

# Deaths And Funerals

**SUZANNE McLAURIN CONNELL**  
 Suzanne McLaurin Connell, 76, of Southport died Sept. 7 at Ocean Trail Convalescent Center.  
 She was born in Southport on Sept. 12, 1917, and was the daughter of the late John and Allene McLaurin. She was a librarian for many years and also a school teacher. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church of Southport.  
 She is survived by a sister, Barbara McLaurin Smith of Southport.  
 Graveside funeral services were held Thursday, Sept. 8, at the Northwood Cemetery.

**MARTHA ALLEN RUSS**  
 Martha Allen Russ of Russ Road, Shallotte, died Sept. 6 in The Brunswick Hospital.  
 She was born in Savannah, Ga., on Jan. 22, 1941, a daughter of the late Edgar H. and Nellie Anthony Divine. She was employed by the Brunswick County Board of Education as a teacher at Union Primary School. She was a member of the South Brunswick Islands Pilot Club and the National Education Association.  
 Surviving are her husband, Larry Russ; two daughters, Angi Formyduval and Lanette Canady, both of Ash; a brother, William Anthony "Billy" Divine of Ash; and four grandchildren.  
 The funeral was held Sept. 8 at Shallotte Presbyterian Church, where she was a member. The Rev. Dr. Lester Dattler and the Rev. Dan Norman officiated. Burial was in the Larry Russ Family Cemetery.

**WARREN DANA KNAPP**  
 Warren Dana Knapp, 77, of Carolina Shores Parkway, died Sept. 9 in The Brunswick Hospital. Born in Malden, Mass., on April 10, 1917, he was the son of the late James and Elizabeth Breslin Knapp. He was a product manager for Armstrong World Industries.  
 Survivors include his wife, Jane E. Knapp of the home; four sons, Warren Dana Knapp Jr. of Asheville, Robert Douglas Knapp of Indianapolis, Ind., Richard Clyde Knapp of Hingham, Mass., and James Howard Knapp of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; eight grandchildren and a great-grandchild.  
 Memorial services were held Sept. 13 in the Chapel of Brunswick Funeral Service, Shallotte, with the Rev. Dr. Frances Womack officiating.

**PAULETTA MAE BABSON**  
 Pauletta Mae "Ginny" Babson of Babson Road, Ash, died Sept. 9 in Columbus County Hospital.  
 Born Oct. 28, 1928, in Wellston, Ohio, she was a daughter of the late Paul and Bertha Mae Smith Gattles. She was a retired postal worker.  
 Survivors include her husband, Raymond Durward Babson; a son, John Robert Babson of Ash; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held Sept. 12 in the Chapel of Brunswick Funeral Service. Burial was in the Smith Cemetery in Ash.  
**OLETA CLEMMONS LINDSEY**  
 Oleta Clemmons Lindsey, 77, of Whiteville Road, Shallotte, died Sept. 10 at home.  
 Born in Brunswick County Oct. 19, 1916, she was a daughter of the late Isaac and Rosie Phelps Clemmons. She was co-owner of Shallotte Ice and Fuel Co.  
 Survivors include her husband, T.D. Lindsey; a daughter, Kay Lindsey Bright of Shallotte; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.  
 A graveside service was held Sept. 13 at Chapel Hill Cemetery, with the Rev. Tommy Inman officiating.

**HENRY B. LEWIS**  
 Henry B. Lewis, 76, of Shell Point Road, Shallotte, formerly of Charlotte, died Sept. 8 at Columbus County Hospital after a long illness.  
 Born in Loris, S.C., he was a retired driver for Burriss Chemical Company and a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II. He belonged to Midwood Baptist Church.  
 Mr. Lewis is survived by his wife, Virginia Lewis; three sons, Mike Lewis of Rock Hill, S.C., Steve Lewis of Indian Trail and Wayne Lewis of Charlotte; his stepmother, Lula Lewis of Shallotte; three sisters, Vestie Kanipe of Charlotte and Edna Lewis and Faye Lewis of Shallotte; and two grandchildren.  
 The funeral was held Sept. 12 at Midwood Baptist Church, Charlotte, with burial in Sharon Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1401 E. 7th St., Charlotte NC 28204, or Shriners Hospital, c/o Oasis Temple, P.O. Box 560666, Charlotte NC 28256.

**BILLY CECIL HICKS**  
 Billy Cecil Hicks of Holly Hills Drive, Leland, died Sept. 12 at his residence.  
 He was born in Hamlet on July 30, 1935, the son of the late William Henry and Fannie Woodall Hicks.  
 Mr. Hicks was a member of the Leland Missionary Holiness Church and was a long-distance truck driver, most recently employed with Carolina Southern Trucking of Hamlet. He was currently a member of the Navassa Fire Department and was a past member of the Leland Rescue Squad and Leland Fire Department.  
 Surviving are his wife, Barbara Salter Hicks of the home; three daughters, Pat Butler and husband George Jr. of Hamlet, Marie Lunsford and Jim Sedelmeyer of Leland, and Kay Todd and husband Johnny of Leland; nine grandchildren; a brother, Jack Hicks of

California; a sister, Carolyn Barrington of Southport; and a special friend, Hannah Ungaro of Lower Cape Fear Hospice.  
 Funeral services were scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, in Andrews Mortuary Market Street Chapel, Wilmington, by the Rev. Kenneth Emanuel. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Members of the Leland Rescue Squad, Leland Fire Department and Navassa Fire Department will be honorary pallbearers.  
 The family was to receive friends on Wednesday from 7 until 8 p.m. in Andrews Mortuary Market Street Chapel.  
 Memorials may be made to Lower Cape Fear Hospice, 810 Princess St., Wilmington NC 28401.

**FRANK "PETE" HARRELL**  
 Frank "Pete" Harrell of Old Ocean Highway, Bolivia, died Sept. 7 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. The funeral was held Sept. 13 at Holy Covenant United Holy Church, Snowfield Community, Leland. Burial was in the church cemetery.

**BEULAH LONG BENNETT**  
 Beulah Long Bennett of Hickmans Crossroads died Sept. 11 at Autumn Care of Shallotte.

She was born in Brunswick County on Feb. 8, 1904, a daughter of the late Lorenzo Dowe and Lucy Iretta Hickman Long. She was the widow of John Manley Bennett and was a member of Beulah Baptist Church.  
 She is survived by two sons, E. Emery and wife Gladys Bennett of Wilmington and Wendell and wife Annie Ruth Bennett of Hickmans Crossroads; five grandchildren, a great-grandchild and a niece, Jerry Dean Cooper of Shreveport, La., that she raised as her own.  
 Funeral services were to be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at Beulah Baptist Church by the Rev. Leroy Smith and the Rev. Randy Gruber. Burial was to be in the Manley Bennett Cemetery.

**WALTER MURRILL THARPE**  
 Walter Murrill Tharpe, 73, of White Street, Shoreline Estates, Supply, died Sept. 11 in Doshier Memorial Hospital, Southport.  
 Born in Brunswick County on April 5, 1921, he was a son of the late Thomas and Carrie Bellamy Tharpe. He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Irene Tharpe, and a son, Walter Earl Tharpe.

Survivors include two sons, Wendell Tharpe of Shallotte and Thomas Tharpe of Hamlet; two daughters, James T. Hudson of Shallotte and Helen T. Hinson of Charlotte; a brother, Luther Tharpe of Calabash; a sister, Mae Hudson of Hickmans Crossroads; 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**RONALD D. "ROCK" KISSINGER**  
 Ronald D. "Rock" Kissinger, 41, of Sabbath Home Road died Sept. 10 at his residence.  
 He was born in Tabor City on July 14, 1953, and was the son of John Carl and Myrtis Fowler Kissinger of Supply. He was a member of Sabbath Home Baptist Church.  
 Survivors in addition to his parents include his wife, Dee Varnam Kissinger of the home; a stepson, Joey King of LaGrange; a stepdaughter, Michelle Cheers of Supply; a brother, John W. Kissinger of Hartsville; three sisters, Sandy Rhodes, Carolyn Kissing and Gergette Morgan, all of Charlotte; and a granddaughter.

Funeral services were to be held Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 2 p.m. at Sabbath Home Baptist Church with the Rev. Wade Laughter officiating. Burial was to follow in the church cemetery.

**JOHN DANIEL (DAN) JOHNSON**  
 John Daniel (Dan) Johnson of George II Highway, Bolivia, died Sept. 12 at his residence.  
 He was born in Brunswick County on Jan. 8, 1907, the son of the late John Henry (Doc) and Nora-Lucinda Sellers Johnson, and was preceded in death by his son, Johnny F. Johnson.


Mr. Johnson was a member of Antioch Baptist Church and was retired from W.R. Grace Company.  
 Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Jessie E. Lesh Johnson of the home; daughters Laura Louise Rivenbark and husband Frank of Bolivia and Carolyn Hollis and husband Jimmy of Leland; daughter-in-law Blondell Johnson and five grandchildren; and a brother, James Irvin Johnson of Bolivia.  
 Funeral services were to be conducted at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 14, in Antioch Baptist Church with burial to follow in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Johnson was a member of Antioch Baptist Church and was retired from W.R. Grace Company.  
 Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Jessie E. Lesh Johnson of the home; daughters Laura Louise Rivenbark and husband Frank of Bolivia and Carolyn Hollis and husband Jimmy of Leland; daughter-in-law Blondell Johnson and five grandchildren; and a brother, James Irvin Johnson of Bolivia.  
 Funeral services were to be conducted at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 14, in Antioch Baptist Church with burial to follow in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Survivors include two sons, Wendell Tharpe of Shallotte and Thomas Tharpe of Hamlet; two daughters, James T. Hudson of Shallotte and Helen T. Hinson of Charlotte; a brother, Luther Tharpe of Calabash; a sister, Mae Hudson of Hickmans Crossroads; 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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**CHURCH ACTIVITIES**  
**St. Luke To Hold Bake Sale**

Men's and women's groups of St. Luke Lutheran Church will hold a September Harvest Craft and Bake Sale on Saturday, Sept. 24, 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Southern National Bank, Shallotte.  
 Proceeds will support the new church building fund and will be matched up to \$400 with donations from Coastal Branch 8518 of the Lutheran Brotherhood.

**'Taking The Journey'**  
 The Rev. Michael Ward will speak from the text of Ephesians 5:15-20, a sermon entitled "Taking the Three-Fold Journey with God" this Sunday, Sept. 18, at the Oak Island Presbyterian Church.  
 Sunday school starts at 9:15, with worship services at 10:15 a.m.

**Singing Set Sept. 24**  
 The Gospel Express will sponsor a gospel sing beginning at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24, next to Jane's Seafood on N.C. 130, Holden Beach.  
 Tickets will be on sale at the gate and at local businesses which display a yellow sign in their windows. Ticket price is \$5 for adults and children 12 or older. Children under 12 will be admitted free.  
 Scheduled to perform are the Coastal Voices, the Master's Hand Puppets, Nadine and Steve and the Gospel Express.  
 For information, call 754-3147.

**Ash Homecoming**  
 Homecoming will be celebrated at Ash Freewill Baptist Church on Sunday, Sept. 18, 10 a.m.

**Gause To Speak**  
 Evangelist Joyce Gause of Holy Bethel Church, Thomasboro, will be guest speaker for the Southport Women's Aglow September meeting on Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Senior Citizens Building, Atlantic Street, Southport.  
 Refreshments will be served beginning at 9:30 a.m. The meeting begins at 10 a.m.  
 All women and girls are invited. For more information, call Bonnie Leonard at 754-6247.

**McDonald To Preach**  
 The Rev. Lloyd McDonald of High Point is the pastor of the week at Holden Beach Chapel.  
 A Quaker, he will lead the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, Sept. 18, at the nondenominational chapel on Rothschild Street.  
 A nursery is provided. Sunday school is at 10 a.m.

**Homecoming Sunday At Church Of God**  
 Holden Beach Church of God will celebrate homecoming on Sunday, Sept. 18, beginning with the morning worship service at 10 a.m.  
 The Rev. James Sprouse of Logan, W.Va., will be guest speaker. Following the worship service, dinner will be served. Special singing at 2 p.m. will feature "God's Children" of Nakina.  
 The church is on Oxpen Road off N.C. 130 East.

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