

Home funerals make a comeback

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body to building a casket.

Amy Prater, a 38-year-old Denver resident, said she was skeptical when her father, who had pancreatic cancer, told her he wanted a home funeral. He died three years ago, and Prater now says she couldn't imagine doing it any other way.

"I thought it was going to be so weird, it was going to be so scary," she said. "But it wasn't. It was really comforting."

Bob Prater died at home in Sebastopol, Calif., at 64. His family bathed and dressed him and lay him in bed, where he stayed for four days until the memorial service.

A local carpenter built a simple pine coffin and the family had a party in which they painted it. The night after he died, relatives gathered in the same room as the body, and watched a film about great conductors that Bob Prater, a musician, had wanted to watch.

"It really felt like he was still there with us," Amy Prater said.

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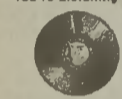
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Laurence Wilson died May 4 at CMC-Main. The funeral was held May 8 at Faith Bible Church. Burial followed at York Memorial Park.

Nellie Martin died April 30 at Brithaven Charlotte. The funeral was held at Greenville Memorial AME Zion Church May 8. Burial followed at Beatties Ford Memorial Gardens.

Carrie Jones died May 2 at her residence. The funeral was held at Faith Memorial Baptist Church on May 6. Burial followed at York Memorial Park.

Cedel Vance died May 2 at Presbyterian Hospital. The funeral was held May 8 at the United House of Prayer-Mother house. Burial followed at Mallard Creek Mission.

Joan Elizabeth Davidson died May 2 at Presbyterian Hospital. The funeral was held May 6 at Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church. Burial followed at York Memorial Park.

McKinley Stewart died May 4 at CMC-University. The funeral was held May 11 at Rock Hill Baptist Church in Winnsboro, SC. Burial followed at the church cemetery.

Obituaries

Robert McLean died May 7 at Wesley Nursing Home. The funeral was held May 12 at Shiloh Institutional Baptist Church. Burial followed at York Memorial Park.

A.L. Jinwright Funeral Services

Annie Mae Bragg died April 27. The funeral was held May 1 at Greater Providence Baptist Church.

Grier Funeral Service

Carolyn W. Blackwell died April 28 at CMC-University. Funeral service was held May 3 at Grier Height Presbyterian Church, burial followed at York Memorial Park.

William Massey died April 30 at Carolinas Medical Center, the funeral was held at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church on May 7. Burial followed at Beatties Ford Memorial Garden.

Williette Davis died May 1 at Carolinas Medical Center. Funeral services were held May 5 at the A.S. Grier Memorial Chapel.

Thomas M. Thompson Jr. died April 30 at Carolinas Medical Center. Funeral services were held May 8 in the AS Grier Memorial Chapel. Burial followed at North Mecklenburg Cemetery.

David Alexander died May 3 at Beverly Health Care Center. Graveside service was held May 6 at Oaklawn Cemetery.

Etta Duncan Watt died May 4 at Presbyterian Hospital. Funeral service was held May 8 at Grace Memorial Baptist Church. Burial followed at Sunset Memorial Garden.

Mildred M. Favours died May 2 at Presbyterian Hospital. Funeral service was held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses. Burial will be in New York.

Roosevelt Adams died May 5 at his residence. Funeral services were held May 9 at O'Zion AME Zion Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

