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## Robert H. Robinson

Funeral services were held on Monday for Robert H. "Spooks" Robinson of Fletcher who died Aug. 15 in a Fletcher hospital at the age of 53.

Services were held in the New Boiling Springs Baptist Church with the Rev. Roy Rector officiating. Burial was conducted in the Robinson family cemetery in Yancey County.

A native of Madison County, he was a son of Mary A. Robinson of Fletcher and the late Marion Robinson. He owned and operated the Interstate Service Station in Fletcher for more than 20 years.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by three brothers, the Rev. Dolph Robinson and Ray Robinson of Hendersonville and Dewey Robinson of Arden; and four sisters, Bertha Wilkey of Fletcher, Doris Bradshaw of Swannanoa, Lois Welch of Winston-Salem and Joyce Soesbee of Asheville.

## Lawton A. Thomas

Funeral services were held on Monday for Lawton Thomas "Tommy" Thomas of Asheville who died Saturday in the Asheville VA Medical Center at the age of 77.

Services were held in the chapel of the Anders-Rice Funeral Home with the Revs. Milford Boyce and David Sparks officiating. Burial was conducted in the Green Hills Cemetery.

A native of Walnut, he was a son of the late Emory M. and Bette Freeman Thomas. He was a member of the Sunrise Baptist Church.

A retired employee of the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., he was a member of the Woodmen of the World Lodge No. 01. Mr. Thomas was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

He is survived by his wife, Nettie Williams Thomas; a daughter, Betty Jean Becker of Asheville; two sons, Charles Andrew Thomas of Hendersonville and Edwin Bryce Thomas of Clearwater, Fla.; a brother, Hobson Dewey Thomas of Hot Springs; eight grandchildren and a great-grandson.

## Cora R. Pegg

Funeral services were held yesterday morning for Cora Roberts Pegg of Weaverville who died Saturday at her home at the age of 81.

Services were held in the Mount Sheba Baptist Church, of which she was a member, with the Revs. Ebb Jenkins and Luther Spivey officiating. Burial was conducted in the church cemetery.

A lifelong resident of Buncombe County, she was the daughter of the late Amos and Louisa Edwards Roberts and the widow of the Rev. Fred W. Pegg, who died in 1981.

She is survived by three daughters, Bertha Hyatt of Asheville and Bunie Peeples and Frances Robinson, both of Weaverville; four sons, Frank, Sam and Garrett Pegg, all of Weaverville and Eugene Pegg of Cowpens, S.C.; three brothers, Carl and Roy Roberts of Weaverville and Lewis Roberts of Alexander; 27 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and a great-great-granddaughter.



...family, ...neighbors for the kindness shown during the illness and death of our mother. We thank you for the food, flowers and prayers. A special thanks to the Rev. Jimmy Buckner and the staff of the Bowman Funeral Home.

Alma H. Messer

and Farris Hensley.

THE SINGING PATRIOTS of Asheville will present a program of old-fashioned gospel music on Sunday, Sept. 8 at the Enon Baptist Church in Marshall. The singing will begin at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

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## 4-H News

BY PAM CROWHURST

Two Madison County 4-H'ers were among 30 North Carolina 4-H'ers who participated in the 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus last week in Washington, D.C. Julie Brittain and Laura Ledford spent a week at the National 4-H Center and were involved with a variety of activities which gave them the opportunity to set goals in citizenship as individuals, as community members, citizens of states, the nation, and the world.

About the activities, Julie said she "...enjoyed getting to know people from all over the US, improved public speaking skills, and saw a night view of Washington, DC as well as the National Zoo." Laura added that the objective of the trip was "...to introduce ideas about citizenship to the 4-H'ers. We enjoyed the debate about citizenship we had with some people from Denmark. Getting to tour Washington DC and see the Capitol, Air and Space Museum, White House, and the monuments were also very exciting."

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