

**OBITUARIES**

**Elton W. Askew, Jr.**

EDENTON - Elton Washington Askew, Jr., 93, formerly of Hewes Street, Edenton, died Sunday, July 14, 2019, in Zebulon Rehabilitation Center, Zebulon.

Mr. Askew was born in the family farmhouse, between Rich Square and Jackson, and was the son of the late Elton Washington, Sr. and Gladys Cook Askew. A veteran of World War II, he served in the European Theatre in Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army, and was a squad leader of a .30 caliber water-cooled machine-gun outfit in the 1st Infantry Division, 16th Infantry Regiment. A retired civil engineering technician, he worked with the Soil Conservation Service for 30 years, and was known for his self-reliance, work ethic, and ingenuity. He was a member of Edenton Baptist Church and the Lloyd Griffin Men's Bible class.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Lawrence "L.C." Askew, and by his beloved wife of 47 years, Sandra Freeman Askew.

Surviving are his three sons, Elton Jesse Askew (Kathy) of Raleigh, Paul Freeman Askew (Julie) of Smithfield, and David Thomas Askew of Washington, DC; and five grandchildren, Daniel, Emily, Lauren, Katelyn, and Paula Ann Askew.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in Beaver Hill Cemetery and will be conducted by Dr. Jesse Croom. Friends may join the family in Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, 735 Virginia Road, prior to the service from 11:30 to 12:30.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Edenton-Chowan Senior Center, 204 East Church Street, Edenton, NC 27932.

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

**Carlton Ray Nixon**

EDENTON - Carlton Ray Nixon, 94, of 200 Crestwood Lane, died Saturday, July 13, 2019, at Edenton Primetime Assisted Living.

Mr. Nixon was born in Chowan County on August 30, 1924, and was the last surviving of nine children born to the late Henry L. and Martha Rebecca Harrell Nixon. Retired from the North Carolina Marine Fisheries, he was a District Supervisor, serving 14 coastal counties. A member of Rocky Hock Baptist Church where he had served as a deacon, he also enjoyed membership in the Rocky Hock Ruritan Club through which he had served as District Chaplain, on the Board of Directors, and as District Governor. In later years he was active in the Senior Olympics, winning 170 medals, 100 of which were Gold, in sports such as track, golf, bowling, and others. A Navy veteran of World War II, he served in the Asiatic Pacific Theater, seeing action in Okinawa, Japan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Ruth Evans Nixon, to whom he was married for 52 years; his adult siblings, sisters, Elsie Bunch, Cora Harrell, Eva Chesson, and Pearl Sawyer; brothers, Lloyd and Percy Nixon, and two child siblings, sister Emmer Nixon, and brother, Rodney Nixon; and a step-daughter, Pam Virzi.

Surviving are his wife, Anne King Nixon; his daughter, Charlotte Baker and husband, Cullen, of Edenton; his son, Billy Nixon and wife, Mary, of Tyner; four grandchildren, Jonathan Nixon, Jim Nixon (Jennifer), Eric Baker (Courtney), and Adam Baker (Brooke); and four great-grandchildren, Autumn Baker, Seth Nixon, Berkeley Baker, and Jake Willis. Also surviving are Anne's daughters, Jane Warlick and husband, Ronald, and Kathy Cale, all of the Outer Banks, and their families.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. in Rocky Hock Baptist Church and will be conducted by The Rev. Bob Young. A private burial will follow in Beaver Hill Cemetery. Friends may join the family in the Family Life Center of the church immediately following the service. All other times they will gather at Charlotte and Cullen's home, 715 Poplar Neck Road, Edenton.

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation to both Edenton Primetime and Amedisys Hospice for the care provided their loved one.

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

**William F. Bembridge, Jr.**

EDENTON - William Frank "Junior" Bembridge, Jr., 71, of 144 Emperor Landing Road, died Tuesday, July 9, 2019, in his home.

Mr. Bembridge was born in Chowan County on June 23, 1948, and was the son of the late William F., Sr. and Virginia Smith Bembridge. The owner of Bembridge Roofing, he attended Edenton Church of God.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Harriett Brannan and Mary Ann Silverthorne.

Surviving are his wife of nearly 52 years, Virginia Owens Bembridge; his son, Steven L. Bembridge (Shelly) and their daughters, Erin, Megan, and Reagan, of Edenton; and five sisters, Lula Mason of Edenton, Margaret Hughes (Carlyle) of Stem, Miriam Clay (David) of Kitty Hawk, Frances Jenkins of Wilmington, and Faye Bembridge of Oxford.

Funeral services were held Friday at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel of Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, 735 Virginia Road, and were conducted by his pastor, The Rev. Donald Sawyer. Burial followed in Beaver Hill Cemetery. Friends joined the family Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m. in the funeral home and other times at the residence.

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**Stephen Thomas Dail**

HERTFORD - Stephen Thomas "Steve" Dail, 63, of 271 Riverwood Drive, passed away Monday, July 15, 2019, in his home.

Born in Huntington, WV, on January 8, 1956, and raised in Perquimans County, he was the son of the late Thomas Alexander and Elizabeth Langdon Dail. A graduate of Perquimans County High School and College of The Albemarle, he retired from Xerox Corp. after 33 years of employment. Following retirement he worked part-time with Vector-CSP and was currently employed with the Strike Group. A member of Whiteville Grove Baptist Church, he was a motorcycle enthusiast, enjoyed hunting and fishing, and was a member of B & N Hunt Club where he had served in various capacities.

A loving husband, father, "Paw Paw" and friend, surviving are his wife of 41 years, Brenda Layden Dail; a son, Michael Dail and wife, Ingrid; a daughter, Lisa Sawyer and husband, Michael; six grandchildren, Kursten, Xander, Jaden, and Aniston Sawyer, and Langdon and Benjamin Dail; and many loving extended family members and friends.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 3:00 p.m. in Whiteville Grove Baptist Church, and will be conducted by the Revs. Randy Ward and William Byrum. Friends may join the family Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. in Miller & Van Essendelft Funeral Home, 1125 Harvey Point Road, Hertford, and all other times at the residence.

Flowers are welcomed, or memorial contributions may be made either to the Perquimans County Hunter Safety Team, 1744 Belvidere Road, Belvidere, NC 27919, or to a charity of one's choice.

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



**Man gets jail time for selling fake pills**

King: Case show dangers of counterfeit pills

By **NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON**  
Editor



**AQEL**

RALEIGH — A Rocky Mount man pleaded guilty to selling counterfeit pills Monday in United States District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina in Raleigh.

Jamal Yousef Aqel, 66, was sentenced to 12 months, one day in federal prison and three years' federal probation by U.S. District Judge James C. Dever III.

Special Assistant United States Attorney Tamika Moses prosecuted the case. The investigation started in May 2016 when Rocky Mount Police Lt. Henry A. King Jr., now Chief of Police for Edenton Police Department received information that Aqel, also known as Jimmy, was selling counterfeit Viagra pills in Rocky Mount.

After requesting assistance from both federal and state agencies — Homeland Security Investigation and North Carolina Secretary of State's Office, respectively — King conducted several undercover purchases from Aqel.

Aqel was responsible for selling and or possessing over 7,000 counterfeit Viagra and Cialis pills with a retail value price of \$42 per pill (Pfizer cost), total sum \$294,000. Both medications are for male enhancement and require a prescription.

Aqel purchased these pills from his supplier at 50 cent or \$1 per pill, but would then turn around and sell them to stores in Rocky Mount, Tarboro and Pinetops that he supplied for \$2.85 per pill. These stores would turn around and sell these pills for \$7 to \$10 per pill to citizens who knew that they could purchase these types of pills from stores in the community rather than from a pharmacy.

Pfizer Lab tested the pills and determined they were counterfeit. The report indicated,

based on these observations, the subject samples is determined to consist of

counterfeit drug product packaging and counterfeit drug product tablets containing sildenafil and chloramphenicol, both drugs used to treat male enhancement and pulmonary arterial hypertension. It is illegal to buy either drug without a prescription.

These kind of sales can cause major harm to communities, said King after the sentence was handed down.

"This could cause major harm in our communities from pills that are coming from China. Please be aware of this and please do not buy these types of pills at your neighborhood store," he said. "Please contact your local police, the North Carolina Secretary of State's Office or Homeland Security Investigation if someone is selling counterfeit Viagra or Cialis in your community."

If given counterfeit medication, people can die, King noted.

"This is not a harmless crime. People could die, for example suffer from a heart attack," he said. "Law enforcement would not have any idea that the cause of death could have been related to the person taking a counterfeit Viagra or Cialis pill."

"I hope that this sends a clear message to all the counterfeiters that are dealing in Viagra and Cialis pills that you too are subject to both federal and state prosecution. You are no different than the person who is selling real drugs," King said.

Edenton citizens are urged to step up and notify the Edenton Police Department when they have criminal activity occurring in the community.

"Just like Rocky Mount residents did with this case when contacting me," King said.

**OBITUARY POLICY**

For information on submitting obituaries or death notices, call 329-9505 or email [obits@apgenc.com](mailto:obits@apgenc.com) between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and specify that you are interested in obituary information for The Chowan Herald. On weekends and holidays, email [obits@apgenc.com](mailto:obits@apgenc.com).

Obituaries must be received, processed and approved by 8 a.m. Tuesday to appear in print in the Wednesday edition. Death notices can include the name and age of the decedent; funeral and visitation or viewing information; and the name of the funeral home.

**Man sentenced in post office theft case**

ASHIRI Stallings pleaded guilty to 2015 burglaries

SUBMITTED REPORT

RALEIGH — United States Attorney Robert J. Higdon Jr. announced that on June 24, in federal court, Chief United States District Judge Terrence W. Boyle sentenced Ashiri Shari Stallings, 22, of Edenton, to 16 months' imprisonment, followed by three years of supervised release.

Stallings was named in an indictment filed on

March 28, 2018, charging him with receipt of stolen government money or property exceeding \$1,000.

On Jan. 2, 2019, Stallings pleaded guilty.

Stallings participated in a plot to burglarize the Edenton Post Office in Edenton five times in 2015.

The post office lost \$26,190.91 in cash or other property as a result of the burglaries.

Investigation of this case was conducted by the United States Postal Inspection Service.

**CRIMEWATCH**

Note: CrimeWatch information is provided by local law enforcement agencies. Due to the nature of the charges, all suspects are considered adults in a court of law. They are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

**Edenton PD**

**Incidents**

Police are investigating a June 11 report of larceny on West Queen Street. According to the report, the suspect took goods — paper towels, household goods and assorted clothing — that were on display outside of the Dollar General. Investigating officer, Cpl. D.A. Smith.

Police are investigating a June 6 report of larceny at CVS, North Broad Street. According to the report, the suspect took a 18-can pack of

Miller Lite beer and didn't pay for it. Investigating officer, Officer C.N. Skorupa.

Police are investigating a June 30 report of assault with a deadly weapon on Tyler Run 1, Edenton. According to the report, the suspect hit the victim in the head with a ratchet wrench. Investigating officer, Sgt. J.F. Simpson Sr.

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