stephenson of Coats, and Levern and Shelby Stephenson of Benson; sister, Glenna B. Holt of Erwin; seven grand-children; twelve great-grandchildren and three great-great-grand-sons.

The family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats from 7-9 p.m. Sunday and at other times at the home of Donahue and Edna Stephenson.

### **Lanny L. Stephenson**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
December 21, 1999

ANGIER - Lanny L. Stephenson 57, of 2541 Old Fairground Road, died Monday at home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Bryan-Lee Funeral Chapel, Garner. Burial will follow in the Fellowship Community Cemetery, Angier.

Surviving, wife, Kathryn A. Stephenson; mother, Mary Lassiter Stephenson of Angier; daughter, Leslie Brooke Register of Raleigh; sisters, JoAnn S. Creech and Sharon Stephenson both of Angier; brother John R. Stephenson of Raleigh.

The family will be at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, Garner, 7-8:30 p.m. today.

### **Letha Mozelle Stephenson Lashley**

Virginian-Pilot, The (Norfolk, VA)  
March 10, 2000

Letha Mozelle Lashley, 83, passed away March 8, 2000, at her residence. She was a former member of Lake Jackson Free Will Baptist Church of Tallahassee, Fla.; a member of Virginia Beach Free Will Baptist Church; a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a former Christian School teacher. Mrs. Lashley was predeceased by her husband, Delmas Lashley.

Survivors include a daughter, Beverly Lashley Norris and her husband, J.D.; four grandchildren, Tammy Purcell, John Norris III, Letha Norris and Michael Norris; 10 great-grandchildren; three nephews and one niece.

A funeral will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday at Altmeyer Funeral Home, Virginia Beach, with the Rev. J.D. Norris officiating. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral

home. A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Monday at Tallahassee Memory Gardens, Tallahassee, Fla. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Virginia Beach Free Will Baptist Church Building Fund, 210 S. Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

### **Lether Parrish Smith**

Winston-Salem Journal (NC)  
April 6, 2004

Mrs. Lether Parrish Smith, 90, of Winston-Salem died at her home Saturday, April 3, 2004. She was born in Johnson County on April 29, 1913, to Mack Ruffin and Rossie Stephenson Parrish. She was a member of New Mount Vernon United Methodist Church. She was retired from Hanes Hosiery Co.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sam C. Smith; her only child, D. Wayne Calloway; a sister, Velma Fulp; and a brother, Worth Parrish. Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Jan Calloway of Greenwich, Conn.; a granddaughter, Jennifer (Ryan) Adams of New York City; three grandsons, Boyd (Sandi) Smythe of Dallas, Texas, Ross (Kris) Smythe of Cambridge, England, and David Calloway of Austin, Texas; five great-grandchildren; three sisters, Beulah West, Alene Flynn and Juanita Gilchrist, all of Winston-Salem; and a brother, Marvin T. Parrish of Fayetteville.

The family would like to thank Lether's caregiver, Judy Gardner, for her special care. The service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 8, at Westlawn Gardens of Memory Mausoleum Chapel in Clemmons by Pastor Lanny Lancaster. The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Vogler & Sons Main Street Chapel. Memorials may be made to the Methodist Children's Home, 1001 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27104.

## **Linda Lee Stephenson Keeling Milliron Stewart**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

01/22/2008



Linda Lee Stewart, 68, of 434 South Raleigh Street, died Saturday, at Betsy-Johnson Hospital. A native of Harnett County, she was the daughter of the late Enoch and Leon Denning Stephenson and a member of the Eastern Star for over 30 years. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, in the chapel of Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, Angier. Burial will follow in Lakeside Memorial Gardens, Angier.

Surviving are her husband, Larry Gene Stewart; sons, Jody Milliron and wife, Kim of Angier, Todd Milliron and wife, Paula of Garner, and Ricky Keeling and wife, Kim of Willow Spring; and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by son, Michael Lynn Milliron and grandson, Joshua Enoch Keeling.

The family will receive friends, Tuesday from 6:00-8:00 p.m., at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home and at other times at the home. The family would like to express their special thanks to Linda's caregiver for the past two years, Cliftina Trochez for her special care and love for Linda. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.bryan-leefuneralhome.com](http://www.bryan-leefuneralhome.com).

## **Little Young Stephenson**

Smithfield Herald

3/6/1923

A sadness was cast over our community last Thursday when the news came that Mr. Young Stephenson was dead. Mr. Stephenson visited his son, B. I. Stephenson and on his way home he went by a small pond of water. His mind being unbalanced he decided that he had lived long enough so he walked in the pond a short distance and lay down (the water was not deep) and drowned himself. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn their loss.

### **Lloyd Dwight Stephenson**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

July 17, 1998

Lloyd Dwight Stephenson, 89, died Thursday. Services 2 p.m. Saturday at Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church with burial to follow in Pinecrest Memorial Gardens. Rev. Jim Bogle and Rev. Frank Grubbs officiating.

Survivors: wife, Ethel C. Stephenson of Clayton; daughter, Vahnis S. O'Neal of Wilson; sons, Lloyd D. Stephenson, Jr. of Selma, Stephen C. Stephenson of Clayton; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Family will receive friends 7-9 p.m. Friday at McLaurin Funeral Home. While flowers are accepted, memorial contributions may be made to Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church, 3468 Powhatan Rd., Clayton, N.C. 27520.

### **Lois Frances Walton Barbour Blalock**

Dunn Daily Record

08/01/2006

Lois Frances Blalock, 81, of Sanford died Sunday, July 30, 2006. A native of Johnston County, she was the daughter of the late Willis Carlton and Lydia Stephenson Walton. She was preceded in death by her husband, William A. Barbour; a son, Billy Ray Barbour; and brothers, Lundy Walton and Sherrill Walton. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home Chapel in Angier. Burial will follow at Willow Spring Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Survivors include daughters, Bonnie Lee of Willow Spring, Dorothy Barbour of Clayton and Jackie Norris of Coats; a sister, Hilda W. Whitley of Willow Spring; a brother, Talmadge Walton of Youngsville; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at the funeral home and other times at the home of Jeanette Lee, 3564 County Line Road, Angier.

### **Louis Alton Stephenson, Jr.**

Dunn Daily Record

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

Louis Alton Stephenson Jr., 64, of 902 Warren Road, Erwin, died Tuesday morning at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital in Dunn. Mr. Stephenson was a retired educator where he taught for



15 years with Chatham County Georgia School System and also coached and taught at Boone Trail High School.

He was the son of the late Louis Alton and Kathleen Gautier Stephenson. Funeral services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Erwin by the Revs. Steve Reed and J.D. Norris. Burial will follow in Erwin Memorial Park.

Survivors include his wife, Inez D. Stephenson; a son, Alton "Al" Louis Stephenson III of Tifton, Ga.; a daughter, Kathy Ellrich of Richmond, Va.; and grandchildren, Chase Ammon of Richmond, Va., Luke, Summer and Isaac Stephenson, all of Tifton, Ga.

The family will receive friends Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Price Funeral Home and other times at the home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Erwin, 300 S. 12th St., Erwin, N.C. 28339.

### **Lucille Stephenson Gregory**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
February 4, 1995

BENSON -- Mrs. Lucille Stephenson Gregory, 80, of 603 W. Harnett St. died Friday. She was a member of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday in Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Gregory is survived by a daughter, Pat G. Richardson of Raleigh; a sister, Ella Sherrill of Garner; a grandson; and a great-granddaughter.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson. Memorials may be made to the Benson Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 23, Benson, N.C. 27504, or to Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, Route 1, Box 316, Benson, N.C. 27504.

### **Lundy Henry Walton**

Dunn Daily Record  
2/3/2005

Lundy Henry Walton, 82, of 719 Mt. Pleasant Road, Willow Spring, died Tuesday at Wake Medical Center. He was born in Johnston County to the late Carlton and Ethel Walton. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Friday at Willow Spring Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Survivors include sisters, Lois Blalock of Angier, Hilda Whitley and husband Stanley of Willow Spring; and brothers, Sherrill Walton of Dunn, Talmadge Walton of Youngsville.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home in Garner and other times at the home of Stanley and Hilda Whitley, 760 Mt. Pleasant Road, Willow Spring. Flowers are accepted or memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 434 Fayetteville Street Mall, Two Hanover Square, Suite 1600, Raleigh, N.C. 27601-1764.

### **Mabel Stephenson Medlin**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
March 29, 2001

BENSON - Mrs. Mabel Stephenson Medlin, 84, of 610 N. Lincoln St. died Tuesday at Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Friday at Elevation United Methodist Church. Officiating will be the Rev. Henry Lee. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery, Benson.

Mrs. Medlin was born August 9, 1916 in Johnston County to the late Charles Q. and Elizabeth Davis Stephenson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnnie G. Medlin, Sr. Mrs. Medlin had retired as Cafeteria Manager at South Johnston High School. She was a member of Elevation United Methodist Church taught Sunday school for over 50 years, was a member of the United Methodist Women, and served the community in many capacities.

Surviving: daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Graden Blackman of Benson; sons and daughters-in-law John G., Jr. and Pauline Medlin of Winston-Salem, Jerry M. and Libbie Jean Medlin of Raleigh, Tracy and Anna Medlin of Cary; sisters, Ethel S. Matthews of Raleigh, Doris S. Barbour of Benson; brother, E.E. "Buster" Stephenson of Raleigh; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; caregiver, Betty Best.

The family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson from 7-9 p.m. Thursday. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Elevation United Methodist Church Building Fund, 5101 Elevation Road, Benson, NC 27504.

### **Macy L. Stephenson Parrish**

Dunn Daily Record  
Monday, October 28, 2002

Macy Stephenson Parrish, 80, of 17031 N.C. 210, Angier, died Sunday at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. She was born May 13, 1922, in Johnston County to the late William Lawrence and Kizzie Denning Stephenson. She was a homemaker and a member of Providence Presbyterian Church and the Providence Presbyterian Ladies' Circle. She was also a member of American Legion Banner Post 109 Ladies Auxiliary.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson by the Rev. Mark Scott. Burial will follow in Providence Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Angier.

Survivors include her husband, E. Raeford Parrish; daughters, J. Raye P. Miklas and husband Jack of Angier, Joy P. Johnson and husband Rodney of Elizabeth City and Ginger S. Parrish of Elizabeth City; a sister, Edith S. Stephenson of Dunn; granddaughters, Jessica J. Johnson and Wendy B. Johnson; and a great-grandson, Dylan B. Jordan. The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson.

The family suggests memorials be made to Providence Presbyterian Church, 14664 N.C. 210, Angier, N.C. 27501, or to one's favorite charity.

### **Margaret Elizabeth Stephenson Massengill**

Dunn Daily Record  
02/07/2007

ANGIER, N.C. -Margaret Elizabeth Stephenson Massengill, 94, a former resident of Oak Hill Assisted Living Center, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at Rex Hospital in Raleigh. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Providence Presbyterian Church. Officiating will be the Revs. Tim Bunn and Lisa Nance. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Margaret was born June 25, 1912, in Johnston County to the late John Pinkney and Clyda Barefoot Stephenson. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Walter Richard Massengill; brothers, Bill Stephenson and John Stephenson; and sisters, Katherine Pleasant Lassiter and Novie Stephenson.

She is survived by her loving sister, Lydia Bunn Moore of Live Oak, Fla.; nieces, Eloise Stephenson and husband Dwight of Angier, Beth Jacobs and husband Keith, of England; nephews, Bob Stephenson and wife Pam of Davidson, N.C., John Stephenson and wife Sandra of Cary, Tim Bunn and wife Edith of Garner, Lindy and David Stephenson of Greensboro; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Margaret was a proud, lifelong member of Providence Presbyterian Church which she loved dearly. She was a graduate of Flora McDonald College in Red Springs, N.C., and was a shining Eastern Star in the Lou Parrish Chapter 130 of Benson. Many young people were inspired during her many years of mission work in the Presbyterian churches with her gentle modesty, her kindness to all and her love of her faith and Lord. She helped to organize Unity Presbyterian Church of Meadow, N.C., and Plainview Presbyterian Church of Angier.

The family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Benson, from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Providence Presbyterian Church, 14664 N.C. 210, Angier, NC 27501. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com](http://www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com).

### **Mary Aldine King Gregory**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
December 24, 1994

BUIES CREEK -- Mrs. Aldine King Gregory, 81, died Friday. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday in Buies Creek First Baptist Church by Dr. Sherrill Stevens. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery.

Mrs. Gregory is survived by three daughters, Frances G. Austin of Buies Creek, Gail G. Spence of Dunn and Betty G. Coats of Garner; three sons, Steven Gregory of Lillington, Durwood "Joe" Gregory of Cary and Carvel Gregory of Buies Creek; 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 tonight at O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home, and at other times in the home of Frances Austin. Memorials may be made to Buies Creek First Baptist Church, Buies Creek, N.C. 27506.

### **Mary Brookie Stephenson Stancil**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
November 2, 2001

LILLINGTON -- Mrs. Mary Brookie Stancil, 81, died at her home on Thursday, Nov. 1, 2001. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Victor Stancil and a daughter, Sandra Davis. She was the daughter of the late Isiah and Janie Beasley Stephenson. Funeral 1 p.m. Saturday, Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Robert Ivey and Rev. Martin Groover officiating. Burial, Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery.

Surviving: daughter, Linda Holder of Lillington; son, James Stancil of Lillington; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Visitation 6-8 p.m. Friday, O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home and other times at the home of Linda Holder.

### **Mary C. Stephenson Johnson Surles**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
September 29, 2001

Mrs. Mary Johnson Surles, age 74, of Willow Spring died Friday at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. Funeral Services will be 2 p.m. Sunday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel.

Officiating will be the Rev. Mark Scott and Mr. Nathan Dry. Burial will follow in Lakeside Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Surles was born November 27, 1926, in Johnston County to the late William "Buddy" and Kizzie Denning Stephenson. She enjoyed life and was a Homemaker.

Survivors are: daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte J. and Bill Duncan of Raleigh; sons and daughter-in-law, Dennis W. Johnson of Willow Spring and Steven R. and Maggie Johnson of Benson; sisters, Macy S. Parrish of Angier and Edith S. Stephenson of Dunn; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Benson, from 7-9 p.m. Saturday.

### **Mary Frances Young Marshall**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
November 18, 2002

ANGIER -- Mary Frances Young Marshall, 83, died Saturday. A fun loving child (and adult), she was born to Oscar S. and Willie (Stephenson) Young and raised in the Angier area. Preceding in death are her parents, a sister, Sou Lou Young, and a brother, Charles Young.

Surviving are sisters, Dorothy Y. Matthews of Kipling and Janice Young of Angier. She attended Campbell College, East Carolina University, Miss Hardbarger's School of Business, and worked in Raleigh and Wilmington. After meeting and marrying Carl L. Marshall in Wilmington during the war, she lived in New York State and Utah, eventually settling in Chicago where she lived for 30 years. Her daughters, Carla Jaeger of Park Forest and Sue Marshall of Colchester, Illinois survive.

After her husband's death, she returned to live in rural Angier for many years before a recent illness. She took an active role in parenting and family life, enjoyed spending time with good friends, watching her "soaps," vacationing in Wisconsin and back home in North Carolina. Family and friends will miss her love, unfailing sense of humor, and independent spirit.

Private service will be held at a later date. Services are by Bryan-Lee Funeral Home in Angier. Memorials can be made to a charity of one's choice.

## **Mary Lee Lassiter Stephenson**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

04/10/2007

Mary Lee Lassiter Stephenson, 87, of 14907 NC 210 Hwy, died Monday. Graveside service will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at Fellowship Community Cemetery.

Surviving: daughters, JoAnn S. Creech and husband, Ronnie, of Angier, and Sharon Stephenson, of Angier; son, John R. Stephenson and wife, Gale, of Raleigh; grandchildren, Stephen R. Creech and wife, Christy, and Adam P. Stephenson; great-grandchildren, Logan Creech and Macie Creech.

She was predeceased by her husband, Ralston Stephenson and a son, Lanny L. Stephenson.

Visitation will be 6:00-8:00 p.m. Tuesday, at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, Garner. Flowers are welcome or contributions may be made to: Providence Presbyterian Church, Organ Fund, 14664 NC 210, Angier, NC, 27501 or to Advantage Hospice and Home Care, 1428 South Pollock St., Selma, NC 27576. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.bryan-lee-funeralhome.com](http://www.bryan-lee-funeralhome.com).

## **Mary Ollie Harmon Ennis**

Rose & Graham Funeral Home Notice

11/11/2006

Mrs. Mary Harmon Ennis, 80, of 1566 Abattoir Road died Friday at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill. She was born in Harnett County, December 17, 1925, to the late Rufus Benton & Eula Stephenson Harmon. She was also preceded in death by her husband, William Clyde Ennis, and was a homemaker. Graveside Funeral services will be held at 11 AM Monday at the Coats City Cemetery. Officiating will be Rev. Jesse Mooney and Luke Boythe.

Affectionately known by her Harmon family as "Tootsie", she is survived by a son and his wife, Clyde, Jr. & Debbie Ennis of Lewisville; Sister & Brother-in-law, Millie H. & Norman Wiggins of Buies Creek; Two Grandchildren and Husbands, Mary Kathryn & Chad Alexander, Melissa Sue & Luke Boythe; Great Grandchildren Chase Alexander and Andrew Boythe.

The family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Coats, from 7:00PM to 8:30PM Sunday.

### **Mattie Massengill Stephenson**

Dunn Daily Record

7/21/2005

Mattie Massengill Stephenson, 91, of 210 Benson Road, Garner, died Wednesday, July 20, 2005. She was preceded in death by her husband of 43 years, Marvin Stephenson; and a daughter, Betty Lou Mason. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Friday at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home Chapel in Garner. Burial will follow at Harnett Devotional Gardens in Dunn.

Survivors include sons, Jerry Stephenson and wife Delois of Garner, Ricky Stephenson and wife Kathy of Monroe; grandchildren, Dallas Stephenson, Bonnie Branch, Stephanie Morris, Briana Bragg, Dana Christopher, Karmen Stephenson and Kandace Stephenson; and five great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home in Garner. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 11 S. Boylan Ave., Raleigh, N.C. 27603; or Aversboro Road Baptist Church, 1600 Aversboro Road, Garner, N.C. 27529.

### **Maude Ava Adams Langdon**

Bryan - Lee Funeral Home

03/06/2003

Maude Adams Langdon, 98, of Angier, died Friday. A native of Wake Co., she was the daughter of the late Purvis and Annie Stephenson Adams. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Naomi Smith and Ruth Dupree. Graveside Services will be held at 11:00 AM Monday at Chalybeate Springs Baptist Church Cemetery.

Surviving: a daughter, Annie Lee Andrews and her husband, Joe; a grandson, Lewis Andrews of Fuquay-Varina; a sister, Ruby Jones of Angier and a brother, Harland Adams of Garner.

The family will be at the home of Joe and Annie Lee Andrews, US Hwy 401 North and will receive friends after the graveside service in the Chalybeate Springs Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Arrangement by Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, Angier.

### **Maudie Lee Honeycutt McGee**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

January 23, 1999

Maudie Honeycutt McGee, 76, of 3867 Old Fairground Road, died Friday. Funeral service 2 p.m. Sunday at Bryan-Lee Funeral Chapel, Garner. Burial, Devotional Gardens, Dunn.

Surviving: husband, Harold Bledsoe McGee; sons, Gary McGee of Hickory, Ray McGee of Garner, Ken McGee of Benson; grandchildren, Keri McGee, Scott McGee, Jeffrey McGee, Amber McGee, Lauren McGee, Mackenzie McGee and Madison McGee; sisters, Edna H. McLamb and Pauline H. Jones, both of Angier; brothers, Leonard Honeycutt of Benson and Clarence Honeycutt of Angier.

The family will be at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, Garner, 7-9 p.m. today and other times at the home. Contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Assn., 3109 Poplarwood Ct., Raleigh, NC 27604.

### **Maylon Franklin Avery**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
April 16, 1997

Maylon Franklin Avery, 87, of Rt. 2, Coats, died Monday at his home. He was the son of the late James Franklin and Vannie Stephenson Avery and was preceded in death by his wife, Flossie McLeod Avery. Funeral service will be held 3 p.m. Thursday at Prospect FWB Church with the Revs. Ronnie Byrd and Jesse Mooney officiating. Burial will follow in the Prospect Church Cemetery.

He is survived by son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and "Mayor" Frances Avery of Coats; daughters and sons-in-law, Helen A. and Bruce Gomedella of Erwin, Faye A. and Frank Dunbar of Raleigh; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at Price Funeral Home in Erwin and other times at the Avery home, Rt. 2, Coats, NC.

### **Maytle Samantha Johnson Stephenson**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
October 2, 1995

BENSON -- Mrs. Maytle Johnson Stephenson, 88, of Route 3 died Sunday in Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. She was a retired solicitor for the Smithfield Herald. The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Rehobeth Primitive Baptist Church by Elder Worth Stepheson and the Rev. J.D. Nesselrodt. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Stephenson is survived by a daughter, Rose S. Hollingsworth of Raleigh; three sons, William P. Stephenson Jr. of Willow Spring, William M. Stephenson of Raleigh and Shelby D. Stephenson of Southern Pines; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.



The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home and other times at the home of Paul and Ann Stephenson, 12020 N.C. 50 West, Willow Spring. Memorials may be made to Rehobeth Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, care of Kenneth Stephenson, 2500 N.C. 42, Willow Spring, N.C. 27592.

### **Mildred Christine Stephenson Woody**

Herald-Sun, The (Durham, NC)  
April 20, 2000

OXFORD -- Mildred Stephenson Woody, age 90, of 4550 Fairport Rd., died Wednesday, April 19, 2000. Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. Friday at Enon Baptist Church. The family will receive 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday at Gentry-Newell & Vaughan Funeral Home and other times at the home of Dan and Sue Woody, 4584 Fairport Rd.

### **Mozelle Parrish Stephenson**

Herald-Sun, The (Durham, NC)  
April 22, 2004

DURHAM - Mrs. Mozelle Parrish Stephenson, died Thursday, April 20, 2004, at Durham Regional Hospital. She was born on May 20, 1916, to the late Stephen and Sadie Adams Parrish of Johnston County. Mrs. Stephenson had worked at Fairey's Hosiery and retired from Durham Hosiery Mill. She was a member of Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church and was active in Sunday School. She loved to garden and crochet. Mrs. Stephenson was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn Stephenson; two sisters and three brothers.

She is survived by three sons, Hershhal Stephenson and wife, Carol of Rougemont, Larry Stephenson and wife, Dot of N. Myrtle Beach and Terry Stephenson and wife, Lawana of Durham; one brother, Enos Parrish of Benson; one sister, Alma Smith of Raleigh; six grandchildren, April Green (Barry), Alan Stephenson (Dianne), Rodney Stephenson (Kim), Eric Stephenson, Scott Stephenson and Brandon Stephenson (Sheri); six great-grandchildren, Desmond Stephenson, Jacob Stephenson, Cameron Stephenson, Ethan Stephenson, Houston Green and Payton Green.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church on Carpenter Pond Road. The Rev. Brent Patrick will officiate. Burial will be in the Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery. Active pallbearers will be her grandsons and honorary pallbearers will be her granddaughter and great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home, other times at the home of Terry and Lawana Stephenson, 2301 Rada Drive. Flowers are acceptable or donations can be made to Shady Grove FWB Church, 2501 Shady Grove Rd., Durham, NC 27703.

### **Naola Ruth Adams Dupree**

Dunn Daily Record

03/03/2006

Ruth Adams Dupree, 100, of Angier died Thursday, March 2, 2006. She was born June 28, 1905, to the late Purvis and Annie Stephenson Smith. She was preceded in death by her husband, William A. Dupree Sr.; a son, W.A. Dupree Jr.; and a sister, Naomi A. Smith. Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. Sunday at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home in Angier. Burial will be at Montlawn Memorial Park.

Survivors include a granddaughter, Ruth Dupree Petrea and husband Jim of Bahama; grandson, William A. Dupree III and wife Barbara of Raleigh; great-grandchildren, Katherine Petrea, Anna Petrea, Suzanna Dupree and Sara Scott Dupree; sisters, Maude Langdon and Ruby Jones, both of Angier; and a brother, Harland R. Adams of Garner.

The family will receive friends Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home in Angier.

### **Nellie Louise Stephenson Coats**

Dunn Daily Record

4/29/2005

Nellie Stephenson Coats, 83, of 2100 Sanders Road, Willow Spring, died Wednesday at Laurels of Forest Glenn in Garner. She was born April 28, 1921, in Johnston County to the late Irving Henry and Minnie Etta Barefoot Stephenson. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Bythan Coats Sr.; and brothers, Warren G. Stephenson and Garland Stephenson. Mrs. Coats was a homemaker, farmer and a member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church.

Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. today at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson by the Rev. Jonathan Hill. Burial will follow at Coats Family Cemetery.

Survivors include daughters, Billie Jean Williams and husband Lee E. "Pete" of Raleigh, Brenda Blackmon and husband James of Clinton; sons, James Bythan "J.B." Coats Jr. and wife Gale of Willow Spring, Jerise "J.L." Coats and wife Barbara of Willow Spring; sisters, Marie Byrd of Benson and Magalene Smith of Four Oaks; a brother, Charles Stephenson of Willow Spring; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends today from 2 to 3 p.m. at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson and other times at the home of J.L. and Barbara Coats, 2048 Sanders Road, Willow Spring.

## **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, Lesha 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.

## **Pauline Byrd Bullock**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

October 16, 1998

Mrs. Pauline Byrd Bullock, 77, of Lillington died Wednesday in her home. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday in the O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. Bill Goodnight. Burial will be in Westview Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Bullock is survived by two sons, Gary Bullock of Sanford and Jimmy Bullock of Clinton; a daughter, Trudy B. Hamilton of Lillington; three brothers, Cliff Byrd of Coats, Bruce Byrd of Lillington and Eugene Byrd of Godwin; a sister, Jerry Stogsdill of Lillington; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at the funeral home and at other times at the home of Trudy Hamilton. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 266, Lillington, N.C. 27546.

## Pauline Stephenson Johnson

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

08/20/2006



Pauline Stephenson Johnson, 85, of Springmoor Lifecare Retirement Community in Raleigh, formerly of Smithfield, died on Friday. Born in Johnston County on March 14, 1921, she was the daughter of the late Jesse and Dessie Langdon Stephenson.

Pauline was a principal and interior decorator at the family business Johnson Paint & Wallpaper for many years. She was a member of Smithfield First Baptist Church until moving to Raleigh and joining Greystone Baptist Church. She had a strong religious faith and was an accomplished pianist.

Pauline was preceded in death by her husband, Leawon Johnson, and her son, Stephen F. "Butch" Johnson. A graveside service will be held Monday at 11:00 a.m. at Sunset Memorial Park in Smithfield with Rev. Lee Colbert officiating.

Surviving are: a son, J. Keith Johnson and wife, Staton of Smithfield; a daughter, Karen F. Johnson of Raleigh; a daughter-in-law, Pat Johnson Horvath of San Antonio, TX; grandchildren, William A. Johnson and wife, Deborah of Overland Park, KS, Kevin M. Johnson and wife, Neger of San Antonio, TX, James B. Johnson and wife, Melissa of San Antonio, TX, Mary Margaret Howard and husband, John of San Antonio, TX, Joel Keith Johnson, Jr. of Bangkok, Thailand, Jon E. Johnson and wife, Jennifer of Atlantic Beach, Mary Louise Karstens and husband, Alexander of Clayton, John H. Flake III and wife, Kristin of Sparta, NJ; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at Underwood Funeral Home in Smithfield Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church, 202 S. Fourth St., Smithfield, NC 27577, Greystone Baptist Church, 7509 Lead Mine Rd., Raleigh, NC 27615, or the Springmoor Endowment Fund, 1500 Sawmill Rd., Raleigh, NC 27615.

## **Raeford Haywood Stephenson**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

05/23/2007



Raeford H. Stephenson, formerly of Asheboro, 92, died May 21, 2007. Graveside service will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday at Pinecrest Memorial Park with Dr. Baxter Prevatte officiating.

Mr. Stephenson is survived by his sons, Jerald Stephenson of Wanchese, NC, Glenn Stephenson of Madisonville, TX, Douglas Stephenson of LaFayette, GA, Larry Stephenson of Chandler, AZ, Richard Stephenson of Morehead City; daughters, Sue Williams of Clayton, Linda Fowler of Wilmington; brother, Simon Stephenson of Willow Spring; sister, Annie Mae Coats of Linden, NC; 22 grandchildren; a number of great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends and relatives on 10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. Thursday at McLaurin Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Hospice of Harnett County, 111-A N. Ellis Avenue, Dunn, NC 28334 and

to a charity of one's choice. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.mclaurinatpinecrest.com](http://www.mclaurinatpinecrest.com). Arrangements by McLaurin at Pinecrest, Funerals & Cremations, Clayton.

## **Ralph Austin Stephenson**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

June 3, 2002

Ralph A. Stephenson, 81, of Erwin, died Sunday in Integrated Health Services of Dunn. Mr. Stephenson was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Skinner Funeral Home chapel in Dunn by the Revs. Donald Hair and Bobby Strickland. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in Dunn.

Mr. Stephenson is survived by his wife, Ruby M. Stephenson of Erwin; a son, Robert Stephenson of Roseboro; a daughter, Shirley Melchiorre of Manassas, Va.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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

## **Ransom Edward Penny, Jr.**

Smithfield Herald

06/14/2006

Ransom Edward Penny Jr., 70, of Smithfield died Monday, June 12. Born Aug. 20, 1935, in Johnston County, Mr. Penny was the son of the late Ransom Edward and Betty Mae Penny. A 1957 graduate of Smithfield High School, he spent six years in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Mr. Penny was a Smithfield police officer for two years and a sergeant with the N.C. Department of Correction for 30 years. A horse enthusiast, he was a farrier for 35 years. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 15, in Sunset Memorial Park in Smithfield.

Surviving are his children, Edward Penny and David Penny, both of Clayton, and Erin Penny of Oxford; and two grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 7 till 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at Underwood Funeral Home, 522 S. Bright Leaf Blvd., Smithfield. The family suggests memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society, 11 S. Boylan Ave., Raleigh, N.C. 27603.

## **Rayvon Stephenson**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

April 21, 1996

COATS -- Rayvon Stephenson, 44, of Route 1 died Friday in his home. He was a self-employed painter. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday in the Gospel Tabernacle Church by the Revs. Willie Jones and Wanda Bales. Burial will be in the Coats City Cemetery.

Mr. Stephenson is survived by his wife, Frances T. Stephenson, a son, Daniel Stephenson; a stepdaughter, Lisa Roberts of Coats; two brothers, Charles Stephenson and Tony Stephenson, both of Coats; two sisters, Becky Stewart of Cinninnati and Sandy Turlington of Coats; and two grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 9 at the Cromartie-Miller & Lee Funeral Home in Dunn and other times at the home, Live Oak Road, Route 1.

## **Rebecca McLamb Stephenson**

Dunn Daily Record

06/13/2005

Rebecca McLamb Stephenson, 60, of 75-B Merrill Ridge Drive, Asheville, died Thursday, June 9, 2005. She was born in Johnston County to the late Floyd and Sarah McLamb. She was the widow of Jerry Wayne Stephenson Sr. She was the former owner of Stephenson Stables in

Willow Spring. Mrs. Stephenson was a retired teller supervisor with First Union Bank. Funeral services were held 3 p.m. Sunday at Friendship Baptist Church. Burial followed at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Survivors include a son, Jerry Wayne Stephenson Jr. of Asheville; sisters, Jo Taylor of Sneads Ferry, Jean Tart of Dunn, Betty Rose Sutton of Goldsboro and Sandra Godwin of Benson. A service of Bryan-Lee Funeral Home in Garner.

### **Richard Fayton Olive, Sr.**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
09/24/2006

Richard Fayton Olive, Sr., 80, of Clayton died September 21, 2006 at the VA Medical Center in Durham. He was born in Johnston County on February 27, 1926 to the late Mary Isabella and James Rufus Olive. He was a veteran of WW II, and a member of Clement Primitive Baptist Church.

The family will receive friends from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Sunday at the Clement Primitive Baptist Church with the funeral service to be conducted at 3:00 p.m. The burial will follow at the Olive Cemetery.

Mr. Olive is survived by his wife of 59 years, Nola Green Olive; four sons, Richard F Olive Jr. (Vickie) of Clayton, Johnny F Olive of Stony Point, Vernon W. Olive (Cathy) of Wilson, and Joel R Olive (Shelley) of Halton City, TX; 11 grandchildren, Susan Conklin, Melissa, Jenna, Jacob, Joshua Taylor, Hailey, Katie, Eli, Sarah, Rachel, and Daniel Olive; and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Olive was preceded in death by three sons, James Eli Olive, Sam Vincent Olive, and Julian Tracy Olive.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to Clement Primitive Baptist Church, c/o Nola Olive, 500 Peele Rd, Clayton, NC.

### **Richard McKinley Langdon**

Skinner & Smith Funeral Home Notice  
09/27/2006

Mr. Richard McKinley "Ricky" Langdon, 45, of Dunn, died Monday in UNC Hospitals. The Wake county native was a son of Barbara Stephenson Langdon and the late Glenn Langdon. Mr. Langdon was a sheet rock finisher. Funeral services will be conducted 2:00 PM Thursday in Skinner & Smith Funeral Home with Rev. Tom Stephenson and Rev. Joyce Hair officiating. Burial will be in Willow Spring Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Surviving are his mother Barbara S. Langdon, his step-father Bobby Jackson both of the home, brothers Jeffrey Ray Langdon and wife Susan of Benson, Bobby Langdon of Dunn, a sister Carolyn Langdon of Dunn

The family will receive friends 7:00 until 9:00 PM Wednesday at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made to [www.skinnerandsmith.com](http://www.skinnerandsmith.com).

### **Robert Glenn Powell**

The News & Observer  
December 16, 2001

JUNE 3, 1926 - DEC. 15, 2001

SMITHFIELD -- Robert Glenn Powell, 75, of 95 Short Journey Road died Saturday. He was a native of Johnston County, a son of the late Robert Leon and Lula Stephenson Powell. Glenn was a real estate developer, a farmer and a carpenter. Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. from the chapel of Underwood Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park.

Surviving: wife, Ruth D. Powell; daughter, Lou Glenn Powell of Strafford, New Hampshire; daughter-in-law, Ellen Daughtry Powell of Atlanta, Georgia; brother, W. Leon Powell of Smithfield; sister, Margaret Benton of Smithfield; three step-children, Dana Powell, Kendra Powell and Ashton Powell; eight step-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at Underwood Funeral Home Sunday from 7-9 p.m.

### **Ronald Ray Barnes**

The Smithfield Herald  
7/15/2005

Ronald Ray Barnes, 63, of Carrollton, Ga., formerly of Johnston County, died July 1 after a period of failing health. Born Feb. 10, 1942, in Angier, Mr. Barnes was a son of the late William F. and Rachel Stephenson Barnes. He retired from Atlanta Gas & Light Co. after more than 20 years of service. Also, Mr. Barnes was a former firefighter and federal civil service technician.

An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening and puttering in his workshop. The funeral was at Stripling Chapel United Methodist Church in Carrollton, Ga. Burial followed in Carroll Memory Gardens.

Surviving are his wife of 35 years, Joann Barnes; a son, Russell Barnes of Carrollton, Ga.; two stepchildren, Linda Hartupee and Terry Smith, both of Carrollton, Ga.; three brothers, Franklin



Barnes of Wake Forest, Lt. Col. Dr. Will Barnes of Clarksboro, N.J., and Don Barnes of Smithfield; three grandchildren; and three stepgrandchildren.

### **Ruby Parrish Parrish**

Rose & Graham Funeral Home Notice  
01/08/2007

Mrs. Ruby P. Parrish, age 85, of 1655 Johnston County Road died Monday at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital in Dunn. Funeral Services will be 2:00PM Wednesday at the Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Coats. Officiating will be the Rev. Scott Johnson. Burial will follow in the Bethel Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Parrish was born June 13, 1921 in Johnston County to the late Daniel and Myrtle Stephenson Parrish. She was preceded in death by her Husband, Vernon Parrish, and Daughter, Hilda Kay Parrish. Mrs. Parrish had retired in textiles from Terre Hill in Coats, and was a Homemaker.

Survivors include Daughters & Sons-in-Law, Jeneal & Fred Wade of Coats, and Linda & Billy Godwin of Clayton; Son & Daughter-In-Law, Cecil & Jessica Parrish of Angier; Brother, Melvin Parrish of Newport News, VA.; Sister, Rachel Hicks of Garner; Three Grandchildren, Tonya Coletti, Jamie Denton, and Daniel Godwin; Five Step-Grandchildren; and 9 Great Grandchildren.

Family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Coats, from 7:00PM to 9:00PM Tuesday and other times at the home of Cecil & Jessica Parrish, 1573 Johnston County Road, Angier.

### **Rufus Stephenson Lassiter**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
December 10, 2002

CHARLOTTE -- Mr. Rufus Stephenson Lassiter, 60, died Sunday, December 8, 2002 at Elizabeth Place in Charlotte. Mr. Lassiter was born May 27, 1942 in Charlotte, NC, the son of the late Rufus Alonzo Lassiter and Bessie Stephenson Lassiter and had attended school at St. Mark's Center.

He is survived by his niece and nephew, Debbie Wolfe and Jeff Austin; a brother-in-law, Chuck Austin; two great-nieces, Lauren and Caitlin Baity. In addition to his parents, Mr. Lassiter was preceded in death by his sister, Linda Austin.

Mr. Lassiter's family will receive friends from 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 11 at Hankins & Whittington in Dilworth followed by a service in the funeral home chapel at 7:30 p.m. The

Reverend Dr. John E. Hill will officiate. A committal service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 12 at Riverside Cemetery in Smithfield, NC with the Reverend Seth Allen officiating.

Memorials may be sent to St. Mark's Group Homes, Inc. for the Windsor Drive Home, 3124 Windsor Dr., Charlotte, NC 28209. Arrangements are in the care of Hankins & Whittington Dilworth Chapel, Charlotte, online at [www.hankinsandwhittington.com](http://www.hankinsandwhittington.com).

### **Ruth Stephenson Harvell**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
02/10/2008

Ruth Stephenson Harvell, 80, of Willow Spring, died Friday. Loving wife, mother, grandmother, and sister, she will be missed by all who loved her. She was preceded in death by her husband, James, her daughter, Gail Godwin, a granddaughter, a great-grandson, Garrett Horne, and her parents, Nimrod Vasper Stephenson and Vera Weeks Stephenson. Funeral service will be held 2:00 p.m. Monday at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home in Angier. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens, Fuquay-Varina.

Surviving includes daughter, Terry Pearce and husband, Tommy; grandson, Chad Pearce and wife, Cathy; granddaughter, Kelley Pearce and fiancée, Charles Bryant; grandson, Jeremy Godwin and wife, Luran; grandson, Joshua Godwin; great-grandchildren, Cassie Sauls and husband, Christopher, Corey Pearce, Mary Gale, Max and Griffin Godwin.

Visitation will be held from 5:00- 7:00 p.m. Sunday at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home, Angier. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice of Wake County, 1300 St. Mary's Street, Suite 400 Raleigh, NC 27605. Condolences to the family may be made to [www.bryan-eefuneralhome.com](http://www.bryan-eefuneralhome.com).

### **Sherwood Langdon**

Rose & Graham Funeral Home Notice  
04/19/2006

Mr. Sherwood Langdon, age 85, of 1881 Cane Mill Road died Wednesday at Western Wake Medical Center in Cary. Funeral Services will be 11:00AM Saturday at Coats United Methodist Church. Officiating will be Rev. Tommy Smith and Elder J. M. Mewborn. Burial will follow in Coats City Cemetery.

Mr. Langdon was born January 27, 1921 in Harnett County to the late Grover Cleveland and Catherine Stephenson Langdon. He was also preceded in death by sisters, Rosa L. Rambeau, Iris L. Barnes, Eurice L. Martin, and Cleo Langdon; and brothers, J. Hector Langdon, Grover N. Langdon, Woodrow Langdon, Gerald Langdon, and Vurner Langdon.

Mr. Langdon was a farmer, accountant, land developer, and business owner. He established Tabulated Accounting Service in Dunn in 1955 and continued in business there for 51 years. Mr. Langdon was highly respected in the business community and was dearly loved by his family. He attended Coats United Methodist Church.

Survivors include Wife, Helen Barnes Langdon; Daughter & Son-in-Law, Ann & George Kaneklides of Coats; Son & Daughter-in-Law, John & Sandi Langdon of Charlotte; Grandchildren, Mary Elizabeth Kaneklides, Alexander Langdon Kaneklides, and Caroline Langdon; Sisters, Vallie L. Sauls of Garner, Edna L. Ogburn of Willow Spring, and Ruth L. McNeill of Sanford.

The family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Coats, from 6:00PM to 8:00PM Friday.

### **Stephen Channing McGee**

Dunn Daily Record  
04/26/2006

Stephen Channing McGee, 51, of Chattanooga, Tenn., died Wednesday, April 19, 2006. A native of Erwin, he was the son of the late James L. McGee Sr. and Daphne Braxton. A private memorial service is scheduled for a later date.

Survivors include his wife, Tammy; sons, Stephen McGee of Dunn and Christopher McGee of Angier; a daughter, Amy Grantham and husband Larry of Georgia; stepchildren, Jason Sims of Clinton, Patricia and Christopher Rossell of Tennessee; grandchildren, Christiana Williams, Celeste and Timothy Grantham of Georgia; a brother, James L. McGee Jr. and wife Carolyn of Benson; and a sister, Rose Kirby and husband Richard of Angier.

A service of Lane Funeral Home, South Crest Chapel in Rossville, Ga.

### **Telpher Hughes Stephenson**

Dunn Daily Record  
11/29/2004

Telfer Hughes Stephenson, 88, of 2940 Plainview Church Road, Angier, died Saturday. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home Chapel in Angier. Burial will be in Lakeside Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Marie Pleasants Stephenson; a daughter, Phyllis S. Turner and husband Elmer of Virginia Beach, Va.; sons, Gerald Stephenson and wife Cindy of Alexandria, Va., Ray Stephenson and wife Sonja of Fuquay-Varina, Gary Stephenson and wife Faye of Angier and John Roderick and wife Linda of Angier; eight grandchildren; and nine

great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be tonight from 7 to 9 at Bryan-Lee Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the American Parkinson's Disease Association, c/o Duke Medical Center, Morene Road, Durham, N.C.; Hospice of Harnett County, 111-A N. Ellis Ave., Dunn, N.C. 28334; or to the church of one's choice.

### **Thomas Alfred Dupree**

Dunn Daily Record

3/6/2003

Thomas Alfred Dupree, 85, of 135 White Memorial Church Road in Angier, died Wednesday. A graveside service is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Friday at Fellowship Community Cemetery. Elder James Denning and the Rev. Mark Scott will officiate. Mr. Dupree was born in Johnston County and was a farmer.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Agnes Johnson Dupree; a daughter, Gail Spry and her husband Bill of Angier; two sons, Thomas Larry Dupree and his wife Margaret of Goldsboro, and Don R. Dupree and his wife Brenda of Angier; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson tonight from 7-9. Flowers are welcomed; however, memorials may be made to one's favorite charity.

### **Thomas Bruce Coats**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

September 2, 1997

Mr. Thomas Bruce Coats, 75, of 9909 Cleveland Road, passed away Monday at home. Mr. Coats was retired as a counselor with the N.C. Department of Corrections. He was also a World War II Army veteran. Funeral service will be held Wednesday at 4 p.m. from the Shiloh Baptist Church, with the Rev. Danny Poyner officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Survivors: wife, Isabell S. "Tiny" Coats of Clayton; two daughters, Joy Coats of Clayton and Sara A. Roth and her husband, Dick of Selma; one sister, Esther Coats of Garner; four brothers, Rouse Coats of Selma, Pou Coats Jr. of Oxford, Alfred "Spot" Coats of Garner, Bobby Coats of Raleigh; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; and his loving dog, Angel.

Mr. Coats was preceded in death by his sister, Dolly C. Pearce and a brother, George Ross Coats.

Memorial donations may be made to the Shiloh Baptist Church Building Fund. The family will receive friends at the McLaurin Funeral Home Tuesday night from 7-8:30 p.m.

## **Thomas Layton DuPree**

The News & Observer  
January 12, 2000

Thomas Layton DuPree of 202 Stancil Road, Angier, went home to be with his Holy Father on January 9, 2000 at Rex Hospital. He fought a long and courageous battle but left this world to suffer no more.

Layton was born in Harnett County on September 12, 1915, to Claude T. and Eva Stancil DuPree. He is survived by his long loving and faithful wife, Edna Stephenson DuPree whom he married on April 9, 1941. They were true partners in love and faith.

Four children were born to their union. two sons, Thomas Leonard "Tommy" preceded his father in death in 1988. His surviving children are his son, Charles Layton and wife, Sandra of Angier; two daughters, Nancy DuPree Canady and husband, Johnnie "Red" of Garner, Peggy DuPree Smith and husband, Raeford "Ray" of Angier.

He is survived by six grandchildren, Courtney Clifton Messer of Benson, Trinity Daniel Clifton of Willow Springs, Kent Smith of Wake Forest, Kevin Smith of Wilmington, Penny Dupree and Lynn DuPree Michie of Angier and two step grandchildren, Kasey Garrison of Angier, Christopher Garrison of Phil Campbell, Alabama.

He was also blessed with three great-grandchildren, Melissa, Jennifer and Amanda Clifton; one step-great-grandchild, Kayla Messer.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Jack, Carlton and A.C. DuPree; one half-brother, Moses. He is survived by his beloved half-sister, Evelyn "Sis" Partin of Garner; numerous nieces, nephews, and loving friends.

Layton graduated from Angier High School in 1934. He was a retired produce and livestock farmer. He served his home and community as long as his health would permit. He was a lifetime member of the Johnston County Farm Bureau and served on the Johnston County ASC Committee for over 35 years. He was the Johnston County Registrar for Voters in the Pleasant Grove Precinct for 40 years. His most precious serving was to the Lord.

He and Edna joined Sandy Grove Primitive Baptist Church on March 20, 1971. He was called to serve as Deacon on September 19, 1971. He served on the Little River Primitive Baptist Association Finance Committee for over 20 years. He was the Clerk for Sandy Grove for over 25 years. He served with humbleness and dignity and his family and all his loved ones rejoice to know he is now with his Lord.

Service will be held at Sandy Grove Primitive Baptist Church on Wednesday, January 12, 2000 at 2 p.m. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Elder Danny Carroll and pastors of the Little River Association will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sandy Grove Primitive Baptist Church, c/o James Denning, P.O. Box 126 Coats, NC 27521. Arrangements by Overby-Johnson Funeral Home.

### **Tunie Ellen Denning Whittington**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
November 21, 1999

BENSON - Mrs. Tunie Ellen Denning Whittington, 83, of 4757-A NC Highway 50 North, died Saturday at her home following declining health. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Monday at the Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson. Officiating will be the Elder Robert Peedin Elder Bobby Daughtry and Rev. Carl Dixon. Burial will follow in Fellowship Community Cemetery.

Mrs. Whittington was born December 18, 1915 in Johnston County to the late Willis Eli and Bessie Lena Stephenson Denning. She was the wife of the late Lee Thomas Whittington. She was a retired nutrition aide for the Johnston County Home Extension Service. Mrs. Whittington was also a member of the Elevation Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Banner Extension Homemakers Club and was a member of Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church.

Surviving include daughters, Sarah W. Clayton of Benson, Sybil W. Thornton of Burke, Va., Joyce W. Norris of Apex, Barbara W. Parrish of Clayton; sister, Lena D. Sambataro of Wayne, N.J.; brothers James S. Denning of Coats, Bobby R. Denning of Peoria, Ariz.; seven granddaughters and four great-grandchildren.

The family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson, 7-9 p.m. Sunday.

### **Vearl Godwin Stephenson**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
July 29, 2001

ANGIER - Mrs. Vearl Godwin Stephenson, 83, of 3938 Old Fairground Road, died Saturday at Rex Hospital in Raleigh surrounded by her loving family. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday at the Rose & Graham Funeral Chapel in Benson. Officiating will be the Rev. Mark Scott. Burial will follow in Providence Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Stephenson was born October 8, 1917 in Johnston County to the late Rufus J., Sr. and Respie Goodwin Godwin. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leon Roscoe Stephenson, Sr., and was a homemaker.

Surviving include daughter and son-in-law, Brenda S. and Don Dupree of Angier; son and daughter-in-law, L. Roscoe, Jr. and Angela P. Stephenson of Angier; sisters, Anna G. Monday of Benson, Rena G. Smith of Angier, and Myrtie G. Wilkins of Benson; grandchildren, Donna S.

Dupree, Amy D. Stephenson, Corey M. Stephenson, Parker J. Stephenson, and Hayley M. Stephenson.

Family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Benson 7-9 p.m. Sunday.

### **Wade Coolidge Stephenson**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
July 4, 1997

COATS -- Wade C. Stephenson, 69, of 300 S. Carrie St. died Wednesday in his home. Mr. Stephenson was a retired teacher and correctional officer. He owned and operated Wade's Restaurant and two Tastee-Freez franchises. He was a member of Coats Baptist Church and served two terms as president of Coats Chamber of Commerce. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday in Coats Baptist Church by the Rev. Jesse Mooney. Burial will be in Coats city cemetery.

Mr. Stephenson is survived by his wife, Jennie G. Stephenson; a son, the Rev. Steve Stephenson of Princeton; three daughters, Kathy Gerber of Henderson, and Diane Allen and Ellen Brown, both of Lillington; four brothers, the Rev. John B. Stephenson of Coats, Lindsey Stephenson of New Jersey, A.D. Stephenson of Garner and David Stephenson of Angier; three sisters, Pauline S. Guy of Willow Spring, and Leola Stephenson and Sue S. Nooney, both of Angier; and nine grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church building fund, P.O. Box 297, Coats, N.C. 27521.

### **Walter Richard Massengill**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
October 20, 1999

ANGIER - Mr. Walter Richard Massengill, 88, of 1575 Massengill Pond Rd., died Monday at Britthaven of Dunn. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Providence Presbyterian Church. Rev. C. Mark Scott will officiate. Burial will follow in the church cemetery with American Legion Rites.

Mr. Massengill was born October 1, 1911 in Johnston County to the late Rev. Richard and Aldonia Stanley Massengill. He was preceded in death by his brother, Waylon Massengill, Sr. and his sister, Luna M. Morgan.

Mr. Massengill retired from the Printing business. He was a member of Providence Presbyterian Church the Angier Senior Citizen Group, U.S. Army Veteran of WWII, and the Banner Post 109

American Legion. Mr. Massengill was also a member of the Angier Masonic Lodge where he received a 60 year pin.

Surviving: wife, Margaret Stephenson Massengill; several nieces and nephews.

Family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, with a Masonic Service to follow at 7:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Providence Presbyterian Church Cemetery Fund, 14664 NC Hwy 210, Angier, NC 27501; or to Masonic Home for Children, 600 College Street, Oxford, NC 27565 or to one's favorite charity.

### **William Paul Stephenson, Jr.**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
01/06/2008



Mr. W. Paul Stephenson, Jr., 79, of 12020 NC HWY 50 North died Friday at his residence. Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. Monday at Providence Presbyterian Church. Officiating will be the Rev. Jim Davis and Mr. Clyde Wiley. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Mr. Stephenson was born August 19, 1928 in the Pleasant Grove Township in Johnston County to the late William Paul, Sr. and Maytyle Johnson Stephenson. He was also preceded in death by his first wife, Norma Jean Roberts Stephenson.

Mr. Stephenson owned and operated Stephenson's Bar-B-Q, and Stephenson's Nursery. He was a 1947 graduate of Cleveland High School, and attended Louisburg College where he played baseball from 1948 through 1949, and also played guitar in the jazz band. He also played baseball for the Cleveland semi-pro team.

After Louisburg, Mr. Stephenson farmed from 1948 through 1958 when he established Stephenson's Bar-B-Q. In 1979, he opened Stephenson's Nursery. Mr. Stephenson was very active in his community, involved in the Boy Scouts and Ruritan Club. He played the guitar with Stephenson Brothers, was a song writer, and was a member of Life's Railway Singers. Mr. Stephenson entertained for many church and civic functions, especially senior citizens groups. He was also a member of Providence Presbyterian Church, where he was a Sunday School teacher, superintendent, deacon, elder, choir member and a leader in many fundraising activities of the church.

Survivors include Wife, Ann King Stephenson; sons and daughters-in-law, Wayne Stephenson, Samuel and Wendy Stephenson, Andrew and Lynn Stephenson, and Christopher and Kristy Stephenson all of McGee's Crossroads; stepdaughters and spouses, Sherrie and R.H. Byrd of



Bunnlevel, Susan and Joe Rudd of McGee's Crossroads, Allison Tart of McGee's Crossroads; stepson and spouse, Steve and Kelly Nordan of McGee's Crossroads; sister, Rose Hollingsworth of Raleigh; brothers, Marshall Stephenson of Raleigh and Shelby Stephenson of McGee's Crossroads; nine grandchildren, eight step grandchildren; one great- grandchild; and One step great- grandchild.

Family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Sunday. Flowers are welcomed, however memorials may be made to Providence Presbyterian Church Building Fund, 14664 NC 210, Angier, NC 27501 or to Hospice of Wake County, 1300 St. Mary's Street, Suite 400, Raleigh, NC 27605-1276. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com](http://www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com).

### **Willie Evelyn Johnson Stephenson**

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)  
May 15, 1995

ERWIN -- Mrs. Evelyn Johnson Stephenson, 77, of 108 E. F St. died Sunday in Harnett Manor Nursing Home in Lillington. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church by the Rev. Jerry Hicks. Burial will be in Erwin Memorial Park.

Mrs. Stephenson is survived by a son, Rudolph Stephenson Jr. of Petersburg, Va.; a daughter, Wanda S. Jackson of Erwin; two brothers, Clayton Johnson of Coats and Dallas Johnson of Erwin; two sisters, Juanita Strickland and Rotha McLamb, both of Portsmouth, Va.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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

### **Woodrow R. Langdon**

Greensboro News & Record (NC)  
May 3, 2000

COATS - Mr. Woodrow R. Langdon, 87, of 2025 Cane Mill Road, died Tuesday, May 2, 2000, at Rex Hospital, Raleigh. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 4, 2000, at Coats Baptist Church. Officiating will be the Rev. Jesse Mooney and Elder J.M. Mewborne. Burial will follow in Devotional Gardens, Dunn.

Mr. Langdon was born Nov. 14, 1912, in Harnett County, to the late Grover Cleveland and Kitty Stephenson Langdon. He was also preceded in death by a son, Dr. William C. "Billy" Langdon; brothers, Hector, Grover and Gerald Langdon; and sisters, Iris Barnes and Rosa Rambeau. Mr. Langdon was a retired farmer. He was a member of Coats Baptist Church, Coats Lions Club and Coats Senior Citizens Center.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Mary Whitefield Langdon; sons and wife, Ronald E. and Jean H. Langdon of Pleasant Garden and Dr. Charles W. Langdon of Greensboro; daughter-in-law, Ruth M. Langdon of Richmond, Va.; sisters, Eurice Martin of Fuquay-Varina, Edna Ogburn of Willow Spring, Vallie Sauls of Garner, and Ruth McNeil of Sanford; brother, S.W. Langdon of Coats; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, 2000, at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Coats.

Flowers are welcome, however, memorials may be made to the Coats Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 297, Coats, N.C. 27521.

### **Worth Mallie Carroll**

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)  
April 14, 1999

Worth M. Carroll, 80, of 925 W. Watson Rd., died Monday, April 12, 1999. Service 11 a.m. Thursday, McLaurin Funeral Home chapel with burial to follow in Pinecrest Memorial Gardens. Rev. Steve Morris officiating.

He is survived by: sons, Billy Carroll of Willow Spring, J.L. Carroll of Clayton, Steve Carroll of Raleigh, Mike Carroll of Smithfield; daughter-in-law, Judy Pollard of Raleigh; brother, James Carroll of Angier, Glenn Carroll of Garner; sister, Mary Williams of Durham, Christine Pourron of Clayton, Maybelle Gulley of Garner; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by: son, Gene Carroll; wife, Nora Carroll; grandson, Ricky Carroll.

Visitation 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to: Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Building Fund, 1241 Old Fairground Rd., Willow spring, NC 27592.

## **Zebedee Bernice Byrd, Jr.**

Dunn Daily Record

12/26/2007



Z.B. Byrd Jr., 82, of 4903 N.C. 50 North, Benson, died Monday, Dec. 24, 2007. He was born Dec. 26, 1924, in Johnston County to the late Zeb Bernice Sr. and Callie B. Byrd. He was owner of Z.B. Byrd's Logging Company.

Mr. Byrd was a 1941 graduate of Benson High School. He was a member of Benson Pentecostal Holiness Church for 50 years and drove the church van for many years. Funeral services will be held 3 p.m. Thursday at Benson PH Church by the Revs. Mark Fields, Jimmy Barnhill and L.B. Collins. Burial will follow at Devotional Gardens.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Marie Stephenson Byrd; daughter, Sandra Daniels and husband Bill of Benson; sons, Charles Byrd and wife Amy of Benson, Phillip Byrd of the home, Steve Byrd and wife Karen of Angier, Rodney Byrd and wife Erica of Benson; sister, Sallie B. Wood of Benson; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Benson PH Church Building Fund, 407 E. Church St., Benson, NC 27504; or to the E. Carlton Powell Hospice Center, 185 Pine State Ave., Lillington, NC 27546.