

James Matthew Snow
June 22, 1923 - Dec. 3, 2003



James Matthew Snow of Josey Road died at Davis Regional Medical Center. Born in Iredell County, he was a son of the late J.B. Snow and Billie Donaldson Snow. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a retired cabinet maker at Statesville Fixture Company. He was a member of the Olin United Methodist Church and the Olin Masonic Lodge # 226 where he served as a past master. He was also a member of the Harmony American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Mattie Boggs Snow; a son, James Matthew Snow, Jr.; two daughters, Marie S. Rash and Jennie S. Glenn; four grandchildren and four brothers.

Funeral services were conducted at Olin United Methodist Church. Burial followed in the Olin Cemetery with full Masonic rites.

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Currie Council Wollin
Dec. 3, 1919 - Dec. 1, 2003

Currie Council Wollin of Royalty Circle died at Iredell Memorial Hospital. Born in Bladen County, NC, she was the daughter of the late James F. and Sadie Shaw Council. Her husband, Ernst Wollin, Sr., preceded her in death. She was the first secretary of Northview Elementary School and served there for 26 years. She was an active member of Broad Street United Methodist Church, a visitor to shut-ins, and a volunteer at Davis and Iredell Memorial Hospitals. She was a member of the Widowed Persons Organization, served as treasurer for the Association of Retarded Citizens and was active in the Retired School Secretaries' Association.

Survivors include three sons, Ernst George Wollin, Jr., James T. Wollin and Charles F. Wollin; a daughter, Martha W. Carpenter; six grandchildren, one great-grandson, a sister and a sister-in-law.

Funeral services were conducted at Broad Street United Methodist Church. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery.

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Samuel Edward Coles
May 13, 1916 - Nov. 28, 2003

Samuel Edward Coles of Lenoir died at Kindred Hospital in Greensboro. Born in Caldwell County, he was the son of John Henry Coles and Martha Patterson Coles. He was an active member of Smith Memorial United Methodist Church in Lenoir. He worked as a truck driver for Lenoir Mirror and Broyhill Industries.

He is survived by his wife, Julie Ferguson Coles, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Services were conducted at Smith Memorial United Methodist Church in Lenoir.

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Obituaries

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Catherine Eades Gabriel
Sept. 27, 1923 - Dec. 2, 2003

Catherine Eades Gabriel of Sherrills Ford Road died at Abernathy Center in Newton. Born in Catawba County, she was a daughter of the late Dewey Eades and Julia Eva Goodson Eades. She was retired from the Catawba County School System as a cafeteria worker and was a member of Olivet Baptist Church. Her husband, Henry Clay Gabriel, preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sons, Keith Gabriel and Danny Gabriel; a grandson, Hunter Clay Gabriel; one brother, Charles Eades; and one sister, Rachel Byers.

Funeral services were conducted at Olivet Baptist Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

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Merle Estelle Sigmon Brown
May 25, 1914 - Dec. 5, 2003

Merle Estelle Sigmon Brown of Pineville Road died at Brian Center of Statesville. Born in Catawba County, she was a daughter of the late Preston Logan Sigmon and Myrtle Lee Kale Sigmon. She was a retired textile worker and a member of Fellowship Baptist Church. Her husband, George Ernest Brown, preceded her in death.

Survivors include a daughter, Jo Blackwelder; two grandchildren, Deneil McCall and Joel Blackwelder; and three great-grandchildren, Scotty McCall, Patrick McCall and Landen Blackwelder. Also surviving are a brother, Bill Sigmon, and a sister, Floyce Brock.

Funeral services were conducted at Westmoreland Chapel of Bunch-Johnson Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Concord United Methodist Church Cemetery.

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Scott Lynn Hamby
Dec. 26, 1962 - Dec. 5, 2003

Scott Lynn Hamby of Mocksville Hwy. died unexpectedly at his home. Born in Iredell County, he was a son of Hayden and Phyllis Evans Hamby. He was the owner and operator of Basic Machine Works and was a graduate of North Iredell High School.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Jeannie Bowers Hamby; a step-son, Scott Allen McCreary; a step-daughter, Amanda Lynn McCreary; two grandchildren and his maternal grandmother, Mamie Evans; and two brothers, Tim Hamby and Ricky Lee Hamby.

Funeral services were conducted at South River Baptist Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

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Donald Bruce Mayhew
Aug. 13, 1948 - Nov. 30, 2003

Donald Bruce Mayhew of Morrison Farm Road died at his home. Born in Simpson County, Ky., he was a son of the late King Everett Mayhew and Lula Mae Eaton Mayhew who survives.

He was a maintenance engineer for Shurtape Tech. There will be no local services. Burial will be later in Kentucky.

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Max Ralston James, Sr.
Jan. 13, 1929 - Dec. 6, 2003



Max Ralston James, Sr. of Olin died at Iredell Memorial Hospital. Born in Haywood County, he was a son of the late Norman C. and Nellie G. James. He was educated in Haywood County Schools and was a graduate of N.C. State University. He served in the Korean Conflict and returned to Statesville in 1953.

He was part owner of several agriculture-based businesses for more than 50 years. He was on the board of trustees at Iredell Memorial Hospital and the Iredell Soil and Water Conservation District. He was a past member of the Iredell County Board of Commissioners and a past director of the Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the Iredell County Planning and Zoning Board for 23 years, active with the Miss Statesville Scholarship Committee and an active member of First Baptist Church in Statesville. He was honored with a service award, the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, by Governor James B. Hunt.

Survivors include his wife, Lois E. James; two daughters, Sandra J. Gordon and Jeanne J. Wright; a son, Max R. James, Jr.; three grandchildren, two sisters and two brothers.

A memorial service was conducted at First Baptist Church. Burial will take place at a later date.

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Samuel Maurice Arrington
Aug. 23, 1924 - Dec. 5, 2003



Samuel Maurice Arrington of Ferndale Drive has died following a period of declining health. Born in Haywood County, he was the son of the late Rufus and Belle Smathers Arrington. He was a member of First Baptist Church, past president of the Evening Exchange Club, and a retired salesman and owner/operator of Phizer Poultry Drugs and Break-O-Day Farms. He was a graduate of Haywood County High School and N.C. State University. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corp.

Survivors include his wife, Louada Brooks Arrington; a son, Philip C. Arrington; three daughters, Glenda A. Dyson, Barbara Kocielek and Laura Arrington; two brothers, a sister and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at Nicholson Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at Iredell Memorial Gardens.

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Marlow Ray Icenhour
Feb. 12, 1924 - Dec. 6, 2003



Marlow Ray Icenhour of Taylorsville died at Frye Regional Medical Center. Born in Alexander County, he was the son of the late Luther U. and Lois Stallings Icenhour. He was educated in the Alexander County schools and a veteran of the U.S. Army and served during World War II in the South Pacific as a front line medic. He was a dairy farmer and a member of Friendship Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lois Ellen Icenhour; two sons, Gary Leon Icenhour and Vinson Lamar Icenhour; a daughter, Marlene Hendren; three grandsons, a granddaughter and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at Friendship Lutheran Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery with full military rites.

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Thomas Patrick Hollifield
Sept. 15, 1946 - Dec. 4, 2003



Thomas Patrick Hollifield of Winberry Lane died unexpectedly at his home following a brief illness. Born in Troutman, he was the son of Betty Ross Hollifield Lenderman and the late Cecil Hollifield. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Troutman. He worked with Kewaunee Technical Furniture. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army where he was a ranger and served in Vietnam as a member of the 82nd Airborne. He was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. He attended Troutman High School and the University of Texas.

In addition to his mother, survivors include his wife, Shirley Stewart Hollifield; three daughters, Katie Campbell, Andrea Hoke and Laura Potter; two granddaughters, two brothers and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at Nicholson Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery Veteran's Section.

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Deana Marie Childress LeVan
June 14, 1969 - Dec. 2, 2003

Deana Marie Childress LeVan of Statesville died at Wake Forest University Medical Center in Winston-Salem. Born in Forsyth County, she was the daughter of Carlo Devon and Wilhelmina Beckerdite Childress. She was a member of Yadkin Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, survivors include her husband, Walter Carl LeVan; a daughter, Tiffany Nicole LeVan; a son, Zachary Paul LeVan. Also surviving are her maternal grandfather, Marvin Beckerdite; paternal grandparents, Buddy L. and Mary Lou Childress; her mother-in-law, Lula Mae LeVan; and one brother, Jason Kell Childress.

Funeral services were conducted at Yadkin Baptist Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

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