

# OBITUARIES

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**McALLISTER**

Ms. Maude Augusta McAllister, formerly of 2322 Slater Ave., passed away on Friday, Dec. 22, at Forsyth Village after an extended period of illness.

Ms. McAllister was born in Atlanta, Ga., to the late Rev. Lopez and Ruth H. McAllister. Mrs. McAllister came to live in Winston-Salem in the early 1950s when her father was appointed the dean of the Forsyth Baptist Missionary Fellowship. Ms. McAllister united with First Baptist Church on Dec. 2, 1955, and was a faithful member of the adult Sunday school. She was employed for a number of years as a librarian at Winston-Salem State University.

Ms. McAllister leaves to cherish her memory: two relatives, Mr. Robert Fletcher Sr. and Mr. Robert Fletcher Jr. of Chicago, Ill.

A memorial service was held Friday, Dec. 29, at noon, at Hooper Funeral Home Chapel, 1415 E. 14th Street, Winston-Salem. Rev. Wendell A. Johnson officiated.

Hooper Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

**GWYNN**

Mrs. Lucille Mayberry Gwynn of 1805 Shadymount Ave. passed away on Dec. 26. She was a native and life-long resident of Winston-Salem and was a longtime devoted member of Cleveland Avenue Christian Church. She attended local schools and graduated from Winston-Salem Teachers College (now Winston-Salem State University), received a master's degree in reading from Hofstra University in New York and retired from Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools after 30 years of service.

She was an ardent civic and community involved person: N.C. Retired School Personnel, Pfafftown Chapter of National Women of Achievement, A Better Idea community club, Atkins High School Classes of the Thirties, and others.

Immediate family survivors include: one son, Joseph Arthur Gwynn Jr. (Viola) of Detroit, Mich.; four grandchildren, Joelle, Jerrel, Justin Gwynn of Detroit, Mich., Kirby L. Gwynn (Alicia); two great-grandchildren of Yadkinville; one niece, Mrs. Hope Mumford

Workman (Charles) of Kernersville; one nephew, Bishop Mumford (Marinelle) of Norfolk, Va.; a devoted cousin, Mrs. Hazel Gaston of the city; two brothers-in-law; other cousins, nieces, relatives and friends.

The funeral was held Saturday, Dec. 30, at 2 p.m. at Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church. Pastor Sheldon McCarter officiated. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church or to Hospice of Winston-Salem.

Hooper Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

**JOHNSON**

Willie A. Johnson Sr., affectionately known as "Bro," of 990 Second Street #B, was born July 3, 1922, in Greenville, S.C. He was a World War II veteran, having served in the U.S. Army. He was a resident of Winston-Salem for most of his life and a retiree of J.G. Messick and Son Inc. Mr. Johnson was of the Holiness faith.

Surviving are: his wife of the home, Viola Johnson; two sons, Willie A. (Bessie) Johnson Jr. and Elder Michael Johnson, all of the city; two sisters, including Freddie Davis of Greenville, S.C.; two sisters-in-law; two brothers-in-law; several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The funeral was held Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 3 p.m. at the chapel of Hooper Funeral Home. Rev. J.R. Samuels officiated. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Hooper Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

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**BRUCE**

Dr. William Henry Bruce Jr., 2021 New Walkertown Road, Winston-Salem, died Dec. 28 at his residence following a lengthy illness.

Dr. Bruce was a native of Winston-Salem, born on Oct. 9, 1915, the son of the late Dr. William Henry and Mabel Violet Merrick Bruce. Dr. Bruce attended the local public schools, graduated from

Howard University and did graduate work at Fisk University. He graduated from Meharry Medical College in 1943. He served two years in the Army, was with the 761st Tank Battalion in Europe under Gen. Patton.

He spent three years at Lincoln Hospital in Durham. He studied further at Margaret Hague Maternity Hospital in Jersey City, N.J.; Chicago Lying-In Hospital; National Maternity Hospital, Dublin, Ireland; and the University of London, where he spent a year.

Dr. Bruce began practice in Winston-Salem in Dec. 1951 in the Bruce Building, named after his father. He opened a new office, the Women's Clinic on New Walkertown Road, in March of 1957 where he remained until he retired from private obstetrics and gynecology practice in 1984.

While in practice he was on the staff of Kate Bitting Reynolds Memorial Hospital until it closed in early 1970s. He was also on the staff of Forsyth Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Bruce was a boating enthusiast for many years.

He is survived by: his devoted wife of 57 years, Mary Carolyn Atkins Bruce; a loving daughter, Barbara, son-in-law, Stephen Harris Davis; granddaughters Stephanie (Oscar) Brenninkmeyer, Shannon Ashley Davis; grandson Stephen Bruce Davis; great-grandchildren Charles Oscar and Caroline Elizabeth Brenninkmeyer. He was preceded in death by a sister, Hazel Bruce Scott.

A graveside service was held Jan. 3 at 2 p.m. at Evergreen Cemetery. Rev. Donald Jenkins officiated. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

**WILLOUGHBY**

Mr. Tryon Franklin Willoughby, known to family and friends as "Tyron" and "Pee Wee," 4132 Whitfield Road, Winston-Salem, died Dec. 25 at Forsyth Medical Center.

He was a native and resident of Winston-Salem and a graduate of Carver High School. He was a member of the Antioch Baptist Church. He was preceded in passing by his mother, Elizabeth Jones Moss; a brother, Billy Ray Glenn; and his grandparents, Jim and Fannie Bradley Jones.

He is survived by: a very devoted sister, Barbara (Louis) Hines of the home; one brother, James Edward Jones of Wilson, N.C.; three nephews, Rev. Anthony L. Hines (Vickie), Eric Dwayne Hines, all of Winston-Salem, and Scott Maurice Hines of South Bend, Ind.; special friends, Thelma Tindal, Mary Lou Russell and Bill Harrell; other relatives and dear friends.

The funeral was held Dec. 28 at 1 p.m. at Antioch Baptist Church. Rev. Jimmie L. Montgomery officiated. Burial followed at Piedmont Memorial Gardens. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

## Boones celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Sarah J. and Rudolph V. Boone, Sr. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Dec. 23, from 5 to 8 p.m. with a "floating buffet dinner" at the Artistic Studio (School of Performing Arts). The Boones were married Dec. 24, 1950, at St. John's AME Church in Norfolk, Va.

Sponsors of the event were their children, Sharon Elizabeth of Centreville, Va., and Rudolph Valentine Jr. of Solon, Ohio, who were co-mistress/master of ceremonies during the program.

The honored couple, Sarah's cousin Doretha M. Allen and a dear friend, Mildred C. Garner of Norfolk, Va., were transported by limousine on a tour of portions of Winston-Salem, including Old Salem, before their debarking and entrance at the Artistic Studio. They were greeted by guests, cameras and videographer. Once inside the beautifully decorated facility the couple greeted many of the guests.

The program was started at the appointed time, 5:45 p.m., by the sponsors, who made their introductory remarks (welcome/the occasion). Rev. Dr. Samuel Stevenson, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation, a prayer for the honorees and blessed the food.

Guests who came after the program had begun were allowed to dine in an adjoining room.

Janice Price-Hinton, co-owner of the Artistic Studio and well-known performer, rendered a vocal selection in honor of the Boones. Alicia LeVon Boone, daughter of Rudolph Jr., read a poem and gave some remarks about her grandparents. Tributes were given by Billie M. Matthews, Margretta and John Tanner Jr., Mildred C. Garner, and Irving Lee Boone, brother of Rudolph. Khori Michelle Rogers, daughter of Sharon Boone and Larry Rogers, performed a ballet dance.

Special presentations were made by Alderwoman Vivian H. Burke, representing the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen; Mayor Jack Cavanagh; N.C. Rep. Larry W. Womble, representing Gov. James B. Hunt, Speaker of the House James B. Black, Principal Clerk Denise Weeks and himself. Both presented proclamations, certificates and letters to the Boones.

Sharon read a congratulatory card from President William (Bill) and Hillary Clinton. "Jesus, You're the Center of My Joy" was sung by Mable and Rev. Samuel Stevenson, accompanied by James D. Smith. Sarah and Rudolph Sr. responded with their thanks to all. Following

some closing remarks from the sponsors the honored couple were led to the dining area for the delicious meal and fellowship with many family members and friends.

A number of photos were strategically exhibited in all five rooms of the facility, so family and friends enjoyed viewing pictures involving the honored couple, family members, friends, and colleagues, including many of those persons present at the anniversary celebration. Guests floated throughout the evening in an atmosphere signifying the anniversary and seasonal celebration. Gold was the dominating color, indicative of the golden anniversary of Sarah and Rudolph.

Hosts and hostesses were members of the Grace Couples ministry: Emma and William Shouse, Gloria and Benny Frazier, Ernestine and Leroy Worley, Cynthia and Kenneth Sullivan, Carolyn and Walter Farabee Sr., Kenneth Jr. and Kenston Sullivan, and Walter Farabee Jr. Billie M. Matthews was the head hostess.

The following contributors were acknowledged: Connie Fletcher's Catering & Specialty Cake, Miller-The Printer (James R. Miller III), Dorothy and Dr. W. Archie Blount (flowers), Emma Shouse (corsages and

boutonnieres for the hostesses and hosts), Carolyn Jeter (invitations), D-Zine Advertising Agency (Lemuel L. Johnson - banner), Samuel Howard (videographer), Howard Ward (photographer), Billie M. Matthews (table decorations), and The Artistic Studio (Janice Price-Hinton, artistic director, and Thomas Hinton, business manager).

Guests included: Doretha Allen (Norfolk, Va.); Flonnie and A. Rudolph Anderson; Ava V. Bethea; Dorothy J. Blackburn; Blanche Boone, sister (Chesapeake, Va.); A. Barbara Whitaker (Chesapeake, Va.); William N. Burch (Norfolk, Va.); Brenda and Monica Johnson (Chesapeake, Va.); Gwendolyn and Irving L. Boone (Markham, Ill.); Karen Boone (Gainesville, Ga.); Michael I. Boone (Dallas, Texas); Mayor Pro Tem Vivian H. Burke, Frankie, Melissa and Judge L. Todd Burke; Adele, Brian and Herman Burney; Freddie and Shirley Bynum; Coleen Darden; Evette Darden Bradley; Millie Davidson; Clarisse Durnell; Pearlina and Harold Faulkner Jr.; Lucile Faulkner; Theodora and John Fowler; Erma and Charles W. Gadson; Brenda Granderson; Barbara and William Griffin; Pamela and Charles E. Hairston; Jewel Harrington; Dr. Nancy



Sarah J. and Rudolph V. Boone Sr.

Gannaway and Robert Harrison; Lois and Dr. C. Brady Hauser; E. Burthel Howler; Thomas Jefferson; Dawn and Rev. Jones E. Jennette (Baltimore, Md.); Diane, Rudeka and Rudolph Jennette (Chesapeake, Va.); Makiba and Roderick Bryant Sr. (and children, of Chesapeake, Va.); Carolyn J. Jeter; Ida Patterson Johnson; Clark Brown Jr.; Inis D. Johnson; Karla Wilson; Maurice and Lemuel L. Johnson; Mary and Henry Jones Jr.; Naomi W. Jones; attorney Annie Brown and attorney Harold Kennedy Jr.; Cleathan, Sara and Robert H. Lewis (Woodbridge, Va.); Margaret and Marthaniel Linton; Alease B. Loggins; Anthony McLean; Annie and James McRae; Peggy B. Martin; Lois Hairston Turner; Wilton W. Mitchell; Mr. and Mrs. James Robert Miller III; Zedia Miller; Erma B. Jackson; Mary and Rev. James Mitcham; Gertrude and

William Murchison; Patsy and Benny Murrill; Margaret Payne; Emma Penn; Dorinda and George Phillips Jr.; Edna Revels; Tensie L. Reynolds; Larry Rogers (Atlanta, Ga.); Vivian and Jefferson Rollins; Bertha Roundtree and Charlene Thompson; Cordi and Nathaniel Rumph; Delores and Richard Scales; Maxine Settle; Shirley Carter; Inez S. and Howard L. Shaw; Doris and DeManuel Sims; Alenia T. Sligh; Daniel E. Smith; James D. Smith; Drucilla Morgan; Louise Smith; Valjeanne S. Smith; Christine Smith; Becky and Charles Snyder; Gwendolyn Stewart; Daisy and Harold Taylor; Tina Shields; Jewell Tindal; Miriam and Rousval Venable; Norma and George Vincent; Betty and David Williard; Rep. Larry W. Womble; Lynette Worley; Tommy L. Wright Sr.; and Martha J. Young.

**Cemetery**

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Library Board of Control.

"It could have developed into some protracted, long, drawn-out debate," he said. "The board did not want that interruption but they in no way wanted to infringe on the integrity of the cemetery."

In the course of searching out the graveyard boundaries, the archaeologist documented an old Terrebonne Parish story.

The story Yakubik found begins in the Spanish colonial period, when the land on which the future Southdown Plantation was to be located was owned by

Jose Llano and Miguel Saturnino, who apparently grew indigo on the land.

After the 1803 Louisiana Purchase made the area American, the property came into the hands of frontiersman Jim Bowie, whose name is associated with the popular hunting knife.

Bowie made money in the slave trade and may have associated with Jean Laffitte's pirates. It was after he sold his property here in 1828 that he earned his more appealing reputation as a martyred hero in the revolt against Mexico at the Alamo.

The name of one of the two men who bought the property

from Bowie would be associated with Southdown Plantation for more than a century.

William J. Minor was a cotton planter and slave owner based at a Natchez plantation known as Concord.

The other new owner, James Dinsmore, apparently managed the Bayou Black plantation during the early years while Minor remained at Concord. The first sugar production was recorded in 1831.

Minor bought another plantation in Ascension Parish, called Waterloo, in the 1830s. The report speculates that Minor sent slaves he owned in Natchez to

work in the new Louisiana fields. Oral history parallels this speculation.

After 1846, after his partner began selling him his interests, Minor took a more active role at the Bayou Black plantation, which he eventually named "Southdown."

Southdown had 40 slaves as early as 1830, and that is apparently when the graveyard was established by the new landowners. On the eve of the Civil War, he had 566 slaves in Ascension and Terrebonne parishes, 227 at Southdown and 128 at another plantation called Hollywood.

Tillman said most local black

history seems to begin the 1870s. The Southdown Cemetery study opens up new vistas in local history, he said.

For example, there is a list of slaves from 1846-64 that was compiled from Minor's diaries. The year of death, the name and often the age and cause of death were given.

"They died young, which tells me they had a very difficult life," Tillman reflected.

Tillman knows there is always a chance the construction crews will turn up another grave site, but he feels like the parish has acted in good faith.

"We have done all we can

humanly do," he said.

One reason that Yakubik feels reasonably confident that there are no more graves to be found in the area where there is to be construction is that all the graves that were found by thermal imaging were in ground that had never been plowed. "The limits of the agricultural rows, therefore, were marked as the boundary of the cemetery," the report concluded.

"We looked beyond the boundaries and very, very carefully in the area where the parking lot is to be. We didn't see any indication of more graves," said Yakubik.