

# OBITUARIES

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**DAVIS**

Mrs. Pearl Alsbrooks Davis, 2721 N. Glenn Ave., Winston-Salem, died June 8 at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

She was born on Jan. 28, 1911, in Monroe, Union County, N.C., to Annie Elizabeth Alsbrooks and A.D. Johnson. She moved to Winston-Salem and later made her home in Bethania, where she married George Washington. To this union one son was born, James Leon Washington. Years later he passed away. Later she was married to the late Nero Davis.

Mrs. Davis was a faithful member of Phillips Chapel Baptist Church and was a retired employee of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. She was a member of Elizabeth Chapter 310 Order of Free Masons, Scottish Rites.

She is survived by: one son, James Leon Washington (Anne); two granddaughters, Pearl Elizabeth and Kenya Regina Washington; one great-granddaughter, Landis Brown of Roswell, Ga.; a very special cousin, Eugene Hall (Ginny) of Monroe, N.C.; other cousins, nieces, nephews of Monroe; a dear niece, Willena Alsbrooks; special care givers, Helen Winbush, Margaret Speight; her sisters-in-law, Julia Lash of Bethania, Fannie Davis of Winston-Salem, Alice Davis and a brother-in-law, Eddie Davis, both of Columbus, Ohio; a devoted extended family member, Betty C. Williams of Winston-Salem; other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held June 15 at 1:30 p.m. at Phillips Chapel Baptist Church. Rev. Leon Oglesby officiated. Burial followed at Piedmont Memorial Gardens. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

**HILLIARD**

Retired Staff Sergeant Sylvester Hilliard of 5895 Styers Ferry Road, Clemmons, formerly of 1208 N. Cameron Ave., Winston-Salem, died June 10 at Forsyth Medical Center after an extended illness.

He was born in Daytona Beach, Fla., to the late Norah and Eliza Wynn Hilliard. Mr. Hilliard retired as an administrative assistant after 26 years of active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps.

Before becoming a member of United Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, Mr. Hilliard was a longtime member of St. James AME Church and Shiloh Baptist Church, where he was honored as a Leader of Men, 1989-90. At Shiloh Baptist Church and United Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, Mr. Hilliard was a Sunday school teacher and served with the Deacon's Ministry and Trustee Ministry.

He was a member of Salem Lodge 139, a life member of American Legion Post 220 and Disabled American Veterans, and a member of Winston Lake Retired Men's Club and the Prince Feather Garden Club.

He leaves to cherish precious memories: a devoted wife, Lois Scales Hilliard of the home; children, Sylvia Hilliard Lee-Ephraim of Tallahassee, Fla., James J. Scales (Shirley), Donald D. Scales (Marcelene) of Winston-Salem, Leon T. Scales (Arnetta) of Tacoma Park, Md., Anthony E. Scales, Nora H. Scales of Winston-Salem, and Phyllis I. Scales of Flint, Mich.; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; longtime, special, devoted and dedicated friends, Charles and Madge Haynes of Raleigh.

The funeral was held June 18 at noon at United Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. Dr. J. Ray Butler officiated. Burial followed at Salisbury National Cemetery with full military honors. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

**KILGORE**

## Former Atkins teacher, Marguerite Brower Richardson Thornton, dies

Marguerite Brower Richardson Thornton, known as "Rete," of Philadelphia, Pa., departed this life on June 9. Mrs. Thornton was born in Asheboro on May 12, 1920, the eldest child of Rev. and Mrs. J.E. Brower.



Thornton

Mrs. Thornton received her early education from the Asheboro City Schools and received a B.S. degree from West Virginia State College Institute; an M.S. degree from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; and an M.A. degree from Temple University, Philadelphia. She was also a graduate of the Pioneer Business School and Mitranna School of Modeling.

Mrs. Thornton taught at Atkins High School in Winston-Salem (1942-'45) and was a fifth- and sixth-grade teacher at the Gideon and Kinderton schools in the Philadelphia Public Schools. She served the schools in many capacities and retired in 1983 after 43 years of faithful service.

An ardent church worker, Mrs. Thornton served in many capacities at Tioga United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Church Conference. She also served as president of the Wesleyan Service Guild, secretary of the Commission on Worship, and a member of the church Administrative Board, Council on Ministries and Policy Commission.

Within her community, she continued to contribute to the lives of many. She held the titles of first corporate president and national historian for TWIGS Inc., was honored as a Life Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. in 1977 and became a Golden Soror in 1999 (a 51-year membership). She was also a Life Member of the NAACP, NEA and the Mannequins Modeling Guild.

Other citations include: Four Chaplains Legion of Honor membership, volunteer teacher of Christian education at the Youth Study Center, Tutorial Progress volunteer at Zion Baptist and Tioga Methodist Church, Junior Red Cross of the Southern Penn Chapter of the American Red Cross.

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Mr. Orlando Eugene Kilgore, known as "Booga" and "The Professor," of Greenville, S.C., died June 10 unexpectedly.

He was born on June 21, 1969, in New Castle, Pa., a graduate of Parkland High School and Forsyth Technical Community College. Hews employed by National Health Care and a member of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, both in Greenville, S.C. He was a loving, caring and compassionate person.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Ruth Hawkins, and great-grandmother, Eloise K. Goldsmith.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving parents, Lana Kilgore Taylor (William) of Winston-Salem; his father, James Bell (Kathy) of California; his grandfather, Marion McDaniel of Greenville, S.C., and grandmother, Nessie Bell of New Castle, Pa.; two brothers, Parish Kilgore of Winston-Salem and Richard Bell of California; three sisters, Kimberly Kilgore, Kajuana and Kameka Talley, all of Winston-Salem; one stepbrother, William Fant of Anderson, S.C.; four aunts, Jean Kilgore of Winston-Salem, and Clementine Johnson, Valerie Dawkins, Cassandra McDaniel, all of Greenville, S.C.; two uncles, Cecil and Kenny McDaniel, both of Greenville, S.C.; three great-aunts, Pastor Saddle Crumpton of Winston-Salem, Bettina Goldsmith Moore of East Orange, N.J., and Josephine Bell of New Castle, Pa.; two great-uncles, Milford and Stephen Goldsmith, both of Winston-Salem; one nephew, Alexander Brown; three nieces, Hayuana Talley, Kimberly and Jesse Little, all of Winston-Salem; special friends, "Eagle Man" of Winston-Salem, Verhonda Fitzgerald and Maggie Read and Mary Smith of Greenville, S.C.; other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held June 16 at 1 p.m. at South Park Holiness Church of God Inc. Pastor Lynch of Greenville, S.C., officiated. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

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**BENNETT**

Mrs. Catherine Julia Bailey Bennett of 1704 E. Kivette Drive, High Point, passed June 8 at High Point Regional Hospital. She was born on May 23, 1933, to the late Oshia Wilson and Lonnie B. Bailey. She was 68 years and 17 days of age.

She was a former employee of Styrex Industries and Rich Face Vereer of High Point. She graduated from William Penn High School.

A fervent believer in God her entire life, she was a member of Shield of Faith Ministries. She was an avid lover of the organ and piano, and enlightened and blessed many with her God-given gift; she played at many churches.

Surviving are husband Bishop Franklin C. Bennett of St. Petersburg, Fla.; her son, Michael A. Bennett, and his wife, Teresa, of High Point; two grandchildren, DeDerreck G. Bennett and Mi'Khael D. Bennett of High Point; nieces and nephews, Natalie, Reginald, Frederick and Donna Bailey; her care giver and best friend, Anna Lane of the home. She also had a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

Her home-going service was held June 14 at 3:30 p.m. at Shield of Faith Ministries, 1201 E. Green Street, High Point. Rev. James P. Jones officiated. Arrangements were entrusted to Gilmore Funeral Services of High Point.

**COBB**

On June 8, Mrs. Mildred Barnette Cobb passed away while departing from her brother's funeral.

She was born in Greensboro, on Nov. 4, 1918, and raised in High Point, where she devoted her life to raising her five children with her husband of 65 years, Marion Cobb Sr. Not only did Mrs. Cobb introduce her children to a Christian lifestyle under the leadership

of St. Stephen AME Zion Church in High Point, she also invested her love as an employee of High Point School District.

Her family fondly looks upon her example of community leadership, which was manifested in her volunteer service as a worker in the Missionary/Life Members Council, the Burns Hill Community Club and as a church deaconess and usher.

Mrs. Cobb is survived by her loving husband and her five children, Marion (Helen) Cobb Jr., Terry Lee (Ernestine) Cobb Sr., Ronald (Isabelle) Cobb, Patricia (Ervin) Cobb Davis and Garfield Cobb; and eight grandchildren. Also, Mrs. Cobb had the privilege and joy of raising Mrs. Angela (Lorenzo) Cobb Smith, whom she loved with all her heart and all her soul.

Although Mrs. Cobb will be greatly missed, her loved ones look forward to the day when they will be reunited with her for all eternity.

The funeral was held June 15 at St. Stephens AME Zion Church. Rev. Mary Kendall officiated. Burial followed in the Carolina Biblical Gardens. Arrangements were entrusted to Gilmore Funeral Services of High Point.

**NELSON**

Mr. James Nelson of Los Angeles, Calif., known to many friends as "Word Up," was born on July 4, 1957, to the late Ruth Lee Chandler Nelson and Joseph Louis Nelson, who was born in Kings Street, S.C. Mr. Nelson attended Forsyth County Public Schools, served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Hawaii for many years. His hobby was poetry writing.

He leaves to cherish his memories one brother, Israel Lee Chandler; four sisters, Iris C. (Christopher) Leak, Linda Rucker, Gwendolyn Nelson and Flossie R. (Thomas) Smallwood; one grandfather, Leland Chandler Sr.; a host of uncles, nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

A memorial service was held June 13 at 2 p.m. at Frances S. and Jerry C. Gilmore Memorial Chapel. Rev. James Fulwood officiated. Arrangements were entrusted to Gilmore Funeral Home directors.

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**MILLNER**

Mrs. Anne Joyce Millner departed this life June 12 at the Nursing Center at Oak Summit.

She was born in Surry County to the late James and Bessie Hawkins Joyce and retired from Stroh's Brewery. Mrs. Millner was member of Lovell's Chapel United Methodist Church, where she was a former member of the Senior Choir.

She is survived by: her husband, Luther A. Millner of the home; two sons, Dwayne (Stephanie) Millner, Salisbury, N.C., and Brandon (fiancee Mary Russ) Millner, Winston-Salem; one sister, Stella (Gentry) Hatcher, Pinnacle; two stepsisters, Ethel Cooper, Winston-Salem, and Leonia Thompson, Mt. Airy; one aunt, Gertrude Gamble, Mt. Airy; brothers and sisters-in-law, Russell and Vivian Millner, Doris Elaine Kinard, Patricia (Carson) Hatcher and Marie (James) Hickman; a devoted goddaughter, Deadra Gaston; special nieces, Susan (Gabe) Gordon and Frankie Millner; special nephews, Gentry Hatcher Jr., Russell Millner III, Anthony Kinard Jr. Chad and Josh Gordon; a devoted cousin, Betty Travis; and a host of other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

The funeral was held June 15 at 1 p.m. at Lovell's Chapel United Methodist Church. Rev. Lawrence Wade officiated, and Rev. Harry A. Smith was the eulogist.

Interment followed in Lovell's Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery. Hooper Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

Fashion and Accessory Designers Inc. honored her as one of the "10 Best Dressed Women in Philadelphia" while representing Alpha Kappa Alpha in 1967.

She was a loyal and dedicated member of the Prince Hall Masonic Family on the local and grand and international levels in Pennsylvania. She worked in various capacities in the following Prince Hall families: honorary past commandress, Pyramid Court 17, Daughters of Isis; honorary past imperial commandress, Imperial Court, Daughter of Isis; past royal commandress, St. Valentine Royal Court 25, Order of Cyrene; past most royal grand commandress, Most Royal Grand Court of Cyrene; international princess commandress, International Grand Court of Cyrene Crusaders of America; past most ancient matron, North Star Court 1, Heroines of Jericho; past worthy matron, King Solomon Chapter 60, Order of Eastern Star.

Mrs. Thornton, in spite of her busy schedule, always had time to work with others. No task was too great. She encouraged others to strive for excellence. Her life was a living example. She loved children, and encouraged them to

aspire to greatness.

She traveled extensively throughout the 50 states, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Caribbean, Canada, Mexico, Australia, Rome and other continents.

Her parents and her husband, James Melvin, preceded Mrs. Thornton in death. She leaves to cherish her memory: two sons, Edwin (Rona) Richardson Jr.,

Emmons T. Richardson; one daughter, Ramona Thornton-Lewis; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one sister, Ethel Brower of Philadelphia; three brothers, Robert E. Brower Sr. (Marian) of Winston-Salem, Carl Brower Sr. and Walter L. Brower of Greensboro; and a niece, Myra Brower Waddell of Greensboro. Other relatives

include a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

The funeral was held June 15 at 11 a.m. at Tioga United Methodist Church in Philadelphia. Rev. Christopher Neilson officiated. Interment followed in Rolling Green Memorial Park. Flemuel Brown Jr. Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

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