

Obituaries

Dorothy Locklear

MAXTON-Mrs. Dorothy Locklear, 67, of 76 Pappy Boy Drive died Monday (Feb. 12).

The funeral was held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday (Feb. 15) in New Philadelphus United Methodist Church, the Revs. Dwayne Lowery, Bill J. Locklear and Manford Locklear officiating. Burial followed in Prospect United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Locklear is survived by her husband, Timothy Locklear of Maxton, two sons, Ray Revels of Richardson, Texas, and Dwight Locklear of Maxton; two daughters, Jenny Revels of Red Springs and Diane Locklear of Maxton; two brothers, Billy D. Revels of Rowland and James A. Revels of Winston-Salem; nine sisters, Carolyn Locklear of Maxton, Linda Blevins and Margaret Locklear, both of Red Springs, Ruthie Lowery, Ella M. Dowry, Louise Jones, Annie P. Cummings and Grace Locklear, all of Pembroke, and Pauline Locklear of Maxton, and four grandchildren.

Thompson's Funeral Home of Pembroke handled arrangements for the service.

Willard Freeman

FAIRMONT-Willard Freeman, 75, of 1177 Collins Mill Road, died Tuesday (Feb. 13) at Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton.

The funeral was held at 4 p.m. Friday (Feb. 16) at New Bethel Holiness Methodist Church in Rowland, the Rev. James H. Woods and Dwight Freeman officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Freeman was born in Robeson County on April 25, 1925 to the late Willie and Lenora Mitchell Freeman. He was a retired farmer and a member of New Bethel Holiness Methodist Church.

Surviving are two sisters, Margie Sanderson of the home and Zelma Hunt of Lumberton, and several caregivers and friends, Barbara Hunt, Sarah Lois Jacobs, Christopher Sanderson, James Mitchell and Leroy Freeman.

Helen Oxendine Smith

FAIRMONT-Helen Oxendine Smith, 80, of 703 S. Walnut St., died Wednesday (Feb. 14) at Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Sunday (Feb. 18) at Floyd Funeral Services Chapel, the Revs. Larry Locklear and Ricky Locklear officiating. Interment followed in Fairpoint Baptist Church Cemetery. Ms. Smith was born in Robeson

County on Oct. 14, 1920, and was a retired farmer and homemaker.

She is preceded in death by her husband, McKinley Smith.

Surviving are a daughter, Linda Graham of Orrum, a brother, Elbert Oxendine of Fairmont, a granddaughter, Louvenia Jade Locklear of Lumberton, four grandsons, Will Locklear, Julius Locklear and Cory Graham, all of Orrum, and Gary Graham of White Lake, a special friend, Willie Hayes of Lumberton, and a great-grandchild.

Spurgeon Collins

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. - Spurgeon Collins, 75, passed away Feb. 12 in a Virginia hospital. He retired after 25 years of service

from Dixie Manufacturing Co. and was a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Rachel L. Collins, a son, Harold Collins and his wife, Gladys, of Pembroke, N.C.; six daughters, Alice Oxendine and Sylvia Lowery and her husband, Gary, all of Lumberton, N.C. and Brenda Holzmacher and her husband, Howard, Deborah Hanson and her fiancée, Rusty Gibbs, Sheryl Huban and her friend, Gene Daniels, and Janice Wilkes and her husband, Kenneth, all of Virginia Beach; three sisters, Earletha Jacobs, Pandora Soto and Mary Ruth Lowery; five brothers, Willie Jones, Standford Jones, Laudell Locklear, Charles Locklear and Marvin Jones; 17 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Friday (Feb. 16) with the Revs. Rodney Bell and Jim Brinkley officiating.

Taylor S. Lowery

FAYETTEVILLE-Miss Taylor Simone Lowery, infant daughter of Sterling and Heather Lowery, of 4770 Butler Nursery Road, died Thursday (Feb. 15) in Cape Fear Valley Medical Center.

A graveside service was conducted at 3:30 p.m. Sunday (Feb. 18) in Adcock Cemetery in Hope Mills by the Rev. Gary Strickland. Arrangements were handled by Reeves Funeral Home of Hope Mills.

In addition to her parents, Taylor is survived by her paternal grandmother, Ruthie J. Lowery of Fairmont; and her maternal great-grandparents, Dan and Shirley Willis of Gray's Creek.

Dewey Fletcher Pittman

LUMBERTON-Dewey Fletcher Pittman, 73, of 8062 N.C. 211 East,

died Thursday (Feb. 15) at Southeastern Regional Medical Center.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday (Feb. 18) at Smyrna Baptist Church, the Revs. James Hunt and Shelly Dial officiating. Burial followed in Robeson Memorial Park.

Mr. Pittman was a retired landscaper, and was born in Robeson County on June 16, 1927 to the late Henry Berry Pittman and Mary Elizabeth Ivey Pittman.

Mr. Pittman was preceded in death by a daughter, Annette Pittman, four brothers, Horace Pittman, Millard Pittman, Henry Berry Pittman Jr. and Nathaniel Pittman, and three sisters, Lettia Pittman, Hazel Locklear and Thelma Johnson.

Surviving are two sons, Bryan K. Pittman of Lumberton and Davis Earl Pittman of Claremont, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Revels Funeral Home of Lumberton handled arrangements for the family.

Lewis Locklear

RED SPRINGS-Lewis Locklear, 80, of 139 Lewis McNeill Road, died Friday (Feb. 16) at Southeastern Regional Medical Center.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Monday at Pembroke Church of God, the Revs. C.C. Allen Jr. and Gaylord Revels officiating. Burial followed in the Oxendine Cemetery on Oakgrove Church Road in Lumberton.

Mr. Locklear was born in Robeson County on Dec. 28, 1920 to the late William O. and Annie B. Locklear.

Surviving are two daughters, Sally Strickland and Clara Bell Locklear, both of Pembroke; two sons, Earl Locklear and Harold J. Locklear, both of Red Springs; three sisters, Helen S. Chavis of Fayetteville, Mary F. Locklear of Pembroke and Evelyn Emanuel of Lumberton; a brother, Gerald Locklear of Baltimore, Md.; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Revels Funeral Home, Pembroke, handled arrangements for the family.

Ollie M. Dial

LAURINBURG-Ms. Ollie Mae Dial, 76, of 1318 Jena village died Saturday (Feb. 17) in her home.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Tuesday (Feb. 20) in Little Mission Holiness Church, the Revs. Ellis Cooper, Furman Locklear and James Hester officiating. Burial followed in Little Mission Cemetery.

Ms. Dial is survived by four sons, John Dial and Larry Dial, both of Pembroke, Glenn Dial of Rockingham and Kenneth Dial of Hamlet; seven daughters, Irene Brayboy, Ilene Bryant, Wanda Bailey and Darlene Williams, all of Laurinburg, Gertie M. Locklear of Maxton, Virgie M. Phillips of

Robbins and Madeline Stubbs of Laurel Hill, three brothers, William Lowery Jr. of Red Springs, A.C. Lowery of Maxton and James E. Lowery of Pembroke; five sisters, Annah M. Cooper Pearl Lemmond, both of Maxton, Lillie M. Cooper of Marshon, Gertrude Carter of Red Springs and Margaret Locklear of Lumberton; 37 grandchildren; & 35 great-grandchildren.

Harvie Locklear

LUMBERTON-Harvie Locklear, 65, of 2151 U.S. 74 West, Lumberton, died Saturday (Feb. 17) at Southeastern Regional Medical Center.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m.

Along The Robeson Trail

by Dr. Stan Knick, Director, UNCP Native American Resource Center

In last week's segment, we looked through the perspective of Arthur McDonald (Oglala Sioux) at two issues concerning Indian education. McDonald believes that the national drop-out rate for Native American college students is high because of the clash of cultural values which occurs when Native students leave their traditional communities and go away to school on "the white man's road." McDonald also believes that many Native American students either never go to college, quickly drop out of college or have difficulty adjusting once they get back home because of an attitude widely held in traditional Indian communities — the attitude that education represents a rejection of "the old traditional ways (*Native Heritage: Personal Accounts by American Indians 1790 to the Present*, edited by Arlene Hirschfelder, page 17)."

McDonald's view of Indians and education is in contrast to the view of some other Native Americans, including the Shoshone-Bannock poet Ed Edmo. Edmo believes that there are positive aspects to both the old and new ways:

"On one hand, the family will try to hold onto cultural values that have been handed down. On the other hand some of those values have changed.... It used to be that when a family saw visitors approaching, the family would automatically get up and begin cooking a full meal for the visitors."

The eye sees not itself but by reflection.
—William Shakespeare, *Julius Caesar*

Tuesday (Feb. 20) at Riverside Independent Baptist Church, the Revs. Jerry McNeill and Lamarr Jackson officiating. Burial followed at Burnt Swamp Baptist Church Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret Locklear of the home, a son, Harvey Locklear Jr. of Norwalk, Calif.; three daughters, Sybil Locklear of Lumberton, Sandra Casler of Hemet, Calif. and Cindy Justina of Moreno Valley, Calif.; three brothers, George A. Locklear, Wynn Locklear and Rev. Jerry Locklear, all of Lumberton; four sisters, Mary Ellen McCarthy of Norwalk, Calif., Cora Lee Silcox of Gordonsville, Tenn., Elmer Locklear of Springfield, Tenn. and

Mary Lee Locklear of Lumberton, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Locklear & Son Funeral Home of Pembroke was in charge of arrangements for the service.

Grand Opening Planned

Lowry's All Occasions will hold their grand opening on March 3rd at 10 a.m. Lowry's All Occasions is located on 106 West Third Street and is owned and operated by Shirley Lowry.

The visitors were then expected to sit and eat; if the family did not cook... then the visitor would be offended. Also, if the visitors refused to eat, then the family... would be offended.

"Nowadays, the family will just ask the visitors, 'Have you eaten yet?' ...Some traditions have changed to suit modern times...."

"The child is living in two worlds. Some Indians say that we can take the best of both worlds for ourselves. Maybe the child will be taught how to Indian dance at home and do school work to the best of their ability. Many of the leaders stress to the children the importance of getting an education (meaning a formal education) because the old people know that education offers a person more choices for employment.... (page 21)."

This difference of opinion between Edmo and McDonald illustrates an important fact. It is a fact which no doubt will seem obvious to some people, but which has apparently been overlooked by many others. The illustrated fact is that not all Native Americans see things the same way. Despite the truth of this (perhaps too obvious) statement, we still hear people speaking of "the Native American perspective" as though they thought there were only one worldview shared by all Indians. A researcher comes to town looking for "the Native American perspective" on federal recognition. A reporter asks an Indian leader for "the Native

American perspective" on public school curricula. A Native American claims to speak with the voice of all his fellow Native Americans. Meanwhile, the fact remains that not all Native Americans see things the same way.

This fact is no more or less true of Native Americans than it is of any other ethnic group. No one Asian can truly speak for all Asians. No single European knows what all the Europeans think. Not even all Christians see everything the same way. This is human nature — the researchers and reporters and leaders and everyone else might as well get used to it.

The difference of opinion between Edmo and McDonald also demonstrates the value of Arlene Hirschfelder's book (*Native Heritage: Personal Accounts by American Indians 1790 to the Present*). Because it contains the words of so many Native Americans — from diverse tribal backgrounds and different times and places — it allows us to glimpse the true diversity of Native America. The book provides an essential clue for anyone who wants to study, speak about or speak for Native Americans: there is a lot of homework to be done.

For more information, visit the Native American Resource Center in historic Old Main Building, on the campus of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke (our Internet address is www.uncp.edu/nativemuseum).

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