

"Children...Honor your father and mother...that it may be well with you." Ephesians 6:1-3

The Indian Honor Association of Robeson County Honors These Indian Elders:

PURPOSE:

The purposes for the organization are as follows: to promote honor and respect for Indian elders by their families and communities by recognizing the elders for their family's full participation in the electoral process of Robeson County in all primary and general elections and to encourage eligible Indian people and the public at large without regard to race, creed, sex, or national origin to register and vote in all elections.

In Remembrance Of...



Bobby Chavis

Bobby was a person who had an outstanding character. I think this was due to his being the son of "Miss Macy Chavis," a true Saint of God. Bobby was a man of compassion--a poor people problem solver. Bobby was like a poor people welcome wagon. He was a strong advocate for the needs of poor people. He made it his business to know where and who provided services of relief. He had an unusual talent to deal with agencies to bring about the necessary results. Bobby always insisted that agencies respond positively to the needs of Indian people.

When you were down and out, he became known as the person to call or see, because he would bring to a halt the agency running around. He knew how to bring closure to varied problems facing Indian people. Bobby also had courage. Bobby was there when Indian people had trouble with the Highway Patrol and the Criminal Justice System.

James B. (Chavis) cut deals on the golf course. Bobby cut deals over a cup of coffee.

The Governor appointed him to serve on a task force that led to positive solutions. Better treatment by the highway patrol and the hiring and promotion of Indians. His involvement in two tense situations--the death of Julian Piece and the takeover of the Robesonian by Eddie Hatcher. When Indian people rose up in tense protest and said enough is enough. The Governor wanted a person who could get his message to the Indian people. He chose Bobby Chavis. Thru this involvement, this led to the creation by the General Assembly of a Superior Court Judgeship. When we had none, the creation of a human relations commission. A conflict resolution center and a public defender. Bobby was communicator. he had the ability to converse effectively with people of all levels- for poor people who were left out of the system to the Governor and his staff who ran the affairs of the state.

You know exactly where Bobby stood on the issues. Bobby loved a challenge. When the state purchased the land for the Cultural Center, the first thing to happen was the dam giving away. Bobby worked around the clock to prevent flooding for people down stream and save the fish in the lake.

Strike at the Wind

When a state inspector threatened to close "Strike at the Wind" by condemning the electrical system, the light towers, and unsafe seats. Bobby served as the clerk of works for the state and oversaw the completion of a new electrical system, new light towers and new seats.

Trust-loyalty-dependability. How many of you can say that you have someone you trust completely, could turn to that would never fail you? I had, and that person was Bobby Chavis-my colleague, my friend, my Hero. A giant among men!



Rev. Ward Clark, Jr.

Rev. Ward Clark Jr., 69, of Route 4, Maxton, NC died Saturday, June 7, 1997 in Moore Regional Hospital in Southern Pines, NC. He was the son of the late Mr. Ward Clark, Sr. and Mrs. Mary Nancy Harris Clark of Maxton, NC.

Rev. Clark served as Bishop of the Lumber River Conference of the Holiness Methodist Church from 1974-1981 and 1986-1987. He pastored at New Prospect, Hopewell, New Bethel and Union Chapel Holiness Methodist Churches. Rev. Clark served on many Boards within the county such as: Lumbee Guaranty Bank in Pembroke, NC; Lumbee Regional Development Association in Pembroke, NC; First Scotland Bank in Maxton, NC; and Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation in Red Springs, NC.

Rev. Clark was a successful businessman until his death. He was a school teacher for a period of twelve years. He enjoyed being with his many friends, his special hobby was fishing. He was a supporter of the New Prospect Holiness Methodist Church.

Rev. Clark is survived by his wife Mrs. Illa Mae Jones Clark of the home; three daughters, Mrs. Genette Clark Locklear of Red Springs, NC; Mrs. Carol Jean Clark Emanuel and Mrs. Ruby Clark Dial, both of Maxton, NC; three sons, Mr. Tolbert Ray Clark of Laurinburg, NC; Mr. Ronald Eugene Clark and Mr. Delton Ray Clark, both of Maxton, NC; one sister, Mrs. Annie Clark Jones of Maxton, NC; fifteen grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, four great-grandchildren.

The Indian Honor Association respectfully remembers these Indian elders for their outstanding contribution to their communities and to their people. They are remembered for setting an example of leadership and dedication to the improvement of the lives of Indian people. They demonstrated the strength that lies within the extended family of Indian people by faithfully exercising their right to vote and encouraging others to do likewise.



Mr. Winford Mike ("Mack") Locklear

Mr. Winford Mike (Mack) Locklear, 78, of Fairmont, NC died at St. Eugene Hospital in Dillon, SC after a sudden illness. He was the son of the late Wyatt and Edith Locklear.

Mr. Locklear was a farmer. Left to cherish precious memories are: his wife, Mrs. Beulah Brooks Locklear of the home; seven sons, Winford Locklear Jr., Jerry Locklear, Charlie Locklear, Robert Locklear, James Locklear, Lee Locklear and Billy Locklear, all of Fairmont, NC, three daughters, Cathy Hammonds of Lumberton, NC; Shirley Mae Locklear of Fairmont, NC; and Mary Margaret Oxendine of Fairmont, NC; two sisters, Mossie Locklear of Pembroke, NC; and Lucrate Locklear of Maxton; 16 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren.



Ms. Betty "Jo Jo" Hunt

Ms. Betty "Jo Jo" Hunt was born the daughter of Alton and Eva Jones Hunt on March 12, 1950 and departed this earthly life on December 30, 1996. Her parents instilled pride in their American Indian heritage and taught her to value education as a means of rising above the indignation and prejudice that surround Native peoples. Jo Jo attended public schools in Robeson county and graduated Valedictorian of the 1967 class of Pembroke High School. In 1970 she graduated cum laude from Pembroke State University with a B.S. degree in English and mathematics. Following undergraduate studies, she enrolled in Duke University's School of Law and received her Juris Doctor degree in 1973.

After being admitted to the North Carolina Bar in August 1973, Jo Jo accepted employment as a staff assistant and assistant counsel with the Senate Subcommittee on Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C. This initial employment was the beginning of an outstanding career of advocacy and service for American Indians and Alaskan Natives in the nation's capital of Washington, D.C.

She served as a consultant for the American Indian Policy Review Commission where she chaired the Task Force on Terminated and Nonfederally Recognized Indians; Executive Director of the Coalition of Eastern Native Americans, Inc.; Staff Associate for coordination and preparation of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration and the Indian Criminal Justice Program in the Public in the Public Administration Service; Staff Attorney for the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs; Attorney Advisor (General) for the Office of Hearings and Appeals in the Social Security Administration; Executive Director of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education; Consultant and Volunteer for the National American Indian Council, and Health Insurance Specialist in the Division of Legislation and Regulations of the Indian Health Service, and Health Insurance Specialist for American Indian and Alaskan Natives in the Office of the Bureau Director of the Medicaid Bureau and Office of Beneficiary Services for the Health care Financing Administration.

From 1982-88 Jo Jo served as Attorney-Advisor (General) for the Office of Hearings and Appeals in the Social Security Administration in Santa Ana, CA and was general partner in the Holland Chiropractic Clinic in San Juan Capistrano, CA.

Sincerity, dedication, compassion, sensitivity, perseverance, and passionate advocacy for American Indians and Alaskan Native drove Jo Jo Hunt's life's work and service. The life she lived and modeled and the service she gave to humanity touched many in whose hearts and minds she will forever be remembered. Like her father, Jo Jo "left the world far better than she found it."



Mrs. Ola Lee Burns

Mrs. Ola Lee Burns, 60, of Deep Branch Road, departed this life on Thursday, January 9, 1997 at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC following an extended illness.

She was the daughter of the late Warren E. Sampson and Cattie H. Sampson. Mrs. Burns was born in Robeson County March 22, 1936.

Mrs. Burns is survived by her husband, Rufus Burns, of the home; one son: Rufus Lynn Burns of Pembroke, a step-son, Phillip Locklear of Fairmont; three daughters: Wanda Burns-Ramsay of Raleigh; Sharon Kay Deese of Pembroke; and Karen Burns Privette of Zebulon. She is also survived by two brothers: Edmond Bracey Sampson of Pembroke and Eugene Sampson of Lumberton; three sisters: Mary C. Locklear of Pembroke; Marie S. Locklear and Audrey L. Chavis, both of Lumberton; and by sixteen grandchildren, one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Burns was preceded in death by a sister, Rosie Lee Locklear, by four brothers: Alfred H. Sampson, Ellis Sampson, Harvey Sampson and Curley Sampson; by a granddaughter: Jessica Lee Ramsey, and by a niece: Barbara Burns Cummings.



Mr. Joe Chavis

Mr. Joe Chavis Sr., 83, was born to Mr. Dannie and Mrs. Aarrec Chavis on June 23, 1913 and departed this life February 6, 1997 at his home. Mr. Chavis was preceded in death by one son, Mr. Delton Ray Chavis.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife of sixty years, Mrs. Alice Chavis of the home; a daughter, Mrs. Mergie Strickland of Pembroke; four sons, Mr. John Chavis Jr. of Wakulla, Mr. Elmer Ray Chavis, Mr. Donnie Lee Chavis and Mr. Roy Lee Chavis, all of Pembroke, three sisters, Mrs. Minnie P. Bullard, Mrs. Patee C. Jacobs, both of Maxton, and Mrs. Viler J. Chavis of Red Springs, two brothers, Mr. Zack Chavis and Mr. Wade Chavis both of Wakulla, eleven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



Mrs. Sally A. Hunt

Mrs. Sally Amanda Hunt, 68, died in Woodhaven Nursing Home. The funeral was conducted at West End Baptist Church by the Revs. Millard Maynard, Rickey Locklear and Welton Lowry. Burial was in Lumbee Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Hunt is survived by her husband, Welbert Hunt of the home; a daughter, Shirlean Bullard of Lumberton; two sons, Michael Hunt of Lumberton and Anthony C. Hunt of Hope Mills; three sisters, Elaine White of Pembroke, Joyce Maynor of Lumberton and Mary Miller of Red Springs; three brothers, James F. Hunt of Lumberton, Earl Hunt of Bennettsville, SC, and Erlic Hunt of Red Springs; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Grady G. Oxendine

Mr. Grady G. Oxendine, 71 of Pembroke was born January 9, 1926 and departed this life on Thursday, January 9, 1997, after a short illness.

He was the son of the late Lockety and Nancy Oxendine of the Union Chapel Community. He was also the husband of Lettie Harris Oxendine. They were married June 7, 1946 and to the union was born Donna Oxendine Locklear of Pembroke and David Oxendine of Raleigh, NC. He was the grandfather of Nicole C. Locklear, Clyde B. Locklear and LaDonna Locklear. Other survivors include Clyde Locklear, son-in-law and six brothers: John Hugh Oxendine (now deceased); Russell Oxendine; Rev. Grover Oxendine; Roy Oxendine; Rev. Alonzo Oxendine; and Henry W. Oxendine. He was preceded in death by Roosevelt Oxendine and Voila O. Locklear.

He served in the United States Navy During World War II and immediately returned to pursue a career in education.

He received his education from Union Chapel School, Pembroke High School, Pembroke State University and Appalachian State University with BS and MA Degrees. Mr. Oxendine's "life" of education last 36 years and he touched the lives of many children. He retired in 1984. Upon his retirement, his desire for educating children was still there. He continued this pursuit by working with Pembroke State University to supervise student teachers. He was a trustee at Pembroke State University.

He was a member of Prospect United Methodist Church. He served in the position of Sunday school superintendent, Sunday school teacher and was at the time of death assistant Sunday school teacher.

Grady G. Oxendine was a teacher, a principal, a mentor and a supervisor to students and teachers of Robeson and surrounding counties. He was a husband, a daddy and granddaddy to his family. He was an avid golfer and bowler and enjoyed fishing and farming. But most of all, he was a Christian who loved his neighbors, family and Prospect Methodist Church. He was a loving servant of God. He will be missed by the family, relatives and friends.

He served as treasurer for the Indian Honor Association of Robeson County, Inc.



Mr. Grady G. Oxendine