

Deaths

ANDREW LEON THOMPSON, JR.

Final rites for Andrew Leon Thompson, Jr. were held Saturday, October 16, at Mt. Calvary United Church of Christ, Rev. J.C. Cheek, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Glennview Memorial Park. He died Sunday, October 10 at his residence.

He was born January 11, 1961 in Durham, a son of Mrs. Dorothy Thomas Thompson and the late Andrew Leon Thompson, Sr. He attended the public schools of Durham, including Hillside High School until his junior year. He graduated from Aiken (S.C.) Senior High School in 1980.

He was a former employee of the Washington Duke Inn and Golf Club, Durham. He was an artist. He was a member of Mt. Calvary United Church of Christ.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are: a sister, Mrs. Ruth Thompson Parker of Okinawa, Japan; three brothers, Eddie H. Thompson, Jermaine Thomas and Darrell Thompson, all of Durham; maternal grandmother, Mrs. Sudie Thompson of Durham; two aunts, Mrs. Ida R. Thompson of Durham and Mrs. Mary Thomas of William, Calif.; two uncles, Clarence L. Thomas of South Easton, Mass. and Willam Thompson of New York, N.Y.; three nieces and a nephew.

Courtesy of Scarborough & Hargett Funeral Home, Inc.

JAMES F. LOCKLEAR

Final rites for James F. Locklear were held Thursday, October 14, at Scarborough Memorial Chapel, Rev. W.E. Daye officiated. Burial was in Beechwood Cemetery. He died Friday, October 8, at Duke University Medical Center.

He was born June 2, 1909 in Maxton, a son of the late John F. and Mrs. Cassie J. Locklear. He was employed by the City of Durham for 25 years and later with W.E. King Construction Co., from which he retired.

Surviving are a son, Elijah Locklear of Durham; four sisters, Ms. Mary Baucom of Broadway, N.C., Ms. Louvina Bilby of Linden, N.C., Ms. Clara Goins of Fairmont and Ms. Lillian Artis of Buffalo, N.Y.; three brothers, Willie Locklear of Norfolk, Va., John C. Locklear and Herbert B. Locklear, both of Linden; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

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JOHNNY LEE HEDGEPEATH

Final rites for Johnny Lee Hedgepeath were held Monday, October 18, at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Chatham County. Rev. Marcus V. Ingram, pastor, officiated. Burial was in the Williams Family Memorial Gardens, Chatham County. He died Thursday, October 14, at his home in Teaneck, N.J.

He was born November 15, 1922 in Chatham County, a son of Mrs. Ethel Atwater Hedgepeath Perry and the late Will Hedgepeath. He was supportive of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. He was affiliated with the Nation of Islam and held the rank of lieutenant. He served as a bodyguard to Malcolm X and Minister Louis Farrakhan.

He was a veteran of the United States Navy. He was a supportive member of the Williams Family Circle and had attended every annual Williams' Family "Mother's Day" reunion.

He had been married to the former Ms. Mildred Futrell and Ms. Evelyn "Corkey" Smith.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are: his wife, Mrs. Olivia W. Hedgepeath of Teaneck; two sons, Marvin Hedgepeath, Sr. of Wheatley Heights, L.I., N.Y. and John Darrell Hedgepeath, Sr. of Anchorage, Alaska; four grandchildren, Marvin Hedgepeath, Jr., Jelani Hedgepeath, Chaz Hedgepeath and Michelle Sanchez, two great-grandchildren, Lorynn Sanchez and Jarred Sanchez; a sister, Ms. Bertha H. Marshall of Durham; a brother, Willie Hedgepeath, Jr. of Teaneck; a great-aunt, Mrs. Hattie Strater of Oxford; an aunt, Mrs. Stella Alston of Durham; three uncles, John Atwater of Durham and Frank Atwater and William T. Atwater, Sr., both of Chicago, Ill.

Arrangements were by Fisher Funeral Parlor.

MRS. DORIS JACKSON MAYO

Final rites for Mrs. Doris Jackson Mayo were held Friday, October 8 at Fisher Funeral Chapel, Ministers Douglas McDowell and Bobby Lambert officiated. Burial was in Glennview Memorial Park. She died Saturday, October 2, at Duke University Medical Center.

She was born May 3, 1933 in Timmonsville, S.C., a daughter of the late Jesse and Mrs. Nora L. Davis Jackson. She attended the public schools of Durham and was a 1951 graduate of Hillside High School. She also graduated from Durham Business College. She had been a health care technician at John Umstead Hospital for 29 years.

She had attended the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

She was married to the late Ernest Mayo.

Surviving are a son, Darryl Perry of Durham; a granddaughter, Ms. Laura Marieka Perry of Durham; a grandson, Bryant Taylor of Louisville; two aunts, Mrs. Albert Hamm of Durham and Ms. Annie Hayesworth of Florence, S.C.; and two nieces, Ms. Rhonda Jackson and Ms. Karen Jackson, both of Chicago, Ill.

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MRS. CLEO MARIE NELSON McCRIMMON

Final rites for Mrs. Cleo Marie Nelson McCrimmon were held Saturday, October 16, at Long Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church. Rev. Perry Fox, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Beechwood Cemetery. She died Wednesday, October 13, at Hillhaven LaSalle Nursing Center.



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She was born October 7, 1924 in Durham, a daughter of the late Edgar and Mrs. Mary Nelson. She attended the public schools of Durham and was a member of Long Memorial Church. For many years, she worked in the Garment District in New York City.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Norma M. Holland of Durham; a son, Albert Nelson of Durham; and eight grandchildren, including Victor Nelson and Samuel Nelson of Durham.

Arrangements were by Fisher Funeral Parlor.

BEN EDWARD MORRIS

Final rites for Ben Edward Morris were held Saturday, October 16, at Pleasant Grove United Church of Christ, Morrisville. Rev. J. Edward Silver officiated. Burial was in Beechwood Cemetery, Durham. He died Monday, October 11, at Duke University Medical Center.

He was born August 6, 1927 in Durham, a son of the late Benjamin Franklin and Mrs. Mary Thurman Morris. He attended the public schools of Durham and was a graduate of Hillside High School. He was a World War II veteran of the United States Navy. He had worked at the Veterans Administration Medical Center and retired from Duke University Medical Center.

He was a member of Pleasant Grove United Church of Christ, a trustee, usher and member of the Sunday School, senior choir, male chorus, gospel chorus, missionary society and pastor's aid.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Alberta Tilley Morris of Durham; three daughters, Mrs. Brenda M. Bridges, Mrs. Justeen M. Lunsford and Ms. Sherry Gale Morris, all of Durham; five sons, Wilbert Lee Morris, Minister Benjamin Edward Morris, Sr., Jerry Dale Morris, Ricky Everlong Morris and Lester Morris, all of Durham; 16 grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Janie Williams of Durham; foster mother, Mrs. Nonie E. Jenkins of New York; and an aunt, Mrs. Elveda Guess of Durham.

Arrangements were by Fisher Funeral Parlor.

MRS. GAZELLE RUFFIN TAYLOR

Funeral services for Mrs. Gazelle Ruffin Taylor, 84, formerly of Durham and Hillsborough, were held Friday, October 15, at United Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, New York City. Pastor Elder Mary Thorne of the House of Prayer, presided. Senior Bishop James Harris, founder of the church, of Boston, Mass., was eulogist. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Taylor died Friday, October 8, at St. Luke Hospital in New York City. She was born in Durham and lived many years in Hillsborough. She was married to the late Rev. Fred Taylor.

Surviving are: a sister-in-law, Mrs. Catherine W. Ruffin of Durham; five nieces, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Jordan of Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. Celestine T. McIver, Mrs. Carolyn A. Blount and Mrs. Cheryl A. Smith, all of Durham; two nephews, Retired Air Force Sgt. Fred K. Ruffin, Sr. of Durham and Benjamin S. Ruffin of Winston-Salem.

THOMAS J. MILES

Funeral services for Thomas J. Miles, 72, were held Wednesday, October 6, at St. James Baptist Church, Rev. Kenneth Brooks officiated. Burial was in Barbee's Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery. He died Wednesday, September 29, in Stone Mountain, Ga.

He was born, reared and attended school in the Walltown area of Durham. He spent most of life in New York City where he worked as a mechanic for Consolidated Edison Electric Co. He retired in 1988. He was also a self-employed contractor for over 30 years. He was a member of Big Miller Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Lithonia, Ga.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Bessie Mason Miles of Stone Mountain; two daughters, Mrs. Robin Stewart of Stone Mountain and Mrs. Helen Gooding of Rosedale, N.Y.; two sons, Jerry Miles of Decatur, Ga. and Donzelle Miles of Atlanta, Ga.; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a brother, John H. Miles of Durham.

Arrangements were by Ellis D. Jones & Sons Funeral Directors.

J.W. ROLAND JOHNSON

Graveside rites for J.W. Roland Johnson, 74, of 816 McLaurin Avenue, were held Wednesday, October 13, at Glennview Memorial Park, Rev. Bernard Morrison officiated. He died Sunday, October 10, at Dorotha Dix Hospital.

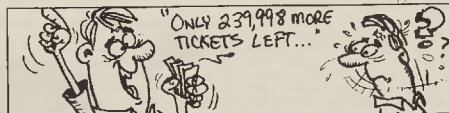
He was born in Butler and worked as a landscaper.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Cuetra Rogers of Durham and Mrs. Dorothy Lunsford of Roxboro; and a brother, Orandee Lawson of Durham.

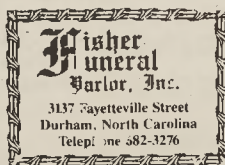
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Church News

Union Baptist

Union Baptist Church, 904 N. Roxboro St., will observe Women's Day October 23-24. The weekend will begin with breakfast on Saturday from 8 to 9 a.m. A workshop will follow with Mrs. Judith H. Davis of First Calvary Baptist Church as keynote speaker. The workshop will also feature segments on Drug Awareness and Self-Defense and Miss Geraldine Thome of Union Baptist will lead a discussion on African American Women.

On Sunday at 7:47 a.m., Mrs. Millicent Rainey, assistant superintendent of Orange County Schools, will be the guest speaker and Mrs. Elizabeth Young, president of the State Congress of Christian Education, will deliver the message at 11 o'clock. Dinner will follow. Everyone is invited. Rev. Kenneth R. Hammond is pastor.

Saint Titus'

On the twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, Saint Titus' Episcopal Church, 400 Moline St., will celebrate the 8th Annual National Day of Prayer for persons living with HIV/AIDS. The Service of Healing will also be conducted. Rev. Monroe Freeman, Jr., rector, will be the preacher and celebrant at both the 8 and 11 a.m. services.

At 6:30 p.m., the study of the New Testament will continue with Rev. Gary Brower as instructor. Visitors are welcome at all times.

First Calvary

First Calvary Baptist Church, 1311 Morehead Avenue, will celebrate the 109th Church Anniversary, Homecoming and Family Day on Sunday, October 24. Pastor Fredrick Davis, will deliver the 11 a.m. message. Dinner will follow. Rev. William Richardson, Sr., pastor, and members of First Community Baptist Church, Hillsborough, will be guests for the 3:30 p.m. service.

The public is invited.

Mount Gilead

Mount Gilead Baptist Church, 404 Dowd St., will celebrate its 85th anniversary on Sunday, October 24. Speakers will be Rev. Glenn Pettiford at the 8 a.m. worship and Rev. Harold Pratt at the 11 a.m. worship. Dinner will follow. Rev. Leroy Davis is host pastor. The public is invited.

Missionary Union

The Durham County Missionary Union will meet Saturday, October 23, 10 a.m. to noon, at Peace Missionary Baptist Church, 1212 East Main Street. Rev. W.E. Daye is pastor. Mrs. Eva Geer is president.

Covenant

Covenant Presbyterian Church will hold a fall retreat as part of the celebration of its centennial year on Sunday, October 24, at Camp New Hope, North Carolina Route 86, near Hillsborough, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Rev. Larry Edwards of New Hope Presbytery will lead devotions. The theme will be "Our Church for the Next 100 Years, Into the 21st Century."

Peace

The Voices Of Peace of Peace Missionary Baptist Church, 1212 E. Main St., will celebrate its 19th anniversary on Sunday, October 24, at 4 p.m. at the church. The Brothers of Restoration of Durham will present a concert. Everyone is invited.

White Rock

Sunday, October 24, 6 p.m., Ushers' Anniversary. Rev. Margaret B. Guy will be guest speaker. Music will be provided by The Inspirational Singers of St. Joseph's A.M.E. Church.

Monday, October 25, 6:30 p.m., Anniversary Banquet. Attorney Rosiland Thomas Grant will be the guest speaker. Tickets for the banquet are available for purchase through October 17. Call the church office for more information, 688-8136.

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