

# Madison County Deaths

## Joe Briggs

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Joe Tom Briggs of Marshall who died Sunday in Madison County nursing home. He was 85 years old.

Services were held in the chapel of the Capps Funeral Home in Mars Hill. The Rev. Kenneth Parker officiated. Burial was conducted in the Rice Cemetery.

A native of Tennessee, he lived in Madison County most of his life. He was a son of the late Lou Haney Lloyd Briggs Hensley.

Surviving are two half brothers, Zeb Hensley of Marshall and Solomon Hensley of Valdese.

## Fletcher Massey

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Fletcher Massey of Monticello Rd., who died Sunday in an Asheville hospital. Services were held in the funeral chapel of the West Funeral Home in Weaverville. Dr. Fred Werhan officiated. Burial was conducted in the Mount Sheba Cemetery.

A native of Madison County, he was the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Ott Massey of Weaverville.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are four daughters, Sandra Mashburn and Jo Anne Crouch of Asheville, Peggy Hudgins and Rosa Lee Wilson of Candler; six sisters, Marie Rice, Clara Gaddy, and Lucille Rice of Weaverville and Judy Herlin, Elsie Davis and Roxie Lester of Alexander; four brothers, George Spencer and Joseph Ott Massey of Weaverville and J.C. Massey of Arden; and nine grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be made to Thoms Rehabilitation Center.

## Mollie Chandler

Funeral services were held Friday for Mollie Franklin Chandler, who died March 2 in a Greenville, Tenn. hospital after an extended illness.

Services were held in the Shady Grove Baptist Church, with the Rev. Lonnie Crawford officiating. Burial was conducted in the Chandler family cemetery.

Mrs. Chandler was a lifelong resident of Madison County, a daughter of the late William and Linda Bullman Franklin, and the wife of Jackie Chandler, who died in 1933.

## Docia Ball

Funeral services were held Sunday for Docia Jane Baker Ball, who died March 2. She was 91 years old.

Services were held in the chapel of the Groce Funeral Home in Asheville. The Revs. Robert L. Moore and John E. Jones officiated. Burial was conducted in Green Hills Cemetery.

A native of Madison County, she was a daughter of the late Newton F. and Laura Jane Worley Baker. She was a graduate of Dorland Bell Presbyterian School in Hot Springs and Asheville Normal and Teachers College.

A former school teacher at the Presbyterian Home Missions, she was also the former owner and operator of the Plateau Studios. She was also a member of the Eastern Star and the West Asheville Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are seven sons, William, Stanley, Ben, Jeter, Hubert, Andrew and Marvin Chandler, all of Marshall; a daughter, Ruth Ray of Marshall; a sister, Lillie Ramsey of Marshall; 20 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild.

## Marvin McClure

Funeral services were held Thursday for Marvin W. McClure of Walnut who died March 1 in an Asheville hospital after an extended illness. He was 77 years old.

Services were held in the chapel of the Bowman Funeral Home in Marshall. The Rev. Steve Robinson, Jimmy Buckner and Jack Jones officiated. Burial was conducted in Walnut Cemetery.

A lifelong resident of Madison County, he was a son of the late S.W. and Lillian Ramsey McClure. He retired from the N.C. Department of Transportation in 1969 after 40 years of service.

Surviving are his wife, Georgia Gibson McClure; two sisters, Myrtle Reed and Virginia McClure of Marshall; his stepmother, Etha McClure of Marshall and several nieces and nephews.

## William Merrill

Funeral services were held Friday for William Scott Merrill of Brevard who died Wednesday from injuries in an automobile accident. He was 18 years old. He was a freshman at Mars Hill College where he was a member of the Lambda Chi Omega fraternity and a senator of the freshman class.

A memorial service was conducted in the First Baptist Church of Brevard of which he was a member. Graveside services were conducted in Pisgah Gardens. The Revs. Duncan Futrelle, Lennie Farmer and Bill McManus officiated.

He is survived by his parents, Robert L. and Lois Heath Merrill of Brevard, two sisters, Deborah Kay Merrill of Hendersonville and Elizabeth Ann Merrill of Brevard; a brother, Robert L. Merrill Jr. of Asheville; the paternal grandmother, Alma Buie of Hendersonville; and the maternal grandmother, Pearl Heath of Brevard.

The family requests the memorials be made to the scholarship fund of Mars Hill College.

## Mary Boyd

Mary Sue Penland Boyd, of Marietta, Ga., died Sunday at her home after an extended illness.

A native of Madison County, she had resided in Marietta for the past 14 years and was a daughter of Bessie Lee Edwards Penland of Marshall and the late James N. Penland.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband, Sanford Boyd; two daughters, Sherry Hughes of the home and Karen Carter of Harm, Ga.; three brothers, James, Joe Sr., and George Penland, all of Marshall; two sisters, Minnie Lee Doran of Hendersonville and Jean Price of Asheville; and two grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Marshall Presbyterian Church, of which she was a member. The Revs. George Moore and Buddy Freeman will officiate. Burial will be in Pritchard Cemetery.

## Ida Harrison

Funeral services were held Mar. 2 for Ida Harrison of Clark's Chapel Rd. who died Feb. 27 at the age of 90.

Services were held in the chapel of the West Funeral Home in Weaverville. The Revs. Harrison Hinson officiated. Burial was conducted in Clark's Chapel Cemetery.

A native of Buncombe County, she was a daughter of the late Loranzo and Lucilla Head Blankenship and the wife of Kelsey Harrison who died in 1929.

She was a retired practical nurse.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Glen Bradley of Weaverville, Louise Lytle of Monks Corner, S.C. and Margaret Chatlan of New Orleans, La.; a son, David M. Harrison of Weaverville; a brother, Clyde Blankenship of Weaverville; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

## Frank Cogdill

Funeral services were held Thursday for Frank R. Cogdill of Centerville, Ga., who died Mar. 1 in a Georgia hospital after an extended illness. He was 87 years old.

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# MHC Offers Israel Tour

Services were held in the funeral chapel of the Bowman Funeral Home in Marshall. The Rev. Ralph Easterly officiated. Burial was conducted in Oak Hill Cemetery.

A native of Cocke County, Tenn., he was a retired farmer and a veteran of World War I. He was a son of the late Joseph and Margaret Shetley Cogdill. Surviving are a daughter, Jewell Ropst of Centerville, Ga.; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

## Jesuit Group Welcomes New Priest

Rev. Vincent Alagia, S.J., is the newest member of the group at the Jesuit Residency in Hot Springs. He came to Hot Springs last August and spends much of his time traveling to tell people about the opportunity for prayer and reflection on a retreat to Hot Springs. He is associate director of the House of Prayer.

Father Alagia has retreat house experience for the last seven years and has also been involved in the world-wide marriage encounter movement. He will have been a priest 25 years this June.

He joins Rev. Frank Reese, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, and director of the House of Prayer; Rev. Andrew Graves, Pastor Emeritus, and Rev. Tom

Mars Hill College's department of religion and philosophy, in conjunction with Wilcox World Tours, will sponsor an 11-day excursion to Israel and Greece June 7-17. The trip will be led by Dr. Thomas Sawyer, professor of New Testament and Greek, and Dr. Page Lee, Old Testament professor at the college.

The group will depart New York on Olympic Airlines and arrive in Athens on the following day. In Greece, the group

will visit the Acropolis, the Parthenon, the Agora of ancient Athens, and Mars Hill, where Paul preached to the philosophers of Athens. Old Corinth will be visited on the third day, and there will be an optional tour offered to visit the islands of Aegina, Hydra, and Poros.

On the fourth day, the group will arrive in Tel Aviv to explore the famous sites of the Bible. Among those included (Continued on Page 5)



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## THE REV. VINCENT ALAGIA and the Rev. Frank Reese and friend.

Gaunt, coordinator of the Peace and Justice Commission of the Charlotte Diocese. Betsy La Fleur, a Jesuit volunteer is also associated with the residency, managing the order's hostel on the Appalachian Trail.

# Calendar Of Church Events

The Manuel Brisco Mount Olive Choir from Mars Hill will be at the Union Valley Missionary Baptist Church in Revere March 13 at morning worship service at 11 a.m. The Rev. Wayne Ammons invites everyone to attend.

The second Sunday night singing at Alexander Baptist Church will be held March 13 at 7 p.m. Groups from the church and special singers are expected to sing. Everyone is invited.

The second Saturday night singing at Walnut Freewill Baptist Church will be held March 12 at 7:30. The Rev. Roy Waldroup invites everyone to attend.

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