

OBITUARIES

**Elizabeth Dail Ashley**

EDENTON - Elizabeth Irene Dail Ashley, 98, of 101 Morris Circle, passed away on Friday, January 25, 2019, in her home.

Born in Chowan County on October 1, 1920, she was the daughter of the late Luther Cleveland and Minnie Griffin Dail. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Perlie C. Ashley; by her brothers, Marvin, Raymond, and Robert Dail; and by her sisters, Virginia Dail Mangus and Evelyn Dail Brown.



Surviving are her children, P. Gene Ashley and wife, Gail, of San Antonio, TX, Jimmy D. Ashley and wife, Carolyn, of Edenton, Jack L. Ashley and wife, Susan, of Morehead City; and Linda J. Ashley of Edenton; and a brother, Asa B. Dail and wife, Beverly, of New Bern. Also surviving are her six grandchildren, Donna Ashley Rose, Jimmy D. Ashley, Jr. (Stacy), Jill Ashley Castro (Greg), Greg Ashley, Michael "Ike" Overton, Jr., and Elizabeth J. "Beth" Gonzalez (Chris). She was also blessed with 13 great-grandchildren, Luke and Lindsey Baughman; Hunter, Mason, Trent, and Emerald Ashley; Madison, Olivia, Sophie, and Naomi Castro; Taylor Overton; and Christopher and Ian Gonzalez.

Elizabeth was an active member of Edenton Baptist Church for over 65 years. During those years she taught Sunday School, was a GA Leader, and spent 35 years cooking meals and helping others prepare and serve meals for the congregation. She was the bookkeeper for the family business, Ashley Welding & Machine Company for many years, but is best remembered for her cakes, cookies, pies, meals, and wedding receptions. Through the years she prepared meals for various civic organizations in Edenton including the BPW, the DAR, the Rotary Club, and the Lions Club. In appreciation for her many years of service to the Lions Club, the group made her an Honorary Member of their club. She always had a kind word and a "hug" for everyone, brightening the lives of all around her.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. in Edenton Baptist Church and were officiated by her pastor, The Reverend David Brooks. A private burial was held in Beaver Hill Cemetery. Friends were invited to join the family in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service, or all other times at her residence.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Edenton Baptist Church, 200 South Granville Street, Edenton, NC 27932.

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

**Almira Edwards "Boots" Holland**

GREENVILLE, SC - Almira Sands Edwards "Boots" Holland, 92, died peacefully on December 27, 2018 at her home in Greenville, SC surrounded by her family. Boots was born on February 5, 1926, in South Hampton, NY and was the daughter of the late Olin Miller Edwards and Elizabeth Sands Edwards of Sag Harbor, NY.



Boots received her RN at Russell Sage Nursing School and continued her training at Duke Hospital where she met the love of her life, Tom Holland. In 1947 they were married at Duke Chapel and Tom embarked on a career in the textile industry. After multiple moves along the East Coast, in 1961 they returned to Chapel Hill where they raised their six daughters. In Chapel Hill, Boots continued her nursing career as a private duty nurse and made many wonderful friendships with her patients and their families. In 1987 Boots and Tom retired to Edenton, NC where they were members of Edenton Baptist Church where Boots sang alto in the choir and participated in many church related activities.

Boots was an avid Carolina fan who loved sewing, reading, and crafts. Her smile, laughter, love of life and her positive attitude were guideposts for all who knew her. She always found something good to say about those she interacted with, often complementing them and making sure to say "thank you" when others assisted her especially later in her life.

She was preceded in death by husband Tom who passed away in 2010, her siblings, Olin Edwards, Courtland Edwards and her daughter, Ann Holland Hobbs.

Many cherish their memories of Boots including her surviving daughters, Gill Holland (Elaine), Sande Novick (Chip), Nancy Holland (Paul), Jennell Randall (Mike) and Ginny Roll (Leif). Family was a blessing to Boots, she adored her 12 grandchildren and their spouses Andrew (Val), Alex (Phil), Peter (Susannah), Carl (Juli), Cassie, Thomas (Kim), Giles, Jessie, David (Amanda), Jensen (Mtende), Giles and Georgi, and her 6 great-grandchildren, Max, Martha, William, Gabriel, James and Charlie Sands. Boots also is survived by her brother Dale Edwards of Sag Harbor, NY, her nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

A celebration of her life will be held at The Fourth Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC on April 27 at 2:00, followed by a reception. Always a nurse, in her final year Boots became quite close to one of her care givers whom she encouraged to return to school to complete her nursing degree and enter the profession Boots so loved. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions in Boots' honor be made to The Boots Holland Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund (c/o Gill Holland, 80 Hungate Rd. Travelers Rest, SC 29690.)

**F. Earl White**

EDENTON - Francis Earl White, 87, of 930 Chambers Ferry Road, passed away on Saturday, January 26, 2019, in his home.



Mr. White was born in Halifax County on December 17, 1931, and was the son of the late David George and Sarah Marie Spruill White. Retired as the General Foreman of Aircraft Repair at the US Coast Guard Air Station, Elizabeth City, he was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church, a Life Member of American Legion Post #40, and had served as the Finance Officer of the Chowan County Regional Fair for over 50 years.

Mr. White had served in the United States Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Reserve, spent four years in the Navy during the Korean War serving in Fighter Squadron 174, Helicopter Squadron Two, and on the USS Franklin Roosevelt, the USS Palau, the USS Des Moines, and the USS Antietam, and retired from the US Naval Reserves with the rank of Chief Petty Officer after more than 30 years of total service.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, David and Marvin White, and by a sister-in-law, Evelyn White.

Surviving are his wife of over 62 years, Shelby Wright White; two daughters, Terry Hardison and husband, Bruce, and Carla Belch and husband, Tim; a sister-in-law, Mary G. White, all of Edenton; four grandchildren, Chad Hardison (Amber), Robin Mount (Stephen), Sarah Lee (Ryan), and Blake Belch; and six great-grandchildren, Addison and Annabeth Mount, Ainslee Grace and Haddon Hardison, and Emory and Reagan Lee.

A memorial service was held Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in Macedonia Baptist Church and was conducted by the Revs. Chris Graving and Bob Young. A private inurnment was held at Beaver Hill Cemetery. Friends joined the family in the social hall of the church immediately following the service, and all other times at the residence.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Macedonia Baptist Church, P.O. Box 18, Edenton, NC 27932.

The family wishes to thank his caregivers, Pam Bunch, Jordan Pierce, Teresa Forward, Renee Overton, and Carla Webster; and the staff of Amadys Hospice; for the care and comfort they gave to him during his period of declining health.

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**JONES**

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following 10 years in the N.C. General Assembly. The 3rd District he represents includes the Outer Banks and stretches from areas near the Pamlico Sound down to Wilmington. It includes all area counties, including Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Camden and Currituck.

Jones is known across the district as a man of strong faith and political beliefs. One prominent local Republican, state Sen. Bob Steinburg, R-Chowan, said he's often met and talked with Jones over the years, including the last six when Steinburg served as a state House representative.

Steinburg recalled Jones often would reference his pocket Bible while speaking at events, and was always affable and good to work with on legislative matters.

Steinburg said interstate development, the Mid-Currituck Bridge, and helping commercial fishermen were some of the various issues they talked about.

Steinburg also described Jones as a patriot deeply committed to, and affected by, military veterans.

"He visited Walter Reed many, many times," Steinburg said, referring to the military hospital in Bethesda, Maryland, adding wounded soldiers had a "tremendous impact" on Jones. Jones' strong convictions on foreign policy and military action overseas even caused him to disagree with leaders of the national Republican Party, Steinburg also noted.

Steinburg said he and his wife, Marie, offered their prayers for Jones and his family.

In an interview on Jones' illness earlier this month, Robin Hayes, chairman of the North Carolina Republican Party, said the state party stands ready to help

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**Robin Hayes**  
N.C. Republican Party chairman

Jones and his office to continue efforts to aid citizens of the 3rd Congressional District.

"We are very much concerned about Walter and his health and we wish him well, but at the same time we are very much concerned about representation of the 3rd District," said Hayes, a former congressman who served five terms with Jones. "We stand ready to do anything possible and or approximate to assist in any of those issues. ... He has a very competent and qualified staff to handle day-to-day issues."

Last year, Jones announced he was retiring when his term ends in 2020. The announcement came during a tough Republican primary where he fought off challenges from both two-term Craven County commissioner Scott Dacey and information technology manager Phil Law, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

According to his biography on house.gov, Jones is a member of the House Committee on Armed Services. He has sponsored and co-sponsored more veterans' legislation in the last three congressional terms than any other sitting member of Congress. He has received numerous awards from the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Fleet Reserve Association, the Military Officers Association of America and many other veterans service organizations.

**Cherlene T. Head**

EDENTON - Cherlene Ann Turner Harrell Head, 72, of 202 Shannonhouse Road, passed away on Friday, January 25, 2019, in Vidant Chowan Hospital.

Mrs. Head was born in McDonough County, Illinois, and was the daughter of the late Cecil Edward and Margaret Turner. A missionary in Brazil for 48 years, she was a member of Faith Baptist Church in Elizabeth City.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Herman Harrell.

Surviving are her husband of 48 years, Richard Lynwood Head; two sons, The Rev. Karl Head and wife, Debbie, of Edenton, and Timothy James Head of Greenville; a sister, Harriet Blanner of Ellisville, MO; and two grandchildren, Jack and Jordan.

Funeral services were held Monday at 11:00 a.m. in Immanuel Baptist Church, 901 West Queen Street, Edenton, and were conducted by the Revs. John Keeter and Ashby Browder. A private burial followed in Beaver Hill Cemetery. Friends joined the family in the fellowship hall of the church immediately following the service.

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