

Obituaries

Leslie Edwards

PEMBROKE-Leslie Edwards, 77, of 3615 Union Chapel Road, died Tuesday (April 4) in Duke University Medical Center in Durham.

The funeral was held at 3:30 p.m. Friday (April 7) in Revels Funeral Home chapel in Pembroke. Bro. Archie Oxendine officiating. Burial followed in Lumbee Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Edwards is survived by two sons, Arnold L. Edwards and Arron Edwards, both of Maxton; a daughter, Cherry McMillian of Pembroke; three sisters, Delphia Chavis, Thelma Bullard and Bertha Mae Edwards, all of Maxton; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Revels Funeral in Pembroke was in charge of the services.

Tonya L. Locklear

MAXTON-Ms. Tonya Lynn Locklear, 26, of 165 McGirt Gin Road, died Monday (April 3) in FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

The funeral was conducted at 3 p.m. Friday (April 7) in Smithtown Church of God by the Revs. Numer Locklear, Donald Bullard and Jimmy F. Locklear. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Ms. Locklear is survived by two sons, Saidrick D. Locklear and John A. Scott, both of Maxton; her father, Dwight Locklear of Pembroke; her mother, Trina H. Locklear of Maxton; two brothers, Carey D. Locklear of Maxton and Kelvin D. Locklear of Pembroke; a sister, Nicole Locklear of Pembroke; and her maternal grandmother, Ella Mae

Hammonds of Maxton.

The funeral was by Thompson Funeral Home of Pembroke.

Julius "Juke" Locklear

ROWLAND-Julius "Juke" Locklear, 62, of 1713 Iona Church Road, died Tuesday (April 4) in his home.

The funeral was held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday (April 6) in Ashpole United Methodist Church by the Revs. George Locklear and Everett Woods. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Funeral arrangements were by Floyd Funeral Services of Fairmont.

Mr. Locklear is survived by his wife, Effie J. Locklear of the home; four sons, Julian Locklear, Stevie Locklear and Donald Locklear, all of Rowland and Jerry Revels of Lumberton; four brothers, Willie Locklear Jr., Douglas Locklear, Bobby Locklear and Levon Locklear, all of Rowland; three sisters, Mae West Hunt, Lou Helen Bell and Lois Richardson, all of Rowland; and six grandchildren.

Theresa Blaylock Brown

PEMBROKE-Theresa Blaylock Brown of 318 Cherry Lane, died Tuesday (April 4) at Duke University Medical Center.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Friday (April 7) at Revels Funeral Home Chapel, the Rev. Praether Sampson officiating. Burial followed in the Lumbee Memorial Gardens.

Ms. Brown was born in Baltimore, Md. on Feb. 16, 1968. She was preceded in death by her mother, Gerry Blaylock; a brother, Timmy Blaylock; and a son, Benny Brown Jr.

Surviving are two sons, Wayne Anthony Colvin and Rom John

Langston, both of Baltimore; her father, Billy K. Blaylock of Maryland; a sister, Marilyn Oxendine of Pembroke; and two brothers, Billy Blaylock Jr. and Bobby Blaylock, both of Maryland.

Funeral services were conducted by Revels Funeral Home of Pembroke.

Johnny Chavis

SHANNON-Johnny Chavis, 31, of 70 Reservation Road, died Wednesday (April 5) at his home.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday (April 9) at the Freedom Assembly of God in Red Springs, the Revs. Montana Locklear and Rocky Williamson officiating. Burial followed in the Shannon Assembly of God Cemetery.

Chavis, a native of Robeson County, owned a construction company. He was preceded in death by his father, the Rev. Howard Chavis.

His survivors include his wife, Sarah Chavis; a son, Harvey Jr. Locklear of the home; two daughters,

Alene Locklear and Bridget Chavis, both of the home; his mother, Shirley Chavis of Shannon; six brothers, Howard Chavis Jr., Ronnie Chavis, James Chavis, Randy Chavis and Scott Chavis, all of Shannon, and Dean Chavis of Red Springs, and three sisters, Diane Locklear and Tammy Chavis, both of Shannon, and Patricia Chavis of Lumberton.

Ronald Locklear

LUMBERTON-Ronald Locklear, 58, of 527 Shannon Road, died Thursday (April 6) in FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Sunday (April 9) in Locklear & Son Funeral Home Chapel in Pembroke, officiated by the Revs. Lockie Carter and Earny Hammonds. Burial followed in the Mount Olive Church Cemetery.

Mr. Locklear is survived by a son, Ronnie N. Locklear of Rowland; his mother, Mary C. "Mamie" Locklear of Lumberton; three brothers, James N. Locklear of Rennert, Lawrence Locklear and Hulen "Bill" Locklear, both of Lumberton; two sisters, Ponell L. Brackin of Montgomery, Texas and Oudia Locklear of Lumberton.

Funeral services were conducted by Locklear & Son Funeral Home, Pembroke.

Carol Dial

MAXTON-Carol Dial, 56, 1114 Harpers Ferry Road, died Thursday (April 6) at SRMC, Lumberton.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday (April 9) at White Hill Free Will Baptist Church, the Revs. Lister Dial, Jerry Locklear and Grady Chavis officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Ms. Dial was born Aug. 17, 1943 to the late James Hunt and Lester "Kate" Hunt.

Surviving are her husband, J.T. Dial of the home; three daughters, Christy K. Dial of the home, Carol A. Collins of Maxton and Teresa Collins of Pembroke; three sons, Johnny Dial and Kim Dial, both of Maxton, and Terry Dial of Waterbury, Conn.; two sisters, Cynthia A. Chavis and Mary Sue Deese, both of Pembroke; two brothers, James A. Hunt and Ralph C. Hunt, both of Maxton; and 15 grandchildren.

Funeral services: Revels Funeral Home, Pembroke.

Helen M. Jacobs Arena

HAVERTHILL, MASS. - Helen M. Jacobs Arena, 61, of 32 Lilac Lane in Haverhill, Mass., and formerly of Pembroke, N.C., died Friday (April 7) at Holy Family Hospital.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday (April 12) at Bear Swamp Baptist Church Cemetery in Pembroke, the Revs. Jimmy Strickland and Praether Sampson officiating.

Surviving are her husband Thomas L. Arena of Haverhill; a son, Dennis Earl Hunt of Lawrence; two daughters, Donna Lafreniere of Warwick, N.Y., and Laura L. Arena of Philadelphia; a brother, J.C. Jacobs of Pembroke; two sisters, Margaret L. Jernigan of Pembroke and Sallie J. Hunt of Rowland, N.C.; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Thompson Funeral Home, Pembroke. Memorials may be made in the name of Helen M. Arena to the First United Methodist Church, 57 Peters St., North Andover, Mass. 01845.

Paula R. Wilkins

LUMBERTON-Ms. Paula Renee Wilkins, 32, of 210 Lindsay Drive, died Monday (April 10) in Southeastern Regional Medical Center.

The funeral will be held today (April 13) in Saddle Creek Church of God by the Revs. Millard Maynard, Kenneth Locklear and Horace Oxendine. Burial will follow in the Burnt Swamp Church Cemetery. Arrangements are by Revels Funeral Home, Pembroke.

Ms. Wilkins survived by her mother, Ms. Paulette Dial of Lumberton; her father, Clyde R. Wilkins of Michigan; her stepfather, Alfred Dial of Pembroke; a brother, Richard K. Wilkins of Michigan; and her grandmother, Blamie Wilkins of Shannon.

Marcus W. Locklear

PEMBROKE-Marcus Wayne Locklear, 23, of 77 Nancy Lane, died Monday (April 10) in Southeastern Regional Medical Center.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Revels Funeral Home of Pembroke.

McIntyre co-sponsors Bullet-proof Vests

Washington, D.C.--U.S. Representative Mike McIntyre has become an original cosponsor of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 2000. This legislation would reauthorize the highly successful grant program which McIntyre supported in 1998 to help law enforcement officers in the line of duty.

Congressman McIntyre stated, "We need to do all that we can to protect those who serve to protect us. The goal of this legislation is simple: to save the lives of police and corrections officers. The FBI estimates that the risk of fatality for an officer not wearing body armor is 14 times higher than for officers wearing vests. I encourage my colleagues in both the House and Senate to pass this legislation immediately so that we can provide a bulletproof vest for every state and local law enforcement officer who needs one."

The Bulletproof Vest Partnership Act of 2000 would provide \$50 million with up to 50% matching grants to state and local law enforcement agencies in order to purchase bulletproof vests and body armor. The legislation guarantees that all agencies serving smaller jurisdictions, which often have extremely limited budgets for vests, are provided with full 50-50 matching grants. In addition, the bill expands the current program to include body armor which meets the new stabproof standard which will prove vital to corrections officers and sheriffs departments who face violent criminals in close quarters.

In 1999, the grant program distributed enough awards to fully match funds for the purchase of 87,000 vests for 3,511 jurisdictions across the nation.

Congressman McIntyre is a member of the Congressional Law Enforcement Caucus.

Birth Announcement

Dolph and Dana Ramseur of Midland, North Carolina announce the birth of their son, Dolphus Earl Ramseur III ("Dolan") born March 1, 2000 at Carolina Medical in Charlotte, NC. He weighed 7 lbs and 7 oz.

Dolan is the grandson of Dennis and Judy Lowery of Charlotte, an Dolph and Linda Ramseur of Concord, NC. Great grandparents are Stella Locklear of Union Chapel, Pembroke (her ninth great-grandchild), Blanche Ramseur of Concord (her first great grandchild), and Ollie Ramseur of Concord (her ninth great grandchild).

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Reflections

by Alta Nye Oxendine

Once again, I'm embarrassed over a simple error I made! At some point I realized that the year 2000 has no Sunday, March 20! I thought I could figure out the right date without checking a calendar. As the rest of you likely know, that Sunday fell on March 19!

(Note to myself: from now on, REMEMBER to keep a calendar handy when I use my computer! I used to go by my Microsoft calendar. But I still have to reset it each time--ever since New Year's day, Y2K. So, lots of days I just make my plans on the schedule for Friday 4 January 1980, the date that automatically appears each time I bring up the calendar.)

More People to Pray For

Let's remember Sarah Ratliff's son, Stanley, who needs a bone marrow transplant. Also the family of Joyce Locklear, who died recently.

Sarah is the sister of Helen Sheppard, Jeanette Dial, and Greg Oxendine of Pembroke. Greg's wife, Sue, is "Miss Joyce's" daughter.

Other Colors

Since writing about our "springtime wonderland" in this area, I've been noticing a greater assortment of colors than those mentioned earlier. I'm still enjoying the pinks, reds, yellows, whites, and lavenders, along with the blues of wild flowers and the light green leaves.

Green Grove School's holds Career Day

Excitement was in the air on Thursday, March 30, as students Pre-K-3 listened and participated in Career Day at Green Grove School. The theme was "When I Grow Up...Children eagerly waited their turn for an opportunity to sit in a police car, to hold the fire hose and spray water, a chance to be hooked up to a monitor and hear their heart beat, to be able to climb inside an 18-wheeler truck, have their nails painted, and hair styled. Children also learned about the careers of teaching, pharmacist, nutritionist, horticulturist, bus driver, nurse, nursing assistant and EMS.

The staff is very appreciative of the parents and community representatives who took time out of their busy schedule to share these important experiences with the children.

I would like to thank everyone for supporting my plate sale. It was a TREMENDOUS SUCCESS. We cooked four hogs and seven boxes of chicken, and served approximately 600 people within a four hour period. A SPECIAL THANK YOU to the men who cooked the meat and to the women who took care of everything else.

May 2nd is just around the corner and there is still a lot of work to be done. Things are looking really good right now, but there is no time to rest. The Apostle Paul said, "DO you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it." With that said, my next event will be held over at the Evans Cross Roads Fire Dept. on April 22nd at 4 p.m. My supporters and I are hosting a FREE chicken bog. EVERYONE is invited to attend.

Get out and tell your friends and neighbors that there is a fresh wind blowing through District 5 and its name is "Hurricane" Patrick Bullard. Thank you again for your unwavering support, and I look forward to seeing you next week at Evans Cross Roads Fire Department.

PATRICK BULLARD

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