

Area Deaths, Funeral Services

Alvin Whitt

Funeral services were held Saturday for Alvin Whitt of Garrison Rd., Weaverville, who died Thursday at his home at the age of 87.

Services were held in the chapel of the Capps Funeral Home in Mars Hill with the Rev. eb Jenkins officiating. Burial was conducted in the Whitt Cemetery in Buncombe County.

A native of Madison County, he was the son of the late R.W. and Leekey Davis Whitt. He was a retired farmer and had made his home in Weaverville for the past two years.

He is survived by two sisters, Nell DeBruhl of Alexander and Velma Pack of Mississippi; and six brothers, Jeff Whitt of Leicester, Carol Whitt of Garden City, Mich., Hardy Whitt of Weaverville, Deleon Whitt of Dallas, and Merritt and G.L. Whitt of Mars Hill.

she was the daughter of the late Dwight and Alice Bishop Wilde. She was a member of the Georgetown Baptist Church and a former employee of the Old Carolina Jeans Co.

She is survived by her husband, Algje D. Matthews; three daughters, Joan Jones of Asheville, Judy Stafford of Spartanburg and Connie Brown of Greenville, Tenn.; two sons, Jackie and Ricky Matthews of the home; seven sisters, Katie Morrow and Minnie Morrow of Leicester, Betty Hollifield of Spartanburg, Emojene Helms, Margaret Wooten and Geraldine Helms of Asheville and Glenda Helms of Opalocka, Fla.; three brothers, Frank and John Wilde of Marshall and Dwight Wilde of Asheville; and 10 grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

Binnie Henderson

Funeral services were held Saturday for Bonnie Wilson Henderson of Rt. 1, Asheville, who died Wednesday in an Asheville hospital at the age of 73.

Services were held in the chapel of the Bowman Funeral Home in Marshall with the Revs. Gary Rogers and Danny Little officiating. Burial was conducted in the Riverview Cemetery.

A native of Madison County, she was the daughter of the

late Gus and Cindy Freeman Wilson. She was a member of the Liberty Baptist Church.

She is survived by a brother, Baxter Wilson of Marshall.

Joe Payne

Funeral services were held Monday for Joe Taft Payne of Jupiter who died June 30 in an Asheville hospital at the age of 75.

Services were held in the chapel of the Bowman Funeral Home in Marshall with the Revs. Steve Honeycutt and Bobby Ballard officiating. Burial was conducted in the Ashelawn Gardens of Memory.

A native of Madison County, he had resided in Buncombe County for the past 13 years. He was a retired farmer and a member of the Mount Bethel Free Will Baptist Church. He was the son of the late W.R. and Sally Payne.

He is survived by his wife, Pansy Craine Payne; three sons, Bill, Wendell and Jerry Payne, all of Michigan; two daughters, Mary Jo Williams of Newport, Mich. and Barbara Erger of Memphis, Tenn.; two brothers, Garrison Payne of Marshall and Clay Payne of Weaverville; three sisters, Hattie Payne of Marshall, Faye Bryan of Asheville and Elva Tweed of Charlotte; 17 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Lucy Duckett

Funeral services will be held today for Lucy Manila Worley Duckett of Big Sandy Mush Rd. who died Monday in an Asheville health care center at the age of 88.

Services will be held in the Big Sandy United Methodist Church, of which she was a member, with the Revs. Jerry Evans and Tom Weeks officiating. Burial will be conducted in the church cemetery.

A native of Buncombe County, she was the daughter of the late Willard and Eleura Reynolds Worley and the widow of V.B. Duckett, who died in 1979.

She is survived by two daughters, Grace Greene of Asheville and Faye Taylor of Candler; a son, John W. Duckett of Leicester; two brothers, Guy T. and R. Hass Worley of Candler and six grandchildren.

Lois Crowder

Funeral services were held Sunday for Lois Swain Crowder of Leicester who died June 29 in an Asheville hospital at the age of 76.

Services were held in the chapel of Penland and Sons Funeral Home with the Rev. Bennie Wade officiating. Burial was conducted in the Corinth Baptist Church Cemetery.

A lifelong resident of Leicester, Mrs. Crowder was the daughter of the late James

and Jeanette Carr Swain. She attended the Georgetown Missionary Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Robert E. Crowder, a daughter, Bobbie Jean Mitchell of Leicester; a brother, James W. Swain, Sr. of Arden; two sisters, Verda Smith of Hendersonville and Oma Lee Walker of Skyland; two grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Mae Sisson

Funeral services were held Saturday for Mae Philips Sisson of Canton who died Thursday in a Haywood County hospital at the age of 71.

Services were held in the chapel of the Wells Funeral Home with the Rev. Max Smith officiating. Burial was conducted in the Bon-A-Venture Cemetery.

A native of Madison County, she was the daughter of the late James Carroll and Robbie Lee Buckner Philips.

She is survived by her husband, J.A. Sisson; a daughter, Sue Donaldson of Lawrenceville, Ga.; and two grandsons.

The wind blows so hard on New Hampshire's Mount Washington that the old weather station had to be held down by chains anchored in solid rock according to National Geographic World.

Child Restraint Law Now In Effect

The Child Restraint Systems Law warning period ended midnight June 30 and violators henceforth may be subject to a fine of \$10.

The warning provision in the law which has been in effect since July 1, 1982, has been quite effective. Voluntary usage rates for children under two years of age have increased from 30 percent prior to the effective date of the law to 46 percent during the first year.

Some safety officials, however, are hopeful the current usage rate of 50 percent will increase substantially when violators are subject to a fine beginning July 1.

According to Department of Crime Control and Public Safety Secretary Heman R. Clark, the law only covers children under two years of age riding with their parents in the family vehicle.

"The child restraint law is a good law," Clark said. "It's saving lives and the cost is minimal. Even loaner/rental programs are available whereby child seats may be obtained for a nominal fee by parents who prefer to rent or

cannot financially afford to purchase one." Clark encouraged parents to avoid the embarrassment, inconvenience and cost of a possible court appearance by voluntarily complying with the Child Restraint Law.

"Their decision to place their child in a safety seat may be the most important one of their life," Clark concluded.

According to figures released by the State Highway Patrol today, nine children, 10 years of age and under, were killed during the first three weeks of June.

One of the deaths involved a five-month-old baby that was

not secured in a safety seat. Patrol figures indicate that five of the nine were unbelted passengers in vehicles involved in accidents and the other four were struck or ran into the path of an oncoming vehicle.

Highway Patrol Commander, Colonel D.L. Matthews, also pointed out that traffic deaths are currently running four percent ahead of last year at this time.

"We had a reduction in traffic deaths in 1983 compared to the previous year, but if the present trend continues this could be one of our deadliest years," Matthews warned.

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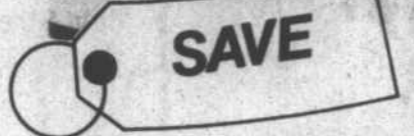
Merle Matthews

Funeral services were held Sunday for Merle Wilde Matthews of Asheville who died June 29 at her home at the age of 59.

Services were held in the chapel of the Groce Funeral Home with the Revs. Fred Hunter and Marvin Mathis officiating. Burial was conducted in the Gashes Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

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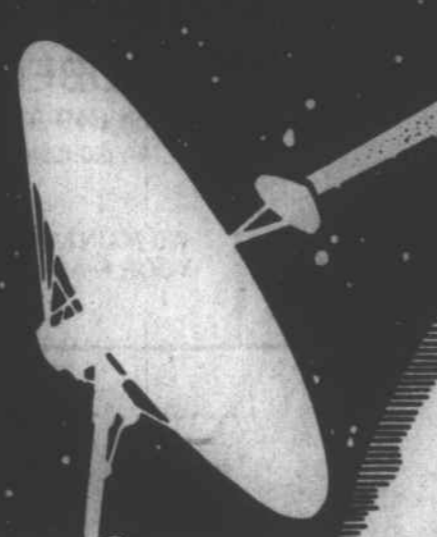
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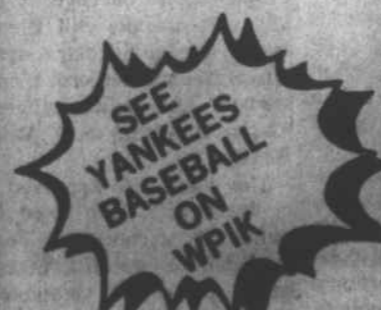


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