

# Obituaries

## Mattie Carver

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon for Mattie Rachel Carver of Route 3, Mars Hill who died on Oct. 16 in her home at the age of 84.

Services were held in the Little Ivy Baptist Church, of which she was a member, with the Revs. Joe Honeycutt and E. W. Jenkins officiating. Burial was conducted in the church cemetery.

A native of McDowell County, she had lived in Madison County for the past 50 years. She was the daughter of the late Teague and Lillie Stafford Carver.

She is survived by a daughter, Mae Thomas, with whom she made her home; and six grandchildren.

## Fannie Briscoe

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon for Fannie Henson Briscoe of Mars Hill who died Oct. 14 in her home at the age of 91.

Services were held in the Mount Olive Baptist Church, of which she was a member, with the Rev. J.H. Smith officiating. Burial was conducted in the church cemetery.

A native of Yancey County, Mrs. Briscoe lived in Madison County for most of her life. She was a daughter of the late John and Lizzie Wilson Henson and the widow of Gilbert Briscoe, who died in 1942.

Surviving are five daughters, Mary Davidson, Augusta Ray and Cindy Ray, all of Mars Hill, Paris Hunter of Morganton and Elizabeth Young of Johnson City, Tenn.; four sons, Manuel, James and David Briscoe, all of Mars Hill, and Thomas Briscoe of Asheville; two sisters, Brinnie Barnette and Flora Anderson, both of Asheville; two brothers, Gaiter Henson of Asheville and Zeb Henson of Burnsville; 33 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

## Ella Taffer

Joint funeral services were held Friday afternoon for Ella Shelton Taffer of Jupiter Rd. who died Oct. 16 at the age of 78, and her son, Woodrow Taffer of Calhoun, Tenn., who died Oct. 17 at the home of his brother, the Rev. James Taffer of Asheville.

Services were held in the Mount Bethel Baptist Church with the Revs. Bill Sprouse, Lloyd Ponder and Jay Blankenship officiating. Burial was conducted in the Ashelawn Gardens of Memory.

A native of Madison County, Mrs. Taffer had made her home in Buncombe County for the past four years. She was the daughter of the late Pete and Daisy Ray Shelton. Mrs. Taffer was also a retired private nurse and a member of the Bethany Baptist Church of Melbourne, Fla.

Mr. Taffer was also a native of Madison County. He had made his home in Calhoun for the past nine years. He was an employee of Westvaco, a Baptist and a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Mrs. Taffer is survived by her husband, Otis Taffer; five daughters, Shirley Hastings of Amelia, Va., Georgia Banks of Iverness, Fla., and Iva Lee Honeycutt, Juanita Hensley and Virginia Hoyle, all of Weaverville; two sons, the Rev. James Taffer of Asheville and William P. Taffer of Melbourne; 22 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his father, brothers and sisters, Mr. Taffer is survived by a daughter, Kimberly Taffer of Richmond, Va.; and three sons, Elwood Taffer of Richmond, Woody Taffer of Atlanta and Marie Taffer of the home.

## Eva Freeman

Funeral services were held Monday for Eva Morrow Freeman of Asheville who died Saturday at the age of 89.

Services were held in the chapel of the Groce Funeral Home with the Revs. Charles Phillips and Ronnie Owen officiating. Burial was conducted in the Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

A native of Madison County, she was the daughter of the late Jeff and Mary Wingo Morrow and the widow of Lawrence Freeman, who died in 1981.

Mrs. Freeman was a graduate of Weaver College and taught school in Madison County schools. She was a member of the Little Sandy Muth United Methodist Church.

She is survived by three daughters, Wanda Spivey of Fairview and Betty Jean Sealey and Kathleen Franklin of Leicester; two sons, Don Freeman of Leicester and George Freeman of Alloway, N.J.; a brother, Herman Morrow of Black Mountain; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

## Tom Shook

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for Tom Anderson Shook of Route 3, Mars Hill who died Saturday in his home at the age of 80.

Services were held in the Mt. Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, of which he was a member, with the Revs. Jay Blankenship, Elmer Edwards and Robert Ballard officiating. Burial was conducted in the Upper Laurel Cemetery.

A lifelong resident of Madison County, he was the son of the late Geter and Etta Hensley Shook. Mr. Shook was a retired farmer.

He is survived by his wife, Nell Hensley Shook; three daughters, Lisa Althea Stanley of Weaverville and Verna Shook and Carolyn Davis of Mars Hill; three sisters, Hulda Hall and Eliza Metcalf of Mars Hill and Mae Mace of Marshall; two brothers, Johnny Shook and Riley Shook of Mars Hill; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## Card Of Thanks

The family of Dillard A. Edwards wishes to thank everyone for their kindness shown during the loss of our loved one.

The beautiful flowers, cards and food were gratefully appreciated.

John and Dawn Edwards

## Asheville Woman Killed

A 21-year old Asheville woman was killed early Monday morning when her car ran off the road and struck a tree in a single-car accident north of Mars Hill.

State Highway Patrol Trooper Jerry D. Tapp reported that Melissa Ann Gregory of Route 9, Asheville, was killed when the 1965 Buick she was driving on Little Laurel Rd. ran off the pavement and struck a tree. The accident occurred some 19 miles north of Mars Hill. Cause of the accident has not been determined.

A passenger in the car, Karen Ruth Moseley, 23, of Rt. 3, Asheville, was slightly injured in the wreck. Tapp reported that she was taken to Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville, but hospital authorities said there was no record of her visit.

Trooper Tapp said Gregory was apparently driving Moseley to her home at the time of the accident. Neither woman was wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident.



RHONDA ENGLISH, a 1984 graduate of Madison High School, has been named as a recipient of a James G.K. McClure Scholarship. She is a first-year student at Asheville-Buncombe Technical College enrolled in the nursing program. Rhonda is the daughter of Jack and Arlene English of Mars Hill.

The Asheville YMCA is offering a discount on recreational programs and health services for men, women and families through Sunday. The discounts of up to 40 percent are being offered at the YMCA branch on Woodfin Street in Asheville.

For more information, call the Y at 252-4726.

## Rev. C. Allen Laymon Honored

The Rev. C. Allen Laymon, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wilmington, N.C., was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Mars Hill College last week during the school's annual Founders' Day celebration.

Rev. Laymon has served as a member of the school's Board of Advisors and Trustees and is currently a member of the committee on nominations, general board, executive committee and public affairs committee. He also served on the Council of Christian Life of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

He has also served as president of the Raleigh Baptist Association Pastors' Conference and the executive committee of the Wilmington Baptist Association.

In announcing the award, college president Fred Bentley said, "Allen Laymon has been of invaluable service in his community, his church, Mars Hill College and the North Carolina Baptist State Convention."

Rev. Laymon attended Bob Jones University and is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He also attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he received both the Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Divinity degrees.

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