

# Area Deaths and Funerals

**OPIE BALLARD**  
Opie Ballard, 56, of Mars Hill Rt. 2, died Friday night, March 26, 1971, in an Asheville hospital after a long illness. He was a native of Madison County.  
Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Annie Proffitt Ballard; two daughters, Mrs. Viola Franklin of Mars Hill and Miss Ruth Ballard of the home; two sons, Hoyle of Leicester and Eddie Ballard of the home; three sisters, Mrs. Hicks Robinson and Mrs. Porter Waldrup, both of Mars Hill and Mrs. W. O. Byrd of Candler; a brother, Robert Ballard of Orlando, Fla.; and three grandchildren.  
Services were held at 2 p.m.

Sunday in Bethel Baptist Church.  
The Rev. Bill Hensley officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Billy Bell, Hassell Rice, Lee Maynard, Lannie Hill, Harley and James Waldrup.  
Holcombe Funeral Home, Mars Hill, was in charge of arrangements.

**MRS. MOLLIE LANDERS**  
Mrs. Mollie Dockery Landers, 90, of 92 Mt. Clare Ave., Asheville, died Friday morning, March 26, 1971, in a Western North Carolina hospital after a long illness.

She was a native of Madison County, had lived in Buncombe County for 44 years and was the widow of Mitchell Landers, who died in 1965.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Pearl McCracken and a son, Frank Landers, both of Asheville; two brothers, Troy of Marshall and Leonard Dockery of Hot Springs; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of Groce Funeral Home.

The Rev. John Lunsford officiated. Burial was in Gashes Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ben Taylor, Ernest, Ronnie and Ed Hensley, Wally Creasman and Robert Landers.

## Masons Degree

French Broad Lodge No. 292, AF & AM, of Marshall will have a FellowCraft degree on Friday evening, at 7:30. All Masonic brothers are invited.

**DR. R. L. ROBINSON**  
Dr. (Col. USA-Ret.) Robert L. Robinson, 56, formerly of Mars Hill, died Saturday morning, March 27, 1971, in an Atlanta hospital after a brief illness.

He was a veteran of World War II and was a graduate of Wake Forest and Emory University Medical School.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Sarah Robinson; of Atlanta; a son, Bruce Robinson of the home; two brothers, Douglas M. Robinson of Mars Hill and J. Stanley of Cincinnati, Ohio.  
Burial was Monday in Atlanta.

**KERMIT Z. COATES**  
Graveside services for Kermit Z. Coates, 53, of Detroit, formerly of Marshall, who died Sunday, March 28, 1971, in Detroit, were held at 4 p.m. Wednesday in Madison Seminary Baptist Church Cemetery. C. D. Bowman officiated.

Mr. Coates had lived in Detroit for 30 years.

Surviving are two daughters, Misses Carol Ann and Sandra and a son, Randy Coates of California; two sisters, Mrs. George G. Roberts of Mars Hill Rt. 1 and Mrs. A. D. Fox of Asheville; a brother Bernard Coates of Detroit; the stepmother, Mrs. A. W. Coates of Asheville; and four grandchildren.

The annual meeting of the membership of MODEL MADISON scheduled for April 5, has been postponed until a future date, the time and place will be announced later.

# Honored On Bull Purchase All-Scholastic

Two Madison County basketball players were given Honorable Mention on the WNC All-Scholastic team recently announced. The two players are Wayne McDevitt, Marshall; and Seth Metcalf, Mars Hill.

Saturday, March 27, Roy J. Edwards and sons of Mars Hill purchased a 13 month old, 900 pound Black Angus Bull, P H E President 140, at the 19th Western North Carolina Angus Sale, Asheville, formerly owned by Poplar Farm, Brevard.

# Singing

The regular singing at the Memorial Church of God will be held this Sunday at 2 p.m. Several groups are expected including The Bobby Ramsey Quartet and The Hagan Family.  
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