

# Deaths & Funerals

**Earnestine Hammond Locklear**  
LUMBERTON-Mrs. Earnestine Hammond Locklear, 64, of 630 Hammond Road, died Monday (Feb. 25) at Southeastern Regional Medical Center.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Friday (March 1) at Mt. Airy Baptist Church, the Revs. Steve Strickland, Sanford Locklear, Dr. Millard Maynard and Michael Cummings officiating.

Mrs. Locklear was born May 4, 1937 in Robeson County to the late Miles Hartman and Eunice H. Hammond.

She served as a Robeson County public school teacher for 30 years and was an active member of Mt. Airy Baptist Church where she served as outreach director and a steering committee member.

The family noted, in a statement, that "She always believed in giving and sharing with all, and her lifetime was devoted to her God and her family."

She was preceded in death by a brother, Harry Donald Hammond.

Surviving are her husband, John L. Locklear of the home; two daughters, Sabrina Locklear of Lumberton and JoAnna Revels of Pembroke; a sister, Doris Hall of Lumberton; two brothers, Douglas Hammond of Lumberton and Miles Judson Hammond of Ocean Isle Beach; two grandchildren; and a great grandchild.

Arrangements were handled by Biggs Funeral Home of Lumberton.

**Margaret Elizabeth "Lizzie" Lowery**  
LUMBERTON-Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth "Lizzie" Lowery, 84, of 1040 Evergreen Church Road, died Monday (Feb. 25) at Southeastern Regional Medical Center.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Thursday (Feb. 28) at Revels Funeral Home Chapel in Lumberton, the Revs. Michael Cummings and Herman Oxendine officiating. Burial followed in the Burnt Swamp Baptist Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Lowery was born in Robeson County on May 16, 1917 to the late Livie Ammons and Lula Oxendine Ammons.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell Lowery; and two brothers, Delbert Ammons and Junie Ammons.

She is survived by a son, Kenneth R. "John" Lowery; and a daughter, Easter M. McCoy, both of the home; a sister, Daisy Lee Maynor of Hickory; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were handled by Revels Funeral Home of Lumberton.

**Elgust Hunt**  
FAIRMONT-The Rev. Elgust Hunt, 68, of 6574 N.C. 130 East, died Monday (Feb. 25) at St. Eugene Medical Center in Dillon, S.C.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Thursday (Feb. 28) at Fair Point Freewill Baptist Church, the Revs. Bobby Burns and Johnnie Chavis officiating.

Burial followed in Fair Point Baptist Church Cemetery.

Mr. Hunt was born March 27, 1933 in Robeson County to the late Mary H. Hunt and the late Army Hunt. He was also a member of Fair Point Freewill Baptist Church and a retired employee of Converse Manufacturing in Lumberton.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Annie Lois Tyler; and three brothers, Freddie Collins, Johnny and Valdosta Oxendine.

Surviving are his wife, Donnie Bell H. Hunt of the home; six daughters, Margaret Sanderson of Pembroke, Cynthia Deal of Sanford, Linda Rodriguez of Lumberton, Gwendolyn Hunt of Fairmont, Tracey Hammonds of New Bern and Donna Deal of the home; his mother, Mary H. Collins of Fairmont; 10 brothers, Clint Lee Hunt of Dobson, Nun Oxendine of Cumberland, Md., Carey Jimmy and Timmy Oxendine, all of Fairmont, Arthur and Levon Oxendine, both of Charlotte, Richard Maynor of California, Henry Seals of Pembroke and Jimmy Lynn Collins of Hopkinsville, Ky.; eight sisters, Judy Bryant of McBee, S.C., Mary Lois Carter and Ester Sellers, both of Lumberton, Verdice Locklear and Teresa Blue, both of Fairmont, Marie Seals of Lumberton, Edith Hunt of Fairmont and Tammy Taylor of Lumberton; 21 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; and three foster children, Lamont Griffin, Yolanda Griffin and Belinda Hill, all of Rowland.

Arrangements were handled by Prevatt Funeral Home of Fairmont.

**Raybon Bullard**  
MAXTON-Mr. Raybon Bullard, 54, of 646 Pearson Road, died Friday (March 1) in Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton.

The funeral was held at 3:30 p.m. Monday (March 4) at Prospect United Methodist Church, the Rev. Bill James Locklear and

Delton Oxendine and Redell Locklear officiating. Burial followed in the Bullard Family Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley Bullard of the home; two sons, William L. Bullard and Roman A. Bullard, both of Maxton; four brothers, Claydon Bullard of McColl, S.C., James R. Bullard of Red Springs, Johnny Bullard of Maxton and Larry Bullard of Greensboro; seven sisters, Martha Owens and Earletha Troublefield, both of Laurinburg, Rosendale Locklear, Edna Lowery, Lois Jacobs and Penny Lowery, all of Maxton, and Gerlin Oxendine of Rowland; and four grandchildren.

**John D. Smith**  
ROWLAND-Mr. John David "J.D." Smith, 74, of Rowland, died Monday (Feb. 25) in Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton.

Mr. Smith was an Army veteran of the Korean War and was a retired farmer. He was also a member of Hickory Hill Freewill Baptist Church.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Friday (March 1) in Hickory Hill Freewill Baptist Church, the Revs. Johnny Chavis, Kenny Mitchell and Larry Oxendine officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, Mary T. Smith of the home; a daughter, Effie S. Jones of Maxton; a brother, Luke Woodell of Laurel Hill; three sisters, Emma McGaha of Greenville, S.C., Eva Hardee of Laurinburg and Maryann Bass of Vass; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements were handled by Boles Funeral Home and Crematory in Rowland.

**Earline "Cookie" Chavis Britt**  
LUMBERTON-Ms. Earline "Cookie" Chavis Britt, 49, of Mohr Plaza, died Tuesday (Feb. 26) at Southeastern Regional Medical Center.

The funeral was held at 4 p.m. Saturday (March 2) at Revels Funeral Home Chapel in Lumberton, the Revs. Shelley Dial and Gerald Smith officiating. Burial followed in Oxendine Cemetery on Rennett Road.

She was born in Robeson County and worked as a homemaker, and was preceded in death by her mother, Ollie Lee Chavis; and two sons, Marvin Chavis and Nathan Bruce Lee Chavis.

Surviving are her father, Nathan Earl Chavis Sr. of Lumberton; two brothers, Nathan Earl Chavis Jr. and Jerry Lee Chavis, both of Lumberton; a sister, Lorraine Chavis Lewis and brother-in-law, Jerry Wayne Lewis, both of Lumberton; two nieces, Michelle Lewis Hunt and Trisha Lee Locklear, both of Lumberton; a nephew, Stanley Elswick of Valrico, Fla.; five great nieces; and two great nephews.

Arrangements were handled by Revels Funeral Home of Lumberton.

**Jackie S. Owens**  
FAIRMONT-Mr. Jackie Steve Owens, 45, of 284 E. Boyce Road, died Wednesday (Feb. 27) in Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton.

Mr. Owens was a machine operator at Alamac Knits in Lumberton and attended Benson Chapel Baptist Church.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Sunday (March 3) in Benson Chapel Baptist Church in Rowland, the Revs. Prather Sampson, Earl Chavis and Jeffrey Chavis officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Sandra C. Owens of the home; a daughter, Nicholette L. Owens of the home; his mother, Mazie Owens of Rowland; six brothers, Carvie D. Owens, Charlie R. Owens, Braddy R. Owens and Robert L. Owens, all of Rowland, and Willie D. Owens and Darrel W. Owens, both of Pembroke; and five sisters, Patsy Jacobs, Sandra K. Chavis and Brenda McCullum, all of Rowland, Nancy Locklear of Fairmont and Carrie R. Cooper of Fayetteville.

Handling arrangements was Floyd Funeral Services in Fairmont.

**Harlie Cummings**  
RAEFORD-Mr. Harlie Cummings, 72, of 481 John Brown Road, died Friday (March 1) in UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday (March 3) in Turnpike Baptist Church, the Revs. Shelley Dial, Sam Henderson, Stoney Locklear and Paul Garrison officiating. Burial followed in the Cummings Family Cemetery in Hoffman.

Surviving are his wife, Gertha M. Cummings of Raeford; five sons, Wilton Cummings, Harlie Cummings Jr., Dwight Cummings and Kim Cummings, all of Raeford, and Michael Cummings of Aberdeen; four daughters, Barbara A. Sosbee of Hoffman, Retha M. White of Laurel Hill, Leatha M. Cummings of Red Springs and Beverly Cummings of Raeford; three brothers, Kenneth Cum-

mings, Richard Cummings and James Cummings, all of Raeford; two sisters, Geneva Bullard of Raeford and Eva G. Wood of Maxton; 22 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were handled by Crumpler Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Red Springs.

**MAXTON-Mr. Otis Harris, 49, of 10937 Deep branch Road, died Wednesday (Feb. 20) in Duke University Medical Center in Durham.**

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Sunday (Feb. 24) in Harpers Ferry Baptist Church, the Revs. Glen Harris and Horace Oxendine officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Harris is survived by a brother, Harold Harris of Pembroke; and four sisters, Marilyn H. Chavis, Trish Carter and Marsha Bullard, all of Pembroke, and Brenda C. McMillan of Charlotte. Arrangements were handled by Locklear & Son Funeral Home of Pembroke.

**Melissa Deese**  
PEMBROKE-Mrs. Melissa Deese, 90, of 206 Riley Circle, died Friday (Feb. 22) at Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Monday (Feb. 25) at Locklear & Son Funeral Home Chapel, the Revs. Timmie Chavis, Lamar Jackson and Charles W. Maynor officiating. Burial followed in Lumbec Memorial Gardens.

Surviving are a son, Billy Ray Deese of Upper Marlboro, Md.; three daughters, Frances D. Chavis of Greensboro, Mary Sue Deese of Bridgeton, N.J., and Lynette D. Dial of Pembroke; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were handled by Rev. Mitchell Tyler.

**RAEFORD-The Rev. Mitchell "Mitch" Tyler, 46, of Raeford, died Saturday (March 2).**

The Rev. Tyler was a member of Shannon Assembly of God where he was an assistant pastor, deacon and pianist. He was also the recipient of the Long Leaf Pine and

the U.S. Department of Education Indian Fellowship.

The Rev. Tyler was the Superintendent of the Hoke County Schools, and was the former assistant superintendent of the Cumberland County Schools.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday (March 5) at the Shannon Assembly of God, the Revs. Charles Kelly, Gary McMillan, Roy Clark and Mitchell Oxendine officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Crumpler Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Red Springs.

The Rev. Tyler is survived by his wife, Carol L. Tyler of the home; a son, Brent M. Tyler of Raeford; a daughter, Brittany C. Tyler of Raeford; an adopted daughter, Lisa V. Hunt of Red Springs; his parents, Wilbert and Alice Tyler of Shannon; and six sisters, Betty T. Brown of Fayetteville, Laura T. Bradley of Red Springs, Parlene T. Cummings of Laurinburg, Teresa T. Lewallen of Charlotte and Alice L. Oxendine and Margieree L. Bell, both of Shannon.

**Johnathan P. Locklear**  
PEMBROKE-Mr. Johnathan Paul Locklear, 25, of 53 H.L. Locklear Road, died Friday (March 1) in Wake Medical Center in Raleigh.

Mr. Locklear was a 1996 graduate of Scotland High School.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Tuesday (March 5) in Elrod Baptist Church, the Revs. Gary Chavis, Mitchell Cummings and W.H. Preskitt officiating. Burial followed in Bear Swamp Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Locklear is survived by his parents, Leverne and Barbara C. Locklear of the home; a sister, Tabitha L. Brophy of Virginia; a stepmother, Jessica L. Hunt of Lumberton; a stepbrother, Kenneth W. Hunt of Lumberton; his paternal grandparents, Lawrence and Stella Locklear of Gibson; and his maternal grandmother, Flora Young of Lexington.

Arrangements were handled by Locklear & Son Funeral Home of Pembroke.

**Anna Mae Clark**  
LUMBERTON-Mrs. Anna Mae Clark, 84, of 501 W. 30th St., died Saturday (March 2) in Southeastern Regional Medical Center.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Tuesday (March 5) in first Baptist Church in Pembroke, the Revs. Kent Chavis, Hilton Deese and Billy Oxendine officiating. Burial followed in New Prospect Methodist Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Clark is survived by her husband, Joseph Clark of Lumberton; four sons, Joseph F. Clark and Aubrey Clark, both of High Ridge, Mo.; James W. Clark of Lone Dell, Mo.; and Earl Clark of Nashville, Tenn.; two daughters, Gwendolyn Graham of Pembroke and Audrey Yarbrough of O'Fallon, Mo.; a foster son, James Bellew of Elrod; a foster daughter, Lucille Anderson of Maxton; a brother, Willie A. Dial of Fairmont; a sister, Roxie Sanderson of Villa Ridge, Mo.; 16 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were handled by Revels Funeral Home of Lumberton.

Memorials may be made to the Paul K. Clark Scholarship Fund, c/o Family Advocacy and Community Training, 2260 Bluestone, St. Charles, Mo. 63303.

**Dessie Locklear Gossage**  
CHARLOTTE-Ms. Dessie Locklear Gossage, 78, of Charlotte, died Saturday (March 2) in Britthaven Nursing Home.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday (March 5) in the Mausoleum Chapel at Forest Lawn Cemetery, the Rev. Randy Kivett officiating.

Born Dec. 4, 1923 in Robeson County to the late Arpie Locklear, Ms. Gossage was a retired waitress from Staleys Steak House in Charlotte.

She was preceded in death by a son, Billy Ray Chavis; and a grandson, Darren Chavis.

Surviving are two sons, Yancy Chavis of Detroit and Dean Sisco and his wife, Nancy, of Charlotte; four grandchildren, Denna Chavis of Romeo, Mich., Chad Davis, Dean Sisco Jr. and Derrick Sisco,

all of Charlotte; and five great-grandchildren, Tawana Chavis, Dakota Maynor and Delsin Maynor, all of Romeo, and William Chavis and Christopher Chavis, both of Seattle.

**Terry L. Locklear**  
LUMBERTON-Mr. Terry Lynn Locklear, 30, of 1221 Lowery St., died Saturday (March 2).

Mr. Locklear was a salesman for Home Depot and a student at UNC Pembroke.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Wednesday (March 6) in Liberty Holiness Church, the Revs. Melvin Bell, Eugene Scott and Ronald Scott officiating. Burial followed in Meadowbrook Cemetery.

Mr. Locklear is survived by his parents, Leon and Christine M. Locklear of the home; a brother, Anthony Locklear of Lumberton; and two sisters, Kay Waddell and Gwen Byrd, both of Lumberton.

Arrangements were handled by Floyd Mortuary & Crematory in Lumberton.



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