

Obituaries

Lonnie B. Lowery

LUMBERTON-Mr. Lonnie B. Lowery, 75, of 586 Ambrose Drive, died Tuesday morning (March 20).

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Friday (March 23) at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, the Revs. Kelly Sanderson and David Lowery Jr. officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Lowery was born in Robeson County on July 29, 1925 to the late Bent and Rosella L. Lowery. He was a retired farmer in the Mt. Olive Community.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Catherine Locklear Lowery; a brother, Douglas Lowery; and a sister, Ila Lowery.

Surviving are four sons, James Ertle Lowery, Fulton Lowery, Lannie Ray Lowery and Randy Lowery, all of Lumberton; three daughters, Mayco Meade, Cathy McMillian and Debra Brooks, all of Lumberton; a brother, Willard Lowery of Lumberton; a sister, Josephine Henson of Clintonville, W.Va.; 15 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Linda G. Hammond

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Mrs. Linda G. Hammond, 53, of Washington, D.C., and formerly of Robeson County, N.C., died Thursday (March 22) at Halquist Memorial Hospice Center in Arlington, Va.

A memorial service was held at 3 p.m. Saturday (March 24) at Smyrna Baptist Church in Lumberton, the Rev. Charles P. Locklear officiating.

A native of Robeson County,

Mrs. Hammond is survived by her husband of almost thirteen years, Bruno V. Manno of Washington, D.C.; a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Jeffrey Taylor of Whitestone, Va.; a grandchild, Ashli Kaye Taylor of Whitestone, Va.; her mother and stepfather, Loraine and Harold Lovering of Chester, Va.; her mother and father-in-law, Antoinette and Vincent Manno of Cleveland; a sister and brother-in-law, April Lovering and Chuck Page; a brother, Harold Lovering Jr. of Chester, Va.; four aunts, Esterlen Lowery, Jessie Hunt and Annie Hammond, all of Lumberton, N.C., and Bonnie Fields of Rhode Island; and an uncle, Clarence Hammond of Lumberton, N.C.

Local arrangements were by Biggs Funeral Home, Lumberton. Memorials may be made to the Linda Gail Hammond Scholarship Fund c/o UNCP Foundation Office of Advancement, P.O. Box 1510, Pembroke, N.C. 28372-1510.

Kenneth Ray "Papa" Deese Jr.

LUMBERTON-Mr. Kenneth Ray "Papa" Deese Jr., 20, of 1132 Evergreen Church Road, died along with his father, Kenneth Ray Deese Sr., on Tuesday (March 20) at 388 Solomon Road in Pembroke.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Saturday (March 24) at Locklear & Son Funeral Home Chapel, the Revs. Marshall Strickland and Keith Long officiating. Burial followed in the St. Anna Church Cemetery.

Surviving are his mother, Betty Lois Locklear of the home; five brothers, Anthony Locklear of Pembroke, Darrin Lee Carter of Lumberton, Shawn Kevin Deese of Maxton and Benjamin Oxendine and Quenin Oxendine, both of Lumberton; three sisters, Mychalene Deese of Maxton, Brooke Waltman-Leonard of Whiteville and Katina Locklear of Lumberton; and his grandmother, Bertha Mae Locklear of Lumberton.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Locklear & Son Funeral Home in Pembroke.

Kenneth Ray Deese Sr.

PEMBROKE-Mr. Kenneth Ray Deese Sr., 58, of 388 Solomon Road, died along with his son, Kenneth Ray "Papa" Deese Jr., on Tuesday (March 20) at his home. The funeral was held at 2 p.m.

Saturday (March 24) at Locklear & Son Funeral Home Chapel, the Revs. Marshall Strickland and Keith Long officiating. Burial followed in the St. Anna Church Cemetery.

Surviving are three sons, Anthony Locklear of Pembroke, Darrin Lee Carter of Lumberton and Shawn Kevin Deese of Maxton; two daughters, Mychalene Deese of Maxton and Brooke Waltman-Leonard of Whiteville; two brothers, Donald Deese and Bill James Deese, both of Pembroke; three sisters, Avena Bullard, Minever Deese and Yvonne "Bonnie" Parker, all of Lumberton; and 12 grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Locklear & Son Funeral Home, Pembroke.

Cammie Freeman Sampson

LUMBERTON-Mrs. Cammie Freeman Sampson, 82, of 330

Walter Circle, died Wednesday (March 21) at Southeastern Regional Medical Center.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday (March 25) at West End Baptist Church, the Revs. Ricky Locklear and Harold Hunt officiating. Burial followed in Deep Branch Baptist Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Sampson was born in Robeson County on Jan. 13, 1919, to the late William and Lona Freeman. She was a homemaker, a farmer and a nursing assistant at Wesley Pines Nursing Home.

The family said, in a statement, "She had a great love for flowers and often shared her flowers with others."

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Winford Sampson; a son, Thomas Winford Sampson Jr.; a daughter, Eva Mae Sampson; and a grandson, Manteo Brooks.

Surviving are three daughters, Minnie Maynor of Baltimore, Carolyn Brooks of Charlotte, and Elvera Locklear of Lumberton; two sons, Harold Sampson of Dallas and Gregory Sampson of Lumberton; a brother, J.C. Freeman of Pembroke; a sister, Mae Nomia Hunt of Lumberton; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were by Revels Funeral Home of Pembroke. Memorial may be made to West End Baptist Church of Lumberton.

Irma Neal J. "Sing" Locklear

LUMBERTON-Ms. Irma Neal J. "Sing" Locklear, 77, of IHS Health Care, and formerly of 516 Union School Road, Rowland, died Wednesday (March 21) at Southeastern Regional Medical Center.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday (March 25) at Dogwood Baptist Church in Rowland, the Revs. Johnnie Chavis, Bobby Burns and Crafton Chavis officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Ms. Locklear was born in Robeson County on April 18, 1923, and was a member of Dogwood Baptist Church. She owned and operated Locklear's Grocery in

Rayham.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Luther and Flora Hunt Jacobs; a brother, James "Jack" Hunt; and a sister, Sarah Jane Jacobs.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Leon and Mary Locklear of Winston-Salem, and James and Jennifer Locklear of Rowland; a brother, John Q. Jacobs of Rowland; two grandsons, Leon Locklear Jr. of Charlotte and Justin M. Locklear of Winston-Salem; and a granddaughter, Kimberly Ann Locklear of Huntersville.

Elizabeth Oxendine

PEMBROKE-Mrs. Elizabeth Oxendine, 89, of 127 Peach Drive, died Tuesday (March 20) at Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday (March 25) at St. Anna Freewill Baptist Church, the Revs. Tony Miller, Eudean Locklear, Smith Locklear and Grover Oxendine officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving are a son, Hervy Oxendine of Pembroke; four daughters, Betty O. Dial and Aleane O. Jacobs, both of Pem-

broke, Flora O. Dial of Lumberton and Sylva O. Locklear of the home; a sister, Evelyn L. Lowry of Pembroke; 19 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Locklear & Son Funeral Home, Pembroke.

Ernest D. Clark

LAURINBURG-Mr. Ernest D. Clark, 87, of 4643 Oak Grove School Road, died Saturday (March 24) in Scotland Memorial Hospital.

A retired farmer, Mr. Clark attended Oak Grove Baptist Church.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Monday (March 26) in Oak Grove Baptist Church, the Revs. Earl Henderson and Donald Bullard officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Clark is survived by a sister, Myrtle A. Clark of Laurinburg. Memorials may be made to Oak Grove Baptist Church building fund, Oak Grove Church Road, Laurinburg, N.C. 28352.

Erin A. Emanuel

LUMBERTON-Miss Erin Ashley Emanuel, 17, of 2504 Mount Olive Church Road, died Saturday (March 24) in Southeastern Regional Medical Center.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Wednesday (March 28) in Bethel Hill Baptist Church, the Revs. Glassie Locklear Jr. and Jimmy Hammonds officiating. Burial followed in Bethel Hill Church Cemetery.

Ms. Emanuel is survived by her parents, Harry R. and LaVerna W. Emanuel of the home; a brother, Harry J. Emanuel of the home; a sister, Natalie L. Hammonds of the home; and her paternal grandparents, Leslie and Ola Emanuel of Lumberton.

In charge of the funeral arrangements was Locklear & Son Funeral Home, Pembroke.

Jaquan Marquese Fletcher

LUMBERTON-Mr. Jaquan Marquese Fletcher, 4, of 101 Marion Road, died Saturday (March 24).

The funeral was held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday (March 28) at St. Mary's Church, Bishop Wesley and the Rev. Randall Strickland officiating. Burial followed in Lumbee Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Fletcher was born in Robeson County on Oct. 5, 1996. He attended Child Ministry Center.

Surviving are his parents, Toriano and Nancy Hunt Fletcher of the home; two brothers, Jaylon Fletcher and Jamarie Fletcher, both of the home; his maternal grandparents, Samuel "Smookey" and Rosalie Hunt, both of Lumberton; paternal grandparents, Loistine Fletcher and Mitchell Downing, both of Lumberton; three aunts, Rosa Locklear, Sammie Jo Hunt and Danielle Green; and several cousins.

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

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A Brave Perspective

By Benjamin Howie

I recently had the opportunity to dine at the new Huddle House here in Pembroke. A place filled to the brim with college students and local inhabitants of the city, it definitely has proven thus far to be a great success. This makes me question what next. With the success that will surely follow for years to come, this establishment will surely flourish in little time.

With the campus of UNC Pembroke so close to the center of downtown Pembroke, I wonder why more property has not been utilized. Our local Jones store which will soon close their doors seems to be prime real estate for some kind of recreational facility.

With college kids and the young local kids, recreation is a very important part of the growth process and also provides a safe environment away from home. So to my city officials, I challenge you to not only write the paper with plans for the building, but also include ideas on future recreational activities and sites here in Pembroke.

How about a movie theater, night club, bowling alley, pool hall, or perhaps a YMCA. All of these things are important to people of all ages. Why continue to lose the business of our citizens to Lumberton and Laurinburg when we could keep it right here. The Huddle House is standing proof that it can be done. A little initiative, a lot of dedication, and a little luck can make this city what it should be.

Now as I mentioned in an earlier article, we don't need a Walmart, rather we need locally owned and managed businesses. So to the wealthy, get wealthier, and to the citizens make your voice heard. This is your town, if you want it bad enough, then fight for it. In the famous words, "If you build it, they will come."

Who Am I?? by Erwin Jacobs

As I begin this article let me ask you as you read this: do you remember way back, many moons ago, as you turned your radio on Saturday nights and many other times you would hear the words uttered "Gittum-up Scout?" Can you remember who uttered those famous words? I'm sure you have seen him many times in the local theatres in Pembroke and as television came to Robeson County every week you saw Tonto a.k.a. Mr. Jay Silverheels. He and the Lone Ranger a.k.a. Clayton Moore graced the old James Fuller Lowry Theatre stage as I was a young boy. A little bird whispered in my ear a few weeks ago that his son, Mr. Steve Silverheels, had called for directions to the Farmer's Market the week end of the 31st of March (this week end), 2000. He was expressing his desire to come and mingle with his Native American brothers and sisters. I see this as a great opportunity to thank him for his father's opening many ways for Native Americans to show they have great acting talents, also for being a role model for Native Americans.

Perhaps you have a photograph or comic book about the Lone Ranger and Tonto. If so, you might be able to get Mr. Steve Silverheels to sign it for you at the gathering. Also, as a guest he should be offered our greatest courtesy as the son of a famous Native American. Hoping you will receive your Carolina Indian Voice newspaper in time to search your attic and hiding places in your house for their memorabilia. To get a picture made with Mr. Silverheels should be a great honor also. I can't remember an episode where his father was not fighting with his sidekick, the masked man, for truth and justice. As I look back for the many stories about Native Americans, Tonto ranks right along with any others who wanted justice for not only Native Americans but all Americans. It is so good that the story is being finally corrected and the stories are being set straight. As a child, even being Indian, most of us were taught that Indians were savages, but as I grew older and look back, who was here on this greatly hallowed land we call American, fist living off Mother Earth, sharing the bounty, teaching other tribes their way of living? It was our forefathers. There is much to learn about our ancestors, but there are few story tellers left to carry on this tradition.

I strongly urge you to get involved in the different programs beginning at the Cultural Center each week. A great need on the agenda is fixing and painting the bath rooms on the grounds, checking and repairing the electrical hook ups for camping, repairing the canoes, setting up a place to sell bait and snacks and the list just goes on and on. We can make it work if we will pull together and leave jealousy behind and move forward. I do hope we can count on you as proud Native Americans to pull together in the year 2001 and see a great change happen. Also support Ms. Beverly Collins. We can walk tall with a smile on our faces, tell our doubting Thomases, yes we can. We ask for your support on these issues!!

Erwin Jacobs

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