Deaths



JOHN ODIS SMITH

Final rites for John Odis Smith were held Jan. 8 at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Rev. Jimmie R. Hawkins officiated, Interment was in Brier Creek Memorial Gardens.

He was born March 28, 1916 in Statesville, a son of the late John

H. Smith and Mrs. Nettie J. Smith. He died Jan. 1

He attended Billings Memorial Academy and graduated from Morningside High School in Statesville. He was his high school Valedictorian in 1933. He received a B.S. and M.S. degree in Mathematics from North Carolina Central University. He did post-graduate work at N.C. State University, Duke University and UNC-Chapel Hill.He received a Shell Fellowship to attend Cornell University and also attended Boston University.

He served as a teacher, principal in elementary, high school and as an instructor at North Carolina Central University.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II.

He was a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church. He also served as a Moderator of Yadkin Presbytery and a member of Committee of Ministry of New Hope Ministry. He was active in the church's Senior Choir.

He was a member of the Gerofit Exercise Program for the Veterans in Action at the V.A. Medical Center in Durham.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary Hester Livas Smith; a son. Nathaniel Smith: a daughter, Joyce Ann Smith Campbell

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MRS. PATSY ANN JEAN KEARNS PERRY

Final rites for Mrs. Patsy Ann Jean Kearns Perry were held at Mt. Olive A.M.E. Zion Church. Pastor Karim Currey officiated. Interment was in Beechwood Cemetery.

She was born May 2, 1938 in Durham, a daughter of Mrs. Lillie Mae Henderson Kearns and the late Amos Green Kearns. She died Jan. 9

She was a member of Mt. Olive A.M.E. Zion Church. She was a member of the Chancel Choir, Ministry of Kindness, Missionary Society and Lay Council.

She retired from Watts Hospital.

Surviving is her husband, Andrew A. Perry, Sr.; a son Andrew A Jr.; a daughter, Cynthia L. Perry Garland; her mother, Mrs. Lillie Mae Kearns; and a sister. Deloris Kearns. Arrangements by Burthey Funeral Service.



CHARLES LINWOOD TOWNSEND

Final rites for Charles Linwood Townsend were held Jan. 7, at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Fr. Râymond Donaldson, S.J. was the celebrant.

He was born June 1, 1943 in Durham, a son of the late Mack Townsend and Mrs. Annie Marrow Townsend. He died Jan. 1, at Hock Family Pavilion

He attended Durham Public Schools and graduated from Hillside High School, He attended North Carolina Central University.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

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He retired from Durham Exchange Industries. He was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church. He was a member of The Parish Council, AAMEN, HEC. Holy Cross Inspirational Choir and Knights of Columbus. Recently he served as Sacristan and

Eucharistic Minister of the Sunday, 10 a.m. Mass.
Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Barbara Townsend: a son. Chris: three grandchildren: sisters, Gloria and Cynthia of Philadelphia; and a brother, Thomas of Houston, Tex

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FREDERICK G. DUFF, JR.

Final rites for Frederick G. Duff, Jr. were held recently. He was born Nov. 23, 1947, a son of the late Floyd Freddie Duff and Mrs. Augusta Gilchirist Duff. He died Jan. 10.

He graduated from Hillside High School and Durham Technical Comunity College.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

Surviving are his children, Frederick G. Duff, Jr., Ms. Tasha Monique Duff Alfison, Ms. Tonya Nicole Duff, Christopher Kieth Duff, Mrcus Anderson Duss, and Ms. Angel Christina Duff, all of Durham: three step children of Cicinnati; four grandchildren; a brother, Rev.

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MS. DEBORAH INNETTE WHITE

Final rites for Ms. Deborah Innette White were held Jan. 17at Firt

Calvary Baptist church. Pastor Fredrick A. Davis officiated.

— She was born Dec. 28, 1958 i Durham, a daughter of the late Zaber and Mrs. Mary White. She died Jan. 3

She attended Wake County Public Schools, She received a dual degree from Durham Technical Community College in Criminal Justice and Certified Nursing Assistant.

She worked as a CNA for Lakeview Manor Nursing Home and Carol Woods Retirement Center.

Surviving is a son, Adam White, Ralieigh: two daughters, Jennifer stewart. Raleigh and Tiffany White. Durham; eight grandchldren; two sisters, Ms. Peggy Foushee, East Orange, N.J. and Ms. Pearline White, Durham: three brothers, Alton White, Pasadena, Md., Drwight White, Durham, and Zaer L. White Durham.

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JOE BUIE

Final rites for Joe Buie were held Jan. 16 at BurtheyFuneral Chapel. Rev. Albert Shuler, pastor.

He was born Dec. 26, 1926 in Scotland County, a son fo the late

John and Mrs. Hattie Moseley Buie. He died Jan. 10. He was a member of Kyles Temple AMI. Zion Church. He worked at Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company

Surviving are his daughters, Mrs. Patricia Buie McGhee, Durham, Ms. Francine Buie, White plains, Md., Ms. Danita Buie, Durham, and Ms. Geneva Bullock Alston, Laurinburg; three grandchildren; thieteen great grandchildren; and nine great great grandchildren.

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MRS, LILLIE E. BOSTICK HOLLOWAY

Final rites for Mrs Lillie E. Bostick Holloway were held Jan. 18 at
Union Baptist Church.

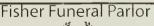
Union Baptist Church,
She was born Sept. 16, 1928 in Scotland County, a daughter of the
late Hury and Mrs. Annie Bostick. She died Jan. 11, Interment was in
Woodlawn Memorial Gardens,
dShe attended Durham Public Schools. She attended the Durham
Technical Community College LPN Program.
She was a former member of Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist
Church. She was a member of the Usher Board, Nurses Club, Mis-

sionary Circle, Sunday School Teacher and Den Mother with Cub Scott Troop 965. She was a founder of the Friendship Social Club, She was a com-

munity activist in the Albright Community Association. She was a member of AARP Durham Chapter / 189. Arrangements by Burthey Funeral Service.

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Read - Joshua 24

By J. L. Caldwell, Pastor New Jerusalem **Baptist Cathedral**

In the 24th chapter of Joshua we read about Joshua placing a final challenge and choice before the people prior to his passing. The challenge to the people to make a final and definitive choice had mainly to do with them not worshipping idol gods. in addition, to adhering to the Laws of Moses (Joshua 23:6-13). It is a major work of all of God's spiritual leaders to remind the people of their life's choices. most important that all heads of families inform their children of the choices they must make in order to make for themselves a better life.

Today, we are all faced with choices we will have to make for some reason or another. Life has been defined as the sum total of a person's choices. From the cradle to the grave we face many great decisions. Out of all the many choices we will have to make, what will be our greatest choice? There were times when we thought we had made a good or best choice about something but it didn't turn out that way. Today some people would be" hard pressed" to answer, so to speak, if they were ask, "Whathas been the greatest choice you've ever made in your life up until now?" Before attempting to answer the question, many would initially reflect upon their marriages. having children. choosing a job, moving to a different location, divorce and other of their life's critical events before giving an answer. Or the response may well be." You know. I really don't know. because I haven't really given it that much thought.

Such response may well be reflective of the un-healed pain remaining from having previously made bad choices. Here is another opportunity to make another choice. One then, has the choice of "getting over it", or continue to carry the pains of the past. God, however, did promise us help to heal our "old" pains. Some of these old pains are to be shouldered and born by ourselves (Galatians 6:2). Some of these pains are to be shared by other good-hearted people. We are to bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:5). And some of these pains are to be shifted on to God. We are to cast our burdens upon the Lord (Psalms 55:22). God has promised to sustain us so that we can get through our old pain. At best our prayer for relief should be. "Lord either lighten my burden or strengthen my back,"— In order to help secure our faith. God will most my back." likely do the latter - strengthen our backs. These are all moral choices we can make.

The most important choice one will make in life will always be "moraf" in nature. is these types of choices which will carry the greatest hurts or the greatest rewards depending upon the choice being made and circumstances in which the choice was made. Life's greatest choice

has to do with God and your commitment to Him. Today, the servant, Joshua, places this issue of "greatest choice" squarely in our faces, so to speak, when he says, "...choose you this day whom you will serve..." Well, what about it. Christian friends? We are all either servants of the God Almighty or servants of sin.



We are mastered either by God's will or our own appetites and

Life's greatest choice is made when we decide which master we will serve and which master we want to master our life. There are four significant things about making life's greatest choice.

First, it is a necessary choice. Every person must choose for or against God. To refuse or neglect to make a choice is to make one (Matthew 16:26).

Second, it is a personal choice. No one else can make it for you. The old saying still goes, "Every tub must sit on its own bottom." We all are individually responsible to God and must individually choose (1Cor 6:20). We don't belong to ourselves. We are bought and paid for by a higher spiritual

Third, it is an urgent choice. Life is uncertain and death is sure. Since we have no guarantee of tomorrow, we had better do what we can and ought to do today (Rev 3:11). It is better to have an umbrella and not need it, than to really need it, and not

Fourth, it is logical choice. When you consider all that the Lord has done for you; when you consider all of the trials, out of which He has brought you through, it is logical that you would choose to serve Him. Joshua said of himself, "As

for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." What's your choice? (Joshua 24:15). www.mynjbc.org

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