

# Area Deaths And Funerals

**GLADIOLA BLACKWOOD**  
Gladiola Mae Blackwood, 67, of Parkview Apartments, Shallotte, died Sunday in Brunswick Hospital at Supply.

A memorial service was held Tuesday at Jennies Branch Baptist Church, with Rev. Jesse Bentley officiating.

Mrs. Blackwood is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Sandra B. Reynolds of Shallotte; a brother, Cecil Burley of Richmond, Va.; two sisters, Mrs. Pauline Moore and Mrs. Glensy Pleha, both of Richmond, Va.; and a grandchild, Miss Clarice Leone Reynolds of Shallotte.

**ALICE H. BALLARD**  
Alice H. Ballard, 85, of Ocean Trail Convalescent Center in Southport died Monday in Doshier Memorial Hospital following an extended illness.

The funeral was to be held 11 a.m. Wednesday at Town Creek Baptist Church with Rev. V.C. Potter and Rev. E.C. Rogers officiating, with burial in the church cemetery.

Born on May 18, 1899, in Brunswick County, she was the daughter of the late Daniel and Rebecca Clemmons Hewett. She was preceded in death by her husband, John D. Ballard, on Jan. 10, 1981.

Survivors include two sons, J.D. Ballard of Bolivia and William F. Ballard of Wilmington; a brother, Daniel Hewett of Shallotte; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**GRACE R. THRASH**  
Gracie Reaves Thrash, 75, of Wilmington, died Sunday in New Hanover Memorial Hospital following a brief illness.

The funeral was to be held 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Coble Ward-Smith's Oleander Chapel in Wilmington, with burial in Wilmington National Cemetery.

Born in Wilmington on May 9, 1909, she was the daughter of the late John Calvin and Daisy Dean Crumpler Reaves. Mrs. Thrash was a member of the Long Leaf congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Survivors include three sons, Harry Lee Benson of Winnabow, Chester James Benson of Kings Mountain and Robert Calvin Benson of Wilmington; a daughter, Mrs. Betty B. Jackson of Wilmington; four brothers, John Calvin (Junior) Reaves Jr. of Bolivia, James Hildred

(Jimmy) Reaves and Thomas William (Tom) Reaves, both of Wilmington, and Robert E. Lee (Bob) Reaves of Billings, Montana; a sister, Mrs. Lillie Reaves Milligan of Leland; 18 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

**PURNELL LEWIS**  
The funeral was to be held 2 p.m. Wednesday at Antioch Baptist Church for Purnell Lewis, 57, of Route 6, Whiteville, who died Monday at Columbus County Hospital.

Rev. Vernon Williamson was to officiate, with burial in the Ward family cemetery.

Born in Horry County, he was the son of Mrs. Ethel Lee Lewis of Little River, S.C., and the late John Thomas Lewis. He was a retired farmer.

In addition to his mother, Lewis is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rudene R. Lewis; a son, William M. Lewis of Whiteville; three daughters, Mrs. Rita Lewis Housand of Tabor City, Mrs. Anne L. Boswell and Mrs. Gayle L. Norris, both of Whiteville; a stepson, Bobby Joe Ward of Whiteville; three stepdaughters, Miss Tara Ward of the home, Miss Patsy Ward and Miss Jeanette Ward, both of Whiteville; seven brothers, Glenn Lewis of Longwood, Oneil Lewis and McArthur Lewis, both of Mullins, S.C., James Lewis and John Lewis, both of Little River, S.C., Layton Lewis of Fort Mills, S.C., and Shelward Lewis of Marion, S.C.; seven sisters, Mrs. Lane Edge of Leland, Mrs. Vallie Fortson of Fort Mills, S.C., Mrs. Edna Lewis of Wilmington, Mrs. Mary Todd of Marion, S.C., Mrs. Annie Pearl Smith, Mrs. Eunice Viovedich and Mrs. Marilyn Suggs, all of Little River, S.C.; and five grandchildren.

**ETTA LEE HENRY**  
The funeral was held Sunday at Coble Ward-Smith Funeral Service Brunswick Chapel for Etta Lee Henry, 83, of Route 2, Leland, died Friday at New Hanover Memorial Hospital.

Burial was in the Peace Memorial Baptist Church Cemetery.

**GEORGE A. TODD**  
Funeral arrangements were to be announced by Coble Ward-Smith Funeral Service in Supply for George A. Todd, 60, who died Feb. 6 in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Columbia, S.C.

He was formerly of Ash.

**JAMES A. FLOYD**  
A graveside service was held Monday at Griffin Cemetery in Ash for James Albert Floyd, 71, of Route 5, Shallotte (Seaside), who died Saturday in a fire at his home.

**EMMA FLOWERS**  
Emma Flowers, 84, of Gause Landing, died Feb. 6 after an extended illness.

The funeral was held Saturday at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Bishop Ruben I. Speaks of the Cape Fear Conference, Salisbury, officiated, with Rev. Frank W. Hough of St. James AME Zion Church in Southport assisting. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Miss Flowers was born Jan. 5, 1901, on her father's place near Gause Landing. She was the daughter of the late Rev. William Henry Flowers and Sarah Jane Gause Flowers. She was a lifelong member of St. Mark's AME Zion Church, Village Point Road. At the time of her death, she was one of two surviving members of St. Mark's.

**GRAHAM B. KING**  
Graham Bronson King, 63, of East Point, Ga., died Sunday.

The funeral was held Tuesday at Calvary Baptist Church in Wilmington, with Rev. Robert Bogart and Rev. David Goodroe officiating. Burial was in Wilmington National Cemetery with full military honors.

Born in Brunswick County on Dec. 19, 1921, King was the son of the late William H. and Mary Lee King. He was a member of Perkerson Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga., where he was a deacon.

King was a member of the Wilmington Lodge No. 319, A.F. & A.M. and a member of the Scottish Rite. He was a member of the Sudan Temple and a past member of the Arab Shrine Club and the Drum and Bugle Corps. He served with the U.S. Army

in World War II and was retired from the Metro Atlanta Transit Authority.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Bernice Ellis King; a stepson, James F. Grimsley of Ellicott City, Md.; five sisters, Mrs. Tom (Lois) Rabon of Winnabow, Mrs. Edgar (Sara Elnetta) Little of Elizabethtown, Mrs. J.C. (Ann) Byrd, Mrs. O'Neal (Kitty Margo) Richardson and Miss Eula Mae King of Wilmington; two brothers, Hollis King of Florence, S.C., and Lane King of Wilmington; and three grandchildren.

**WILLIAM MERRICK**  
The funeral was held Sunday for William Merrick, 75, of Navassa, who died Feb. 5 at New Hanover Memorial Hospital.

Rev. T.B. Pollard officiated at the service held at Davis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Burial was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Brown Merrick of the home; four sons, Bernard Merrick and Norris Merrick of the home; Marvin Merrick of Navassa and Thomas Merrick; two daughters, Mrs. Bessie McKinnon Jones of Navassa and Mrs. Elizabeth West of Whiteville; two brothers, Sylvester Merrick of Alexandria, Va., and Alexander Merrick Sr. of Wilmington; a foster brother, Walter Williams Sr. of Navassa; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**RELMOR POTTER SR.**  
Relmor Potter Sr., 73, of Route 1, Leland, died Thursday, Feb. 7, in New Hanover Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

The funeral was held Sunday at Shiloh United Methodist Church with Rev. Leon Brock and Rev. Pearl West officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Born in Duplin County on Sept. 21, 1911, he was the son of the late William Paul and Emma Langston Potter. He retired from Borden Chemical Co. in 1976. Potter was a member of Shiloh United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Bertha Mintz Potter of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Potter Robbins and Miss Peggy Potter, both of Leland; a son, Relma Potter Jr. of Leland; a sister, Mrs. Adelle Watson of Wilmington; and six grandchildren.

**CAPT. WILLIE GURGANUS**  
Capt. Willie G. Gurganus, 95, of Route 6, Shallotte, died Feb. 6 at Brunswick Hospital in Supply.

The funeral was held Friday at Brunswick Funeral Service Chapel with Rev. Cecil Ivey officiating. Burial was in the Gurganus Cemetery.

Gurganus was born in Brunswick County on Nov. 30, 1889, and was the son of the late George Clayton and Manda Leonard Gurganus. He operated a fishery at Little Beach for more than 40 years and also worked for a time aboard the *George Slover*, which delivered drygoods to local towns, as well as other boats.

Gurganus was preceded in death by his wife, Mrs. Nita Anderson Gurganus, who died Nov. 15, 1974.

Survivors include three sons, William Gurganus of Ocean Isle Beach and Kermit Gurganus and Billy Gurganus, both of Shallotte; 16 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

**LAWRENCE H. CLEMMONS**  
Lawrence Hanes Clemmons, 71, of Route 3, Supply, died Feb. 6 in New Hanover Memorial Hospital in Wilmington following an extended illness.

Rev. Laury Evans and Rev. Russell Hewett officiated at the funeral, held Friday in the Brunswick Chapel of Coble Ward-Smith Funeral Service. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Born in Brunswick County on Dec. 25, 1913, Clemmons was the son of the late Hanes and Beadie Holden Clemmons.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ruby Holden Clemmons of Supply; a son, Elbert Clemmons of Supply; four daughters, Mrs. Nancy Smith of Ash, Miss Nadine Clemmons of Supply, Miss Betty Clemmons of Kinston and Mrs. Carolyn Mallard of Wilmington; three brothers, Enoch Clemmons, Alton Clemmons and Sprunt Clemmons, all of Supply; three sisters, Mrs. Rosie Holden of Southport, Mrs. Thelma McCall of Shallotte and Mrs. Cora Hewett of Supply; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**WILLIE BRYANT**  
Willie (Bill) Bryant, 73, of Supply, died Feb. 4 in Brunswick Hospital at Supply.

The funeral was held Saturday at Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Supply with Rev. Freeman Gause officiating. Burial was in the Riley Hewett Cemetery, Supply.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Geraldine Bryant Little of New Haven, Conn., and Mrs. Doris Bryant Hewett of Supply; a stepson, Jesse Best of Florida; three sisters, Mrs. Annie B. Pearsall of Wilmington, Mrs. Ada B. Fullwood of Supply and Mrs. Catherine Bernard of Bolivia; a brother, Dolphus Bryant of Supply; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**JOAN S. GIBSON**  
Joan Stead Gibson, 54, of Route 3, Shallotte, and Lincroft, N.J., died Feb. 6 in New Hanover Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

The funeral was held in New Jersey.

Mrs. Gibson was born in Newark, N.J., on May 8, 1930, the daughter of the late George Stead and Margaret Cleary Stead. She had retired as a microfilm supervisor with Hospital Picture Service, Red Bank, N.J.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Gibson of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Reyla A. Wiggert of the home and Mrs. Barbara J. Dean of Canajoharie, N.Y.; two sons, Russell J. Gibson of Shallotte and John J. Vida of Asbury Park, N.J.; a sister, Mrs. Barbara J. Tedesco of Irvington, N.J.; six brothers, George Stead of Kenilworth, N.J., Terrance Brogan and John Stead, both of Keansburg, N.J., and Patrick Brogan of Matawan, N.J.; and seven grandchildren.

**SIDNEY A. FRANKS**  
Sidney A. Franks, 62, of Galveston, Texas, died Monday in John Sealy Hospital.

A funeral Mass was held Thursday from Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with burial in Galveston Memorial Park, Hitchcock, Texas.

Franks was born Feb. 16, 1922, in Leland. He was a boiler maker and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy. He had lived in Galveston since 1945.

Survivors include a son, Charles E. Franks of Highland, Texas; two daughters, Patricia Marie Ritchie of Galveston and Gloria L. DeVasier of Hitchcock, Texas; a brother, Haywood Franks of Wilmington; three sisters, Lucille Gregory and Grace Harker, both of Wilmington, and Marie Burse of Chesapeake, Va., and six grandchildren.

**CHARLIE C. BURNEY**  
Charlie Claude Burney, 83, of Clarkton, died Tuesday, Feb. 5.

The funeral was held Feb. 6 at White Plains Presbyterian Church, with burial in the church cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lucy Daniel Burney; two daughters, Mrs. Jeanette Bridgers of Clarkton and Mrs. Carolyn Clark of Elizabethtown; five sons, Earl Burney of Kelly, Frederick Burney of Clarkton, Charles Burney of Leland and Leon Burney of Greenville; two sisters, Mrs. Ruby Daniel and Mrs. Nellie Splawn, both of Elizabethtown; 19 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

# Bicyclist Seriously Injured In Accident

An Ash girl was seriously injured Saturday evening after steering her bicycle into the path of a car seven miles west of Shallotte on RPR 1331, the State Highway Patrol reported.

Crystal Marie Harper, 11, was taken to the Brunswick Hospital after being struck by a 1970 Ford driven by Hester Smith Babson, 57, of Ash.

According to State Trooper L.M. Richardson's report, Ms. Babson was traveling north on RPR 1331, or M11 Branch Road, when the bicyclist cut across the highway into the path of her car. Miss Harper and another passenger on her bike were riding on the shoulder of the highway before pulling in front of the car, Richardson reported. Both victims were taken to the Brunswick Hospital, but only Miss Harper received critical injuries.

No citation was issued in the accident. Richardson indicated a violation on the part of the bicyclist in his report. Ms. Harper was later transferred to New Hanover Memorial Hospital in Wilmington where she was listed in critical condition.

The accident was reported around 5:45 p.m., according to Brunswick County Emergency Management Coordinator Cecil Logan. Logan and the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department helped route the emergency traffic through Shallotte to the Brunswick Hospital.


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Harry Elwood Robinson, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Bertha R. Kirby, late of Route 3, Box 194, Supply, Brunswick County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at Route 2, Box 114, Chadbourne, North Carolina, 28431, on or before the 29th day of July, 1985, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 24th day of January, 1985.  
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