

# Area Deaths And Funerals

## FLOYD COLLINS GORE

Floyd Collins Gore, 67, of Bethlehem, Pa., died Feb. 6 at Muhlenberg Hospital Center.

The funeral was Feb. 12 at Second Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa., with the Rev. Edward A. Thompson, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Nisky Hill Cemetery, Bethlehem.

Born Feb. 3, 1926, in Supply, he was the son of Bell Davis Gore of Supply and the late Robert Gore. Gore attended Brunswick County Training School in Southport, and was affiliated with Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church at Supply.

Survivors in addition to his mother include his wife, Pauline Moody Gore of the home; two sons, Curtis Gore of Bethlehem and Eric Gore of Pittsburgh, Pa.; three daughters, Mrs. William (Carol) Brody; Mrs. Garfield (Shirley) Smith; and Mrs. Stephen (Patricia) Cooper of Capital Heights, Md.; three brothers, David Gore, Joseph Gore and Wade Gore, all of Supply; three sisters, Lillie Mercer and Janie Bryant, both of Supply, and Essie Jones of Fayetteville; and 11 grandchildren.

A son, Lloyd C. Gore, preceded him in death.

## LOTTIE MINTZ BENTON

Lottie Mintz Benton, 81, of Little River, S.C., died Feb. 15, in New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington.

The funeral was Feb. 18 at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church, Hickman's Crossroads, with Elder W.C. Mintz and Elder Newell Helms officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Born in Brunswick County on July 21, 1911, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Julia Brown Mintz. She had been a member of Bethel Primitive Baptist Church since 1944.

Survivors include four sons, Ellis Benton Jr. of Supply, Elder William Marsdon Benton of Leland, Robert Kenneth Benton of Oxenhill, Md., and Billy A. Benton of Shallotte; a daughter, Julia B. Lee of Little River; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ellis M. Benton Sr.; two sons, Robert Benton and Henry Henderson Benton; and a daughter, Lottie.

## HAZEL MAST WARD

Hazel Mast Ward, 65, of Supply died Feb. 17, at The Brunswick Hospital.

**Calabash Presbyterian Church**  
 Sunday Worship Service  
 9:30 AM  
 Church School For All Ages  
 10:45  
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**Seaside United Methodist Church**  
 8:00 AM Worship Service  
 9:00 AM Christian Education Hour  
 9:30-10:00 AM Fellowship Time  
 10:00 AM Worship Service  
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The funeral was Feb. 20 at Zion Hill Baptist Church, Banner Elk, with the Rev. Quincy Norris and the Rev. James Hagaman officiating. Burial was in the Mast Family Cemetery.

She was born Dec. 13, 1927, in Watauga County, a daughter of Bradie Presnell Mast of Banner Elk and the late Charlie William Mast. She was retired from the housekeeping department of Appalachian State University and was a member of Zion Hill Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Clayton Ward of the home; a son, James Ward of Sugar Grove; a daughter, Martha Walters Davis of Banner Elk; a brother, Cecil Mast of Banner Elk; and a sister, Betty Harmon of Elk Park; one grandson; and two granddaughters. A

## JANET WILLIS JOHNSON

Janet Willis Johnson, 33, died Sunday, Feb. 21, at Grand Strand General Hospital in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Mrs. Johnson was born May 1, 1959, in Brooklyn, N.Y., and was daughter of Robert E. Willis and the late Janet Newlands Willis. She was a secretary with Boling Century 21. She moved to the Myrtle Beach area 13 years ago from Brooklyn.

Surviving are her husband, David Bryan Johnson of Calabash; her father, Robert E. Willis and stepmother, Eleanor Hansen Willis of Myrtle Beach; a brother, Robert Willis Jr. of Myrtle Beach; a sister, Barbara Rice of Brooklyn, N.Y.; two step-sisters, Jackie Zarczynski of Myrtle Beach and Kathleen Valentino of New Paltz, N.Y.

Funeral services were to be held Wednesday, Feb. 24, at McMillan-Small Funeral Home with Dr. Al Kresken officiating. Burial was to be in Hillcrest Cemetery.

## GAIL L. NELSON

Funeral services were held Feb. 19 in Newton, N.J., for Gail L. Nelson, 74, of Calabash.

Mr. Nelson died Feb. 15 at Newton Memorial Hospital.

Born in Coteau, N.D., he lived in Hermiston, Ore., and in Sparta, N.J., for more than 25 years before moving to Calabash six years ago. Mr. Nelson was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was a civilian personnel officer at Picatinny Arsenal, Rockaway Township, N.J., before his retirement.

His wife, Violet, died in 1987.

Mr. Nelson is survived by three daughters, Donna Malooly of Oregon, Ginger Neff of Turnersville, N.J., and Alicia Storm of Newton, N.J.; a brother, Gordon of Williamstown, N.J.; a sister, Dolores Oman of Arizona; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to the Steeple Fund of the First Presbyterian Church, 54 High St.,

**St. Luke Lutheran Church**  
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## MARILYN HELENATHAN

Marilyn Helen Athan, 54, of Shallotte died Feb. 20 at N.C. Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

She retired from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. after 30 years of service.

Mrs. Athan was a avid golfer and was a member of the Brierwood Golf Association.

Surviving are her husband, Burley Athan, of the home; a daughter, Susan Littlejohn of Winston-Salem; a son, Chris Athan of Winston-Salem; two sisters, Jackie Schreiner of Topeka, Kansas, and Pattie Malrick of Portland, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the National Cancer Institute, 900 Rockville Pike, Bethesda MD 28014. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

## JAMES WILSON VARNUM JR.

James Wilson Varnum Jr., 25, of Shallotte, died Feb. 20.

The funeral was Feb. 23 in Jennies Branch Baptist Church by the Rev. Herman Absher and the Rev. Jesse Bentley. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Born in Goldsboro on June 8, 1967, he was a son of James Wilson and Emily Louise Gore Varnum Sr.

He was a 1989 graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill with a baccalaureate degree in history and art history and a 1992 graduate of the teacher certification and secondary studies program at UNC-Wilmington. At UNC-CH, he was a dean's list student and received the Chancellors Achievement Award.

Varnum was an assistant researcher in the Dept. of Historical Research of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Williamsburg, Va., and a volunteer at Autumn Care Nursing Center, Shallotte, the N.C. Preservation SWAT Team Clean-Up for the Bellamy Mansion, Wilmington, and was a member of various historical organizations.

Survivors in addition to his parents include a brother, Steven A. Varnum of Shallotte; two sisters, Mrs. Richard (Sarah) V. Gore of Tabor City and Mrs. Ken (Sandra) V. Ballard of Tacoma, Wash; his maternal grandmother, Louise Gore of Shallotte; his paternal grandparents, Talmadge Varnum of Supply and Ada Varnum of Shallotte; three nieces; several aunt; uncles; cousins and friends.

## BRENT ALAN (DUTCH) REYNOLDS

Brent Alan (Dutch) Reynolds, 19, of Long Beach, died Feb. 20 at his home.

A graveside funeral was held Feb. 23 at Cape Fear Memorial Park, Southport.

## JESSE MAGNUS WILLIAMS

Jesse Magnus Williams, 76, of Shallotte Point, died Feb. 23 at his residence. He was a commercial fisherman.

A graveside funeral will be held today (Thursday) at 11 a.m. in Gurganus Cemetery, Village Point Road, by the Rev. Dan Norman.

Born in Brunswick County on Aug. 29, 1916, he was a son of the late Jesse Martin and Martha Elizabeth Long Williams.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, Beatrice Williams Chadwick of Shallotte, and several nieces and nephews.



**To Perform Here**  
 The Nelsons, a well-known Southern gospel group from Atlanta, Ga., will sing at Friendship Baptist Church on Thursday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. during a special service. The church is on Ash-Little River Road, SR 1300. Kathy Duvall, church music director, invites everyone.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

# World Day Of Prayer Set

Seven area churches will cooperate March 5 in observing World Day of Prayer, a day on which millions of Christian women worldwide join in "informed prayer and prayerful action."

This year's program will be held at 10 a.m. at Seaside United Methodist Church on N.C. 904 near Sunset Beach. Other participating churches include St. James Episcopal, Shallotte Presbyterian, Camp United Methodist, St. Brendan's Catholic, Calvary Baptist and St. Luke Lutheran.

The ecumenical service was written by women of Guatemala on the theme "People of God: Instruments of Healing," and translated into hundreds of languages. Members of the local community who are Guatemalan are invited to contact Seaside UMC regarding contributions they might make to the service, said spokesman Marjorie Crissman.

Frances Salome Pelletier, a theology instructor at Brunswick Community College, will be the guest speaker. All men and women of the community are invited.

World Day of Prayer offering collections in the United States will be distributed by Church Women United for its programs, which include grants to many regions of the world for programs benefiting women.

Church Organizing  
 Individuals interested in forming a local congregation of the Assemblies of God Church are invited to attend several upcoming sessions. The local group will be meeting Sunday, Feb. 28, at 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. For the location contact Glenda Barefoot, 754-5454.

Crowned Little Miss  
 Maliki Green was crowned Little Miss Holy Bethel Jan. 31 in the an-

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Revival Service Set  
 Friendship Baptist Church will hold revival services March 14-18 at 7:30 p.m. nightly. The Rev. Arthur Yount, pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, will be guest speaker. Special singing will be held nightly. Friendship Church is on Ash-Little River Road, SR 1300.

Lenten Service Set  
 An ecumenical Lenten worship service will be held at Seaside United Methodist Church on Wednesday, March 3, at 6:45 p.m. St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church will join Seaside in this worship, which begins the first week of the Lenten season.

Lent is the six-week period designed to prepare worshippers for the Risen Christ at Easter; it begins with Ash Wednesday and concludes with Good Friday.

The Rev. Camille Yorkey, pastor of Seaside Methodist, will conduct the liturgy; a sermon titled "Joseph of Aramathia—Secret Disciple," will be delivered by the Rev. Don Safrit, pastor of St. Luke Lutheran.

Seaside United Methodist Church is at 1300 Seaside Road, N.C. 904.

Camping Sunday  
 The Rev. Paul Phillips will be the guest speaker Sunday, Feb. 28, at Camp United Methodist Church in Shallotte.

Phillips is director of camping ministries for the North Carolina Conference, United Methodist Church. He will lead worship during the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services, with a special offering collected to support camping ministries. He will also make a special presentation on camping programs during the Sunday school hour that begins at 10 a.m.

Guild Meetings Noted  
 The Ladies Guild of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in North Myrtle Beach, S.C., will hold a Day of Reflection Tuesday, March 2, announced Helen Mullen, publicity chairman.

Bishop David Thompson will be the speaker, with the first talk at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served by guild members.

On March 5, the Guild will hold its monthly breakfast meeting in the social hall following the 8 a.m. Mass. Leslie Woppman, state president of the SCCCW, will be a guest and the film 20th Century Apparitions of Mary will be shown.

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