

## OBITUARIES

## Mary Forehand Partin

EDENTON - EDENTON - Mary Forehand Partin, 87, passed away on Saturday, April 7, 2018. Mary was an innovative educator who used her boundless energy in compassionate educational outreach.

Mary valued education and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Wake Forest University, Master of Arts from Duke University and completed many post-graduate courses at East Carolina University. Among her academic and other plaudits, she was a member of the Pi Alpha Honorary Fraternity, awarded a full scholarship in the master's program at Duke University, recipient of the "Woman of the Year Award" in 1995 by the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club, recipient of the Governor's Volunteer award for Chowan County in 1984, and served as a board member of North Carolina Directors of Instruction/Supervision from 1971-1972. In addition, Mrs. Partin was a state board member of North Carolina Women's Missionary Union as well as member of the Wake Forest University Potent Scholarship Selection Committee from 1982-1985 and a Class Representative. She was very active both at the local and state level. Mrs. Partin taught English in several school systems for 10 years before arriving at Edenton-Chowan Schools in 1963 as a high school English teacher. She later moved on to Director of Instruction/Supervision at Edenton-Chowan Schools for five years before serving in the same capacity at Tyrrell County Schools in 1972-1973. Mrs. Partin became affiliated in 1985 with College of The Albemarle as Director of ABLE Center. Her commitment to helping others provided the foundation for her work in Continuing Education, as Director of Literacy Education and as Dean of the Chowan County Campus. At Edenton Baptist Church she served as a Deacon, Coordinator of the Bereavement Ministry, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, Adult Sunday School teacher, Director of Women's Missionary Union, Chairman of Baptismal Committee, member of the Pastoral Search Committee, as well as any other role where she could faithfully serve her Lord. Community involvement included Daughters of the American Revolution (Second Vice-Regent), Colonial Investment Club (President), Delta Kappa Gamma (Honorary Society of Women Educators), Chowan County Democratic Woman's Club (President, Vice-President and Publicity Chairman), Friends of Shepard-Pruden Library, Chowan Arts Council, Chowan Hospital Auxiliary, and Friends of Historic Edenton. In addition, she served as a member of Chowan County North Carolina Symphony (President, Vice-President, Publicity Chairman), Chairman of Chowan County Fund Drives (American Cancer, American Heart Association, American Kidney Foundation), and Chairman of College of the Albemarle's Chowan County Annual Fund Drive. She was featured in a publication entitled "College of the Albemarle", *Chronicles of Academic Achievement* with a sub-title of 50 Years—50 Women 1961-2011 by William R. Sterrit. Mary may best be remembered for her tireless efforts in opening the Chowan Campus of COA where she served with vision and excellence as the first Dean of the Chowan County Campus.

In addition to her parents, Jesse Oscar Forehand and Eva Hollowell Forehand, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Pittman Partin, Sr., and her brothers Colon, Shirley and Hubert M. Forehand.

Mary's greatest sense of fulfillment came from her family. Left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Annette Cedeno and husband Doug, and their daughter, Taylor Nicole Cedeno. Also surviving are Jim's children and their families, Anna Bass and husband Tom, Pat Etter and husband Bill, and Jim Partin, Jr.; grandchildren Barbara Jo Bass, Janet Faulkner, Tommy Bass, David Etter, and Stacia Hanscom; nine great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in Edenton Baptist Church and were conducted by The Rev. David Brooks and The Rev. Patrick Cardwell. A reception for friends and family was in the church fellowship hall immediately following the service, and the burial on the family plot at Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church Cemetery in Tyner followed the reception. At all other times the family received friends at the residence.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Music Fund of Edenton Baptist Church, 200 South Granville Street, Edenton, NC 27932, or to the College of The Albemarle Foundation, P.O. Box 2327, Elizabeth City, NC 27906-2327, or online at [www.coafoundation@albemarle.edu](http://www.coafoundation@albemarle.edu).

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, 735 Virginia Road, Edenton, is assisting the family with arrangements, and online condolences may be made by visiting [www.millerfhc.com](http://www.millerfhc.com).

## Joseph Henry Scalf

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. - Joseph Henry Scalf, 91, of Port St. Lucie, Florida, died Tuesday, March 27th, 2018. Born March 7th, 1927 in Davidson County Tenn., he was the son of the late Joseph and Nellie Carney Scalf. He was a preacher for over 60 years and an optician for over 50 years. Preceded in death by his wife of 62 years Evelyn Louise Scalf, a son Joseph Ronald Scalf, a daughter, Cathy Louise Scalf Adams, grandson, Tony Ray Benton Jr., Granddaughter Suzanne Nicole Story. Survivors include four daughters, Lynn (Tony) Benton of Elizabeth City, NC, Debbie (Randy) Brown of Hertford NC, Terry (Mike) Axley of Port St. Lucie, Florida, Vicki (Jorge) Barrera of Camden NC.; 13 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren. A Memorial Service will be held at Woodville Baptist Church, April 14th at 1:00 PM.

## John Henry Asbell, Jr

NASHVILLE - John Henry Asbell, Jr., age 92, passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, March 26, 2018. Born in Edenton, NC on December 3, 1925, he was the son of the late John Henry Asbell, Sr. and Bertie Cobb Asbell.

John graduated from Edenton High School, the Naval School, and earned a business degree. He was proud to be an American and served in the U.S. Navy and retired from the U.S. Army with 45 years of service. John was a World War II veteran, and upon his retirement was asked to serve four military assignments in Italy. He received numerous awards for his dedication to our country; a fond memory is remembering him getting his uniforms laid out and the boots that reflected his image! John was a quiet and humble man. He liked peace and his values were God, family, and country. He loved being outdoors. His garden would reflect the cover of Southern Living's magazine; he enjoyed "building up", he was President of the Tar Heel River Radio Control Flyer's Club for six years and enjoyed mentoring people that were interested in "flying high" with this sport that he immensely enjoyed. John was awarded an Honorary Lifetime Membership granted by Birchwood Country Club. Many days, he enjoyed on the links!

John leaves behind to cherish his memory, wife of 71 years, Marian Alexander Asbell of the home; a daughter, Kathryn Asbell Keel of Rocky Mount, NC; a son, Richard Allan Asbell and wife, Paula, of Nashville, NC; and grandchildren: Page Clark Keel, III and wife, Donna, with great-grandchildren: Eva and Claire; Roscoe Griffin Keel and wife, Grace, with great-grandchildren: Hannah, Henry, Lilly, and George; Kathryn Keel Sozzi and husband, John, with great-grandchildren, Sally and Maggie. He was affectionately known as Johnny, Dad, Daddy, and GrandJohn. He was also survived by a sister, Helen Asbell Elliott of Edenton, NC.

A Celebration of John's Life will be held on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 11:30 AM at Nashville Baptist Church, 512 E. Washington Street, Nashville, NC 27856, with the Rev. Kenny Byrd officiating. Burial of Remains will follow the service at Forest Hill Cemetery. A Visitation will be from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM prior to the service in the Sanctuary of Nashville Baptist Church.

The family wishes to express the deepest love and appreciation to the medical staff at UNC Nash Healthcare Systems (Dr. Prasada, Dr. Bondy, and PA Jenny); Wake Medical Hospital (Dr. Reddy, Dr. Zeok, and Dr. Go); and Orthopedic Surgeons (Dr. Greenlaw and Dr. Freels). The doctors, nurses, staff at all entities were to him and his family, angels of professionalism, grace and mercy.

Arrangements entrusted to Wheeler & Woodlief Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 1130 N. Winstead Avenue, Rocky Mount, NC 27804. You may share memories and condolences with the family by visiting [www.wheelerwoodlief.com](http://www.wheelerwoodlief.com).

## Curtis M. Byrum, II

TYNER - Curtis Matthias Byrum, II, 46, of 166 Lester Lane Road, passed away on Sunday, April 8, 2018, in his home.

Curtis was a lifelong resident of Chowan County, born on March 20, 1972, and was the son of Curtis M. and Rose Lane Byrum of Tyner. A grower for Perdue and a farmer, he had received the Chowan County Farm Bureau Outstanding Young Farmer Award in 2005, the NC Poultry Federation Environmental Award in 2013, and a 10 Year Service Award from the Albemarle Soil and Water Conservation District where he presently served as its Chairman. He was a member of Chappell Hill Baptist Church.

Curtis was preceded in death by grandparents, Lester Lane, and Mozelle and Colbert Byrum.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife of nearly 28 years, Valerie Copeland Byrum; two daughters, Ashley Danielle Byrum, and Taylor Byrum Floyd and husband, Matt; a son, Matthew Curtis Byrum; and a granddaughter, Aubrey Rose Floyd, all of Tyner; a sister, Kimberly B. Forehand and husband, J.C., of Edenton; and his maternal grandmother, Faye W. Lane of Tyner.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel of Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, 735 Virginia Road, Edenton, and will be conducted by the Revs. Bob Young and Buck Leary. A private burial will follow the service in the Lane Family Cemetery. Friends may join the family Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home, and all other times at the residence.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Chowan County 4-H Junior Livestock Show & Sale, 730 North Granville Street, Edenton, NC 27932.

Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.millerfhc.com](http://www.millerfhc.com).

## DEATHS

EDENTON — Willie Butler Satterfield, 91, died on Thursday, April 5, 2018. Funeral service was held on Saturday at 11 a.m., at the funeral home chapel. Arrangements by Rowsom Funeral Home.

## KING

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as a company police sergeant. He joined the Rocky Mount Police Department in 2000 and worked his way up through the ranks and was promoted to captain in 2017. During the early part of his career, King served two years as a School Resource Officer — a job that inspired him as a teen to get into police work.

"What initially attracted me to police work was my School Resource Officer at Carrington Middle School located in Durham," King said. "She was impressive, energetic and displayed much enthusiasm towards all the kids. She was more than just an officer; she was a second mother to all the kids. I saw how she impacted lots of kids as well as myself, and I wanted to do the same."

The son of a minister, King served as the chaplain for the Internal Affairs Investigators Association in 2011 saying that he felt drawn to the position because of his family's roots in religion and public service. He eventually became the group's vice president before being named its new president in 2016. He served a standard one-year term in the position before stepping down in 2017.

Last November, King was acknowledged by N.C. Secretary of State Elaine Marshall for his actions to capture a dealer of counterfeit prescription medication.

King, in conjunction with the Secretary of State Task Force and local officers, had been investigating an individual suspected of trafficking in counterfeit Viagra and Cialis, which treat erectile dysfunction and enlarged prostate.

King's investigative skills led to the seizure of more than 2,000 counterfeit pills valued at over \$432,000, Marshall said.

King has served as an agent on the task force since 2005. The Certificate of Exemplary Service was presented to King by Marshall in the office of the Rocky Mount Police Department.

King was Rocky Mount's first Cop in the Neighborhood; he lived in a home the city purchased in a redevelopment zone. King started a neighborhood watch program, known as Officer Next Door, and helped transform a distressed neighborhood where no one trusted the police into a real community where people looked out for each other in addition to working with the police to keep the community safe.

Armed with an extensive resume and experience, King shared his philosophy toward police work.

"My philosophy on community policing is simple.

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**Henry King Jr.**  
Police chief

Community policing is the key to our success," he said. "We are one! The Town of Edenton, the Edenton Police Department, the citizens of Edenton, the business owners, the school system, the neighborhood leaders, the clergy and nonprofit groups all play a crucial role in keeping our city safe and helping address whatever the concerns our citizens have. Collaboration and partnerships must take place to achieve our goals."

King is at a point in your his where he could work almost anywhere, but he chose Edenton because it is the "right fit" for him professionally and for his family. Rocky Mount's Police Force has about 164 employees, compared to Edenton's 19. According to Town Hall, King's annual salary will be \$83,000.

"My goal is to be a police chief in a community in eastern North Carolina," said King, a Durham native who is married with one child. "I have been looking for the right fit for me professionally and for my family. When I heard Chief Fortenbery was retiring, I started looking at Edenton. My research found strong community engagement efforts that are taking place in Edenton. The school system, the churches, nonprofits like Citizens Against Violence, the Boys & Girls Club, the Optimist Club showed me that the community is moving in a great direction."

Seeing is believing. "My wife and I visited Edenton when the position became available and we felt like Edenton would be good place for our family and for me professionally," he said. "I gleaned from social media that the community embraces law enforcement and there is a desire to make a difference within the community. There is no better way to continue my passion for serving, than to be a part of a town and police department that is moving in the right direction, so that's why I put forth my application to be the next Police Chief for the Town of Edenton."

*The Rocky Mount Telegram contributed to this report.*

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