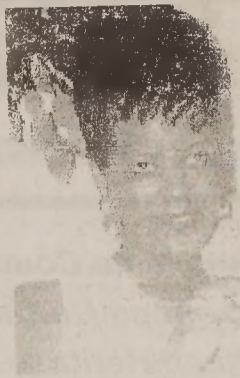


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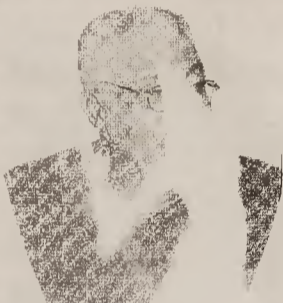
**MS. DEBORA DAVIS**

Two services were held for Ms. Debora "Cookie" Davis (1) Saturday, January 24, at Scarborough Memorial Chapel and (2) Sunday, January 25, at Rivers Funeral Home, Trenton. She died Tuesday, January 20, at Duke University Medical Center, Durham. Interment was in Mill Run Cemetery, Trenton.

She was born February 28, 1961 in Trenton, a daughter of Louis R. and Mrs. Edna Louise Davis. She was an honor graduate of Jones Senior High School. She earned both the LPN and RN licenses from Durham Technical Community College. She worked as a nurse for 19 years at Duke University Medical Center until April 2001.

Surviving, in addition to her parents, are three brothers, Carlton R. Davis of Vanceboro, Clifton L. Davis of Durham and Herman L. Davis of Trenton; four aunts, Mses. Ada and Vera Davis of Trenton, Ms. Isabella Volpe of Jamaica Plains, N.Y., and Ms. Louise Crupp of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; an uncle, Carl Davis of Trenton; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

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**JACOB FRANK UTLEY**

Final rites for Jacob Frank Utley were held Saturday, January 24, at New Bethel Baptist Church, Rev. C. R. Davis, pastor, officiated. Interment was in Maplewood Cemetery. He died Tuesday, January 20 at his residence.

He was born June 20, 1924 in Diamond County, a son of the late Frank and Mrs. Janie Utley. He attended Durham public schools. He was a veteran of the United States Army. After military service, he worked in Plainfield, N.J. over five years.

He was married to the late Mrs. Jean Graves Utley. Surviving are three daughters, Ms. Elaine Utley Petway of Durham, Ms. Donna Utley of Silver Spring, Md., and Ms. Teresa Johnson of New Carrollton, Md.; a son, Frank Johnson of Silver Spring; two grandchildren, DeJohna Johnson and Jaron Johnson, both of New Carrollton; four brothers, Kelly Utley, Julian Utley and Carol Utley, all of Durham and Charles Utley of Midlothian, Va.

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**MRS. EVELYN SMITH GRANDY**

Final rites for Mrs. Evelyn Smith Grandy were held Thursday, January 22, at St. Joseph's Church, Rev. Philip R. Cousin, Jr., pastor, officiated. Interment was in Glennview Memorial Park. She died Wednesday, January 14, in Springfield, Ohio where she had lived since September 1997. She was the widow of Walter M. Grandy.

She and Mrs. Grandy were members of St. Joseph's Church, Board #1, the Lady Usher Board and Satterfield-Fisher Beauty Salon. She was a beautician and her affiliations included membership in the Carolina State Beauty and Cosmetic Association, the National Beauty Culture League and Alpha Chi Psi Omega Sorority and Fraternity.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Evelyn Clanton of Springfield; nephews, Leonard Harshaw and Leroy Harshaw, both of Xenia, Ohio, Henry Shropshire and Marion Shropshire, both of Springfield, J.D. Shropshire of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Don Shropshire of Copper Cave, Texas and Clemuel Grandy of Durham; a great-niece, Ms. Carolyn Shropshire of Charlotte.

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**MRS. FANNIE MAE GEER BARNES**

Final rites for Mrs. Fannie Mae Geer Barnes were held Wednesday, January 21. Rev. J.H. Lewis presided. She died January 16, at the age of 99 years. She was the daughter of the late Florence Montague and James Wesley Geer. She was born, reared and attended public schools in Durham.

She was a longtime member of St. Matthews CME Church (later became Russell Memorial CME). She transferred her membership to Progressive Holiness Church, Inc. where she was a member of the Mothers Board.

She organized and was the first president of the Grade Mothers of Lyon Park Elementary School, a staunch leader in the PTA and Parole Mother for Lyon Park School. She organized the first garden club in her area.

She was the mother of the late Benjamin B. Rogers, Jr., Ernest E. Barnes, Jr. and James D. Barnes and grandmother of seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild and one great-great-grandchild.

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**BISHOP FRIZELLE YELVERTON**

Final services for Bishop Frizelle Yelverton were held Friday, January 16, at Mount Calvary Lighthouse of Faith. Bishop Harold I. Williams presided. Interment was in Markham Memorial Gardens. He died Thursday, January 8, at Treyburn Healthcare Center.

He was born September 5, 1915 in Fremont, N.C., a son of the late Wyatt and Mrs. Priscilla Yelverton. In 1962, the Yelverton family moved to Durham. He attended Friendship Elementary and East End Elementary schools.

The late Bishop Brumfield Johnson of Mt. Calvary Holy Churches of America, Inc., served as a mentor, confidant and friend to Bishop Yelverton. Bishop Yelverton was a pioneer in the establishment of Mt. Calvary Holy Churches of America. He was appointed the first deacon of Mt. Calvary Holy Church, Durham. He was pastor of Mt. Calvary Holy Church, Oxford, prior to becoming pastor of Mt. Calvary Holy Church, Durham. He served the National Work as National Elder and as Overseer for the State of North Carolina for more than twenty years. He was pastor of Mt. Calvary Durham for over 55 years. He had been mentor to numerous persons now in the ministry.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Carrie Lee Strong Yelverton; six children, Elder Frizelle Yelverton, Jr., of Greenville, S.C., Pastor Deborah Y. Obie of Durham, Minister Sheryl Yelverton Obie of Charlotte, Overseer Michael A. Yelverton of Staten Island, N.Y., Mrs. Robin Y. Jones of Durham, Overseer Kenneth M. Yelverton of Charlotte, Pastor Shirley Caesar Williams; 18 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

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**MRS. ROBERTA PAGE JOHNSON**

Final rites for Mrs. Roberta Page Johnson were held Friday, January 30, at Kyles Temple AME Zion Church. Rev. Lorinzer Johnson, pastor, officiated. Interment was in Glennview Memorial Park. She died Friday, January 23, at Durham Regional Hospital.

She was born November 27, 1917 in Durham, a daughter of the late Auburn and Mrs. Lena Medlin Page. She attended Durham public schools. She was a lifelong member of Kyles Temple and was a missionary and an usher.

Surviving are her husband, Fred Johnson; two daughters, Ms. Geraldine Law of Durham and Ms. Corine Taylor of Brockton, Mass.; two sons, Abdul Sabar (Auburn Glen Johnson) and Galvester Johnson, both of Roxboro, Mass.; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Kathryn P. Poole of Durham.

Arrangements were by Fisher Funeral Parlor.



**ARCHIE TERRY BELL**

Final rites for Archie Terry Bell were held Wednesday, January 28, at New Jersey AME Zion Church, Lexington. Rev. Allen J. Stimpson, pastor, officiated. Interment was Friday, January 30, in Cloverleaf Memorial Park, Woodridge, N.J. He died Saturday, January 24, at the Durham Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

He was born April 1, 1921 in Davidson County, a son of the late Jim B. Bell and Mrs. Martha Ellis Bell. Prior to retirement, he was a highly decorated Naval Serviceman in the United States Navy for over twenty years. He was a member of the VFW Post #02294 and the Fleet Reserve Association.

Surviving are a daughter, Ms. Kimiko Bell of Irvington, N.J.; two sons, Paul E. Bell of Millburn, N.J. and Kenny Bell Harden of Charlotte; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; six sisters, Mrs. Mary Bell Thomas of Fayetteville, Mrs. Letha Trogon of Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. Marie Spinks and Mrs. Lena Craven, both of Asheboro, Ms. Essie Waddell of Ramseur and Ms. Stella Mae Murphy of Lexington; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Arrangements were by Fisher Funeral Parlor.



**MS. KARREN SHERRELL MALONE**

Final rites for Ms. Karren Sherrell Malone were held Tuesday, February 2, at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness. Elder Michael Carrington officiated. Interment was in Glennview Memorial Park. She died Tuesday, January 27, at Duke University Medical Center. She was born August 14, 1973 in Durham, a daughter of George and Mrs. Dorothy Daye. She was a graduate of Durham High School and studied at Research Triangle Institute in RTP until her health failed.

Surviving, in addition to her parents, are two sons, Ziare McKinnon and TeQuanna McKinnon; a sister, Ms. Shauna Malone; a brother, Edward Malone; grandmother, Ms. Lilian M. Malone of Durham; a niece, Ms. LaShauna Malone of Creedmoor; several aunts, uncle and cousins.

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**MS. PHYLLIS LEWIS CARROLL ALSTON**

Final rites for Ms. Phyllis Lewis Carroll Alston were held Saturday, January 31, at Jones Chapel Baptist Church, Norlina. Rev. Ronald Wheelless and Rev. Brown presided. Rev. Osbin Currins was eulogist. Interment was in the church cemetery. She died Friday, January 23, at her home.

She was born July 1, 1954 in Vance County, a daughter of Mrs. Stella Solomon Carroll and the late Vernon Lewis Carroll. She had been a member of Jones Chapel Church since childhood and a member of its Children's Choir. She was also a member of the 4-H Club. She earned a bachelor's degree at Bennett College in Greensboro and a master's degree at North Carolina Central University in Durham. She was a resource teacher for 26 before retiring in 2002. She taught in Hillside High School in Durham for 23 years.

She held memberships in Black Women's Investment Club and the National Education Association.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are her husband, Herman Alston, Jr. of Durham; two sisters, Ms. Sharine Carroll of Creedmoor and Mrs. Jackie C. Garcia of Durham; two brothers, Durail Carroll of Durham and Terry Carroll of Henderson; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

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**WILLIAM JOSEPH CRUSE**

Final rites for William Joseph Cruse were held Saturday, January 31, at Scarborough Memorial Chapel. Rev. Raymond Burroughs, pastor of New Covenant United Holy Church, officiated. Interment was in Beechwood Cemetery. He died Monday, January 26, at Durham Regional Hospital.

He was born June 8, 1929 in Durham, a son of the late Jesse and Mrs. Lillian Adams Cruse. He attended Durham public schools. He had retired from American Tobacco Company of 25 years employment.

He was married to the late Mrs. Johnnie Lois Cruse and they were parents of seven children.

Surviving are three daughters, Ms. Patricia Cruse of Durham, Mrs. Lynette Wright of Rocky Mount and Mrs. Junessa Tweedie of Riverdale, Ga.; two sons, William Boyd Cruse of Raleigh and Tony Cruse of Durham; twelve grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ms. Margaret Cruse and Ms. Ida Locklear, both of Canton, Ohio; and a brother, Jesse Cruse of Detroit, Mich.

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