

# Deaths And Funerals

**GARLAND "HONEY" VARNAM**  
Wesley Garland "Honey" Varnam, 69, longtime owner of Garland's Seafood Co. in Varnumtown, died Thursday, Dec. 12, in New Hanover Memorial Hospital in Wilmington following an extended illness.

A graveside service was held Saturday in the Dixon Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery, with Rev. Maurice Lancaster and Rev. Weston Varnum officiating.

Varnam, known as "Honey" by his friends, was born in Brunswick County on Oct. 22, 1916, the son of the late Wesley B. and Dora C. Dixon Varnam. Prior to his retirement in 1984 he owned and operated Garland's Seafood Co. in Varnumtown.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Beatrice Holden Varnam of the home; three sons, Ronald Varnam, Donald Varnam and Nicky Varnam, all of Supply; a daughter, Mrs. Barbara V. Brown of Bolivia; two brothers, Durbin Varnam and Hubert Varnam, both of Supply; two sisters, Mrs. Ethel V. Galloway of Supply and Mrs. Gracie V. Hagman

of Daytona Beach, Fla.; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family asked that memorials be made to the Coastline Volunteer Rescue Squad, Holden Beach, NC 28462 and/or to Dixon Chapel United Methodist Church, Rt. 2, Supply, NC 28462.

**ELLIS ODELL SMITH**

Ellis Odell Smith, 73 of Route 1, Ash, died Monday, Dec. 9, in the Grand Strand General Hospital, Myrtle Beach, S.C., following a brief illness.

The funeral was held Wednesday, Dec. 11, in the Soldier Bay Baptist Church with Rev. David Adams officiating. Burial was in the M.C. Coleman Cemetery.

Smith was born in Brunswick County on Jan. 25, 1912, and was the son of the late Ellis Gaston and Emma Jane Stanley Smith. He was a member of the Soldier Bay Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Ferrell Smith of Ash; a daughter, Mrs. Joanne Lowery of Ash; six brothers,

Adrian Smith, Carlie Smith, Lora Smith, Coda Smith and Newman Smith, all of Ash, and Wendell Smith of Shallotte; six sisters Mrs. Effie Smith, Mrs. Zellie Phillips, Mrs. Doris Ward and Miss Mary Emma Smith, all of Ash, Mrs. Lennie Main of Fayetteville, and Mrs. Rosie Long of Shallotte; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**THOMAS T. TEBO**

Thomas Tilden Tebo, a former resident of Southport, died Dec. 1 in Honey Brook, Pa.

Born in Scotia, N.Y., he worked for 37 years at Nash Engineering Co., South Norwalk, Conn., before retiring to Southport in 1974.

He was married to the late Alberta B. Tebo for 47 years.

Survivors include his wife, Emma C. Tebo of Honey Brook, Pa.; three sisters, Florence Deyo of Scotia, N.Y., Edna Jacques of North Hollywood, Calif., and Jean Colburn of Louisville, Ky.; a son, Paul Tebo of West Chester, Penn.; a daughter Martha Rozell of Emmitsburg, Md.; and five grandchildren.

**CHESTER R. POINDEXTER**

Chester Robert Poindexter, 68, of Bolivia, died Friday in Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport.

The funeral was held Sunday at Southport Apostolic Church, with burial in Bethel Church Cemetery.

**WADE H. CALLOWAY**

Wade Hampton Calloway, 65, of Long Beach, died Thursday in New Hanover Memorial Hospital, Wilmington.

A memorial service was held Saturday at Oak Island Presbyterian Church. Burial was scheduled later in the Cremation Garden of Oak Island Presbyterian Church.

**CEDAR GROVE AREA NEWS**

## Ocean View Youth Are Honored

BY BARBARA T. HEWETT

Ocean View's youth were honored by their supervisors, Arvella Marlowe and Dorothy Lee Frink, at a quarterly union session held at Little Prong Missionary Baptist Church where Rev. Raymond Smith is pastor.

It consisted of lunch at a special head table with special seating and ended with presentations and singing with great inspiration.

**Inspirational Program**

The Ministers' Wives Banquet International, the Brunswick County branch founded by Mrs. Lillie Randolph, included an inspirational program at the host church, St. Johns Missionary Baptist where Rev. A. W. Fullwood is pastor.

This program brought together a happy, smiling group of ministers and their wives from Baptist, both Missionary and Free Will, Methodist, Holiness and A.M.E. Zion denominations. The spirit of peace, unity and Christmas carols filled the yuletide atmosphere.

**Plans Being Made**

Plans are now being made to attend the mid-year sessions of Ocean View's own association as well as at the state level of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina.

You will not want to miss out on these seasons of spiritual refreshment that help get the new year off to a bright new start.

For ending the old year, what better way but with togetherness.

**Birthday Greetings**

Happy birthday to everyone, and especially to Inger and Wexler Gause, Doug Thomas, Veronica Gore Byrd, Amelia and Aurelia Hewett, Wyatt Smith, Clifford Jr., Sam Bernard Sr., Felix Simmons and Rosanna Hewett.



CHURCHWOMEN Geri Piazza, Katherine Shawver, Candie Macon, Isobel Beebe, Doris Goodrow and Ginny Waples of the Susanna Wesley Circle are dressing

100-plus beeswax candles in crepe paper skirts for the church's second Moravian Love Feast, scheduled Christmas Eve.

## Camp Methodist Church To Hold Moravian Love Feast, Service

Camp United Methodist Church of Shallotte will celebrate its second Christmas Love Feast and Candle Service Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 7:30 p.m.

The love feast, or "agape" feast as it was called in early New Testament history, is an ancient Christian rite, said Dr. Stan Smith, minister, who will lead the service.

In the early church the feast was probably a meal provided by the Christian fellowship for charity to the poor and widows.

The custom was revived by the Moravian Church in Europe. It was first observed in America by the Moravian colonists in 1753.

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, incorporated it into the worship life of the Methodist Church after his association with the Moravians both in Georgia and in London. Camp's service, said Smith, combines both Methodist and Moravian traditions to make the Christmas Eve service a highlight of the church year.

During the service, familiar carols are sung as the love feast buns and

hot Moravian coffee are passed to the congregation, then Christmas and Moravian anthems will be sung by soloist Geri Piazza.

As candles are lighted, the Moravian hymn "Morning Star" is sung by soloist and congregation, with all declaring "Fill my heart with light divine."

Chris Williams and some of his fellow students in the West

Brunswick High School band will play brass instruments at the beginning of the service.

Camp United Methodist Church invites the Shallotte community to attend and share in this Christmas Eve service, celebrating the coming of the Christ child, said Smith.

The church is located on U.S. 17 in downtown Shallotte.

**Yuletide Greetings to all!**

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**Sharing A Treasured Memory**

BY DICKY POWELL  
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Holidays, typically a time of celebration, can be very stressful for anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one during the year. Visiting or telephoning is especially appreciated during the holidays. Finding the right words to say to one who is mourning the death of a loved one isn't easy for most of us. Speaking warmly, naturally, and from your heart is best.

THEOS, a non-profit organization that helps the widowed cope with grief, says family members and friends who don't discuss the death at holiday time may be doing the bereaved more harm than good.

Sharing a treasured memory about the loved one sometimes helps survivors cope with grief.

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