

CARPENTER

Dedrick Keshon Carpenter, 23, of 112 Midian Court, Winston-Salem, N.C. departed this life April 13. He was born June 2, 1984, in Winston-Salem, to Diane Carpenter.

He was a Baptist by faith, and attended the local schools of Winston-Salem. He was previously employed by the Nitty Gritty Café.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Juanita Carpenter; an aunt, Deborah Lynn Carpenter; and an uncle, Johnny Carpenter. He leaves to cherish his memory a loving son, Jaden Brown; his mother, Diane Carpenter; a sister, Shaunita Carpenter; a devoted twin brother, Kedrick Carpenter, all of Winston-Salem; a devoted girlfriend, Rochelle Barnes; two uncles, Jimmy Carpenter of Winston-Salem, and Eric Carpenter of Charlotte; three aunts, Louise Rowland, Catherine Carpenter, and Edna Torrence; a nephew and two nieces; a devoted cousin, Chris Leak; a play brother, Terry Law; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 p.m. April 18 at the Russell Funeral Home Chapel. Evangelist Pamela Phillips officiated. Online condolences may be made at www.russellfuneralservice.com. Russell Funeral directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

CUTHRELL

Willie C. Cuthrell Sr., known to many as "Gitt," 75, of 1764 Carriage Cove Lane, Winston-Salem, N.C. passed away April 22 at his residence. He was born August 6, 1932 in Forsyth County to Claude Monroe Cuthrell and Bernice Blair Cuthrell.

Willie was preceded in death by his wife, Eva H. Cuthrell and his daughter, Leticha Cuthrell Coleman. He is survived by his son, Deacon Willie (Belinda) Cuthrell, Jr.; and daughters, Evangelist LaWanda (Johnny III) Parms and First Lady Michelle (Pastor Tony Sr.) Neal all of Winston-Salem. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. April 26 at Greater Faith Church of Lexington.

The Rev. Philemon Samuels officiated. Interment followed in the Goodwill Baptist Church Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.russellfuneralservice.com. Russell Funeral directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

FORD

God dispatched His precious angels to escort Antoinette LaVerne Ford, 58, from her earthly life to rest in her new heavenly home on Tuesday, April 22, from the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

She was born on January 31, 1950, to James A. Smith, Sr., and Doris Carter Smith.

Her early years of education were in Amberg, Germany. Her father was in the Armed Forces, stationed there. Returning to the States, LaVerne attended the local public schools and Forsyth Technical Community College.

Ford was a member of Uncompromising Word Fellowship Church with the Rev. Bobbie Jones.

She was preceded in death by her father; her son, Juan Antonio Ford; and her sister, Sherrie Annette Smith.

Cherishing fond memories of her are her devoted mother, Doris Williams; two daughters, Trina Ford and Doris Felicia Landrum (Kenneth); two sisters, E. Denise Campbell (Willie) and Lisa Y. Gray (Maurice); two brothers, James A. Smith, Jr., and Ken Smith (Geraldine); a devoted aunt, Bobbie Payne; five grandchildren, Porshe Ford, Perry Kirksey, Jr., Jajuana Moore, Robert Colvin, Jr., and Anjile Ford; one great-grandchild, Jajuana Moore; and a host of many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 11:30 a.m. April 28 from the First Wauhtown Baptist Church. Pastor Dennis Bishop officiated. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

"I am free and now resting from my suffering and pain. Just waiting for my crown in glory to gain. The battle for me is over and the victory has been won. Now I can hear my Savior say, "My little angel, well done."

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GILREATH

Armenthia "Ment" Denise Gilreath of 1532 E 21st St., Winston-Salem, N.C. departed this life on April 20 at Forsyth Medical Center following an extended period of illness. She was born October 23, 1952 to Allen and Ethel Gilreath both of whom preceded her in death. She was a faithful mem-

ber of Spencer Memorial Christian Church, where she served in many roles. As a young adult she was a member of the James A. Brown Junior choir and the Usher Board under the leadership of Pastor John W. Mack. Later she assisted with the children's choir, and drove the church van in an effort to bring all to Christ. She served in a capacity that she loved most, feeding the hungry which led her to be head of the kitchen hospitality staff.

Gilreath was a graduate of Atkins High School Class of 1971 and a former employee of the WSFCS System until her failing health.

She leaves to cherish her memories one son, Tournon Gilreath of the home; two sisters, Gloria Moore and Celeste Gilreath both of Winston-Salem; one grandson, Antawan Frazier; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, a god-daughter, Fredrinna Miller; and a devoted friend, Daisy Chambers.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. April 24 from the Spencer Memorial Christian Church. Interment followed in Piedmont Memorial Gardens. The family would like to give special thanks to the Cancer Unit at Forsyth Medical Center for the exceptional care that they provided for our loved one during her illness. Online condolences may be made at www.russellfuneralservice.com. Russell Funeral directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

LEWIS

The Rev. Henry S. Lewis Jr. died on April 25 at the age of 72. He was born on Sept. 26, 1935, in Lowrys, S.C., the first born son of the late Henry S. Lewis Sr. and Marie Sanders Lewis. He spent his early childhood years in Siler City. At the age of 11, he and his family moved to Winston-Salem. Lewis was a graduate of Atkins High School, Class of 1953. He received a bachelor's degree from Winston-Salem State University and a master of divinity degree from Andover Newton Theological School in Newton Centre, Mass. From 1969 to 1977, he was the university chaplain and James A. Gray professor of religion and sociology at Winston-Salem State University. While continuing at WSSU, from 1966 to 1977, he served as pastor of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. In 1977, the Rev. Lewis joined the employee/pastoral counseling staff at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. He retired from RJR in 2000 after 23 years of service. From 1992 to 2002, he served as pastor of Wentz Memorial Congregational Church in Winston-Salem. Lewis was a licensed marital and family therapist.

He was a member of the American Association for Marital and Family Therapy, and the National Institute for Business and Industrial Chaplaincy, where he served on the Board of Directors as secretary. In addition, he was a member of the organizing Board of Directors of Experiment in Self-Reliance Inc., a local anti-poverty organization. He also served as a human relations consultant to the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools when the school system was integrated by court order. Rev. Lewis was a member of the Board of Directors and past president of the Society for the Study of Afro-American History in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County. During his tenure as president, the Society published a book entitled, African Americans in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County - A Pictorial History. Beginning in 1977, Lewis was listed in Who's Who Among Black Americans and Who's Who in Religion. In 1991, he received the Winston-Salem Chronicle's Lifetime Service Award.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Savannah Winstead Lewis, a native of Roxboro; and their four children, Robin Anita Lewis of Winston-Salem; attorney Kenneth Winstead Lewis of Chapel Hill, his wife, Holly Ewell Lewis, and their three children, Evan Jordan Lewis, Marshall Henry Ewell Lewis and Maya Amelia Lewis; Dr. Jonathan Henry Lewis of Chandler, Ariz., his wife, Cheryl Bruton Lewis, and their son, Joshua Winstead Lewis; and Karen Elizabeth Lewis Russell of Winston-Salem, her husband, Gabriel Russell, and their daughter, Yaminah Auset Russell. He is also survived by his brother, Carver D. Lewis of Martinsville, Va., and his wife, Connie R. Lewis; two aunts, Thelma S. Hailstock of Winston-Salem, and Carrie S. Brown of Washington, D.C.; and an uncle, Wade Sanders of Virginia Beach, Va. In addition, Lewis is sur-

vived by a special set of in-laws, Augusta Outlaw of Roxboro, Thornton Winstead of Roxboro, Jettlean Pettiford of Durham and her husband, McNeil Pettiford, Thelma Taylor of Kernersville and her husband, William Taylor, Maynard Winstead of Peabody, Mass., as well as his wife, Genevia Winstead; and a host of other relatives, friends and acquaintances.

Rev. Lewis was also ably and compassionately cared for by a dedicated team of physicians and healthcare workers, including Dr. James Ditley, Dr. Gerald Fromson and the staffs of Northside Dialysis Center and Forsyth Medical Center Neurological ICU. A memorial wake was held from 6 to 8 p.m. April 28, at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. Funeral services were conducted at 12 p.m. April 29, at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. Rev. Sherwood Davis officiated. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to "WSSU Foundation Class of 1957" Scholarship, WSSU Foundation, Winston-Salem State University, SG Atkins Hall, Winston-Salem, NC 27110, Attention: Michelle Cook

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MILLER

Brenda Carolyn Smith Miller of 3295 Kittering Lane, Winston-Salem, N.C. departed this life April 14 at Forsyth Medical Center. She was born December 20, 1953, in Winston-Salem to Charles S. Smith and Mary Evans Smith. She was a graduate of North Forsyth High School Class of 1972 and attended Winston-Salem State University. She was employed with Wachovia Bank until her health failed. She was also a former employee of First Union Bank, AT&T, and N.C. School of the Arts.

She was preceded in death by her father and one brother, Hawaiitha Peoples. Miller leaves to cherish her memories a devoted and loving son, John Ervin Miller, III; her loving husband, John Ervin Miller, Jr.; her mother, Mary Evans Smith; three devoted caregivers, her sister, Doris Hairston and two nieces, Faye Hairston and Rosalyn Squirewell of Charlotte, N.C.; two other sisters, Elizabeth Hamilton (Ron) and Mary Smith both of Winston-Salem; two brothers, James Peoples, Jr., and Don Charles Smith both of Winston-Salem; devoted best friends, Sharon Little Walker, Ruth Simms of Charlotte, Ardeicha Oliver and Sharon Hairston, all of Winston-Salem; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and many other friends.

Funeral services were held at noon April 19 from the Emmanuel Baptist Church. The Rev. Dr. John Mendez officiated. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

The family would like to thank Dr. Zacon, Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Pinkerton, Dr. Murphy, 8th Floor Pulmonary II, Staff at Forsyth Medical Center Intensive Care Units, and Hospice Palliative Care. Online condolences may be made at www.russellfuneralservice.com. Russell Funeral directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

NOBLE

On Saturday, April 12 God sent His angels to come down and bring back our angel, Edna Mae Noble, our beloved mother and grandmother. She was born Feb. 26, 1933 in Kingstree, S.C. Edna Noble retired from Unique Furniture Company. She was a beloved member of Revelations of Faith Deliverance Center. She was preceded in death by her father, Richard Mabry; mother, Lillie Mabry, sister, Viola Thomas; brother, Willie James Mabry; and son, Jerry Lee Noble.

Cherishing her memories are her son, Elder James (Jacqueline) Noble; daughter, Vickie Noble Tillman; grandchildren, Kevin Noble, Sr., Pastor Steven (Teja) Noble, Crystal Noble Dixon, Anthony White, Carma Kirsey, Perry Kirsey; 14 great-grandchildren; nephew, Pastor Aldine (Sandra) Ingram; niece, Sterling (Jimmy) Lloyd; special in-law, Joanne Roseboro; special friend, Dorothy Priddy; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. April 18 at the Russell Funeral Home Chapel. Pastor Sarah C. Hauser officiated and Elder James Noble was eulogist. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.russellfuneralservice.com.

IN MEMORIAM

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PEPPERS

Ronnie Carl Peppers, affectionately known as "Pepp," passed away on April 12. He was born Jan. 12, 1950 to Johnnie and Sarah Peppers in Dillon, S.C. He was raised in Wilson, N.C. where he graduated from Fike Senior High School. He received his B.A. in History from Winston-Salem State University. While matriculating at WSSU, he pledged Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He was a commissioned officer in the United States Marine Corps. "Pepp" worked as a production supervisor at Schlitz Container Plant and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. After separating from R.J. Reynolds he worked for the Department of Social Services. He retired from the United States Postal Service in 2004. Ronnie was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church for 32 years, serving on the Deacon Board, Sunday School, Laymen League and most recently the MAAFA committee. In the community he was a Hospice and Guardian Ad Litem volunteer. He was also a member of the American Legion. Ronnie truly treasured his family. He was preceded in death by his brother Harvey Lee Peppers. Peppers leaves to mourn his loss, his wife of 34 years, Mildred S. Peppers; three daughters, Frances V. Peppers of Newport News, Va., Blanche P. (U.S.N. Captain Darren) Sawyer of Waldorf, Md., and Joneice P. (Will) Pledger of Winston-Salem; his parents Johnnie and Sarah Peppers of Wilson; a sister Rugina Peppers of Wilson; a brother James A. (Belinda) Peppers of Raleigh, N.C.; four grandchildren, Xavier and Alexander Sawyer, and Jaden and Carrington Pledger; his mother-in-law Frances H. Strickland; four sisters in-law, Maria J. Strickland, Suzette S. (Joel) Willis and Linda Peppers. He also has five nieces and one nephew along with a host of other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. April 18 at Emmanuel Baptist Church. The Rev. Dr. John Mendez officiated. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Capital Gains Campaign at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

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*Special acknowledgement to Dr.

Bret Brochelt, Dr. Mark Mitchell, the nurses and staff of the CICU, CVSU and the 5th West Tower CVU at Forsyth Medical Center."

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TYLER

David Spillman Tyler, Sr., 85, the son of Lincoln and Rosalee Tyler went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, April 20, 2008 at Kate B. Reynolds Hospice. He was born in Blacksburg, S.C. on December 15, 1922. Tyler attended Forsyth County Schools and during his adult years he worked at Hanes Hosiery/Sara Lee where he retired after 47 years of service. He was also the owner and operator of Tyler's Barber Shop on Patterson Avenue. In 1946, Tyler married the late Martha Oakes and was devoted to her until her death. Their union was blessed with six loving children. In 1993, he married Geneva Shaw Tyler, his dedicated wife of 14 years. Tyler was an active and committed member of Saints Home United Methodist Church for many years until his health failed. He served on the Trustee Board and was a member of the United Methodist Men. He was preceded in death by one sister, Alice Rubin; three brothers, Joseph Tyler, Eli Spillman and Nathell Spillman; and his step-father, Gilmer Spillman. He leaves to cherish his wonderful memories a loving and supportive wife, Geneva Tyler; a brother Adam Spillman; children, David Tyler Jr. (Beverly) of Ypsilanti, MI, Jean Johnson of Virginia Beach, Va., Joyce Irby (Edward), Jerry Tyler, Annette Sibley all of Winston-Salem, and Shirley Gaither (Daren) of Walkertown, N.C.; four step-children, Marvin Shaw, Jr., Priscilla Kinard, Alfred Shaw and Greg Shaw (Diane); ten grandchildren; 12 step-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a faithful cousin, Marie Leak and a host of other family and friends. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Friday, April 25, from the Saints Home United Methodist Church, 1390 Thurmond St. Interment followed in Crestview Memorial Park, Rural Hall, N.C. The family visitation was held from Noon until 1 p.m. on Friday at the Church. The family would like to thank the wonderful, caring staff at Hospice and also his home caregivers Almeta and Priscilla.

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