

# Obituaries

## Guy Perry

Guy Delane Perry, 32, of 103 Whittemore Branch Road, Barnardville, died Aug. 17 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. A lifelong resident of Buncombe County, he was a son of the late Willard H. and Julia Franks Rice. He was a machinist with Schwitzer Corp. Surviving are his adoptive parents, Robert M. and Willie Jean Rice Perry

of the home; four sisters, Nadine and Julia Ann Perry, both of the home; Sherry Wheeler of Greer, S.C., and Bonnie Dyer of Asheville; five brothers, Arlin Perry, Gary Rice and David Rice, all of Barnardville; J.D. Rice of Weaverville and Paul Rice of Enka. Services were held last Thursday in Barnardville Church of God, of which he was a member. The Revs. Clifton Edwards and Herman Toney of-

ficiated. Burial was in Big Ivy Cemetery, Barnardville.

## Howard Miller

William Howard Miller, 76, of 565 Rector Corner Road, Marshall, died Aug. 18 in an Asheville hospital. A native and resident of Madison County for most of his life, he retired from the U.S. Maritime Service in 1978 after 23 years of service. He was a son of the late Charlie L. and Matilda Price Miller.

He was a member of Oak Hill Baptist Church, French Broad Mason Lodge 292 AF&AM and Marsahl Eastern Star Chapter.

Surviving are his wife, Kathleen Caldwell Miller; four daughters, Faye Parham and Elizabeth Miller, both of Asheville, Linda Glenn of Arden and Brenda Allen of Cleburne, Texas; two brothers, C.L. Miller Jr. of Asheville and David Miller of Duluth, Ga.; five sisters, Nola Lance of Enka, Juanita Stines, Violet Benson and Gladys Davis, all of Asheville, and Frances Darwin of Charleston, S.C.; 11 grandchildren; and, a great-granddaughter.

Services were held Friday in the chapel of Bowman Funeral Home.

The Rev. John Eagle Frisby Jr. officiated. Burial was in Bowman-Rector Cemetery with French Broad Mason Lodge conducting graveside rites.

## Elizabeth Ray

Elizabeth Mitchell Ray, 60, of Williams Branch Road, Barnardville, was found dead Aug. 17 at her home.

A native of Yancey County, she had lived in Buncombe County for the past 40 years. She was the wife of W. Ralph Ray, who died in 1961.

Surviving is a brother, Ed Mitchell of Burnsville.

Services were held last Thursday in the chapel of West Funeral Home, Weaverville. The Rev. Charles English officiated. Burial was in Clark's Chapel Cemetery.

## Iva Watkins

Iva Ammons Watkins, 90, formerly of Weaverville, died Aug. 20 in a Winston-Salem nursing center.

A native of Madison County and a resident of Buncombe County for most of her life, she was a former school teacher. She was a daughter of

the late James Marshall and Lillie Carter Ammons and the wife of George D. Watkins, who died in 1963.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary Lou Ferrell of Atlanta, Ga., and Dale Allen of Raleigh; a son, George Watkins of Weaverville; two sisters, Bernice Ammons of Mars Hill and Kathleen Lankford of Elon College; six grandchildren; and, nine great-grandchildren.

Services were held Friday in Jupiter Baptist Church, of which she was a member. Burial was in West Memorial Park.

## Alvin Dockery

Alvin Dockery, 83, of Olivette Road, Asheville, died Wednesday in an Asheville hospital.

A native of Madison County, he was a son of the late Jackson and Hannah Roberts Dockery. He retired from Burlington Industries.

Surviving are his wife, Bertha Gertrude Bailey Dockery; a daughter, Mrs. Paul Reece of Jackson, S.C.; a son, Larry Dockery of Albany, Ga.; two stepdaughters, Judy Warren of Asheville and Bernice Enlowe of Wimberly, Texas; two stepsons, Lowery Warren of Weaverville and Jerry Warren of Asheville; a brother, Clinton Dockery of Marion; 12 grandchildren; and, 17 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday in the chapel of Groce Funeral Home. The Revs. Howard Rogers and Robert Harris officiated. Burial was in New Liberty Baptist Church cemetery.

## Steve Wallin

Steve Calvin Wallin, 66, of Cody Road, Marshall, died at his home Aug. 13.

A lifelong resident of Madison County, he was a son of the late Thomas Marion and Anna Rice Wallin. He retired in 1982 from Continental Trailways after 35 years of service.

He was a member of Marshall

Lions Club and French Broad Masonic Lodge No. 292 AF&AM.

Surviving are his wife, Marion Jones Wallin; a daughter, Diane Wallin of Clearwater, Fla.; and, a sister, Flora Wallin Griffin of Marshall.

Services were held Aug. 16 in Marshall United Methodist Church, of which he was a member. The Revs. William Creson and Joseph Reese officiated. Burial was in Heck Creek Cemetery with French Broad Masonic Lodge conducting graveside rites.

## Clyde Justice

Clyde Justice, 79, of 141 Moody Cove Road, Weaverville, died Friday.

Graveside services were held Sunday in Penland Cemetery.

## Artie King

Artie King, 77, of Old Newfound Road, Leicester, died Friday.

Services were held Sunday in Jones Valley Baptist Church.

## Paul Ed Silver Sr.

Paul Ed Silver Sr., 63, of Route 3 Bakersville, the Kona community, died Friday in a Madison County nursing home.

A native of Mitchell County, he was a son of the late Calvin and Nora Presnell Silver and was retired from Lawson United Feldspar. He was the husband of the late Grace Buchanan, who died in 1986.

Surviving are two sons, the Rev. Paul E. Silver Jr. of Weaverville and Harold Dean Silver of Spruce Pine; four grandchildren; and, one great-grandchild.

Services were held Wednesday in Kona Baptist Church, of which he was a member. The Revs. Arthur Woody, Eugene Briggs and Garland Higgins officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

# Church News

## Arrington Benefit Set

A benefit singing for Maynard Arrington will be held at the old North Buncombe High School auditorium Friday beginning at 7:30 p.m. No admission will be charged but a free-will offering will be taken.

## Gospel Program To Begin

A religious program entitled "The Gospel According to Jesus," written by Lawrence W. Porter, will be held Friday and Saturday beginning at 8 p.m. at 70 Lex on N. Lexington in Asheville. Admission is \$5 and everyone is asked to bring a cushion.

## Ponders Chapel Services Set

The North Buncombe Fellowship Union and Ponders Chapel Baptist Church will hold morning and evening worship services at Ponders Chapel Sunday beginning at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served immediately following the service.

## Big Laurel Plans Singing

The Big Laurel Missionary Baptist Church will hold singing services Saturday beginning at 7:30 p.m. Featured guests will be Bill Fuller and others.

## Memorial Church Singing Set

The Memorial Church of God at Cutshalltown will hold singing services Saturday beginning at 7 p.m.

# Baptist Association To Offer Courses

The French Broad Baptist Association will offer two seminary extension courses beginning in September.

Courses will be held on separate evenings, Monday and Thursday, so that students may have an opportunity to enroll in both courses.

Offered will be:  
• "Mark" (NT 0171) - A study of Mark's gospel; a nine-week course beginning Sept. 14 from 7-9 p.m. Mondays. The cost is \$22 (\$27 per couple).

Sue Fitzgerald will be the teacher, and the course will be held at the Baptist Center.

• "Pastoral Ministries" (PM 0252) - A study of the life and work of the pastor in relation to the church's mission, with attention to the fulfilling of varied pastoral functions; a nine-week course beginning Sept. 17 from 7-9 p.m. Thursdays. The cost is \$29 (\$34 per couple). Joe Edwards will be the teacher, and the course will be held at the Baptist Center.

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## The Child Is Father of the Man

Sunday  
Zechariah  
9:11-17  
Monday  
Mark  
14:12-25  
Tuesday  
Romans  
11:25-36  
Wednesday  
1 Corinthians  
11:17-34  
Thursday  
2 Corinthians  
3:1-18  
Friday  
Galatians  
3:15-29  
Saturday  
Galatians  
6:21-31

Dr. Darlet A. Poling, prominent minister of another generation, began his pastoral prayer one Sunday with: "Now I lay me down to sleep..." Embarrassed, he caught himself, fumbled around for proper pastoral phrases, and in a cold sweat continued his prayer. "I don't know what happened," he wrote later. "The words just came out. A slip of the mind, a return to childhood, I guess." As he was greeting people following that service, no one mentioned he prayer-slip until a little old lady came up. Taking the pastor's hand in both of hers, she looked deep into his eyes and said, "Thank you, Dr. Poling. I got new insight into my pastor this morning." Dr. Poling, almost afraid to ask, managed finally to say, "Oh and what was that?" "I saw my pastor, as a little boy, kneeling by his bed learning his first prayer." What our children will be, they are now becoming. The poet is right: "The child is father of the man." And positive experiences in early years influence experiences in all the years.

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