IN MEMORIAM

All services by Russell Funeral Home (www.russellfuneralservice.com) unless otherwise stated

BROWN

Mrs. Elouise Blair Brown, 81, after a long illness passed away on Dec. 6, 2010. Born on October 24, 1929 in Kershaw, S.C. to the late Rochelle and Winnie Blair, Sr., Mrs. Brown. spent 30 years working for the Children's Home

of Winston-Salem and was a member of Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband of more than 58 years, Mr. Hazel Brown; sisters, Berlene B. Evans and Lottie M. Blair; her brothers, Carl, Neal, Leo, Rufus, and Curtis Blair; and a daughter-



in-law, Brenda M. Brown. She is survived by a brother, Rochelle Blair, Jr.; daughters, Sharon Brim, Kris Hardy, and Christine Webb (Ronald) of Georgia; sons, Sylviski V. Brown, Randy Sawyer, Leander Jones (Diane), Anthony Peoples (Niki), and Kevin Barksdale; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-greatgrandchildren; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends including a special friend, Mrs. Alberta Brown. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church. Pastor Paul W. Hart officiated. Interment followed in Piedmont Memorial Gardens. The family received friends prior to the funeral from 12 noon until 1 p.m. at the Church. The family would like to extend special thanks to the wonderful staff at Winston-Salem Healthcare, Hospice and Palliative Care Center of Forsyth County, and grandchildren, Leea' Brim and Antoinette Warren. Online condolences may be made at www.russellfuneralservice.com.

COVINGTON

Francina Covington, 74, passed away on Tuesday, December 28, 2010. She was born November 22, 1936 in Union, SC to Buddy Farr and Kathleen Farr Porter. She was preceded in



death by her parents. She is survived by two children, Pamela Covington and Michael Covington; five grandchildren, Dovontae, Michael, Jr., April, Miracle, and Josh Covington; four greatgrandchildren; two sisters, Jessie Dobson Draft and Patricia Porter Jack (Vincent) of

Fort Washington, MD; a dedicated former husband, Pleas Covington; special friend, Ella Self; caregiver, Felicia Moore; and host of other relatives and friends. Funeral Services were held at 1 p.m. on Monday, January 3, 2011 at the Russell Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery. The family visitation was held from noon - 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Online condolences can be made at www.russellfuneral service.com (RUSSELL).

DAVIDSON

June 17, 1928.

Mary Elizabeth Davidson went to be with the Lord on Dec. 27, 2010. She was born in Eckman, W.V. to the late Willie Geneva and Edward Morris on

Mary was educated in McDowell County, W.V. She was employed for years at General Wayne Hospital, Paterson, N.J. where she retired in 1978. She accepted Christ at a very young



servant in the Lord. She led a fervent prayer life and it was customary for her to pray every day at noon. She attended Whole Man Ministries up until her sickness. Mary loved the Lord and showed it by her love and kindness for people and most of all her family. She had a great love for worship through music.

She was married to Augustus Stewart Davidson, Jr. and seven children were born out of this union; Tansy Jovetta Davidson, Mamie Elizabeth (Terry) Johnson, Augustus Stewart Davidson, III, Brenda Geneva (Craig) Shelton, Lois Marie Spencer, and Leona Yvonne

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Alvin Earl Davidson; one grandchild, Steven Jabar Jones; her brother, John Earl Morris; and sisters-inlaw, Helena Morris, Connie Morris, Elizabeth Morris, and Ethel Kelly.

She leaves to mourn her children; 20 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; one greatgreat-grandchild; two brothers, James Morris of Bluefield, WV and Bernard Morris of

Florida; an uncle, Lewis Preston of Cleveland, Ohio; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Her family and friends will sadly miss her presence, her smile, her kindness, and love.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3 at Whole Man Ministries, 3610 Old Lexington Road. Pastor Barry Washington officiated. Interment followed in Parklawn Memorial Gardens. The family visitation was held from 12 noon until 1 p.m. on Monday at the Church. Online condolences may be made at www.russellfuneralservice.com.

GORDON

Juanita Tarleton Gordon died on Friday, Dec. 24 following an extended illness. She was born Juanita Elizabeth on Nov. 5, 1921 in Sumter, S.C. to the late Ruby Louise DeLaine and Gadson Jack Tarleton. She was raised in Sumter and was educated at Morris College in Sumter, and St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, N.C. from which she received her BA in 1943. She and fellow student Joseph G. Gordon were married on July 1 that same year.

Mrs. Gordon was predeceased by her parents and her devoted husband of 53 years and is

survived by four children, Joseph Grover II (Ruth) of San Jose, C.A.; Eric Rodney of Kernersville, Craig (Patricia) of Houston, T.X. and Rhea Juanita (Jack Williams) of Atlanta, G.A.; four lovgrandchildren, ing Stacie Irvin Gordon and Erika Irvin (Kyle)



Kehnedy; Perry Milan (Alyshia) Gordon and Jack Williams III; a brother, G. Jack (Rhea) Tarelton, Jr. of Nashville, T.N.; a sister-in-law, May Violet (Allan) McDermott of Atlanta, G.A.; and nineteen nieces and nephews.

She was devoted to her family and was active in her church and community organizations, particularly the Girl Scouts, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church; the Children's Center for the Physically Disabled and the Southeast Center for Contemporary Arts (SECCA). In 2009 she was recognized by the Governor for her dedication and outstanding service to the State of North Carolina.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011 at St. Stephens's Episcopal Church, 810 N. Highland Ave. The family will receive friends at the church following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Joseph G. Gordon Scholarship at Wake Forest University, Office of Donor Services, P. O. Box 7227, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27109.

The family would like to express sincere appreciation for the love and support provided by close friends Larry Williams, Dr. John Gilliam and Sister Larretta; and to dear neighbors, Delores, Anita, Denise and Linda. Thanks are extended to Hospice and Palliative CareCenter of Winston-Salem for their care of mom during her final six weeks. We also extend a special heartfelt thank you to Dr. Toni Wymer and staff of Blue Ridge Medical Associates for their warmth and outstanding care shown mom throughout the years.

New Year, New YOU... For 2011 - try something new!



Please join us at the **EXCHANGE PARTY!**

Learn a bit of ballroom dance (no partner necessary) and hear about timebanking. a way to help others AND earn credit for your service!

FOOD . FUN . DANCE . NEW FRIENDS . FREE!

January 20th 6:00 p.m. - Old YWCA Glade St. branch, 1201 Glade Street, Winston-Salem 27101

RSVP to info@echonetwork.org by January 17th Dress is casual/comfortable



Clifton Graves to speak at city's annual MLK event

SPÉCIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Clifton E. Graves Jr. will deliver the keynote address at the upcoming Annual Noon Hour Commemoration. The event will take place on Monday, Jan. 17 at noon at the Benton Convention Center. The event is open to the public.

The theme of this year's commemoration is "Wake Up Everybody." Three Make "Dare to Difference" awards will be presented and Envision will be the musical guest.

Graves now resides in Connecticut and is an experienced leader in education and non-profit management with particular expertise in affirmative action/diversity training/ multicultural



Graves

affairs/ civil and human While living in rights. Winston-Salem in the '80s and '90s, Graves worked at Legal Aid Society of Northwest North Carolina; was the affirmative action

officer and assistant to the Chancellor at Winston-Salem State University; and served as deputy director and legal and community affairs administrators for the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem. He was very active in several community organizations including the NAACP.

"We are delighted to have Clift return home to challenge and inspire this year's audience" said Mütter D. Evans, the founder and chief organizer of the Noon Hour Commemoration. "He attended the very first MLK Noon Hour Commemoration in 1981 and was one of several mini-speakers at the third observance. He is an excellent speaker whose vast experience will be appreciated."

Kernersville businessman honored for helping kids

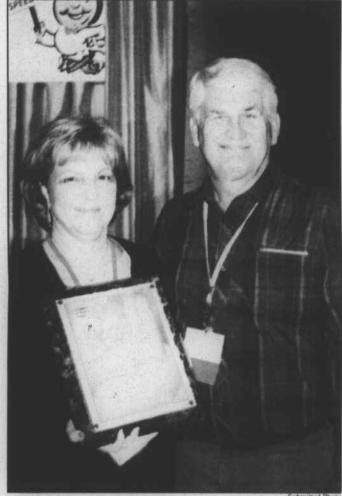
SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

John Nash, an independ-McDonald's Owner/Operator Kernersville, has been recognized by the Ronald McDonald House Winston-Salem for -his Ronald work McDonald House (RMH) and Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of North Carolina. Nash is a board member of

the latter. Nash is one of the recipients of the Jim Murray Heroes Award, which is given to franchisees who strive toward their highest level of helping to provide an immediate, positive impact on children's lives through their actions with local Ronald McDonald House.

The honor is named for a co-founder of the first Ronald McDonald House, which is located Philadelphia. The Houses provide a place to stay for families of children who are seriously ill or injured and undergoing treatment at nearby hospitals. Today, there are Ronald McDonald Houses in 52 countries and regions worldwide.

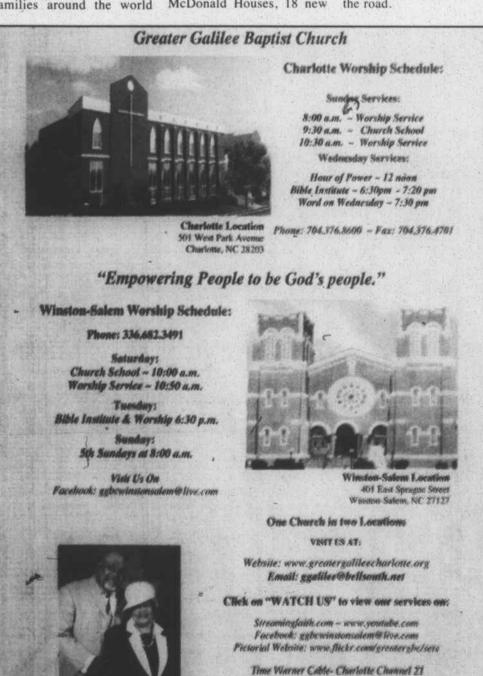
Last year, nearly 200,000 families around the world



John Nash accepts the honor.

received support RMHC and contributions to the organization helped open 11 new Ronald McDonald Houses, 18 new

Ronald McDonald Family Room programs and put three new Ronald McDonald Care Mobile programs on



(4th Manday of each month 8:30 pm)

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