

# OBITUARIES

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## PEMBERTON

Mr. Paul David Pemberton, age 79, 1216 Guyer Street was born Feb. 3, 1921, in Richmond County to Paul Pemberton and Fannie Little Pemberton. He was educated in Richmond County Schools and was a member of Living Water Baptist Church. He served in the U.S. Army. He was a retired cutter for Alma Desk.

His wife, Bertha Pemberton; brothers Matthews Pemberton, Phillip Pemberton, Richard Pemberton and Grady Pemberton; and sister Virginia Le Grande preceded him in death. He leaves to cherish his memory: stepson Melvin Smith of High Point and daughter Mrs. Linda Pemberton Strange of High Point; sister Chero Little and Minnie Pemberton, both of Mt. Gilad, N.C.; grandchild Kimberly Pemberton of High Point; great-grandson Justin Kenneth Paul Pemberton of High Point; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The funeral was conducted Oct. 20 at 2 p.m. at Living Waters Baptist Church. Rev. Tavaris Johnson officiated. Burial followed in Carolina Biblical Gardens. Arrangements were entrusted to and services were conducted by Gilmore Funeral Service.

## FULLER

Ms Emma McIntosh Keller Fuller, age 93, of 106 Booker Ave. passed on Oct. 14. She was born on Dec. 31, 1907, in Ware Shoals, S.C. She was a member of Friends Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by: four sons, Earnest Keller, Fred Keller Jr., Calvin Keller and Thomas Keller; three brothers, R.L. McIntosh Sr., Sam McIntosh and Josh McIntosh; one sister, Mamie McCall. She leaves to cherish her memories: two sons, Earl Keller of Fayetteville and James Keller of Lexington; two daughters, Ruby Anderson and Alberta Glenn, both of Lexington; 75 grandchildren; 150 great-grandchildren; multiple great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Thomas (Massie) McIntosh of Lexington; two sisters, Maggie Williams of Princeton, S.C., and Catherine Bussey of Brooklyn, NY.

The funeral was conducted on Oct. 20 at 1:30 p.m. at Union Baptist Church. Arrangements were entrusted to and services were conducted by Gilmore Funeral Service.

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## LEGRANDE

Mr. Samuel Crawford LeGrande Jr., 3815 Indiana Ave., Winston-Salem, died Oct. 13 at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. He was a native of Rockingham, N.C., born to the late Helen Bruton LeGrande and Samuel Crawford LeGrande Sr. He was of the Baptist faith and was formerly employed with the

city of Winston-Salem.

He is survived by one son, David LeGrande of Greensboro; three sisters, Helen Bartley, Joan Hayes, Annie N. Curtis, all of Greensboro; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Private memorial services. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

## MASSEY

Mrs. Mary Bernice Minter Massey, 1000 N. Jackson Ave., Winston-Salem, died Oct. 13 at Forsyth Medical Center.

She was a native of Broadway, Lee County, N.C., and had resided in Winston-Salem for more than 60 years. She was a faithful member of St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church, where she was mother of the church and a member of the Spiritual Choir and the Naomi Missionary Group. She was a retired employee of Merita Bakery and was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

A son, Ronald Massey, preceded Mrs. Massey in passing.

She is survived by her devoted husband, William Barnes Massey of the home; one grandson, Ronald Thomas; three great-grandchildren; one brother, John Minter of Lacrosse, Va.; four brothers-in-law; many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held Oct. 19 at noon at St. Stephen Baptist Church. Rev. Joseph R. Samuels officiated. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

## MOORE

Retired Sgt. 1st Class Melvin Vanderbilt Moore, 5 Five Royales Drive, Winston-Salem, died Oct. 19 at Forsyth Medical Center. He was a native of Daytona Beach, Fla. He was born to the late Joseph Gaines and Hattie Mae Moore on Jan. 5, 1945. Melvin was lovingly reared by his aunt, Margaret E. White, and his late uncle, Cornelius White, and attended Campbell Street High School in Daytona Beach, Fla. He served dutifully 22 1/2 years in the U.S. Army while being stationed in Ft. Knox, Ky.; Gelhausen, Germany; Ft. Riley, Kan.; and St. Stewart, Ga. He served as dining facilities sergeant first class and received honors and awards for exceptional achievements for his outstanding performance. He was honored with several medals, Vietnam Service Medal, Army Service Ribbons, Overseas Service Bar and Expert Badges.

He came to Winston-Salem, his wife, Cassandra's, home, after his military retirement in 1987. He served God wholeheartedly as a faithful member of New World Cappadocia Outreach Church for six years and held office as chairman of the deacon board.

He is survived by: Cassandra Reich Moore, a devoted wife of 25 years; two daughters, Diamond Alize Moore and Star Breyanna Moore; an aunt, Margaret E. White; two great-aunts, Eloise Gilyard and Rebecca Gilyard of Daytona Beach, Fla.; a cousin, Charles White of Daytona Beach; a mother-in-law, Betty Collins; a father-in-law, James W. Reich Sr.; a grandfather, Leo B. Cannon Sr.; two uncles, Minister Leo Cannon Jr. (Barry) and Reginald Cannon; five sisters-in-law, Cynthia Love, Cheryl Reich, Sharon Reich of Winston-Salem, Janice Reich of Rural Hall and Clarissa Faye Teal of Walkertown; three brothers-in-law, James W. Reich Jr. of Winston-Salem, Terry Reich of Rural Hall and Chucky Teal Sr. of Walkertown; seven nieces, Crystal Love, Maquila Hill (Danceron), Cheryl Wilson, April Reich, Ashli Hill, Terra Reich and Erika Reich; four nephews, Kenneth Love Jr., Chucky Teal Jr., Desmond Teal and James Reich III; and many great-nieces, great-nephews, other relatives and friends.

A home-going service was held on Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Chapel of Russell Funeral Home. Pastor Melvin "Rip" Wilkins officiated. Burial, with full military rites, was held in Salisbury National Cemetery in Salisbury, N.C. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

## WHARTON

Mrs. Ruby Ethel Eaton Wharton of 2930 Gilmer Ave. in Winston-Salem died Oct. 18 at her residence. Mrs. Wharton, the wife of the late Wilson Wharton Sr., was born on July 16, 1923. She was the daughter of the late Willie Frank and Connie Eaton of Mocksville. She attended the public schools of Davie County and was a member of Dellabrook Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in passing by five brothers, William, John, Elmer, Paul Davis, Mitchell Ray and Michael Gray Eaton; and a sister, Annie Bell Glenn.

She leaves to cherish her memory: three daughters, Linda Coaxum (Thomas) of Winston-Salem, and Glenda and Adrienne Wharton of the home; a son, Wilson Wharton Jr. (Brenda) of Winston-Salem; five grandchildren, Samora Little, Calvin Coleman Jr., Christopher Wharton, Sonya Shockley (Marcus) and Cassius Brayboy, all of Winston-Salem; three great-grandchildren; four sisters, Minnie Gant of Bridgeport, Conn., Barbara Miller, Mary Adams (Joe), Pauline Eaton, and two brothers, James Eaton and Jessie Eaton, all of Winston-Salem; a devoted cousin, Stacey Williams; a dear friend, Hazel Gaston; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

The funeral was held Oct. 20 at 2 p.m. at the Chapel of Russell Funeral Home. Rev. Dr. John Mendez officiated. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

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## HART

Mrs. Minnie Lee Hart of 4636 Oldtown Drive was born June 16, 1931, in Windsor, N.C., to the late George and Fiebbie Barrow. She was a resident of Philadelphia, Pa., for most of her life and a resident of Winston-Salem for more than 13 years. Mrs. Hart was a retired employee of the Moravian Home Inc. and was employed by Christ Rescue Temple Daycare #3 as a teacher. She was a faithful member of Christ Rescue Temple Apostolic Holiness Church, where she served on the Senior Usher Board and Missionary Senior Choir.

A son, Thomas Ward, preceded Mrs. Hart in death. She departed this life on Oct. 21 at Forsyth Medical Center following a period of illness.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her husband, Morris Hart of the home; three children, Alicia Ward and Delores Ward, both of Winston-Salem, Ronnie (Brenda) Ward of Atlanta, Ga.; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one sister, Julia Hill; two brothers, James (Diane) Barrow and Sol Barrow; four sisters-in-law, Annie (Eddie) Frederick and Maggie Harris, all of Philadelphia, Virginia (Victor) Ragsdale of Trumbull, Conn., and Gray Barrow of Petersburg, Va.; two brothers-in-law, Wallace (Arizona) Hart and Dock (Liza) Hart, both of Philadelphia; a devoted friend, Reginald Baggett of Philadelphia; a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral will be held Oct. 27 at 11 a.m. at Christ Rescue Temple. Bishop Willis Davis will officiate. Interment will follow in Parklawn Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 10:30-11 a.m. at the church. Hooper Funeral Home directors are in charge of services.

## Overflow crowd attends Goler Memorial AME Zion's 120th Anniversary Banquet

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

"Stay up on the wall; don't come down," said Benjamin Ruffin, the featured speaker of Goler Memorial AME Zion Church's 120th Anniversary Banquet, to the overflow crowd last Saturday. Goler celebrated its church anniversary with a banquet at the Anderson Conference Center. Ruffin is the president of the Ruffin Group and the chairman of the UNC board of governors.

In reference to the Book of Nehemiah and his work on rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, Ruffin said that no matter what job you have, do the best job you can. Nehemiah was only a cupbearer, but he

was moved to go back home and he began rebuilding the walls.

The Goler forefathers came together in 1881 and decided to

start a church.

"They probably didn't have two nickels they could rub together," Ruffin said. "Back then, they weren't considered

citizens and they couldn't vote but they had the audacity to start a church."

Ruffin said that the Goler forefathers, only years removed



Goler's 120th Church Anniversary Committee, left to right: Doris Christian, Dorothy Williams, Gloria McIver, Rev. Seth O. Lartey, Mosé Belton Brown, Virginia Hardesty and Dorothy Wheeler.

## St. Philip AME Zion to celebrate 93rd anniversary

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

**GREENSBORO** - St. Philip AME Zion Church will celebrate its 93rd anniversary at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 28. Rev. Hiawatha L. Hemphill will be the guest speaker.

Hemphill is blessed with a special gift of reaching people on all levels. His ministry crosses cultural, social, economic and racial boundaries. He has worked with prominent personalities such as actor Danny Glover; singer Anita Pointer of the renowned Pointer Sisters; internationally



Rev. Hemphill

Gospel Music Workshop of America; and gospel recording artist Rev. John P. Kee.

Hemphill has a B.A. degree in music from Livingstone College, and a master of arts

degree in religion and a master of divinity degree, both received at Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary.

Currently, he is the founder and president of the Book of Remembrance Ministries, a nonprofit organization committed to serving youths, the homeless and the elderly. In the business arena, he serves as national recruiter and chaplain for the Assurance Group Inc. (the largest final expense company in the Southeast.)

Hemphill is known throughout the country for his

unique ability to touch common man, as well as the intellectual. He believes every person is "special" in the sight of God. As a result, he is widely sought after as an evangelist, musician and motivational speaker.

When not on the road, he attends First Assembly of God in Winston-Salem, under the leadership of Pastor Wayne Goodall.

St. Philip AME Zion Church is at 1330 Ashe Street in Greensboro. Dr. Jerry A. Quick is the pastor.



Ruffin

from slavery, didn't quit but did what they started out to do. Now in 2001 a b o u t one-fifth of blacks

do not have jobs. Forty percent of black children are not covered by health insurance. More than 120,000 black men are in prison.

Ruffin said it was up to the black churches to tell today's children about the trials and

tribulations blacks have had to overcome. Tell children about their history. Think of songs your grandmother used to sing, "Bride Over Troubled Waters" and "His Eye Is on the Sparrow." Goler needs to stay on the wall until the work is finished. "It is not about dope in the veins but hope in their brains."

Ruffin was joined by two musical groups. Denied Stone and Spirit of Amani.

Last Sunday evening, the Rev. Dr. Jerry Drayton and his congregation of New Bethel Baptist church delivered the closing anniversary service.

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