

OBITUARIES

Essie H. Locklear

HAMILTON, SQUARE, N.J.-Mrs. Essie Neal Hammonds Locklear, 75, of 20 Mysty Pine Lane, formerly of Robeson County, N.C., died Friday (May 25) in St. Mary's Hospital in Langhorne, Pa.

Mrs. Locklear was a homemaker.

The funeral was conducted at 3 p.m. Thursday (May 31) in Bethel Hill Baptist Church in Lumberton, N.C. by the Revs. James D. Hammonds, Delton Goins and Dr. Millard Maynard officiating. Burial followed in the Hammonds Family Cemetery in Lumberton.

Mrs. Locklear is survived by two sons, Richard T. Locklear of Lumberton and James Locklear of Trenton; five daughters, Jannine Coltre of Trenton, Synda Lamont and Lynda Locklear, both of Hamilton Square, Diane Wykoff of Salisbury, Md. and Charline Gerekpa of San Antonio; 15 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

David Cummings

ROWLAND-Mr. David Cummings, 76, of 1842 Biggs Road, died Tuesday (May 29).

Mr. Cummings, a member of Elrod Baptist Church, was an assistant chief and chief of the Deep Branch Volunteer Fire Department for several years and worked for Crowell Construction Co. before retiring.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Friday (June 1) in Elrod Baptist Church by the Revs. Gary Chavis, Romey Revels and Bobby Burns. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Cummings is survived by his wife, Beulah O. Cummings of the home; five sons, Don E. Cummings, Larry A. Cummings, David R. Cummings and James M. Cummings, all of Rowland and Ronnie D. Cummings of Chapel Hill; three daughters, Dorothy C. Chavis and Regenia C. Locklear both of Rowland and Rita C. Wilkins of Lumberton; four brothers, James Cummings of Maxton, Levi Cummings of Fremont, Monroe Cummings of Goldsboro and Ervin Cummings of Knoxville, Tenn.; two sisters, Annie R. Bell of Norfolk, Va. and Nora L. Holland of Goldsboro; 18 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Millie J. Jacobs

PEMBROKE-Ms. Millie Jo Jacobs, 19, of 502 W. Fourth St., died Tuesday (May 29) in Wilson Memorial Hospital.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Friday (June 1) in Prospect United Methodist Church, the Revs. Simmie Barton and Marshall Locklear officiating. Burial followed in Deese Family Cemetery.

Ms. Jacobs is survived by her parents, James C. "Jimmy" and Millie Jacobs of the home; two sisters, Tina J. Goins of Pembroke and Katie J. Hope of El Paso, Texas; a brother, James E. Jacobs of Pembroke; and her maternal grandfather, Everette Hammonds of Pembroke.

Revels Funeral Home of Pembroke handled arrangements for the family.

William E. Pate

PEMBROKE-Mr. William E. Pate, 80, of 10463 Deep Branch Road, died Tuesday (May 29) in Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Durham.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Revels Funeral Home Chapel in Pembroke. Burial followed in St. Anna Baptist Church Cemetery.

Mr. Pate is survived by six daughters, Sandra P. Bell and Mary P. Hardin, both of Chapel Hill, Deloris P. Oxendine of Atlanta and Debra S. Pate, Sherry Pate and Gail P. Vega, all of Pembroke; two sons, Gary E. Pate and Terry D. Pate, both of Pembroke; and a sister, Marie Oxendine of Pembroke.

Arrangements by Revels Funeral Home, Pembroke.

LILLIE MAE LOCKLEAR DEESE PEMBROKE-Mrs. Lillie Mae Locklear Deese, 89, of 745 Hezekiah Road, died Wednesday (May 30) at Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton.

The funeral was held at 4 p.m. Saturday (June 2) at Rock of Ages Baptist Church in Red Springs, the Revs. Lindbergh Chavis, Manford Locklear and Marshall Strickland officiating. Burial followed at Lumbee Memorial Gardens in Pembroke.

Mrs. Deese is survived by two sons, James Willie Locklear of Lumberton and Sandy Locklear of Red Springs; three daughters, Mary Lois Jones of Lumberton and Clementine and Willer Mae Locklear, both of Pembroke; 14 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Locklear & Son Funeral Home, Pembroke.

Curtis Locklear

FAIRMONT-Mr. Curtis Locklear, 63, of 3293 Gaddy Road, died Tuesday (May 29) at Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Friday (June 1) at Riverside Independent Baptist Church in Lumberton, the Revs. Jerry McNeill, Weymon Oxendine and Gary Locklear officiating. Burial followed at the Locklear Family Cemetery.

Mr. Locklear is survived by four sons, Timothy Locklear of Fuquay-Farina, Kent Curtis Locklear of Fayetteville, James Locklear of Maxton and Robert Grayton Locklear of Raeford; three daughters, Joann Scott of the home, Petty Tyre of Fairmont and Wendy Carol Oxendine of Elizabethtown; three brothers, Archie Locklear of Red Springs, and Marvin and Floyd Locklear, both of Pembroke; six sisters, Margie Lee McNeil, Zula Mae Canady, Gracie Hammonds, Doris Chavis and Shirley Scott, all of Lumberton and Jennie Voyce Locklear of Red Springs; 15 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Thelma Ball

HOPE MILLS-Mrs. Thelma Ball, 75, of 4448 Betsy Ross Road, Hope Mills, died Thursday (May 31) at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday (June 3) at Zion Hill Baptist Church in Rennett, the Revs. Jimmy Locklear and Steve Brewer officiating. Burial followed at Zion Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.

Surviving are a daughter, Alease B. Goins of the home; three brothers, Rev. Steve Brewer of Hope Mills, David Brewer of Shannon and Eleny Oxendine of Fairmont; four sisters, Dovie-Lee Locklear of Hope Mills, Cletus Hunt of Fairmont, Carol Hunt of Lumberton and Evelyn Locklear of Pembroke; eight grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Dexter Chavis

MAXTON - Dexter Chavis, 55, of 2780 Red Hill Road, died Tuesday (May 29) in FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday (June 3) in White Hill Freewill Baptist Church, the Revs. Kelvin Locklear, Oscar Henderson and Jennings Bullard officiating. Burial followed in the Chavis Family Cemetery. Arrangements by Locklear & Son Funeral Home, Pembroke.

Mr. Chavis is survived by his wife, Pauline K. Chavis of the home; four sons, Scott Chavis of Texas, Sean Chavis of Florida, Dexter Chavis Jr. of Georgia and Jesse Chavis of the home; a daughter, Heather M. Chavis of the home; his parents, Willie A. and Etta M. Chavis of Maxton; two brothers, Rabon Chavis of Maxton and Clyde Lowery of Fayetteville; four sisters, Judy Locklear of Red Springs, Jackie Locklear of Maxton, Josie Beasley of Georgia and Marie Jarrett of Fayetteville; his paternal grandmother, Reddie Chavis of Pembroke; and four grandchildren.

Trudie Ivey Oxendine FAIRMONT-Mrs. Trudie Ivey Oxendine, 71, of 4286 E. White

Pond Road, died Friday (June 1) at Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday (June 3) at Piney Grove Baptist Church, the Revs. Timmy Hunt and Prather Sampson officiating. Interment followed in Piney Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Oxendine was born in Robeson County on Feb. 14, 1930 and attended Northside Independent Church. She was a retired employee of Premium Ware and a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Willie Jack and Celianne Strickland Ivey; her husband, Henry Chandle "Dobber" Oxendine; a great-granddaughter, La-Krisson Marie Locklear; and several brothers and sisters.

Surviving are five sons, Ladell Oxendine of Fairmont, the Rev. Wyndell Oxendine, Gary Oxendine and Victor Oxendine,

all of Lumberton, and Kenny Oxendine of Hope Mills; three daughters, Linda Oxendine Locklear of Shannon, Patsy Oxendine of Lumberton and Sarah Oxendine Floyd of Fairmont; a special friend, Kathy Mitchell of Fairmont; a brother, Jack Ivey Jr. of Statesville; a sister, Mazola Ivey of Hamlet; 17 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

William Anthony Locklear

ROWLAND-Mr. William Anthony Locklear, 29, of 3232 N.C. 710 South, died Wednesday (May 30) at UNC-Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday (June 3) at Faith of Calvary Church, the Revs. James Albert Hunt and Chalmers Kerns officiating. Burial followed in Elrod Baptist Church Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Fuller and Lizzie B. Locklear, and Arthur and Lillie Ree Locklear.

Surviving are his parents, Donald C. and Annie Lois Locklear of the home; five brothers, Arnold and Tyrone Locklear, both of the home, Ronald and Ray Locklear, both of Rowland, and Donald Locklear of Pembroke; three sisters, Wanda West, Carol Locklear and Teresa Locklear, all of Rowland; 16 nephews and nieces; and three great-nephews.

Arrangements by Revels Funeral Home, Pembroke.

George Leonard Chavis LAURINBURG-Mr. George Leonard Chavis, 67, of Laurinburg, died Friday (June 1) at Scotland Memorial Hospital.

The funeral was held at 4 p.m. Monday (June 4) at Oak Grove Baptist Church, the Revs. Earl Henderson, Johnny Chavis and Jerry Oxendine officiating. Burial followed in Scotland Cemetery.

Mr. Chavis was born Oct. 21, 1933 in Robeson County, and was a retired truck driver with 27 years of service with Pilot Trucking Company. He was also a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Row W. and Winnie Bell Chavis.

Surviving are his wife, Aletha Jacobs Chavis of the home; two sons, Leonard Chavis Jr. of Lynchburg, Va., and Ronnie Chavis of Laurinburg; two daughters, Mae Bell Chavis and Brenda J. Polston, both of Laurinburg; four brothers, Ashley Chavis of Laurinburg,

Charles B. Chavis of Florida, Roger Dale Chavis of Albemarle and Howard B. Chavis of Laurel Hill; six sisters, Dorothy C. Thompson of Pembroke, Fannie Brewer and Shirley Kee, both of

Laurinburg, Shelby Woodard and Levon Player, both of Laurel Hill, and Katherine Butler of Albermarle; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Linell Strickland

LUMBERTON-Mrs. Linell Strickland, 40, of McDaniel Road, died Saturday (June 2) at Southeastern Regional Medical Center.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Monday (June 4) at Island Grove Baptist Church, the Rev. Larry Locklear officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving are two daughters, Ariel Lowery of Lumberton and Crystal Lowery of Red Springs; a son, Jeriah Lowery of Lumberton; two sisters, Carolyn Strickland of Maxton and Cheryl Oxendine of Lumberton; seven brothers, Harold Ray Strickland, Ronald Gene Strickland and James Everette Strickland, all of Pembroke, Earl Homer Strickland and Johnny Strickland, both of Lumberton, Jeff Strickland of Durham and W.J. Strickland of Manassas, Va.

Pearlie H. Oxendine

PROCTORVILLE-Mrs. Pearlie Hunt Oxendine, 84, of 123 Lepine Drive, died Sunday (June 3) in Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton.

Mrs. Oxendine, a homemaker and farmer, was also a member of Dogwood Baptist Church.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday (June 6) in Dogwood Baptist Church in Rowland, the Revs. Bobby Burns, Johnnie Chavis, Tracy Locklear and Kenny Mitchell officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Oxendine is survived by five sons, Lenwood Oxendine of Greensboro, William Oxendine and Brandford Oxendine, both of Rowland, Elwood Oxendine of Lumberton and Gary Oxendine of Fairmont; seven daughters, Berta M. Chavis of Fairmont, Gerdie M. Lambert and Retha Scott, both of Rowland, Lessie M. Ledwell of Pembroke, Annie B. Tillman of Greensboro, Letha Bartley of Orrum and Annie V. Hammond of Maxton; two sisters, Annie J. Hunt of Lumberton and Mattie Oxendine of Rowland; 64 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; 26 great-great grandchildren; and 12 great-great-great grandchildren.

Velton Oxendine

FAIRMONT-Mr. Velton "Coot" Oxendine, 76, of 2-B Woodfield Apartments, died Sunday (June 3) in Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton.

First Native American Honoring Ceremony

by Ervin Jacobs

Sunday, June 3rd, 2001, the Rockingham District Native American Cooperative Ministry of the United Methodist Churches descended on Branch Street United Methodist Church in Lumberton, NC at 3:00 p.m. to hold its First Honoring Ceremony. The host church's pastor is Rev. Harold Hunt. The Chosen Committee did a wonderful job decorating the church in a traditional Native American theme. Extremely colorful flowers, quilts, gourds, paintings, baskets of all kinds adorned the sanctuary and throughout the dining area. All the committees (decorating and food) worked very hard to make this a huge success.

The Ceremony began at 3:00 p.m. with the welcoming remarks of Mr. Gary W. Locklear and the Rev. Harold Hunt. Rev. Bob Mangum led the congregation with the hymn of praise "Here I Am, Lord" with uplifted voices singing from the heart. Our District Superintendent Rev. Ed Morrison gave the invocation. Fellow columnist, Mr. Derek Lowery, spoke briefly on the Native American Honoring Ceremony to a well accepted applause by all in attendance.

The musical ministry was provided by Miss Jamee A. Hunt, Teen Miss Lumbee, the Branchmen from Branch Street UMC, and the Living Stones from Sandy Plains United Methodist Church.

It got awfully warm after the sanctuary filled up. It was a strain on the air conditioner. It froze up for a while and fans were brought in to help cool us down. A little toward the end of the program, Rev. Hunt assured us that the air conditioner was working again. The Ceremony was two hours long as there were so many worthy people to be recognized and paid honor to. Rev. Bob Mangum gave the Co-Op Honoring Purpose Statement. He is the Rockingham District Native American Church Ministries Coordinator. He explained what the Ministries did for people in the USA and South America. He also recognized our first retired Ministry Personnel, Rev. Simeon Cummings and Mrs. Alta Nye Oxendine (another fellow columnist). Ordained clergy was our favorite son, candidate for the Episcopacy, the Rev. Sam Wynn. Laity leaders, local pastors. All of the above were recognized by different speakers: Robby Lowry, Ms. Mable Cummings, Rev. Bob Mangum, Rev. Harold Hunt, Rev. Larry Chandler, Rev. Milford Oxendine, Rev. Sylvia Collins, Rev. Ed and Mrs. Mison and

Rev. Douglas Locklear.

Recognition of Missionaries was made by Rev. Kenneth Locklear, Director of SEJANAM at Lake Junaluska, NC. Recognition of parish assistants were done by the Rev. Jimmy Oxendine and Mrs. Ruby Cummings. Recognition of high school, college and university students and graduates was given by Rev. Robert Ray of First United Methodist Church in Pembroke. He also recognized churches with significant mission and co-op contributions, the affiliate churches of the co-op and the new Native American congregation of the Western NC Conference. Honorable mention was given to candidates for ministry, seminary and course of study. Ms. Emma Locklear told about the trips and accomplishments done in South America. She recalled her first mission trip and how scarce everything was and explained the progress. Now there are better places for women to give birth and sanitary conditions have been improved.

I guess I can say my proudest moment came near the close of the ceremony. I had been asked several weeks ago to surprise Rev. Bob Mangum and I set forth the wheels in motion. As I called him up to the podium, I'm sure he did not know what was going on. I asked Ms. Jessie Mitchell and Ms. Treva Stewart to tell the audience a little something about Rev. Mangum since they had known him many years. As they both began to reminisce about their acquaintance with Rev. Mangum we began to learn more about him.

I first met Rev. Mangum in 1989-90. We have been in various meetings and also work details with the Co-op, chatted by phone and in his trips to West Robeson United Methodist Church at the Forks. I feel like I knew a little something he has done for our people. I presented him a framed certificate of my appreciation, a Hawk feather from Mother Earth Creations owner, Mr. Hayes Allen Locklear, a turquoise and beaded necklace made by Rev. Marshall Locklear and I thanked him for all he has done for us.

Closing comments and prayer were given by Rev. Sylvia Collins and then adjournment to the fellowship hall.

In 1961, Henri Matisse's painting *Le Bateau* hung in New York City's Museum of Modern Art for 47 days before someone noticed it was upside down.

Mr. Oxendine was a member of Pleasant View Baptist Church, and was a retired furniture assembler.

The funeral was held at 4 p.m. Wednesday (June 6) in Pleasant View Baptist Church, the Revs. Ricky Burnett, Sam Hunt and Lacy Lambert officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Oxendine is survived by two sons, James L. Oxendine of Fairmont and Velton Oxendine Jr. of Lumberton; three daughters, Evelyn Morice of Lumberton and Betty Freeman and Cathy Freeman, both of Fairmont; three brothers, Wilbert Oxendine, Carson Oxendine and Freeman Oxendine, all of Fairmont; a sister, Mary L. Oxendine of Fairmont; six grandchildren; and a great grandchild.

Mary Leola C. Locklear LUMBERTON-Mrs. Mary Leola Chavis Locklear, 72, of 3767 Carthage Road, died Monday (June 4) at Southeastern Regional Medical Center.

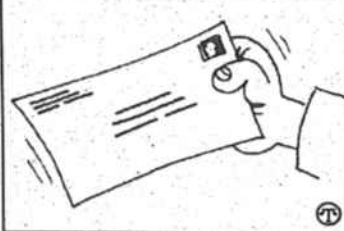
The funeral was held at 4 p.m. Wednesday (June 6) at Bethel Hill Baptist Church in Lumberton, the Revs. Jimmy Hammonds and Tommy Hall officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Locklear was preceded in death by her parents, Solomon J. and Christine Locklear Clark; three brothers, Howard, Eugene and Edwin Clark; two sisters, Ann C. Sloan and Margaret C. Renzi; and her first husband, Dannie Chavis Jr.

She is survived by her husband, Maurice Locklear of the home; three sons, David Lee "Buddy", Chuckie and Sammy Chavis, all of Lumberton; a stepson, John Locklear of Lumberton; five daughters, Christine C. Bell of St. Pauls, Lorrie C. McGirt of Charlotte, and Cathleen Woods, Darlene C. Munford and Mary C. Kerns, all of Lumberton; two brothers, Lin and Bob Clark of Philadelphia; two sisters, Mildred C. Strickland of Lumberton and Barbara C. Rose of Philadelphia; two step-daughters, Ann Hardin of Lumberton and Jennifer Locklear of Fayetteville; 18 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.



(NAPS)—According to Jennifer Dickey, a consumer expert at Racine Industries Inc., carpet cleaning can be made easy and hassle free with a "dry" carpet cleaning system. Dickey recommends renting a dry cleaning system such as HOST, which can remove as much as 75 percent of dust mite allergens and 85 percent of pet allergens commonly found in carpets. For more information, call 800-558-9439 or visit www.hostcarpetcleaning.com.



A new postage stamp is encouraging the nation to know more about diabetes, a disease that kills one American every three minutes. To see preliminary designs of the 2001 stamps and stationery, visit the Postal Service Web site. All current stamps and other philatelic items, as well as a comprehensive catalog, are available by calling the U.S. Postal Service toll free at 1-800-STAMP-24. A selection of stamps and stamp products are also available in the new Postal Store at www.usps.com.

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The Amstel EnLight Survey at www.amstellight.com/survey.
BirdsEye frozen vegetable recipes at www.birdseye.com.
Bush's Country Style Baked Beans at www.bushbeans.com.
The American Osteopathic Association at www.aoa-net.org.
Maple Leaf Farms at www.mapleleafarms.com.
Probiotics at www.imodium.com.
The USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at www.fsis.usda.gov.
Key Education Resources at www.key.com/educate.
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—Henry Brooks Adams

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