

OBITUARIES

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iliaries: class leader, Stewardess Board, former senior choir member, Missionary Group 1. She was preceded in death by her husband, William W. Davis, and son, James W. Davis. She leaves to cherish her loving memories: a devoted daughter-in-law, Margertha Davis; devoted nieces Martha Hauser, Lillian Miller, Mary Rosebrough, Sytgria Washington, and Pheloshia Gaydan of Detroit; great-niece and nephew, Gloria Taylor and Jerome Taylor of Portsmouth, Va.; a host of other nieces and nephews; devoted friends and caretakers, Harold Papers, Joseph Ervin, Ericteen Lash and Doris Shouse; devoted friends Vernard Bowie, Edna Glenn, Alice Jean Allen, Alma Joyce, Ann and James Washington and Rick Surratt; other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held Dec. 24 at 1 p.m. at Bethania AME Zion Church. Rev. Johnnie Ruffin officiated. Interment followed in the church cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to and services were conducted by Gilmore Funeral Home directors.

GRIER

Mr. Oloff B. Grier, age 86, of 1702 New Walkertown Road, was called home to be with the Lord on Dec. 27 at his residence. He was born on Jan. 17, 1915, to the late Parks and Daisy Grier in Winston-Salem. He retired from the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. after serving 32 faithful years as a factory worker. Mr. Grier was a member of Hanes CME Church, where he was a steward and served on the Senior Usher Board. He also was an avid gardener and a veteran of World War II. He was preceded in death by: his parents, Parks and Daisy Grier; his wife, Maggie W. Grier; brothers Otto, Nathaniel, Weldon, Paul and Frank; sisters Annie Bell, Nannie, Mattie, Catherine and Mary Jane. Mr. Grier leaves to cherish his loving memories: two sons, Rudolph Pearson of New York City and Michael Grier of Atlanta, Ga.; two daughters, Betty Jean Pearson of Brooklyn, N.Y., and "Mary-Alice" Youngblood of Chicago, Ill.; two brothers, Willie Grier Sr. of Philadelphia, Pa., and Henry Mack Grier of Winston-Salem; three generations of grandchildren; four generations of nieces and nephews; one daughter-in-law, Luree James of Florence, S.C.; one sister-in-law, Pauline Grier of Philadelphia, Pa.; a devoted friend of 14 years, Sara I. Rose; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held on Dec. 31 at 11 a.m. at Hanes Memorial CME Church. Rev. Rayfield Medcalf officiated and Rev. Craig Ingram provided the eulogy. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to and services were conducted by Gilmore Funeral Home directors.

REID

Mr. Columbus Reid, 82, of 958 Cotton Grove Road, Lexington, departed this life Dec. 29 at his home following several years of illness. Mr. Reid was born on Sept. 29, 1919, in County, Ga. He joined Tabernacle Baptist Church in Augusta, Ga., at an early age and was employed by Augusta Arson Inc. In 1942, "Reid," as he was called, moved to Lexington, N.C., and joined Friendship Baptist Church, where he faithfully served as a trustee, usher and greeter. He was employed by Lexington Chair Co. and Philpott Furniture, retiring after many years of service. Reid was married in 1945 to Clara Mae Smalley. He was a devoted husband and was loved by all who knew him. He leaves to cherish his memories: a loving wife of 56 years, Clara Mae; three sisters, Azaree Cunby, Mamie H. Latham, and Mary A. Barrow (Charlie) all of Augusta, Ga.; one brother, James Reid of Brooklyn, N.Y.; eight sisters-in-law, Yvonne Reid and Bertha D. Reid of Augusta, Ga., Pearlina S. Darthard, Juanita Smalley, Mylo S. Anderson (Clarence), Mable S. Kindle (Donald), Lida Smalley, and Dorothy Smalley; a devoted nephew, Doby Anderson; a host of nieces and nephews; four brothers, John Wesley, Jonas, Timothy and Racy Reid.

The funeral was held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Friendship Baptist Church. Dr. H.B. Waiters, Pastor John Canty, and Minister Barry Hower officiated. Arrangements were entrusted to and services were conducted by Gilmore Funeral Home directors.

BAILEY

Mr. John Franklin Bailey, age 67, of Lexington, N.C., passed on Jan. 6 at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. The funeral was held Jan. 11 at 3 p.m. at Union Baptist Church. Arrangements were entrusted to and services were conducted by Gilmore Funeral Home directors.

WALTON

Mr. David Junior Walton, age 63, of 621 Burton Street, passed on Jan. 6 at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center following a period of illness. Mr. Walton was born March 28, 1938, in Anderson, S.C., a son of the late Betsy and David Walton. Mr. Walton was a retired employee of Piedmont Leaf Tobacco Co.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Geneva Allen Walton; a daughter, Sandra Allen of Winston-Salem; a brother, David Haley of Anderson, S.C.; sisters Lillie Mae Gilbert and husband James of Killen, Texas, and Jess Brown Gilbert of Winston-Salem; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends; and a special friend, Mr. Walter Tatum. The funeral was held Jan. 12 at 2 p.m. at Frances S. & Jerry C. Gilmore Jr. Memorial Chapel. Rev. Bobby Best officiated. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to and services were conducted by Gilmore Funeral Home directors.

DAVIS

Ms. Mildred Graham Davis, 72, of 829 Rosecrest Drive, High Point, died Jan. 10 at High Point Regional Hospital. She was the daughter of the late Marie and William Whitfield. Mrs. Davis was born on March 4, 1929, in Marlboro County. She was preceded in death by: three brothers, James T., William R. and Lorenza Whitfield; and one sister, Willie Mae Whitfield. She was a child-care provider for more than 30 years. She was also an active member of First Emmanuel Baptist Church, where she served faithfully on the Senior Choir and the Nurses Board, and was a former worker with the Junior Choir. Mrs. Davis is survived by: three daughters, Evangelist Mabel Fronberger and Rosa Titus of High Point, Delores Nelson of the home; five sons, Albert (Glenda) Davis, Lonzie Davis, Willie (Betsy) Davis and Christopher (Annette) Davis, all of High Point, and Johnny (Lo Tonya) Davis of San Jacinto, Calif.; 25 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; three sisters, Irene Quick of Greensboro, Jannie Lee Whitfield and Clarissa (Jerry) River of Bennettsville, S.C.; two brothers, Cleveland (Arlene) Leggett of Washington, D.C., and Vernon Whitfield of High Point; three uncles, Wilson (Bertha Lee) Graham, Curley (Rochester) Whitfield and Lewis Whitfield, all of Bennettsville, S.C.; 10 aunts, Annie Tucker, Pauline Anderson of Brooklyn, N.Y., Gracie and Ola Mae Graham, Mary Whitfield and Clara Whitfield of Bennettsville, S.C., Evelyn (Luther) Jones, Mary Graham and Neely Mae Pearson of High Point, Alice Sellers of Gibson, N.C.; one great-aunt, Bertha Ledbetter of Englewood, N.J.; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins,

friends; and a very dear friend of the family, Mr. Henry Manning of Greensboro. Mildred Graham Davis not only raised her own children, but she raised four nieces three nephews, and one god-daughter.

The funeral was held Jan. 13 at 2 p.m. at First Emmanuel Baptist Church. Burial followed in Guilford Memorial Park. Arrangements were entrusted and services were conducted by Gilmore Funeral Home directors.

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BURRELL

Mr. Hairston Burrell Jr., known to family and friends as "Red," 269 Elm Drive, Winston-Salem, passed away on Jan. 7 at his residence.

He was born in Hartsville, S.C., on Dec. 18, 1925, to the late Hairston Burrell Sr. and Rosa Beasley Burrell. He was preceded in passing by a brother, Alexander Burrell, and a sister, Queen Burrell Reid. He was a former member of New Bethel Baptist Church and later became a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church under the ministry of Dr. Kelly O.P. Goodwin. He was active with the St. John's Layman League at Mt. Zion. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. "Red" was the proprietor of the Exxon service station at Highway 311 and Bowen Boulevard during the 1970s. He retired from Sun Chemical Co. after more than 20 years of service.

He leaves to cherish his home-going: a devoted wife, Carolyn G. Burrell; two daughters, Tanya McDougal and Francheria Burrell; one son, Michael-McDougal; one grandson, Sean McDougal; 12 sisters-in-law; 11 brothers-in-law, Daisy F. Burkins of Charlotte, Sallie Inman (Dallas) of Brooklyn, N.Y., Lillie Giles of Brooklyn, N.Y., Minnie G. Long (Douglas) of Camria Heights in Queens, N.Y., Mattie G. Farrell (John) of Wasaw, Va., Evelyn Hudnall (Bennett) of Heathsville, Va., Bertha Giles of Sharon, S.C., Anita G. Sawyer (Nathaniel) of Virginia Beach, Va., Irine G. Durham (Roy) of Winston-Salem, Lester Giles (Maggie) of Sharon, S.C., Glenn H. Giles (Emma) of Sharon, S.C., Rev. Dr. F.R. Giles (Gloria) of Taylors, S.C., Fred Giles of Pittsburgh, Pa.; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and church family.

The funeral was held Jan. 11 at 1 p.m. at Mount Zion Baptist Church. Dr. Serenus T. Churn Sr. officiated. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

DOBSON

Mr. James "Jimmy" Kenneth Dobson, 1601 NE Fourth Street, Hickory, formerly of Winston-Salem, passed away on Jan. 4 at Hickory.

He attended Carver High School and was employed by Sherrill Furniture Co. in Hickory. He was a former member of Phillips Chapel Baptist Church and was a member of the Living World Fellowship, Hickory. He was preceded in death by his father, James K. Dobson Sr.

He is survived by: his parents, Doris H. (Freeman) Roebuck of Winston-Salem; one son, Airman 2nd Class Jamar Dobson of Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter, S.C.; one daughter, Adrienne Matison of Winston-Salem; five sisters, Christine H. Davis of Winston-Salem, Janice D. Robinson Fulwood of Mitchellville, Md., Gina L. (George) Lamar of Clinton, Md., Celina D. (Willie) Crowley and Regina D. (Robert) Johnson, both of Winston-Salem; one brother, Vincent L. Roebuck of Louisville, Ky.; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The funeral was held Jan. 10 at 1 p.m. at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. Robert L. McGowens Sr. officiated. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

GARY

Ms. Carol Christine Gary, 2720 Sink Street, Winston-Salem, passed away on Jan. 6 in Winston-Salem.

She was a native of Winston-Salem, born on June 26, 1949, to Evangelist Carolyn Teasley and the late Bobby Holland. She was educated and graduated from Carver High School.

She is survived by: her dear mother, Evangelist Carolyn Teasley of Winston-Salem; one son, Ronald Gary; two daughters, Mona Gary and Sabrina Gary, all of Winston-Salem; seven grandchildren, Raheem Brim, James I. Reid, Latoya Williamson, Erika Montgomery, Chataka and Chantez Allen and Tyler Short, and one expected grandchild; six brothers, Dwight Gary, Bobby Holland, Button Holland, Shane Bonner, Chris Holland and Tony Holland, all of Winston-Salem; two sisters, Kathy Holland of Atlantic City, N.J., and Zada Bonner of Winston-Salem; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and many devoted friends.

The funeral was held Jan. 11 at 1 p.m. at the Chapel of Russell Funeral Home. Bishop Joseph Lowery officiated. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

GIST

Deacon Leroy Gist, 760-D North Highland Ave., Winston-Salem, passed away Jan. 12 at his residence.

He was a native of Winston-Salem, born on April 17, 1925, to the late Johnnie Gist Jr. and Alma Rice Gist. He was a faithful member of the Mount Zion Baptist Church, where he served on the deacon board, the Sunday School, the B.T.U. and the St. John's Laymen's League. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in World War II. He has traveled the United States as a musician with many recording artists.

He is survived by: a brother, Hiawatha D. Gist (Rosemary); Dr. Tyler Lloyd of New York, N.Y.; the church family at Mount Zion Baptist; other relatives and dear friends.

The funeral was held Jan. 16 at 1 p.m. at Mount Zion Baptist Church. Dr. Serenus T. Churn Sr. officiated. Burial followed at Salisbury National Cemetery, Salisbury, N.C. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

JONES

Mrs. Annie Louise Jones, formerly of 4020 Burnham Court, Winston-Salem, passed away on Jan. 9 at Forsyth Medical Center.

She was born on Nov. 5, 1924, in Atlanta, Ga., and was a member of Exodus Baptist Church. She was retired from ARA Food Services of Wake Forest University with 20 years of service.

She leaves to cherish her memory: a loving and devoted son, Darryl L. Jones of the home; a daughter, Shelia Barrett of Balti-

more, Md.; three grandchildren; a host of other relatives and many friends.

The funeral was held Jan. 15 at 1 p.m. at the Chapel of Russell Funeral Home. Rev. Donald Stowe Jr. officiated.

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

WILLIAMS

Ms. Felicia Lavern Williams, 2715 Chestnut Heights Road, Winston-Salem, passed away on Jan. 8 at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. She was a native and lifelong resident of Winston-Salem, born on May 16, 1972, to Lessie Lee Williams and Harold Tyrone Woods. She was formerly employed at the M.C. Benton Convention Center Catering Service and was of the Baptist faith.

She is survived by: her children, James O. Williams, Cassandra M. Williams, Melvin O. Williams and De-Edric M. Williams, all of Winston-Salem; her dear mother, Lessie Lee Williams, and her father, Harold Tyrone Woods, both of Winston-Salem; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

The funeral was held Jan. 12 at noon at the Chapel of Russell Funeral Home. Rev. Samuel Clemmons Jr., officiated. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of arrangements.

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AIKEN

Mrs. Ophelia McCorkle Aiken of 2212 Dunbar Street departed this life Thursday morning at the Forsyth Medical Center following a period of illness. She was a native of Ridgeway, S.C., and a resident of New York for most of her life where she retired as a private duty nurse. She attended the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County public schools. Mrs. Aiken was a member of Second Calvary Baptist Church, where she served in the Willing Workers Club and in the Sunday school department. In the community she was a member of the Rose of Sharon community and Happy Hearts Savings clubs.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James W. Aiken. Surviving are: three daughters, Zaytuna Aiken of Winston-Salem, Hylema Bell of New York, N.Y., and Sedequa W. Aiken of Winston-Salem; two sons, Vantroy (Ann) Thompson of Rocky Mount, N.C., and Vernell Thompson of New York, N.Y.; a godson, Clark Gaither of Winston-Salem; two goddaughters, Viola (Bobby) Kimbrough and Willie Mae Downs, both of Winston-Salem; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, including devoted grandsons, Joseph Clark of Winston-Salem and Brandon Bell of the home, whom she raised, and a devoted great-grandson, Gregory Aiken, also of the home; one sister, Joree Hart of the home; one sister-in-law, Effie McCorkle of Winston-Salem; other relatives and friends.


The funeral was held Jan. 14 at 1 p.m. at Second Calvary Baptist Church. Rev. Donald Stowe officiated. Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Hooper Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

DAVIS


Ms. Connie Lee Davis, formerly of 23rd Street, departed this life on Jan. 3 at the Winston-Salem Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center. She was a native of Lancaster, S.C., and a resident of Winston-Salem the majority of her life. Ms. Davis was a retiree of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and a Baptist by faith. She was preceded in death by a son, Hobart T. Duren; three brothers, Andrew, Sammie and L.K. Davis. Ms. Davis is survived by: four daughters, Shirley Durant of Winston-Salem, Margaret Allen of Silver Spring, Md., Connie Mae Stephens and Maxine Morgan, both of Winston-Salem; one son, George Samuel Durant of Connecticut; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; one brother, Ivory Davis

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