

Local Deaths And Funerals

PEARL THARPE HUDSON
Pearl Tharpe Hudson, 77, died Aug. 9 at The Brunswick Hospital. Born March 8, 1917, she was a daughter of the late Tommy and Carrie Bellamy Tharpe. She was the widow of Ervin Hudson.

Survivors include two daughters, Bobby Messick of Ocean Isle Beach and Judy Simmons of Ash; six brothers, Luther Tharpe and Murril Tharpe, both of Shallotte, and Lucian Tharpe, Layton Tharpe and Alvin Tharpe, all of Ash, and Charlie Tharpe of Calabash; five sisters, Ivey Todd of Myrtle Beach, May Hudson and Lena Prince, both of Ash, and Carrie Jackson and Ethel Midgett, both of Calabash; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held Aug. 12 at Brunswick Funeral Service, Shallotte, with the Rev. Larry Ward officiating. Burial was in Brunswick Memorial Gardens.

FLORENCE ROBERGE
Florence Roberge, 74, of Windjammer Village, Little River, S.C., died July 20 at her home after an illness.

Born in Manchester, N.H., she was a daughter of the late Arthur and Florence Schultz Leduc. She was a graduate of Manchester West High School. She lived in Hooksett, N.H., for 35 years before moving to Little River in 1982.

Mrs. Roberge retired from the International Shoe Co. tannery. She was a past matron of Bethany Chapter 61 of Pembroke, N.H., and was a grand representative to Ohio. She was also a member of the Past Matrons and Patrons Club and was past noble grant of Pansy Rebekah Lodge 90 in Hooksett.

Survivors include her husband of 44 years, Armand Roberge; two sons, Dennis Roberge of Columbus, Ohio, and Brian Roberge of Brighton, Mass.; a brother, Ernest Leduc of Manchester, N.H.; five grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Burial was in Pine Grove Cemetery, Manchester, N.H. A memorial service was held Aug. 12 at Ocean Drive Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Robert Kartner officiating.

Memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice, P.O. Box 1409, Myrtle Beach SC 29578.

WILLIE DAVIS
Willie Davis of Hooper Road, Leland, died Aug. 8 at his home. The funeral was held Aug. 13 at Hooper Chapel Missionary Baptist Church with burial in the Hooper Hill Cemetery.

STEVEN RENE WAITE
Steven Rene Waite of Maple Street, Winnabow, died Aug. 10 in New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

He was born in Sacramento, Calif., on May 14, 1959, the son of Harvey Noris Waite and Ann McCormick Waite of Winnabow. He

was employed in retail sales and was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church.

Surviving in addition to his parents are his sister, Tammy La-Brecque of Leland; his brothers, Harvey D. Waite, serving in the U.S. Air Force in Germany, and Marvin Gerald Waite of Wilmington; his step-grandfather and seven nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Aug. 12 in St. Mary Catholic Church by the Rev. Thomas P. Hadden. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

ELSIE SINGLETARY HAMMONDS
Elsie Singletary Hammonds of Chadwick Trailer Park, Leland, died Aug. 11 at home.

She was born in Lumberton on Oct. 3, 1927, the daughter of the late Robert Singletary and Lena Calcutt Singletary Jordan. She was the widow of Raymond R. Hammonds and a member of the Baptist faith. She was a past employee of Easter Rebuilders.

Surviving are her children, Carolyn Fowler and Sally Schurr, both of Leland, Shirley Lewis of Currie and Raymond Hammonds Jr. of Cape Hatteras; three sisters, Loleta Watson of Leland and Brenda Tyson and Barbara Cowan, both of Wilmington; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Aug. 13 in Oakdale Cemetery by the Rev. Robert E. Lee.

HARVEY GOODWIN RAMSEY
Harvey Goodwin Ramsey, 55, of River Drive, Southport, died Aug. 13 at his home.

The funeral was held Aug. 16 at Peacock-Newnam Funeral Chapel, Southport, with the Rev. P.D. Midgett officiating and members of the Southport Rotary Club serving as pallbearers. Burial was in Northwood Cemetery.

He was a native of Kinston, the son of the late A.F. and Adrienne Goodwin Ramsey. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Tyson Ramsey; a son, Kevin A. Ramsey of Charlotte; three grandchildren; two sisters, Jeanne R. Byrd of Silver Spring, Md., and Nancy V. Ransey of Knoxville, Tenn.; and three brothers, J. Forrest Ramsey of Mullins, S.C., Herbert C. Ramsey of Longwood, Fla., and Cabell C. Ramsey of Harker's Island.

He was a retired officer of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and a decorated veteran of two tours in Vietnam. He had been associated with Baid Head Island; served as the director of the N.C. Ferry Division; and most recently worked as a management consultant.

He was a member of the Army Engineer Association and the Southport Rotary Club. He served as board member for the Rotary Club.

WILLIAM HENRY STEGALL
William Henry Stegall, 65, of Long Beach, died Aug. 12 at New

Hanover Regional Medical Center.

The funeral was held Aug. 15 at Oak Island Presbyterian Church, where he was a member, with the Rev. Richard DePriter and the Rev. Michael Ward officiating. A memorial service was to be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, at Resurrection Lutheran Church, Charlotte, with Pastor William Gittner and Pastor H.H. Mirly officiating. A graveside service was scheduled for 11 a.m. Aug. 17 at Sunset Memory Gardens, Charlotte.

Mr. Stegall was born Sept. 28, 1928, in Charlotte and moved to Long Beach in 1987. He was a graduate of Charlotte Technical High School, was a retired sales manager and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of Fox Squirrel Country Club, American Legion and Oak Island Senior Citizens.

Survivors include his wife, Julia Love Stegall of the home; a son, R.A. (Art) Stegall and wife Barbara of Charlotte; a sister, Martha S. Jarrell and husband Luther of Charlotte; and two grandchildren, Mary and John Stegall of Charlotte.

Memorial contributions may be made to Oak Island Presbyterian Church or Lower Cape Fear Hospice.

HELEN JONES KELLY
Helen Jones Kelly of Delco died Aug. 14 in New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

She was born in Whiteville on June 3, 1923, the daughter of the late Daniel V. and Elizabeth Mae Long Jones Sr. She was a member of Union Grove Baptist Church.

Surviving are three sons, Robert David Kelly of Ashtown, Ark., James Kelly of Stafford, Va., and Jerry Kelly of Riegelwood; two sisters, Mattie Grice of Wilmington and Lillian Walters of Whiteville; two brothers, John Jones of Ocean Isle Beach and D.V. Jones of Long Beach; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Aug. 16 in Andrews Mortuary Market Street Chapel by the Rev. Carey Horrell. Burial followed in Union Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Union Grove Baptist Church Building Fund.

MARY VICHESKY BENZIE
Mary Vichesky Benzie, 74, died Aug. 13 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington. Born in Finley, Ohio, she was a daughter of the late Francis Crumrine and Cora Corbin Crumrine. She was a graduate of Finley High School and a member of the VFW Auxiliary. She was a secretary and had been employed at National Welders for 20 years.

Her first husband, Fred John Vichesky, and her second husband, Richard S. Benzie, preceded her in death.

Survivors include three sons, Fred Vichesky Jr. of Sunset Beach, Harry "Butch" Vichesky and Richard Benzie of Charlotte; five daughters, Sandy Lange of Chapel Hill, Sue Ferrell of Lakeland, Fla., Linda Smith of Monroe, Barbara Benzie of Sunset Beach, Mary Cheek of Houston; a brother, Edward Edgington of Wyandotte, Mich.; 13 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held Aug. 16 at the Hankins and Whittington Chapel in Charlotte. Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Charlotte.

Memorials may be made to VFW Post 9488, Charlotte NC 28205.

ERVIN NOVALL THORNTON
Ervin Novall Thornton of Bluff Road, Leland, died Aug. 12 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

He was born in Dunn on June 20, 1921, the son of the late Lovette G. and Georgianna Jackson Thornton. He was preceded in death by his wife, Veronica, in 1989. He retired as police chief for the Orangeburg, N.Y., Rockland Psychiatric Center.

Surviving are his children, Michael E. Thornton Sr., Dennis J. Thornton, Sharon L. Marsico, Kathleen T. Busey, Patricia T. Robershaw; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and special friend Beatrice Floyd.

A graveside service was held Aug. 15 at Oakdale Cemetery with the Rev. Jim Wilson officiating.

HAROLD F. SESSIONS
Harold "Pete" Franklin Sessions, 52, of Supply died Aug. 14 at Duke University Hospital in Durham after an illness.

A son of Jesse Mishow Sessions and the late Monroe Sessions, he was born in Dillon, S.C., on Sept. 4, 1941. He was a retired salesman with Cherry Grove Hardware and served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War.

Survivors, in addition to his mother of Dillon, include his wife, Deborah Cook Sessions; two stepsons, Richard Drumheller of Eaton, Ga., and David Smith of North Myrtle Beach; two daughters, Gwen Sessions of Rowans, France, and Lisa S. Johnson of Little River; a stepdaughter, Rhonda Simmons of Jacksonville, Fla.; a brother, Richard Sessions of Sarasota, Fla.; and seven grandchildren.

The family was to receive friends from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, at the home, 2228 Buoy Drive, Supply.

A graveside service was scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 18, in Myrtle Beach Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Kirk Lawton officiating.

LINDA ANN GORE
Linda Ann Gore, 39, of 7981 Ocean Highway West, Sunset Beach, died Aug. 15 at The Brunswick Hospital. Arrangements were to be announced by Peoples Funeral Home, Shallotte.



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To Speak At Assembly

The Rev. Bill Riley, Assemblies of God missionary to Angola, will speak at South Brunswick Islands Assembly of God on N.C. 179 at 11 a.m. Aug. 21. Riley and his wife Dickie helped open an Assemblies of God in Angola. He serves as academic dean and teaches at the school and in training seminars held across the country. She teaches music and health courses. Before their missions ministry, the couple founded a church in Southport, where he was pastor for 7 years.

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Oak Island Church Appoints New Minister

The Rev. Michael L. Ward is the new minister at Oak Island Presbyterian Church and will conduct his first service on Sunday, Aug. 21.

It will be the church's 18th anniversary celebration. Sunday school begins at 9:15 a.m. The worship service is at 10:15 and will be followed by a homecoming dinner.

All members and friends of the church are invited to attend and bring a dish for the dinner.

A Richmond, Va., native, Ward is retired from the Air Force and served in the communication and recruiting fields. He has worked as a bank return teller, insurance agent and church custodian while completing his undergraduate degree, bachelor of arts with a major in religious studies and business administration, and the master of divinity degree.

Ward and his wife Linda, of Lynchburg, Va., have been married for 29 years and have a daughter Laura, 25, a son Chris, 22, and a granddaughter Kristin, 5.

Freeman At Chapel

The Rev. Tom Freeman is the pastor of the week at the Holden Beach Chapel, a non-denominational chapel on Rothschild Street across from Holden Beach Town Hall.

Freeman, a Baptist minister from Dunn, will speak at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, Aug. 21.

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and a nursery is available.

Witness Training Set

As part of the Brunswick Baptist Association's preparations for the denomination's "Here's Hope—Share Jesus Now 1995" evangelism campaign, two days of personal witness training will be offered Aug. 29 and 30.

The 7 p.m. sessions will be held at Faith Baptist Church at Bolivia

and will be led by Gene Jurgenson. Attendance is open all laypersons within the church and pastors.

Gene Perritt is director of evangelism for the association.

Bazaar Sept. 3

South Brunswick Islands Assemblies of God will host its first craft bazaar Saturday, Sept. 3, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. to benefit the church building fund.

The event will feature baked goods, crafts, refreshments and chances to win an imported collectible nativity set or afghan.

The church is at 5850 Beach Drive (N.C. 179) at Ocean Isle Beach.

Aglow To Meet

Chris Stanley will be guest speaker at Southport Women's Aglow on Saturday, Aug. 20, at the Senior Citizens Building on Atlantic Street, Southport.

Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 10.

According to spokesman Bonnie Leonard, it is a special meeting to which women attending are encouraged to bring their husbands, sons or friends.

Stanley said, "I am looking forward to sharing how God used cancer to show me how much He loved me."

Emmanuel Dedication

A dedication service will be celebrated Sept. 4 at Emmanuel Outreach Church on Russtown Road, Longwood.

Pastor Lloyd Ward will give his message beginning at 11 a.m. The service will be followed by a pig-picking. After the meal, there will be a puppet show and special singing.

When the congregation formed in

December 1992, services were temporarily housed at Nelson's Pine-straw and Nursery while plans were being made to build a church.

"The building has a lot of love in it," said spokesman Shirley Seesley, who expressed the church members' gratitude to the nonprofit Brick Missions of Hickory, which donated all the brick work done on the church.

The public is invited to the dedication.

Youth Day Set

The First Baptist Church of Southport will observe its annual Youth Day services Sunday, Aug. 21, at 11 a.m.

The day's theme is "Celebrating Our Youth: A Day of Honor and Recognition."

Guest minister will be the Rev. Irvin W. Everett, pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church of Rocky Mount. Everett has been preaching since age 8, was licensed to preach at age 13 and was ordained at 16.

The "Voices of Praise" and the Everett Ensemble of St. Paul Baptist Church will provide music.

Pastor Ray C. Gilbert said the community and the public are welcome to attend the services. The church is at the corner of Lord and Owens streets in Southport.

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