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CUNDIFF

Mrs. Cassie Gordon Cundiff, of 320 Retnuh Drive, was born Feb. 20, 1934, to the late Bernie and Rebecca Felder Gordon in Winston-Salem. A lifelong resident of Winston-Salem, she attended Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools, was a retired homemaker and was a member of New Jerusalem Baptist Church. Her husband, Hubert Cundiff, and a son, Bobby Cundiff, preceded her in death. Mrs. Cundiff departed this life on April 26 at the Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home following a lengthy illness.

Survivors include: two daughters, Shawn (Robert) Alexander and Gloria (Tony) Speas; two sons, Gregory Cundiff and Bernie (Ruth) Cundiff; 11 grandchildren, including a devoted granddaughter, Kayla Alexander; two brothers, Marion (Hazel) Gordon and George (Elizabeth) Gordon; a devoted friend, Lee Scales, all of Winston-Salem; several cousins; other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held April 30 at 3:30 p.m. from New Jerusalem Baptist Church. Rev. Samuel J. Cornelius officiated. Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Hooper Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

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ALEXANDER

Mrs. Bernice Gwendolyn White Alexander, 3639 Barkwood Drive, Winston-Salem, died April 27 at Kate Biting Reynolds Hospice Home. She was a native of Winston-Salem, born Nov. 30, 1912, the daughter of the late Edward E. Thomas and Cortsy White. She graduated from Columbia Height High School and the LaMae Beauty College. She was

a Gold Star member of First Baptist Church, the Choral Choir, L.M. Banks Sunday School, the Order of Eastern Star, the Carver Community Flower Club and the Ladies Efficiency Club. She was married to Howard I. Alexander, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by: three sons, Donald (Annie Ruth) Alexander, Reginald (Betty) Alexander, both of Winston-Salem, and Howard B (Rose) Alexander of Greensboro; seven grandchildren, Joseph Alexander of Winston-Salem, Latanya A. Kennedy of Stone Mountain, Ga., Debra Alexander of Charlotte, Dr. Shawn Alexander of Greenville, N.C., Dr. Donna Alexander of North Wilkesboro, Ria Alexander of Atlanta, Ga., and Kellie Alexander of New York, N.Y.; three great-grandchildren, Houston Alexander, Oriana Alexander and Adonis Alexander; a loving aunt, Lorraine Rozell; a loving caregiver, Bertha Johnson; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held May 2 at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church. Rev. Wendell A. Johnson officiated. Burial followed at the family plot of Piedmont Memorial Gardens. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

ALLEN

Ms. Bannie Allen, formerly of 2101 Francis Street, Winston-Salem, died April 20 at Silas Creek Manor Nursing Home.

She was born in Lilesville, N.C., on April 9, 1900. Ms. Allen spent her early years in Lilesville and Winston-Salem, relocating to Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1955 where she worked as a cook and affiliated with Mt. Zion Baptist Church. In 1988 she returned to Winston-Salem as a family matriarch.

She is survived by: a daughter, Eunice K. Jennings of Winston-Salem; an adopted son, Charles Allen Jr. of Brooklyn, N.Y.; grandson, Eugene (Michelle) Jennings, Hampton, Va.; devoted nephew, Jhuria (Haitie) Ingram; devoted nieces, Annie Ingram-McMorris, Winston-Salem, and Della Allen Melton, High Point; devoted caregiver Sharon Epps; numerous nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held April 26 at 11:30 a.m. at the Chapel of Russell Funeral Home. Rev. J.W. Flake officiated. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

CLAGGETT

Mr. Howard Thomas Claggett Jr., 2834 Gilmer Ave., Winston-Salem, died April 27 at his residence.

He was born on Sept. 30, 1935, in Pittsburgh, Pa., the son of Jean Mitchell Claggett and the late Howard T. Claggett Sr. Howard was a retired employee of the city of Winston-Salem and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, Odyssey Travel Club and the Camel City Elks Lodge 1021. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Pete Claggett and George Claggett, and one sister, Priscilla Hensley.

He is survived by: his devoted companion and friend, Ciesta Funderburk and family; one daughter, Sharon Claggett Williams of Winston-

Salem; five sons, Karl (Donna) Claggett, Micheal Claggett, Howard Claggett III, Eric Claggett, all of Winston-Salem, and Derrick (Sharon) Claggett of Martinsville, Va.; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; his mother, Jean M. Claggett of Kennington, Pa.; three sisters, Joanne (Melvin) Spriggs, Rachel (Walter) McRoy of Maryland, Nancy (William) Harris of Pennsylvania; two brothers, Ronald Claggett of Winston-Salem and John (Shirley) Claggett of Maryland; two uncles; one aunt; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held May 2 at 1 p.m. at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. Carlton Moser officiated.

Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

KELLY

Minister Emma Lee Alston Kelly, 1108 George Black Lane, Winston-Salem, died April 23 at Forsyth Medical Center.

She was a native of Pinehurst, born on Feb. 25, 1922, the daughter of the late Toby and Hammie Morrison Alston. She grew up in St. Matthews Chapel Baptist Church in Eastwood, N.C., was currently a member of the Evangel Fellowship Church of God in Christ, Greensboro, and was a devoted homemaker.

She is survived by: one son, Daniel Kelly (Mary) of Manchester, Conn.; two daughters, Erma Delores Carpenter of North Brunswick, N.J., and Agnes Matthews (Curtis) of Winston-Salem; 15 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Murtiss McCrimmon (Jimmy) and Oppie Johnson (Charles), both of Pinehurst; one brother, Primus Alston of Pennsylvania; other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held April 28 at 1 p.m. at Evangel Fellowship, Greensboro. Bishop Otis Lockett Jr. officiated. Burial followed at Eastwood Community Cemetery, Pinehurst. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

TAPP

Rev. Gager Tapp Jr., 9112 Huntsman Road, Kernersville, died April 22 at his residence. He was a native of Durham, born April 21, 1927, to the late Gager Tapp Sr. and Susan Long Tapp. He was ordained by Bishop S.M. Caesar in the late 1960s. He was formerly employed at Thalmers Department Store.

He is survived by: his wife, Katherine P. Tapp of the home; three sons, Michael Tapp, Zacharias Tapp (Cynthia), Gager Tapp III (Pamela); four daughters, Angela Tapp, Michelle Carter, Benita Moore, Valerie Tapp; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; five sisters, Virginia Salmon, Annie Mae Robinson, Doris Tutt, Christine Hines, Nancy Hunter; many other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held April 26 at 2 p.m. at the Chapel of Russell Funeral Home. Evangelist Verlie Fields officiated. Burial followed at Eastlawn Gardens of Memory, Kernersville. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

Children of Zion Outreach Ministry holds 'On One Accord' Workshop

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

In Act 2:1 the Bible says, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place." That is exactly what the founder and executive director of Children of Zion Outreach Ministry did this past Thursday, April 19, at the Rupert Bell Center in Winston-Salem.

Ms Goolsby hosted "On One Accord Workshop" to bring local community agencies together with the local churches to discuss ways to better serve and minister to teen parents, especially the teen parents from low-income areas and those in the high-risk category.

The reality of being a teen parent is a state of feeling insecure, lonely and frustrated.

National figures show that 76 percent of the teen mothers are unwed. Only one-third of these teen mothers receive a high school diploma and nearly 80 percent go on welfare. The teen family (especially in low-income areas) breed into our communities and our churches child abuse, foster home care, adoptions, juvenile delinquencies and the teen parenting cycle repeating itself with the next generation.

It is estimated that 13 percent of sons born to teen mothers end up in the prison system while 22 percent of the daughters are likely to become teen mothers themselves.

National figures also show that 60 percent of teen mothers are between the ages of 18 and 19 years old, 37 percent are between 15 and 17 years old and 3 percent are 14 years old or younger.

There is not much data on the fathers because nine out of 10 times they are the absent parent. National figures do show that 40 percent of the fathers are at least 20 years or older.

The fathers tend to be older and stand a better chance of graduating from high school than the mothers.

Of the 1 million teen mothers

in any given year, 32 percent end up in abortion, 14 percent are miscarries and 54 percent are actually born (very few mothers give their children up for adoption).

Teen fathers are just as vulnerable as teen mothers and they share some of the same social issues. They live in poverty and in unstable families. These young men have attained a low education and have poor self-esteem.

Teen fatherhood has been virtually ignored. The church and the community must accept the fact that these boys have made a mistake and that most of these teen fathers want to help raise their children.

Ms. Goolsby learned there were some wonderful community services doing some wonderful things for our teen parents and there were some churches doing some wonderful things, but it was time for a coming together. It was time to share some resources and training ideas that are much needed for our young teens.

Goolsby feels it is very important to put God and the Word of God into these teen parents' lives in order that they can become better parents for their children and better leaders in our community and in our churches. God is doing a new thing with our teen-agers. We as a community and as a church should be prepared to go forth with his work.

We should be on the defensive side, working together to stop the cycle in their lives. Goolsby feels that if we are on the defensive side then we become the solution (the place where teens come for answers) and not the problem. Our teens look at the church and community services as the bad guys. They believe no one cares enough to stick around. Many youths feel that community services come and go, so the agencies and programs are no more stable in my life than my parents'. They feel that the church looks down on them because

they did have sex and did get caught by becoming a teen parent. So our teen parents look to sex, drugs, low self-esteem and all the negative things to cover up the hurt.

Studies have shown that the programs dealing with teen parents that get the best return on investments are the ones where the churches and the community services work together and actually get involved with these young people's lives.

The featured community services included: Carol Fulton Goolsby, executive director, Children of Zion Outreach Ministry, a community outreach for low-income teen parents; Felicia Wilson, community health advocate, Living Waters Family Resource Center; Ellen Wallace, director of Mentor Moms, Division of Young Life; Rhonda Smith, health educator and program facilitator, Fathers and Friends; Carolyn Jones, staff nurse, Independence High School; Denise Daniels, community family advocate division of St. Peters Family Support Program; and William L. Sturdi-

vant, coordinator, The Weed and Seed Program, a Department of Justice strategy.

The workshop was designed to, first of all, develop two-way dialogue between the community services and the church community in order to improve overall support for teen parents; second, to motivate our churches and community organizations to develop better networking bases for our high-risk teen parents; and finally, to discuss ways to go back to our different organizations and churches better equipped to serve as a stronger resource base for our teen parents.

Those who participated in the workshop were truly blessed. Most in attendance did not know that the Young Life program (a Christian-based program for youths) has been in Forsyth County for about 40 years or what the Weed and Seed Program (Center for Community Safety) is all about.

Participants left feeling empowered to do a better job for our teen parents and with a better understanding of where to

turn for help.

Goolsby said there will be other "On One Accord" workshops throughout the year. She said that we did come "on one accord and God did show up mightily in our midst."

Children of Zion Outreach Ministry was formed on July 1 last year. The vision is to build a place to train today's teen parents. Children of Zion aims to create a place for these young people to develop a new vision and give them new hope. Children of Zion is designed to establish an atmosphere of compassion, love and hope. In this atmosphere, the Holy Spirit can do His job of renewing these young people for kingdom work. Children of Zion Out-

reach Ministry is a place in the community to wage war against Satan's kingdom and to tear down his stronghold on our teen parents from the low-income community.

Research suggests that the most powerful way to attack poverty is to educate those in poverty. This service will focus on the development of teaching, training and applying business techniques based on Scripture for helping teen parents learn ways to raise their standard of living and to increase self-esteem.

For more information or to see how you can help, contact Carol Fulton Goolsby, the founder and executive director, at (336) 996-1097.

In Memory Mr. Earl G. Roseboro

April 16, 1897 - May 2, 1976

Our Daddy has visibly departed from us, but has always remained in our lives.

He taught us to be independent and yet supportive of others; proud but never too proud to stoop to help someone; to seek knowledge of things great and small; to know at least a little something about all things; and that for every problem, there is a solution.

But most of all, he knew that in order to achieve, we must first have God as our co-captain, and that we are under



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We love and miss you dearly, Daddy.

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