

OBITUARIES

Catherine Callahan Chavis

MAXTON-Mrs. Catherine Callahan Chavis, 80, of 7293 Prospect Road, died Monday (Aug. 6) at Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Thursday (Aug. 9) at Cherokee Chapel Holiness Methodist Church, the Revs. Jimmy Locklear, Dell Harris and Julian Ransom officiating. Burial followed in Cherokee Chapel Cemetery.

Her family noted, in a statement, that "She was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend." Mrs. Chavis was also a member of Cherokee Chapel Holiness Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Chavis, and a son, James Ernie Chavis.

Mrs. Chavis is survived by six sons, Carl Chavis, Guy Chavis and Dennis Chavis, all of Maxton, James D. Chavis and Clyde Chavis, both of Red Springs, and the Rev. Donald Chavis of Lumberton; two daughters, Cathy Chavis of Red Springs and Betty Oxendine of Laurinburg; a brother, James D. Callahan of Fredericksburg, Va.; four sisters, Vedora Callahan of Greensboro, Sally A. Reynolds of Laurel, Miss., and Mary Mahon and Sara Beichler, both of Richmond, Va.; 20 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; a special friend, Vickie Ransom of Raleigh; and her nurse, Suzette Oxendine of Pembroke.

Homer Cummings

LUMBERTON-Mr. Homer Cummings, 64, of IHS Nursing Home, died Monday (Aug. 6).

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Thursday (Aug. 9) at Victory Holiness Church. Burial followed in the Sandy Plains United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Mr. Cummings was born in Robeson County on Dec. 9, 1936 and was preceded in death by his mother, Lannie Cummings Stewart.

Mr. Cummings is survived by his wife, Lizzie Thompson Cummings; two sisters, Frances Wallace of Detroit and Emma Jane Deese of Pembroke; and 10 stepchildren.

Revels Funeral Home of Lumberton handled arrangements for the family.

Mary Ruth Sampson

LUMBERTON-Mrs. Mary Ruth Sampson, 76, of 644 Eddie Sampson Road, died Monday (August 6) at Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Thursday (Aug. 9) at Riverside Independent Baptist Church, the Revs. Jerry McNeill and Charles Oxendine officiating. Burial followed in Lumbee Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Sampson is survived by his two sons, Roger D. Sampson and

Brandon Sampson, both of Lumberton; three daughters, Rachael Locklear and Julika Locklear, both of Lumberton, and Lori Ann Staples of Colorado; a brother, Donald Ray McNeil of Texas; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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

Ronald Woods

PEMBROKE-Mr. Ronald Woods, 50, of 5288 N.C. 710, died Tuesday (Aug. 7) in Scotland Memorial Hospital in Laurinburg.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday (Aug. 12) in Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Red Springs. Elder David McLamb officiating. Burial followed in New Prospect Holiness Methodist Church Cemetery.

Mr. Woods is survived by his wife, Patsy L. Hardin of the home; a daughter, Jessica L. Woods of the home; a son, Ronald J. Woods of the home; and four sisters, Lillian W. Hunt of Oak Ridge, Margie W. Brewer of Gainesville, Ga., Dorothy Woods of Eden and Jennifer W. Lewis of Maxton.

Revels Funeral Home handled arrangements for the family.

Lee Cardell Hunt

CHARLOTTE-Mr. Lee Cardell Hunt, 67, died August 3 at his home.

The funeral was held August 6 at Raymer Funeral Home Chapel, the Revs. Charles Locklear and Frank Mercer officiating. Burial followed at Mecklenburg Memorial Park.

Mr. Hunt, a native of Robeson County, was born March 1, 1934 to the late Edmund and Leona Locklear Hunt. He retired from Sealtest Dairy after 32 years of service.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Kermit Hunt and Lester V. Hunt and is survived by a son, Kenneth Morrison Hunt of Charlotte; two daughters, Treva Carol Boyd and her husband, Junior, both of Simpson, and Lynn Hunt West and her husband, Ricky, both of Greenville; three brothers, Woodrow Hunt of Fairmont, Willie Edmund Hunt and his wife, Clementine, both of Huntersville, and Clinton Hunt and his wife, Kathy, both of Charlotte; a sister, Gwendolyn Faye Locklear and her husband, Rev. Charles Locklear, both of Pembroke; and five grandchildren, Sam, Stephen, Hope, Steven Lee and Amanda Marie.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Charlotte at 1420 E. 7th St., Charlotte, N.C. 28204.

Rosie Jane Strickland Burgess

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA-Mrs. Rosie Jane Strickland Burgess, 72, of Virginia Beach, Va., formerly of Maxton, died Saturday (Aug. 11).

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Wednesday (Aug. 15) at Boles Funeral Home Chapel in Laurinburg, the Rev. Earl Henderson officiating. Burial

followed in Sycamore Church Cemetery, Maxton.

Mrs. Burgess was born April 6, 1929 in Robeson County to the late Walter and Effie Jones Strickland. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Burgess is survived by four sons, Raymond Evans and Laymond Evans, both of Virginia Beach, Jeff Burgess of Tar Heel, N.C. and Patrick Burgess of Maxton; three daughters, Helen Gates, Carolyn Stark and Sharon Bolton, all of Virginia Beach; a brother, Thomas Strickland of Aberdeen, N.C.; four sisters, Letha Mae Dial of Laurinburg, Ozella Barrow of Greenville, S.C., Dorothy Mae Locklear of Maxton, and Dorothy Locklear of Pembroke, N.C.; 20 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Florence Oxendine Jernigan

GARLAND-Mrs. Florence Oxendine Jernigan, 82, died Sunday (Aug. 12) at Sampson Regional Medical Center in Clinton.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday (August 15) at Friendship Bible Holiness Church, the Revs. Jimmy Tatum and Ronald Smith officiating. The funeral was held in Sandy Plains United Methodist Church near Pembroke.

Mrs. Jernigan was preceded in death by her husband, Lacy Jernigan and two sons, Jerry and Glenn Jernigan.

She is survived by five daughters, Bonnie Bivens, Patricia Peterson, Janice Smith and Georgia Mote, all of Garland, and Cindy Merritt of Elizabethtown; five sons, Earl Jernigan, Millard Jernigan, Billy Jernigan, Richard Bibb and Timothy Jernigan, all of Garland; a sister, Verla Cummings of Pembroke; 25 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Brenda Oxendine Jacobs

LUMBERTON-Mrs. Brenda Oxendine Jacobs, 55, of 149 Lambshire Drive, died Sunday (Aug. 12) in Southeastern Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Jacobs worked for Outer Banks Textile and was a member of Bayside Freewill Baptist Church where she sang in the choir for 18 years.

The funeral was held at 4 p.m. Wednesday (Aug. 15) in Bayside Freewill Baptist Church, the Revs. Mitchell Cummings and Dr. Millard Maynard officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Jacobs is survived by her husband, George K. Jacobs of the home; two sons, Paul O. McCarthy and Freddie L. Jacobs, both of Lumberton; a daughter, Tamisa J. Carter of Lumberton; six brothers, Hubert D. Oxendine and Randolph Oxendine, both of Lumberton, Alford Oxendine and N.L. Oxendine, both of Asheboro, Earle Oxendine of Archdale, and Lendale Oxendine of High Point; five sisters, Joyce Oxendine of Pembroke, Pauline

Cummings, Judy Lockee and Partys Oxendine, all of Lumberton, and Faye Henriquez of Cape Coral, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

Maggie Docia Locklear

LUMBERTON-Mrs. Maggie Docia Locklear, 69, of 280 Russell Farm Drive, died Saturday (Aug. 11) in her home.

The funeral was held at 4 p.m. Wednesday (Aug. 15) in Mount Airy Baptist Church, the Revs. Steve Strickland and Michael Cummings officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Locklear is survived by her husband, Roosevelt Locklear of the home; four sons, Archie Locklear of Fargo, N.D. and Millard Locklear, Timothy Locklear and Gregory Locklear, all of Pembroke; a daughter, Jennifer Locklear of Pembroke; six brothers, Robert Brayboy, Clyde Brayboy and Charles L. Brayboy, all of Rowland, Marvin Brayboy and Ed Brayboy, both of Pembroke, and Tommy Brayboy of Junction City, Kans.; five sisters, Queen Ester Locklear, Shirley Oxendine and Joyce Haywood, all of Rowland, Paulann Dimery of Lumberton and Dorothy Guilbeault of Woonsocket, R.I.; 13 grandchildren; and a great grandchild.

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



Reflections

by Alfa Nye Oxendine

More About Marie Dial

Friends and family (those of us who knew her well) called her by her middle name, Marie. But at school, at work, and in business transactions she was known as Jeanette, the name she shared with her Aunt Jeanette, who lives in California.

On Friday night, August 10, I enjoyed being at the Indian Cultural Center to attend the next to last 2001 performance of our local outdoor drama, "Strike at the Wind". Although I saw the play three times in the late seventies and early eighties, I had not attended recently.

The following is a tribute to our friend, Jeanette Marie Oxendine Dial, written by Vinita "Cookie" Maynor Clark, who has been involved with "Strike at the Wind" since it began in 1976.

Remembering Polly

This past week the cast of Strike at the Wind lost one of its original cast members, Jeanette Oxendine Dial, who was the person who created the role of Polly Oxendine. In 1976, there were over 150 people that auditioned for parts in the outdoor drama, and Jeanette was one of them. Being selected for the role of Polly and creating the role so that others in years to follow was not only the task of Jeanette but also the first director Dr. Authur McDonald and playwright Randolph Umberger.

In 1977, Jeanette was not selected to return as Polly but that of an everyday citizen. When the actress that was selected could not live up to the expectations of the director, Jeanette was asked to return to the role. This was the year that the drama was named "The Most Successful Outdoor Drama in America."

Representing cast members of the drama at the wake was Vinita Clark, who has been with the drama since its existence. "Jeanette was a friend to all of us and she truly made the role of Polly what it is today. I know that she will be remembered for her many contributions to the drama." Clark continues, "I never knew her to be sad, she always had on a smile. She was truly an excellent actress."

Our Kindergarten Boy

Byron has just spent his first day at Kindergarten, for tests. He seems quite excited.

Parents, grandparents, teachers and concerned members of the Prospect community want to be assured that the school buildings will be safe this year, after several illnesses from last year that seem to be related to the mold problem resulting from too much moisture.

For the time being, kindergarten classes are being held in a different area, that is definitely considered to be safe. For awhile some classes will be held across the street at Prospect United Methodist Church.

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