

# OBITUARIES */funerals, cards of thanks*

THE CHOWAN HERALD, 6-A

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1998

**EDITH P. BUNCH**  
Mrs. Edith Peele Bunch, 83, of the 3000 block of Rocky Hock Road, Edenton, died Tuesday, Dec. 15, in Chowan Hospital.

A native of Chowan County, Mrs. Bunch was the daughter of the late Myrtle Layton and James Raleigh Peele and the wife of the late Albert Bunch. She was a member of the Rocky Hock Baptist Church.

She is survived by her son, Emmett Earl Bunch, and his wife Marjorie Hollowell Bunch of Chesapeake, VA; three brothers, J.D. Peele and Wallace Peele, both of Edenton, and Henderson Peele of Tyner, NC; and two grandchildren, Lisa Bunch of Portsmouth, VA and Barry Bunch of Chesapeake.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 17, in the Evans Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ron Cava officiating. Burial followed in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be

made to the Rocky Hock Baptist Church, 113 Rocky Hock Church Rd., Edenton, NC 27932.

Evans Funeral Home in Edenton served the Bunch family.

**T. MARVIN COBB**

**MERRY HILL, NC** - Mr. Thomas Marvin Cobb, 69, of the 600 block of Avoca Farm Rd., died Saturday, Dec. 19, in Chowan Hospital, Edenton.

A native of Bertie County, Mr. Cobb was a son of the late Georgie Gray Harden and Thomas Lloyd Cobb. He was a member of the Merry Hill Baptist Church.

He is survived by three sisters: Dorothy Laraway of Greenwood, IN, Eva Hughes of Edenton, and Jean Williams of Ahsokie, NC; a brother, Braxton Cobb of Merry Hill; two nieces, Lynn Williams of Ahsokie and Maureen Pamachena of Greenwood, IN; three nephews, Robby Cobb of Merry Hill, Scott Cobb of Ra-

leigh, NC and Heath Hughes of Plymouth, NC.

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 21, in the Evans Funeral Home Chapel in Edenton with the Rev. Ralph Knight officiating. Burial followed in the Edgewood Cemetery in Windsor.

Memorial donations may be made to the Roanoke-Chowan Hospice, PO Box 272, Ahsokie, NC 27910.

Evans Funeral Home in Edenton served the Cobb family.

**EDWARD M. FELTON**

Edward McCleave Felton, 56, of 139 E. Gale St., Edenton, died Dec. 15 in Chowan Hospital.

A native of Perquimans County, he was the son of Thelma McPhaul and the late McCleave Felton, and the husband of Dorothy W. Felton.

He was a security guard and a member of the Canaan Temple AME Zion Church.

Besides his wife and mother, survivors include: four sons, Ray Felton of Durham, NC, Jeffery Felton of Lewiston, NC, Dee Audrey Copeland of Edenton, and Charlie Wills of Baltimore, MD; two daughters, Doris Wills of Edenton and Gala Edwards of Winston-Salem, NC; and seven grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20, in the Canaan Temple AME Zion Church in Edenton with the Rev. J.H. London officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Rowson Funeral Home in Edenton was in charge of arrangements.

**META ROSE HARRIS**

**CARLISLE, PA** - Meta Rose Gruber Harris died Dec. 20 in Carlisle, PA.

She was the beloved wife of the late Parker E. Harris, Sr., devoted mother of Parker E. Harris, Jr., Jack Harris, Thomas Harris and Marguerite

Sweeney.

She is also survived by 21 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at the Ruck Towson funeral Home, Inc. in Towson, MD, on Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 11 a.m. Interment followed in Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens.

**ELIZABETH S. LONG**

**VIRGINIA BEACH, VA** - Mrs. Elizabeth Smith Long, 81, formerly of Edenton, died Wednesday, Dec. 16, in Virginia Beach, VA.

A native of Chowan County, Mrs. Long was a daughter of the late Goldie Parker and Jesse Smith and the wife of the late David Earl Long.

She had worked in retail and alterations with Tarkington's of Edenton and was a member of the Lynnhaven Methodist Women.

She is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth Parker Rankins of Virginia Beach, VA; four sisters, Jessie Lee Lamb of Suffolk, VA, Emma Williams of Williamsburg, VA, Hilda Bass of Jacksonville, NC, and Margaret Cousins of Williamsburg, VA; and a granddaughter, Andrea Parker Rankins of Raleigh, NC.

A funeral service was held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 18, in the Evans Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ralph Epps officiating. Burial followed in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Evans Funeral Home in Edenton served the Long family.

**ALAN JAY SHUMATE**

**OWINGS, MD** - Alan Jay Shumate, 26, of Owings, MD, died Nov. 20 in a boating accident. His body was found Dec. 5.

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer Diane Shumate; two

daughters, Jessica Dianne Barron and Amber Jean Shumate of Owings, MD; parents, Amos J. and Pat Shumate of Owings; a sister, Jean, and her husband, Paul Lacoste, of Floyd, VA; and maternal grandparents, George and Lillie Beamon of Edenton.

Visitation was held Saturday, Dec. 12, at 11 a.m. with funeral services beginning at noon at Grace Brethren Church of Calvert County on Routes 2 and 260 in Owings. The Rev. John Hoffman officiated.

Interment followed at Southern Memorial Gardens in Dunkirk.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alan Shumate Memorial Fund, c/o J. Square Construction Inc., 1621 Meadow Oaks Lane, Huntingtown, MD 20639.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Raymond Funeral Home in Dunkirk.

**ERMA C. SWAIN**

**ROPER, NC** - Erma Clifton Swain, 73, died Dec. 21 at her residence.

Mrs. Swain was born in Washington County on Dec. 14, 1925, and was the daughter of the late Robert Lee Clifton and Dessie Norman Clifton. She was retired from Edenton Primetime Village with 14 years of service.

Mrs. Swain is survived by one daughter, Wanda Swain Anderson of Lewisville; four sons, Donald Chesson Swain, Sr. of Garner, James Ronald Swain of Roper, Thomas Lee Swain of Bridgeton, and Donald Chesson Swain, Jr. of Roper; and four grandchildren, Emily Swain, Steven Swain, Melissa Swain, and Ashley Queen.

Mrs. Swain was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel Chesson Swain, and three brothers, Norman Clifton, Robert Earl Clifton, and Ray Clifton.

Funeral services will be held at Scuppernon Church of

Christ in Creswell, NC on Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 2 p.m. with the Mr. Mark Woolard officiating. Visitation was held Tuesday evening at the Horner-Walker Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Contributions may be made to the Leukemia Society of America at (919) 787-9171.

**JOSEPHINE S. WARD**

Josephine Stallings Ward, 70, of the 500 block of Sign Pine Rd., Tyner, NC, died Wednesday, Dec. 16, at Brian Care Nursing Center in Hertford, NC.

Mrs. Ward was born in Gates County. The daughter of the late Jim and Mary Frances White Stallings, she was a homemaker and a member of the Warwick Baptist Church.

Preceded in death by her husband, Leland G. "Pat" Ward, and a daughter, Connie W. Byrum, she is survived by one other daughter, Mavis W. Moore of Tyner, a brother, David Lee Stallings of Ft. Smith, AR, and five grandchildren.

**ARCHIE L. WILDER**

Archie Lee Wilder, 73, of 2034 Rocky Hock Rd., died Dec. 16, at Chowan Hospital in Edenton.

Survivors include: three sons, Theodore Moring and Arnell Wilder of Edenton, and Herman Privott of Baltimore, MD; three daughters, Linda Bond of Raleigh, NC, Anne P. Leary of Edenton, and Carolyn Reid of Elizabeth City; and four sisters, Minnie Wilder of Edenton, Elizabeth Taylor and Delsi Privott, both of Suffolk, VA, and Oliva Wilder of Boston.

A funeral service was held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20, in the Warren's Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Wilder family cemetery in Edenton.

Blair Funeral Service in Edenton was in charge of arrangements.

**OPEN LETTER**

Dear Friends,

With the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, the preparation and gift buying, let us remember what this holiday means. Christmas is the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. God gave us the greatest gift of all. He sent His only Son that we might have eternal life.

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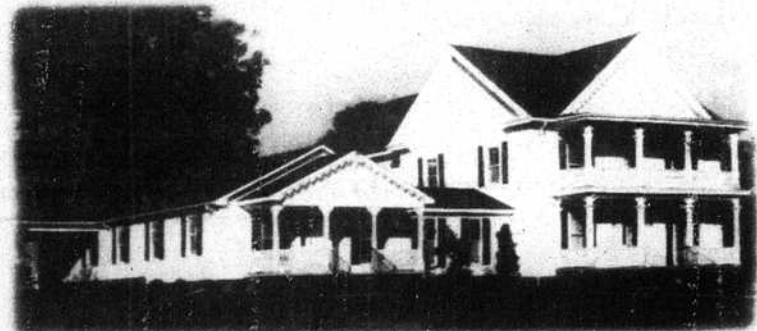
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County whose death occurs in the line of duty.

"We are always mindful of our community and what our role in the community should be. This is one way we felt we

could show our commitment and our support of the men and women who put their lives in harm's way for all of us on a day to day basis," said Chris Evans, general manager of the Evans Funeral Home.

Evans said that there are some basic guidelines that would make a person eligible for this special service. He said the plan has been discussed in depth with Chowan County Manager Cliff Copeland and Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton of Edenton, and that the funeral home plans to provide all public servants with a letter in the near future explaining all the details of this offering.

"We certainly hope that there is never a need to implement this plan," Evans said. "We wish safety for all of our providers of public service when they are out doing their jobs. However, we have defined some basic steps to help a family know whether or not their loved one, at the time of death, would be eligible for these benefits."

He added that the funeral home was glad to be able to offer this special plan as a way of giving something back to those who give so much to the community.

"Chowan County is my home, and I value the relationships, friendships and all of the community support that has been shown to us over the years," Evans said. "We are honored to provide this service to the people of Chowan County."

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