

BYERS

Edward Denard Byers, 43 of 4260 Brownsboro Rd. Apt. B-25, known to many by "Ed" and to his family as "Poochie" passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, March 13, 2008 at the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

He was born March 26, 1964 in Winston-Salem, N.C. to Amos Byers, Jr., and Ella Mae Byers.

He was a member of Rising Ebenezer Baptist Church which he attended all of his life.

Byers was a 1983 graduate of Parkland High School and a 1988 alumnus of Winston-Salem State University. During his athletic career, Ed received a full scholarship for football at WSSU under former coach Bill Hayes.

After college, he tried out for the NFL Cincinnati Bengals. He was inducted into Parkland High School Sports Hall of Fame for excellence in football, where his jersey "No. 44" was retired. He was named All-American and played in state play-offs and championships.

Ed was currently employed with Guilford County Scales Learning Center, Greensboro, N.C. and with WTb New Vision as a resident counselor. During his career, he was an assistant coach for the Greensboro Prowlers Semi-Professional Football Team, Assistant coach at West Forsyth High School-football, WSSU Summer Camp-Football director, coach for Little League Football, various teacher assistant positions for the WS/FCS School System, and was also employed with Douglas Battery, and Sara Lee Textiles.

He was preceded in death by his father, and two brothers, Ozzie Johnson and Maurice Byers.

Left to cherish his memories are his wife, Robin Wilborn Byers of Winston-Salem; three sons, Shelton Davis, Sr., Monterio Davis, and Juwaan Woodbury all of Winston-Salem; two grandsons, Shelton Davis, Jr. and Jaiheim Davis; five step-children; two sisters, Gwendolyn Byers and Aretha Byers both of Winston-Salem; three brothers, Rodney (Stacy) Byers, Sr., Vernon (Esthelita) Byers, and Tony Ray Crosby all of Winston-Salem; one uncle, Earl (Patricia) Byers of Winston-Salem; one great-uncle, George Smith of Gaffney, S.C.; an aunt, Wilhemina Byers of Winston-Salem; two special friends, Darnella "Dee" McIntyre and Ernest Tanner both of Winston-Salem; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. March 20 from the New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church. The Reverend William Brown of Rising Ebenezer Baptist Church officiated. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery. A special thank you to all the coaches Ed served under and those he served with. Online condolences can be made at www.russellfuneralservice.com. Russell Funeral directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

HAYWOOD

Juanita Ramona Haywood, known to family and friends as "Penny Wilborn," began her life March 8, 1956 as the forth of 11 children born to Esther Mae Wilborn and Grant Lorenza Young. She departed this life on March 8, 2008.

Left to cherish many dear loving memories are her husband, Oscar Haywood; three children, Torrianna Wilborn, Caprece Wilborn, Tiffany Haywood, and Stephano Haywood all of Winston-Salem, N.C.; mother, Esther Mae Wilborn of Winston-Salem; father, Grant Lorenza Young of Wilmington, Del.; nine sisters, Barbara Wilborn, Joanne Kirkland, Jonie Nicholson, Cheryl Barr (Gordon), Robin Byers, Shawanna Ingram (Kelvin), Kendra Austin, Rhonda Wilborn, and Shasha Wilborn all of Winston-Salem; two brothers, Johnny Wilborn (Barbara) and Lorenza Wilborn all of Winston-Salem; mother-in-law, Catherine Haywood; three brothers-in-law, Burt Haywood, Jerry Haywood, and Clyde Haywood; two sisters-in-law, Emma Miller and Betty Smith; eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. March 15 at New Jerusalem

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Missionary Baptist Church. The Rev. Dr. Samuel J. Cornelius officiated. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery. Online condolences can be made at <http://www.russellfuneralservice.com> Russell Funeral directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

JEFFRIES

Anna Louise Edmonds Jeffries, 84, passed away March 12 at Springwood Care Center, Winston-Salem, N.C. She was born October 17, 1923 to Linia Wood and Eddie Edmonds in Newsome, Va.

She was a member of the Beauty Of The West, Order of Eastern Stars #36 and an active member of First Waughtown Baptist Church serving on the Missionary Board until her health failed.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Virgil G. Jeffries.

She is survived by two daughters, Mary Carter and Pearl H. Fair both of Winston-Salem; a sister, Callie Artis of Shunens City, Calif.; three sisters-in-law, Mary Edmonds of Chesapeake, Va., Louise Edmonds of Norfolk, Va., and Henrietta Jeffries of Magnolia, N.J.; seven grandchildren and many great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. March 17 at First Waughtown Baptist Church. Pastor Dennis Bishop officiated. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery. Online condolences can be made at <http://www.russellfuneralservice.com>. Russell Funeral directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

MILLER

On Thursday, March 13, 2008 God, out of his tender mercy, called Cora Eva Mae Miller home to Glory. Eva Mae was born to Clifton Odell Miller and Cora Louise Miller on October 15, 1946. She resided at 115 North Gordon Ave., Apt #2, but spent most of her life in the Piney Grove Community. Eva Mae was a faithful member of Piney Grove Baptist Church. When she couldn't make it to church, she was always listening to the church services on TV or listening to it on the radio.

She was preceded in death by her father; brothers, Lester Odell Miller, Romie Perry Miller, and Larry Aldine (Caretha B.) Miller.

Her call to Glory leaves the following to rejoice in her homegoing and cherish her memory; her mother, Cora Louise Miller; two sisters, Brenda Faye Miller (Richard) and Rebecca M. Butler (Wade) both of Winston-Salem, N.C. and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. March 20 from the Piney Grove Baptist Church. The Rev. James Linville officiated. Interment followed in the Piney Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. Online condolences can be made at www.russellfuneralservice.com. Russell Funeral directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

ROGERS

Albert Smith Rogers, 85, departed this life on March 10 at Springwood Care Center at 1:45 p.m. He was born the eldest of ten siblings on October 12, 1922 in Union, S.C. to Robert Lee Rogers, Jr. and Cornelia Smith Rogers.

He attended public school in Santuc, S.C. He was employed for several years as a material handler at Hanes Mills on Stratford Road in Winston-Salem. After retirement he worked part-time at K&W Cafeteria on Healy Drive. He was an active member of the Senior Usher board at Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church until his health declined.

He was married to the late

Katherine E. VanEaton Rogers, and in their union there were five children: James Washington (Stephanie), Jackie Rogers (Peggy), daughter, the Rev. Cornelius Joyce (Jerry), Simon Rogers, Danny Lee Rogers, and one stepson Charles VanEaton, all of Winston-Salem.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, and eight siblings.

Surviving siblings are sister, Annie Ruth Richardson (Willie) of Columbia, S.C., and brother, Robert Lee Rogers (Robena) of Philadelphia, Pa.; sisters-in-law, Madie Rogers, Daisey Rogers, and Mildred Tucker, all of Philadelphia; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; a very special friend of the family, Immogene Bray, and several other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. March 14 at Mt Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed in Piedmont Memorial Gardens. Russell Funeral directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

THOMPSON

Bobby Joe Thompson, Sr. also known as "BobCat" departed this earthly life on Wednesday, March 12, 2008. He was born February 4, 1936. Thompson was a retiree of R.J. Reynolds.

He was preceded in death by his parents Robert A. and Armenta Thompson; a brother, Willie George Thompson; and a daughter, Bobbie Jo Ann Thompson.

He is survived by his children, Betty Dove Johnson (Joshua), Laurie Thompson Murdock (Carl), Leilani Thompson Reed (James); Bobby Joe Thompson, Jr., and Barry Maurice Thompson; 14 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 12 noon March 18 at United Metropolitan Baptist Church. The Rev. Prince Rainey Rivers officiated. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery. "We will remember our loved one for his meekness, humor, love, hard work, and caring spirit."

Online condolences can be made at <http://www.russellfuneralservice.com> Russell Funeral directors were in charge of the services and arrangements.

WHITE

Bernice White, of 1324 Belleauwood St., Winston-Salem, N.C., was born May 11, 1936 in Sumter, S.C.. She was the daughter of Daniel and Mamie Washington White. On Wednesday, March 12, 2008, God called His angel Bernice to spend eternity with Him.

White attended public schools in Sumter, S.C. and was a graduate of Eastern High School. She accepted Christ at an early age and became a member of Saint Matthews Baptist Church in Sumter. She served as an usher and was also a member of the choir while attending Saint Matthews.

Bernice moved to Winston-Salem in her early 30's. She was employed at Forsyth Medical Center and worked there for approximately 35 years retiring in 2004. Shortly after her arrival in Winston-Salem she became a member of Spencer Memorial Christian Church where she remained a very dedicated and faithful member.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, and a sister.

Bernice leaves to cherish her very fond memories, four sisters, Thelma White, Magdalene Barber, and Lillie Mae White all of Sumter; a very devoted sister and caregiver, Frances (Gerald) Mobley of Winston-Salem; a brother, Charles (Felecia) White of Sumter; two aunts, Mary Robinson and Lucille Washington both of Sumter; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, many friends and her Spencer Memorial Christian Church Family.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. March 17 at Spencer Memorial Christian Church. Apostle Garland A. Wallace, Jr. officiated. Interment followed in Piedmont Memorial Gardens. Online condolences can be made at <http://www.russellfuneralservice.com>. Russell Funeral directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

WILLIAMS

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 - "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven; a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted."

That season and time came for Virginia Williams on Tuesday, March 18, 2008. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

Williams was the second child born to Dorcy and Edna Mae Daniels. She was affectionately called Gin, Ginny, and Snapper by family and friends. She was born and raised in Florence, S.C. and after high school; she relocated to Newark, N.J. Williams resided in New Jersey for most of her adult life and later relocated to Creedmoor, N.C.

She was employed by John Umstead Hospital and retired after 20 years of faithful service. She was of the Baptist faith and attended Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Creedmoor. Virginia was a quiet, soft-spoken person with a beautiful smile. She was loved by everyone she met and she will sorely be missed. She will be remembered as a person with a great sense of humor and joviality.

Williams was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, and a brother.

She leaves to cherish her fond memories six sisters, a devoted sister Pearl Cole (Arthur), Vivian Daniels, Clementine Moseley, Pansy Daniels, and beloved Dorothy Daniels all of Winston-Salem, N.C.; Shirley Bailey, Concord, N.C.; two brothers, Pastor Howard Daniels (Cathie), Kernersville, N.C. and Edward Daniels of Winston-Salem; five nieces, three nephews, two

great-nieces, three great-nephews; a devoted friend, Thomas Cheatham; one goddaughter, Lyn (Eric); two god-grandchildren, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. March 22 at the Russell Funeral Home Chapel. Pastor Howard D. Daniels officiated. Interment followed at Gardens of Memory, Walkertown, N.C. "The family would like to extend warmest thanks to the entire staff of Erwin Garden Rehabilitation Center and High Point Healthcare for their devotion in the care of Virginia Williams."

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WINFIELD

Ruth S. Winfield, known to family and friends as "Mother Ruth" of 831 Rich Ave., Winston-Salem, N.C. was born in Lancaster, S.C. to Richard and Amy Shannon on December 14, 1921. She departed this life on March 18, 2008 at home. She was a faithful member of Cornerstone Faith Ministries, where she was the Mother of The Church.

She was also a former member of Hanes Creative Club, the Inspirational Chorus of Hanes CME Church, a retired household technician of New York City, and a chore provider of Forsyth County Department of Social Services.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She leaves to cherish her memories her husband of 32 years, Lester Winfield; foster son, Steven Thompson; and was the guardian of William "Lucky" Smith; a devoted friend, DeLois Rader, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. March 22 at Cornerstone of Faith Ministries. The Rev. Calvin Smith officiated. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery. Online condolences can be made at www.russellfuneralservice.com. Russell Funeral directors were in charge of services and arrangements.



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