

Deaths & Funerals

Wade Edward Clark
FAIRMONT-Mr. Wade Edward Clark, 76, of 7241 Pleasant Hope Road, died Monday (Nov. 5) at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Salisbury.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Thursday (Nov. 8) at Floyd Funeral Services Chapel, the Revs. Crafton Chavis and Bill James Locklear officiating. Burial followed in Lumbee Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Clark was born in Robeson County on Jan. 28, 1925. He was a retired farmer and attended Ashpole United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Wesley and Viola Hunt Clark; and three brothers, Rudolph Clark, Robert C. Clark and Charlie Ray Clark.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy Locklear Clark of the home; five sons, Johnnie Clark of the home, Terry Clark, Gary Clark and James "Pete" Clark, all of Fairmont, and Wade "Dickie" Clark Jr. of Rockingham; five daughters, June Maryland Brooks of Laurinburg, Helen Maynor, Diantha Lockley and Debbie Fowler, all of Fairmont, and Linda Jacobs of Rex; 19 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of North Carolina, 400 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, N.C. 27605.

John "Johnny" Sampson Jr.
Mr. John Sampson Jr., 56, of 811 Harry West Lane, died Monday (Nov. 5) at Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Thursday (Nov. 8) at Berea Baptist Church, the Rev. Bruce Swett officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Wanda L. Sampson of the home; four sons, Jeremy West Sampson, Ryan Heath Sampson and Jordan Reid Sampson, all of Pembroke, and Jon-Breck Sampson of Chapel Hill; a daughter-in-law, Dana Sampson of Pembroke; his mother, Molly Sampson of Pembroke; a brother, James Melton "Jimmy" Sampson of Charlotte; and a granddaughter, Morgan Ryanna Sampson of Pembroke.

Arrangements were by Locklear & Son Funeral Home of Pembroke.

Julie Mae Hunt
ROWLAND-Mrs. Julie Mae Hunt, 61, of 4773 S. Chicken Road, died Tuesday (Nov. 6) at Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Friday (Nov. 9) at Revels Funeral Home Chapel in Lumberton, the Revs. Phyllis Bollinger and Kenny Mitchell officiating. Burial followed in the Raynham Indian Cemetery.

Mrs. Hunt was born in Robeson County on Sept. 30, 1940 to the late Ed Sampson and Katie Smith.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Penny Hunt; and her stepfather, Dozier Tadlock.

Surviving are her husband, James S. Hunt of the home; six sons, James Troy Hunt Jr., John Junior Hunt, Ricky Chavis and Dozier Tadlock Jr., all of Rowland; John Joseph Hunt of Pembroke and James Earl Sanderson of Oklahoma; four daughters, Judy Hunt of Lumberton, Linda Kimmel of New Jersey, Ruthie Woods of Pennsylvania and Ruth Tadlock of Rowland; a brother, James William Hunt of Rowland; four sisters, Esther Bunch of Rowland, Myrtle Sanderson of Oklahoma, and Wendell Jones and Lillie Jane Fields of Lumberton; and 16 grandchildren.

Arrangements by Revels Funeral Home in Lumberton.

Vera Lee Bell
RED SPRINGS-Mrs. Vera Lee Bell, 82, Mount Tabor Road, died Wednesday (Nov. 7) in Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton.

Mrs. Bell was a retired food service employee at Rex-Rennert School and was a member of Shannon Assembly of God.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Saturday (Nov. 10) in Shannon Assembly of God, the Revs. Mitchell Tyler, Mitchell Oxendine and Gary McMillan officiating. Burial followed in Zion Hill Baptist Church Cemetery in Rennert.

Mrs. Bell is survived by two sons, James A. Bell and Archie Bell Jr., both of Shannon; four daughters, Sheila B. Locklear and Betty B. Brayboy, both of Shannon, Ellen B. Locklear of Red Springs and Elizabeth B. Brooks of Pembroke; two brothers, Earle Hammonds of St. Pauls and Earl Hammonds of Lumberton; three sisters, Eureka Scroggins of Missouri, Elsie Hammonds of Tampa, Fla., Mattie L. Chavis of Lumberton; 20 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Biggs Funeral Home in Lumberton.

Wiley Jones
PEMBROKE-Singing Wiley Jones, 93, of Pembroke, died Thursday (Nov. 8) at Sunbridge Nursing Home.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday (Sept. 11) at Harper's Ferry

Baptist Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Jones was a native of Robeson County and a local farmer. He was an original member of the Pembroke Men's Chorus. His family noted, in a statement, that "He was a devout Christian who forever had a smile on his lips and a song in his heart."

He attended Harper's Ferry Baptist Church where he was a deacon and lead tenor for the choir. He also attended Calvary Way Baptist Church shortly before his time of illness.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Beulah Revels Jones and a son, Wily Jones Jr.

Surviving are five daughters, Lavonia Scruggs of Wellford, S.C., Marsha Adkins of Thomasville, Margate Jones of Garner, Marie Young of Corbin, Ky. and Pauline Litton of Charlotte; three sons, Blakeslee Jones of Pembroke, Heyman Jones of Baltimore and Rod Jones of Lamar, S.C.; and 25 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Revels Funeral Home in Pembroke.

Memorial may be made to Sunbridge Activity Department, 310 E. Wardell St., Pembroke, N.C. 28372.

Lacy C. Locklear
PEMBROKE-Lacy Camel Locklear, 71, of Fuzz Drive, Pembroke, died Friday (Nov. 9) at his home.

Mr. Locklear was born Aug. 19, 1930 and was the son of the late Elbert Clark and Idella Locklear. He was preceded in death by a brother, Burl W. Locklear.

The funeral was held at 2:30 p.m. Monday (Nov. 12) at New Prospect Holiness Methodist Church, the Revs. Willie Scott and Simeon Cummings officiating. Burial followed in the family cemetery.

Mr. Locklear is survived by his wife, Dorothy Locklear; a stepson, Ted Hunt; four daughters, Peggy Locklear of Troy, Va., Deanne Locklear of Lumberton, Lisa Bullard of Pembroke and Cynthia Locklear of Los Angeles; five sons, Marshall Locklear and Lynn Gary Locklear, both of Asheville, Michael Locklear and Terry Lynn Locklear, both of Red Springs, and Ricky Locklear of Maxton; one brother, James W. Locklear of Pembroke; two sisters, Vonnice Worriax and Etherlene Scott, both of Pembroke; 20 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Revels Funeral in Pembroke.

Joseph M. Brooks
LUMBERTON-Mr. Joseph Xavier Mizzell Brooks, infant son of Ronda T. Brooks and Shawn E. Bullard, of 4 Surry Drive, died Saturday (Nov. 10) in Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville.

A graveside service was held at 4 p.m. Monday (Nov. 12) in New Hollywood Cemetery, the Revs. George Conner, Horace Oxendine and Henry Mizzell officiating. Arrangements were handled by Floyd Mortuary & Crematory of Lumberton.

In addition to his parents, Joseph is survived by a step-brother, Brandon A. Caulder of Fairmont; his maternal grandmother and step-grandfather, Mary A. and Chuck Piper of Lumberton; his maternal grandfather, Ronnie Brooks of Lumberton; his paternal grandmother, Linda F. Scott of Fairmont; and his paternal grandfather, Eddie A. Scott of Fairmont.

Christine C. Locklear
ST. PAULS-Mrs. Christine C. Locklear, 63, of 932 Rozier Siding Road, died Saturday (Nov. 10) in Duke University Medical Center in Durham.

Mrs. Locklear was a member of Antioch Baptist Church and a Sunday School teacher. She retired from Robeson Community College.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday (Nov. 13) in Antioch Baptist Church, the Revs. Sterling Chavis, Crafton Chavis and Romie Revels officiating. Burial followed in Lumbee Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Locklear is survived by her husband, Willie F. Locklear of the home; a daughter, Melody L. McMillan of St. Pauls; a brother, Caleb Chavis of St. Pauls; three sisters, Lola Hunt of Fairmont, Ola Pagram and Iola Chavis, both of St. Pauls; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements by Biggs Funeral Home of Lumberton.

Levi Hunt
LUMBERTON-Mr. Levi Hunt, 65, of 1644 Norment Road, died Saturday (Nov. 10) at Cape Fear Valley medical Center in Fayetteville.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday (Nov. 14) at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Lumberton, the Rev. Conley Matlock officiating. Burial followed in Preston Cemetery near Pembroke.

Mr. Hunt was a computer coordinator with the Public Schools of Robeson County. He worked in computer electronics with NASA and was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a volunteer for the American Red Cross in Chicago in civil defense. Mr. Hunt was one of the first Eagle Scouts in Robeson County.

Surviving are his wife, Joyce T. Hunt of the home; a daughter, Janice Smith of Council; a step-

daughter, Gwendolyn "Wendy" Warren of Timmonsville, S.C.; two grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Floyd Mortuary and Crematory Inc. of Lumberton.

Lettie Mae Smiling Oxendine
MAXTON-Mrs. Lettie Mae Smiling Oxendine, 82, of Maxton, died Sunday (Nov. 11) at her home.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday (Nov. 14) at Union Light Baptist Church in Maxton, the Revs. William Brayboy, Carson Smiling and Ronnie Revels officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Oxendine was born in Sumter, S.C. on July 1, 1919 to the late David and Margie Epps Smiling. She was a homemaker and a member of Union Light Baptist Church where she served as church secretary for 58 years.

The family noted, in a statement, that "She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother."

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Leon Smiling, Lester Smiling and Eddie Smiling; and two sisters, Virginia-Mae Hunt and Mattie Richardson.

Surviving are her husband of 59 years, Howard B. Oxendine of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Margie Louise and Ellery Dial of Maxton; a brother, Lonnie Smiling of Maxton; two sisters, Bertha Smith of Red Springs and Ruth Goins of Maxton; two grandchildren, Vivian Dial Locklear and Ray Dial, both of Maxton; and two great-grandchildren, Cierra Dial and Kyla Locklear.

Martine "Double" Locklear Jr.

RED SPRINGS-Mr. Martine "Double" Locklear Jr., 72, of 3602 Spring Hill Road, died Sunday (Nov. 11) at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinchurst.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday (Nov. 14) at Macedonia Holiness Church in Raeford, the Revs. Hedrick Jones and Hulin Chavis officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Martine and Beulah Locklear.

Surviving are a son, Stoney Locklear; four daughters, Veronica King, Verina Locklear and Bridget Jacobs, all of Red Springs, and Carrie Locklear of Lumberton; nine sisters, Hazel Pierce of Lumber Bridge, Cathy Amaral, Margaret Lowery and Helen Silvers, all of Red Springs, Evelyn Stewart of Anchorage, Alaska, Rita Warters and Jeanette Locklear, both of Florida, Vashie Tyler of Colorado and Savannah Junker of New Salem, Mass.; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Heritage Funeral Home in Red Springs.

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Reflections by Alta Nye Oxendine

BEAUTIFUL SUNSET

Driving home on Tuesday I tried to "drink in" the unique splendor of that day's sunset. It began with patches of gleaming sunlight and shadows, and continued with clouds changing from bright, light colors to darker, grayer hues. SOMETHING POSITIVE TO WRITE ABOUT IN THIS COLUMN, I was thinking. And so it is!

BUSH AND PUTIN

Not long after, I saw a "clip" of President Bush declaring that he and Vladimir Putin had developed such a relationship of "TRUST" that they did not need to put down in writing their pledges to each other. The way it HIT me was that a former KGB agent was being trusted as if he were a long-time FRIEND. I went into depression. Another NAIVE president!

No one in a position of power in this country seems to be considering the POSSIBILITY that we are being USED (at this time of vulnerability) to accomplish the long-time objectives of the former Soviet Union, Communist China, and the ENTIRE international Communist (so-called) Party. I can stand living with the threat of terrorism, but I do not want to live in a place controlled by Communists!

My mood had changed to the point where I began experiencing a bout of "suicide feelings" for the first time in years! By bedtime I was feeling somewhat better. In the night I got up and wrote out my feelings of concern about this president's naivete, as well as that of his predecessors.

Maybe I can share more of those thoughts later. But right now I want to implore EVERY PERSON who believes in God to pray for our current president, that he will NOT focus his anger so much on Osama bin Laden that (without realizing it) he gets involved in furthering an even GREATER TRAGEDY, the loss of our American freedom to worship freely, or even THINK for ourselves!

Perhaps, however, God wants us to PRAY FOR PUTIN, that he will TRULY make a TOTAL change in his life, accepting the fact that God is real, after all, and that he himself needs to turn over his life and all his responsibilities to the God of the universe! Even Communist atheists CAN become Christians!

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