

BANNER

A dearest mother, beloved wife, and sister; Mrs. Ruth Carson Banner, 81 of 2508 Druid Hills Drive was born in December of 1926 in Advance, N.C. to Hubert and Laura Carson. She was the first of her siblings to be born in North Carolina. Ruth departed this life on July 25, 2008 in Winston-Salem, N.C. She completed her formal education in Advance, Mocksville, Troutman, and Winston-Salem, N.C. She was a graduate of Atkins High School, Class of 1945 and continued her formal education in Dillard's Practical Nursing Classes. Ruth was a devout and faithful member of Union Baptist Church and was active in numerous church and community organizations. Among these were: Ideal Community Club (Martin Luther King Recreation Center), Union Baptist Church Deaconess Choir, Volunteer with the Black Repertory Theatre Festival, Forsyth Hospital/Feel Good Friday's, Winston-Salem Central Tax Volunteers, AT & T Telecom Pioneers, W-S Night Out Community Watch Program, and the Greenway Community Club. She also was a loyal member of the Meridian Chapter #308, Order of the Easter Stars, King Solomon No. 64 Order of the Golden Circle, PHA. Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, John and Harmon Carson; her son, Reginald A. Banner; two sisters-in-law, Ann and Barbara Carson; and one brother-in-law, Alanavious Johnson.



Left to cherish many wonderful and dear memories of a life that touched the hearts of so many are her loving husband of 60 years, Vanwood Banner, Sr.; loving and devoted sons, Vanwood (Vanessa) Banner, Jr. and Purcell Banner; loving and devoted daughters, Lauretta Banner Webb and Rosalind Banner; loving brothers, Albert Carson, Leon (Willie Mae) Carson and Ernest (Brenda) Carson; loving sisters, Emogene Johnson all of Winston-Salem, N.C. and Mildred (Robert) Burgess of Rochester, N.Y.; a sister-in-law, Regina Carson of Winston-Salem, N.C.; grandchildren, La'Crystal Webb Nelson (Carroll) of Okinawa, Japan, Keith A. Webb and William Webb of Winston-Salem, N.C., Claitonio Webb of Durham, N.C., Brian Banner (Ebony) Henderson of Rochester, N.Y., Alexander Banner, Tiara Howard and Noah Howard all of Winston-Salem, N.C.; great-grandchildren, Deja Webb and Nathan Henderson; and numerous devoted nephews, nieces, cousins, and other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. on Aug. 2 from the Union Baptist Church. Rev. Dr. Sir Walter Mack, Jr. officiated. Interment followed in Piedmont Memorial Gardens.

Online condolences may be made at www.russellfuneralservice.com. Russell Funeral directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

COCHRAN

Ms. Monica LaVerne Cochran of Winston-Salem died suddenly Thursday June 19 at Forsyth Medical Center. She was born Dec. 12, 1974, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Ms. Cochran was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Lewis and Gertrude Cochran; her paternal grandparents, William and Mary Johnson; and cousin Gary Arrington. Monica leaves to cherish her precious memories her mother, Barbara (Ambrosia) Smith of Wilcoe, W.Va.; father James "Jim" (Brenda) Johnson; sons Romeo Hayes and Marquis and Jordan Cochran; and daughter Jeyonna Cochran, all of the home; sisters Dr. Melanie Johnson, M.D., and Alexis Johnson of Winston-Salem and Teonna Smith of Detroit, Mich.; a special uncle and aunt, Jeffery and Margo Cochran of Rural Hall; godmother Marva Clark of Patterson, N.J.; and a host of other relatives and many friends.

The funeral service was conducted at 12:30 p.m. June 23 at Piney Grove Baptist Church. Dr. James F. Linville officiated. Entombment was held at 11 a.m. June 24 at Restlawn Mausoleum, Littleburg. Arrangements were entrusted to and services were conducted by Gilmore Funeral Home.

FAULKNER

Inez Faulkner was born in Sumter, SC to the late Charlie S. and Blanch Pringle Thompson on December 18, 1919. She was the fourth of seven children born to that union. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husbands, Robert Archie and Willie Faulkner; brother, Clarksey Thompson



and sisters, Evelyn Blair, Ann Jones and Wilhelmina Williams.

Mrs. Faulkner's journey in life took her to New York and St John Isle, South Carolina before returning to

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Winston-Salem in 1998. She reunited with the Goodwill Baptist Church which she joined at a young age. At Goodwill Baptist, Mrs. Faulkner served on the Missionary Ministry and Daughters of Deborah Women's Ministry.

She departed this life on Thursday, June 26 2008 at Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem, NC.

She leaves to cherish her memories: a daughter, Myra Thompson of Brooklyn, New York; two sisters: Binkie Lee Brown of Philadelphia, PA and Louise Wofford of Winston-Salem; three grandsons: Neville, Daniel, and Sean Madhoo of Brooklyn, New York; and a host of devoted nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 1, 2008, 1:00 PM at Goodwill Baptist Church, Clemmons, North Carolina. Elder Reginald Coleman, officiated. Interment was in the church cemetery. Clark S. Brown and Sons Funeral Home were in charges of the services.

GLENN

On Monday, July 28, 2008, Leroy W. Glenn, Sr. departed this life. He was born in Newberry, SC on August 16, 1929.



He moved to Winston-Salem, NC when he was very young. Mr. Glenn was a faithful member of Mount Zion Baptist Church, a member of Prince Hall Masons and a lifetime member of Sethos Temple. Leroy attended Atkins High School. He worked for RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company for many years and later started his own businesses: Glenn's Window Washing Service, Glenn Janitorial Service and Northside Amoco Service Station. In 1949, he married O'Neal Smith and to this union was born two sons: Leroy, Jr. (Myong) and Reginald (Linda); three grandchildren: Leroy Bernard, Reginald, Jr. and Caprice Glenn; three great grandchildren: Amaya, Jayla and Jade; two sisters: Bertha (Mose) Sheff and Dahlia Johnson; six brothers: Clarence (deceased), Luther (Mary) Glenn, Anthony (Patricia) Glenn, Vernon (Janet) Glenn, Sam (Glendcia) Glenn, Jr.; three aunts: Minnie, Euzell and Mildred; two devoted sisters-in-law: Alice and Elvin Smith; devoted nieces, Patty Glenn and Barbara (Frankie) Lee and a host of other nieces, nephews, relatives and very special friends. Funeral services were held at 12:30 PM, August 2, 2008 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church with Dr. Serenus Churn, officiating. The family greeted friends 30 minutes prior to the service. Entombment in Parklawn Memorial Park.

Clark S. Brown and Sons Funeral Home were in charges of the services.

HAIRSTON

Mr. Leon Hairston of 1625 Third St., University Place of Winston-Salem, was born Nov. 2, 1935, in Midway. He departed this life Tuesday, July 29, 2008, at the Nursing Center of Oak Summit, after a period of illness.



He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Lee Hairston; mother Margaret T. James; brother Joe Louis Hairston; and a loving grandmother, Stella Thomas, who raised him.

Mr. Leon Hairston has been a resident of Winston-Salem for over 45 years but always remained actively involved with his family and friends in the Midway community. He retired after 22 years as a custodian for Mother & Daughter Department Store and later retired from Woolworth and Goodwill Industries. Mr. Leon Hairston was a very faithful, active and devoted member of the Shiloh Baptist Church and the Mary Hinson Senior Citizens Group of Zion Memorial Baptist Church.

To keep and to cherish his memories he leaves three sisters, Jannie J. Smith of The Bronx, N.Y.; Betty J. Hanes of Phoenix, Ariz.; and Norma J. Graham; a very devoted niece, LaTonya Graham and niece, Harischa Graham of Winston-Salem; three nephews, Jerry (Jenelle) Hanes Jr. of Raleigh; Jamal Hanes of Phoenix, Ariz.; and John Miller of Smithfield; a great-niece, Patricia "Trecee" Livingston; a great-nephew, Vincent Candler; other relatives in Winston-Salem and Midway; and many, many very caring friends from University Place and other churches in the surrounding area.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, at Shiloh Baptist Church, with Dr. Paul Lowe officiating.

The family greeted friends 30 minutes before the service. Interment in Evergreen Cemetery. Special thanks to Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, Hospice & Palliative CareCenter and the Nursing Home of Oak Summit.

HARRIS

Whatever things are true, whatsoever things are honest...whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely...think on these things. (Phil 4:8)

On a bright summer day, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ opened the gates of heaven to receive Delores Harris Peay, a Mother, a Sister, a friend; after a lengthy illness. Born May 20, 1934, Dee answered the Master's call on Sunday, June 22, 2008.

Dee as she was known to family and friends was born with a special knack for cooking mouth watering menus. Later in life she was employed as a dietician in the schools, and corporate cafeterias of this city. In 1997 she retired from Aramark Food Service at R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company/Whitaker Park. A long time member of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church until her declining health, her passion was the soul-stirring messages of the late Reverend Dr. Donald L. Salley and along with the equally moving music offered by the Morning Star Spiritual Choir.

Dee was preceded in death by her parents Mr. and Mrs. James Harris. She leaves to cherish her memory a son, Reverend Reginald Harris (Rosa) and her sister, Arlethia H. Thompson, of the home, Elder and Mrs. Donald Keaton (Vicki) and Goddaughter Tanya Mason of the city along with numerous cousins and friends throughout the Carolinas.

The service was held June 27 at 1 p.m. at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church. The family received friends at the Church from 12:30 until 1:00 pm. Special thanks are extended to Ms. Ruby Hairston, in home caregiver, Sister Hattie Imes, the Medical and Nursing Staff at Oak Summit Nursing Center; N. C. Baptist Hospital, 8th Floor; Sticht Palliative Care Center; and Kate B. Reynolds Hospice. Arrangements Entrusted to Gilmore Funeral Home.

LEWIS

Rayvon Lewis, 56, of Winston-Salem, N.C. passed away July 30 at Rowan Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, N.C.

Rayvon was born in Forsyth County, the son of Allen Johnson Lewis, Sr., and Dorothy Lyde Lewis. He lived a life that most would dream of. Born mentally disabled, he still knew how to have fun and enjoy life. Known to many as "Moot", he enjoyed small toy cars, cigarette lighters and gladly shared them with others. Rayvon was a member of

the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church under the anointed pastoral leadership of Bishop John C. Parks (nephew-in-law) and a faithful tither.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Rayvon is survived by his four brothers, Allen, Albert, Melvin, and Jimmy; one great-uncle, Lynn Lyde of Philadelphia, PA; a special niece, Lisa "Lady Lisa Parks"; and a host of nephews, nieces and friends. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Aug. 4 from the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, interment followed in Woodland Cemetery.

The family would like to extend their appreciation to his Caregivers, The Brian Center of Salisbury, Reynolds Health Center, Winston Salem Fire Department, and Russell Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made at www.russellfuneralservice.com. Russell Funeral directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

SAUNDERS

Ms. Vanessa Rene Saunders, 52, of 2017 Dacian Street passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, July 29, 2008. Vanessa was born December 13, 1955 in Winston-Salem, N.C. to Alfonso and Coretha V. Saunders. Ms. Saunders was a 1974 graduate of West Forsyth High School, where she played in the marching band and was an active member of the Dancing Boots.



Ms. Saunders was pursuing her Bachelor's Degree in Communications at Salem College, where she was a ris-

ing senior. She was a community activist and dedicated tireless efforts to child advocacy. Vanessa was employed by Pepsi Direct as a senior customer service representative of The On Boarding Team. Vanessa was a retired veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Vanessa who loved and lived life to the fullest will truly be missed by her family as well as her extended family and many, many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Alfonso Saunders, Jr. and Michael Saunders, and grandparents; Eddie and Hattie Vaughn. She leaves to cherish her memory one devoted daughter, Morgan Devae Saunders; three sisters and two brothers, Lucinda C. Vaughn of Winston-Salem, N.C., Dorothy V. Oliver of Atlanta, G.A., Linda V. Gunthrope (Edward) of Winston-Salem, N.C., Evander T. Griggs (Sandra) of Winston-Salem, N.C., and Dale Saunders of Winston-Salem, N.C.; one foster sister, Mrs. Bernice Parrish of Winston-Salem, N.C. She is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, and many devoted "special friends" too numerous to name. A homegoing celebration was held at 1:30 p.m. on Aug. 2 at the Russell Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Johnny L. York officiated. Online condolences may be made at www.russellfuneralservice.com. Russell Funeral directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

SIMMONS

Mrs. Otelia Burl Simmons was born July 9, 1922 in Winston-Salem, N.C. to Fred and Crussie Spaugh Burl. She passed July 24 at the Springwood Care Center.

She was a retired domestic worker and was a member of Carver School Road Church of Christ.

Otelia was preceded in death by her beloved father and mother, Fred and Crussie Burl; one sister, Rose Priestley; three brothers, Charles, Wilbert, and Ralph Burl; one son, Tommie Lee Simmons; a grandson, Kurtis Le'Grant Mobley, Sr.; and a devoted daughter-in-law, Lola Mae Simmons.

She leaves to cherish her memories two devoted daughters, Malvernina (Darryl) Rolle and Vanessa (James) Chisholm; three sons, Grady and Haven Simmons both of Winston-Salem, N.C. and Milford (Karen) Simmons of Virginia Beach, V.A.; two sisters, Nannie Davis and Hortense (Charles) Clary of Virginia Beach, V.A.; sixteen grandchildren; two step grandchildren; twenty-nine great-grandchildren; eleven great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins; a devoted play daughter, Elma Hopkins; in Christ, a host of very devoted sisters, brothers, and children from Carver Road Church of Christ.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. July 31 from the Carver School Road Church of Christ. Brother Cloys R. Cecil, Sr. officiated. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

The family would like to acknowledge Mrs. Simmons devoted caretaker, Jeanette Wilson and would like to thank Hospice and the entire staff at Springwood Care Center at Station Four.

Online condolences may be made at www.russellfuneralservice.com. Russell Funeral directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

SWITZER

On July 31, 2008, William A. Switzer passed away unexpectedly at his home. He was born August 5, 1944 to James Switzer and Louise Switzer. He grew up in Winston-Salem, N.C. and he was a retired concrete finisher and plumber by trade. He was preceded in death



by his father. He leaves to cherish his memories his loving and devoted mother, Louise Switzer; two devoted sisters, Mary Anderson and Jacqueline Peurifoy; one brother, Vernell Switzer; a brother-in-law, Fred Anderson; a sister-in-law, Annie Switzer; two devoted nephews, Ricky and Marhay Peurifoy; a loving and devoted niece, Jacqueline Monique Peurifoy; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Funeral services were held at Noon on Aug. 5 from the Russell Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. James R. Clyburn officiated. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

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THOMAS

Paul Herschel "Hershey" Thomas of 106 East Drive, Winston-Salem, N.C. departed this life July 30 at the Wake Forest University/Baptist Medical Center. Mr. Thomas was born November 8, 1953 to Edith Thomas Cox.

Paul attended Canaan Missionary Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, N.C. where he thoroughly enjoyed the praise and worship services.

Mr. Thomas was a heavy equipment operator by trade and worked for his father, Hector Cox, Jr. until he became disabled.

Hershey as his friends called him, enjoyed life to the fullest. He loved to be around people, cooking, watching or talking about racing, fishing, and hunting.

Mr. Thomas was preceded in death by his brother, Gilbert Cornelius Thomas of Winston-Salem, N.C.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories two sons, Cedric (Stephanie) Thomas and Jeremy (LaToya) Hall; four grandchildren, Courtney and Gavin Thomas and Jayla and Jacob Hall; his parents, Deacon Hector and Edith-Cox; four brothers, Hector Cox, III, Joseph B. Cox, Larry Edwards, and Johnny Coleman; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Aug. 2 from the St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. James Rowdy officiated and Rev. Ronald Speas was eulogist. Interment followed in Benbow Chapel AME Zion Church, East Bend, N.C.

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WALL

Mr. J. Earl Wall of Greensboro, N.C. passed away July 29. He was born June 1, 1958 in Winston-Salem, N.C. to Leroy Wall, Jr. and Myrtle B. Wall. He was a 1976 graduate of Parkland High School and a 1982 graduate of North Carolina A & T State University. Earl was employed 20 years by the United States Postal Service and a member of New Light Missionary Baptist Church in Greensboro, N.C. He was preceded in death by his mother, Myrtle B. Wall.

Survivors include his daughter, Brooke Elysia Wall of Greensboro, N.C.; his father, Leroy Wall, Jr. of Winston-Salem, N.C.; two brothers, Marvin and Leroy Wall, III both of Winston-Salem, N.C.; one sister, Terri Scales of Winston-Salem, N.C.; four uncles; five aunts; and a host of other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. on Aug. 2 from the New Light Missionary Baptist Church, 1105 Willow Rd. Greensboro, N.C. 27401. Rev. Dr. Cardes H. Brown, Jr. officiated. Interment followed in Piedmont Memorial Gardens. The family wishes to extend special thanks to the staff of Beacon Place Hospice and Palliative Care Facility in Greensboro, NC for the care given to our loved one.

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