

ROSA L. ALLEN

HOBBSVILLE, NC - Rosa Lee Russell Allen, 89, of the 900 block of Acorn Hill Rd., died Monday, Dec. 27.

Mrs. Allen was born in Gates County, NC. The daughter of the late Walter L. and Mrs. Penny Stallings Russell, she was a homemaker and a member of Sandy Cross Baptist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Rosa Gertrude Harrell of Edenton; two sons, W. Daughtry Allen of Hertford, NC and Ralph D. Allen of Hobbsville, NC; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, Dec. 29, at 2 p.m. in the family cemetery near Sandy Cross Baptist Church with the Rev. E. Vernon Gilmer, Jr. officiating.

Miller Funeral Home in Gatesville, NC was in charge of arrangements.

MYRTLE W. ASHLEY

Myrtle Williams Ashley, 97, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, at Britthaven of Edenton.

Mrs. Ashley was born in Chowan County. She was a homemaker and a member of the Holy Neck Christian Church in Suffolk, VA. She

was the wife of the late John F. Ashley.

Surviving are three daughters, Ertie Lane of Hertford, NC, Thelma Lane of Tyner, NC and Edith Overton of Greenville, NC; three sons, Robert Ashley of Tyner, NC, James Ashley and Herman Ashley, both of Suffolk, Va.; 17 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Saturday, Jan. 1, at 2 p.m. in Beaver Hill Cemetery, Edenton, with the Rev. Bobby Armstrong and the Rev. Scott Fuller officiating.

Miller Funeral Home in Gatesville, NC was in charge of arrangements.

KATHLEEN B. CHRIST

Kathleen Bills Christ, 64, of the 100 block of Blackfoot Trail, Edenton, NC, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, in the Skilled Nursing Facility of Chowan Hospital.

Mrs. Christ was born in Big Ben, WV. A daughter of the late Charles S. and Mrs. Ada Locke Bills, she had retired from Winn-Dixie in Edenton. She was the wife of the late James H. Christ.

Surviving are a daughter, Tracey Jordan of Edenton; a stepdaughter, Shirley Carter of Newcomerstown, OH; three sis-

ters, Dorothy Francis of Cincinnati, OH, Myra Shanks of Bonifay, FL, and Virginia Lambert of Akron, OH; and two brothers, Charles Bills of Akron and Dan Bills of Edenton.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Jan. 1, at 11 a.m. in Beaver Hill Cemetery, Edenton.

Miller Funeral Home in Gatesville, NC was in charge of arrangements.

PATRICK J. CREAMER

HOBBSVILLE, NC - Patrick James Creamer, 73, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, at his home. The son of the late Kinsley Patrick Creamer and Nellie Burns Creamer, he was a retired supervisor for the U.S. Postal Service and a U.S. Navy veteran.

Mr. Creamer is survived by his wife of 49 years, Barbara Hobbs Creamer; four daughters, Dianne Avery of Hobbsville, NC, Marion Nichols of Virginia Beach, VA, Elizabeth Blanchard of Corapeake, NC, and Rosemary Orsargos of Virginia Beach, VA; two sisters, Catherine Dougette of Saugus, MA, and Helen Brogan of Cambridge, MA; five grandchildren, John Avery, Scott Avery, Aaron Nichols, Nicole Orsargos, and Katy Orsargos.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, Jan. 1, at St. Anne Catholic Church in Edenton with Father Roch Drozdik officiating. Burial will follow at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery.

Evans Funeral Home in Edenton is serving the Creamer family.

DAISY LEE DOWNING

Daisy Lee Downing of 2004 Hancock Lane, died Dec. 29 at Chowan Hospital in Edenton. She was 99.

A native of Perquimans County, NC, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Grizzale F. Bonner.

A widow, she was a homemaker and a member of the New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Hertford, NC.

Survivors include: two sons, Erie Downing, Sr. of Edenton and Norman C. Downing of California; and a daughter, Daisy D. Drew of Hempstead, NY.

A funeral service will be held at the New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church on Wednesday, Jan. 5, with burial following in the church cemetery.

Rowson Funeral Home in Edenton is in charge of arrangements.

JEAN O. GIBBS

Jean Olga Gibbs, 67, of Hertford, NC, died Dec. 28 in Edenton.

A native of Beaufort County, NC, she was a retired guidance counselor.

Survivors include: an aunt, Lorraine Welch of New York City;

cousins, Whalyn Jordan and Leroy Jordan of Gates County, NC, George Felton and Jerome Felton of Pennsylvania, and Helen Shaw of Hertford.

A graveside service was held Saturday, Jan. 1, at 1 p.m. in Cedarwood Cemetery in Hertford.

Rowson Funeral Home in Edenton was in charge of arrangements.

VIRGINIA H. HOBBS

HOBBSVILLE, NC - Virginia Hughes Hobbs, 67, of the 400 block of Hobbsville Rd., died Wednesday, Dec. 29, at her home.

Mrs. Hobbs was born in Bertie County. The daughter of the late Claude and Mrs. Fannie Nixon Hughes, she was a retired secretary for the Gates County Farm Bureau Insurance Agency with over 28 years of service. She was a member of the Hobbsville Baptist Church and the Gatesville Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are her husband of 49 years, Ronald G. Hobbs; a daughter, Linda H. Hurdle and her husband, Wayne, of Hertford, NC; a son, Ricky G. Hobbs and his friend, Diane Winslow of Hobbsville; and two grandchildren, Ron and Jenna Hurdle.

A funeral service was held Sunday, Jan. 2, at 2 p.m. in the Hobbsville Baptist Church with the Rev. Steve Loftis and the Rev. Howard Sutton officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Memorial donations may be

made to the Hobbsville Baptist Church or the American Cancer Society.

Miller Funeral Home in Gatesville, NC was in charge of arrangements.

MARY M. KAUPP

Mary Morris Kaupp, 68, of Edenton, died Dec. 31 at her home.

A native of Chowan County, she was the daughter of the late William E. and Mary Ann Nixon Morris, and the wife of the late Harold Kaupp.

She was a homemaker. Survivors include: a son, George M. Kaupp of Tallahassee, FL; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at a later date.

Evans Funeral Home in Edenton is serving the Kaupp family.

RUTH S. SMITH

Ruth Spruill Smith, 69, of the 200 block of Tip Toe Rd., Edenton, died Tuesday, Dec. 28, at Chowan Hospital. A daughter of the late Walter and Mittie Spruill, she was a retired textile worker with the Edenton Cotton Mill.

She is survived by her husband, David Lawrence Smith; three sons, Lawrence "Mint" Smith, David Earl Smith, and Walter Lee Smith, all of Edenton; four daughters, Maribelle Smith Belangia and Joyce Smith White of Edenton, Louise Smith Baker of Williamston, NC and Ann Smith Hughes of Merry Hill, NC; a brother, Evan Spruill of Edenton; four sisters, Stella White of Edenton, Eva Baker of Kinston, NC, Helen Adams of Chesapeake, VA, and Belle Bray of Surry, VA; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Friday, Dec. 31, at 2 p.m. in the Evans Funeral Home Chapel, Edenton, with the Revs. Bob Young and Thomas Biggs officiating. Burial followed in the Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Evans Funeral Home in Edenton served the Smith family.

DORIS JEAN WEEKS

CHARLOTTE, NC - Mrs. Doris Jean Leary Weeks, 76, died Thursday, Dec. 30, at Wilora Lake Health Care Center in Charlotte, NC.

Mrs. Weeks was born in Edenton on June 5, 1923, and was the daughter of the late Lillian Webb Leary and Joseph Clarence Leary, Sr. She was a graduate of Edenton High School and attended Meredith College in Raleigh, NC, where she studied music and piano.

She was a member of the Greensboro Jr. Women's Club, the Greensboro Symphony Auxiliary, the Wesley Long Hospital Auxiliary, her church circle, The Hobby Club, Gin Club, and various bridge clubs. She also volunteered for UNICEF. Mrs. Weeks was a member of the First Baptist Church in Greensboro for 45 years. She was also a member of the Starmount Forest Country Club.

Mrs. Weeks will be remembered as a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Richard Lon Weeks, Sr.; four children, Richard Lon Weeks, Jr. and his wife, Bonnie, of Perrysburg, OH, Jean Weeks Cannon and her husband, Dave, of Charlotte, Cynthia Weeks Shields of Wilmington, NC and John Webb Weeks and his wife, Wendy, of Greensboro; grandchildren; and great great-children; a sister, Lillian Leary Balzer of Malvern, PA; and a brother, Joseph Clarence Leary, Jr. of Edenton.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, Jan. 2, at 2 p.m. in the chapel of the First Baptist Church in Greensboro, NC.

Memorial donations may be made to the First Baptist Church, 1000 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27401 or to the Alzheimers Association, 3420 Shamrock Dr., Charlotte, NC 28215.

ELSIE M. WIGGINS

HOBBSVILLE, NC - Elsie Mae Wiggins, 79, formerly of Richmond, VA, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, in Brian Center Health & Rehab, Hertford, NC.

Miss Wiggins was born in Gates County, NC, a daughter of the late John Nursey and Mrs. Hattie Ward Wiggins. She was a retired operator with Bell Telephone Co. in Rich-

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