

Obituaries

Annie B. Locklear

SHANNON-Ms. Annie B. Locklear, 69, of 13003 Rennett Road, died Monday (Jan. 1) in Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Thursday (Jan. 4) in Freedom Assembly of God, the Revs. Montana Locklear and Carl A. Pevia officiating. Burial followed in the Locklear Family Cemetery.

Ms. Locklear is survived by two sons, Dail Locklear of Shannon and Sammy Locklear of Red Springs; three brothers, Earlie Locklear of Red Springs, James M. Locklear and James T. Locklear, both of Shannon; five sisters, Reola Locklear of Shannon, Perline Hunt and Ozella Locklear, both of Red Springs, Edith Lowery of Lumberton and Narvie N. Locklear of Red Springs; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mary Bell Hunt Bartley

FAIRMONT-Mary Bell Hunt Bartley, 73, of 812 Lupo Road, died Monday (Jan. 1) at Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton.

The funeral was held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday (Jan. 4) at Fairpoint Free-will Baptist Church, the Revs. Prather Sampson, Lister Dial and Charles Cummings officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Ms. Bartley was born in Robeson County on April 10, 1927 to the late Clifford Hunt and Nancy Lee Hunt. She was a member of Pleasant View Baptist Church and a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, W.B. "Dad" Bartley.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David Harold and Ann Bartley of Fairmont; eight sisters, Hattie Jane Hunt, Annie Doris Hunt, Mary Elizabeth Oxendine, Betty Carl Oxendine, Joanna Locklear and Martha Raye Hardin, all of Fairmont, Laura Lee Ivey of

Statesville and Clara Mae Cummings of Parkton; four grandchildren, James Earl Hunt, Kendrick Hunt, John Arthur Gibson, Kensey Ann Bartley; and three great-grandchildren.

Cleveland Locklear

PEMBROKE-Cleveland Locklear, 71, of 4323 Union Chapel Road, died Thursday (Jan. 4) at his home.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Sunday (Jan. 7) at Mission Church in Pembroke, the Rev. Crites Oxendine officiating. Burial followed in Oxendine Cemetery in Pembroke.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mack and Julie Locklear.

He is survived by his wife, Mae Anne Locklear; three sons, Welton and Delton Locklear of Pembroke and Cleo Locklear of Laurinburg; two daughters, Beneva Locklear Jones of Rowland and Valerie Locklear Strickland of Pembroke; three brothers, John Albert Locklear, Johnson Jr. Locklear and Edgar Locklear, all of Pembroke; three sisters, Nancy Scott and Mary Frances Oxendine, both of Pembroke, and Loshie Locklear of Maxton; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Revels Funeral of Pembroke is in charge of the service.

Coby AnGray Jones

RED SPRINGS-Coby AnGray Jones, infant daughter of Gracie A. Jones, Apt. 4C, Robinwood Drive, died Friday (Jan. 5) at Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday (Jan. 7) at Jacobs Family Cemetery in Red Springs, the Revs. Truman Chavis and Donald Bullard officiating.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandfather, Verlis Gray Jacobs Sr.

She is survived by her mother and a sister, Traci Lea Jones.

Allen Chavis

LUMBERTON-Allen Chavis, 73, of 3157 Saddletree Road, died Wednesday (Jan. 3) at Southeastern Regional Medical Center.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday (Jan. 7) at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, the Revs. Kelly K. Sanderson and David Lowery officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

A Robeson County native, Mr. Chavis was preceded in death by his wife, Esther L. Chavis and his parents, Chancy and Ada Ransom Chavis.

Chavis, who worked as a carpenter, is survived by four daughters, Vickie Chavis Strickland and her husband, Jackie Strickland, of Lumberton, Patricia Oxendine and Dinah Hunt, both of Fairmont, and Helen Gonzalez of Florida; a son, William Edward Chavis of Florida; a brother, Martin Chavis of Baltimore; four grandchildren, Alyssa Strickland, Christa Canady, Holly Chavis and Joseph Gonzalez; and a special friend, Clementine Norton.

Funeral services were conducted by Revels Funeral Home of Lumberton.

Lillie L. Locklear

LUMBERTON-Mrs. Lillie Lee Locklear, 74, of 606 E. Fifth Street, died Thursday (Jan. 4) in Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville.

Private services were held at a later date.

Mrs. Locklear is survived by two daughters, Linda R. Rodstrom of Grand Prairie, Texas, and Daris L. Tapp of Remington, Va.; three sisters, Naomi Smith of Laurinburg, Betty R. Chavis of Pembroke and Nellie G. Morgan of Charlotte; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Louise Locklear Norton

CHADBOURN-Louise Locklear Norton, 65, of Chadbourne-Clarendon Road, died Friday (Jan. 5) in Columbus County Hospital.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Monday (Jan. 8) at Cherokee Chapel Baptist Church, the Rev. Roger Strickland officiating. Burial followed in Hammonds Family Cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, Roy Douglas Norton of the home; three sons, Rex Allen Norton and Thomas Hunt, both of Chadbourne, and Shannon D. Spaulding of Leland; a daughter, Linda Louise Williams of Chadbourne; a brother, Lee Evans Locklear of Chadbourne; a sister, Thelma Moore of Clarkton; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Allen J. Jones

FAYETTEVILLE-Allen Junior Jones, 62, of 3261 Prince Ann Drive, Fayetteville, died Sunday (Jan. 7) in Cape Fear Valley Medical Cen-

ter.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday (Jan. 10) in Calvary Fellowship Church by the Revs. Floyd Hunt and Jimmy Barbour. Burial followed in White Hill Free-will Baptist Church near Maxton. Arrangements were handled by Highland Funeral Service & Crematory.

Mr. Jones is survived by his wife, Florence A. Jones; a son, Ricky Jones of Fayetteville; a stepson, Joseph Harbeson of Brunswick; five brothers, Earl Jones of Rowland, Malcolm Jones of Red Springs, Edward Jones of Hope Mills, Glenn Jones of Maxton, and Carl Jones of Fayetteville; three sisters, Toni Goins, Bessie Carter and Annie N. Groves, all of Fayetteville; and four grandchildren.

Ivory L. Hammonds

ST. PAULS-Mrs. Ivory Lowery Hammonds, 90, of 101 Evans Road died Sunday (Jan. 7) in Integrated Health Services of Lumberton.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday (Jan. 10) in Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses by Brothers Timothy Lowery and Terry Oxendine. Burial followed in Bethel Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Hammonds is survived by three sons, James A. Hammonds of Romulus, Mich., William D. Hammonds Sr. of Lumberton; two daughters, Annie R. Hammonds of Shannon and Lucille Hunt of St. Pauls; a sister, Ruthie J. Hammonds of Red Springs; 25 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

The service was conducted by Revels Funeral Home, Lumberton.

Top 10 stories at UNC Pembroke for 2000

PEMBROKE, N.C.---Here are the top stories at UNC Pembroke for 2000, as ranked by the Office of University Relations.

1. **\$3.1 billion bond referendum passes.** UNCP's share of \$56.6 million will spent on a new science building, new residence hall and renovating and upgrading numerous other buildings as well as infrastructure. Voters approved the bonds overwhelmingly across the region state.

2. **Enrollment booms; leads UNC system.** With a record 579 freshmen arriving on campus in the fall, UNCP enrollment hit an all-time high of 3,445. The implications are enormous as on-campus residency set a new record and parking became scarce. University officials were quick to point out that the new freshmen are as smart or smarter than previous incoming classes. UNCP led UNC for enrollment gains. What's next for the university as an enrollment boom looms in the near future for all UNC campuses?

3. **Lorna McNeil wins Miss North Carolina title.** Ms. McNeil, 24, is the second UNCP student in the history to win this honor (remember Francie Adler in 1984?) She is the first Native American and native Robesonian to win. Although she was required to take a year off from school, Ms. McNeil will return next fall.

4. **New Residence hall opens for fall semester.** Housing 300 students, Pine Hall is UNCP's first co-ed residence hall and first new dorm since 1972. It came just in time for the enrollment boom. It is a state-of-the-art facility with complete wiring for the Internet, card-access security and loads of comfort.

5. **Distinguished Speaker Series launches.** With TV journalist Deborah Norville and political consultant James Carville, UNCP's new Distinguished Speaker Series opened with a bang. The aim is to bring high quality speakers for the campus community and wider audiences. Next up are Bruce Jenner, Julian Bond and Oliver North.

6. **Women's soccer to premier in 2001.** Women's soccer was added as UNCP's 12th and newest sport. Swede Lars Andersson, a winner in Division III at Cumberland College, has been hired to build the new pro-

gram. The decision was motivated by the explosion in women's soccer and an expansion-minded administration.

7. **U.S. News ranks UNCP most affordable.** UNCP broke into the national spotlight in the college ranking game when U.S. News and World Report ranked us third most affordable Southern regional university for graduates with the lowest debt. It was the second time recently that U.S. News, the leader in college rankings, listed UNCP high on a desirable list. UNCP ranks second among Southern universities for diversity. It was welcome visibility for a small regional university that may soon have shed its self-proclaimed label as "the best kept secret in higher education."

8. **Dr. Roger Brown named provost.** UNCP got a new second in command in July with the addition of Dr. Brown, a veteran political science professor and administrator from UNC Charlotte. The campus quickly discovered his charm and solid approach to academic affairs.

9. **School of education gets an A+ on its report card.** The State Board of Education rated UNCP's

School of Education "exemplary" in its latest report card of the state's 47 colleges and universities that train public school teachers. Only four universities got exemplary ratings, and UNCP finished second only to UNC Greensboro. Focus, teamwork and quality instruction were key in achieving the lofty ranking, university officials said.

10. **Four graduate education programs begin.** This fall four new graduate programs cranked up in art, physical education, social studies and science. The new offerings proved popular registering a 28 percent gain in graduate school enrollment. UNCP now offers 14 graduate programs.

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