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ANTHONY

Mr. Edward Donald Anthony of Suitland, Md., died March 10 in Suitland.

He was born April 26, 1944, in Winston-Salem to Margaret C. Anthony and the late James A. Anthony, Sr. He was an active employee of the United States Postal Service for thirty four years and a veteran of the United States Army.

He will be missed dearly by his two sons, Johnny (Chakema) Wiley of Raleigh, and Edward D. Anthony Jr. of Suitland, Md.; two daughters, Donna C. Anthony and Bonita Harrison of Suitland; nine grandchildren; his loving mother, Margaret C. Anthony of the city; four sisters, Mary (James) Boulware, Barbara (William) Frost, Faye Little all of the city, and Martha Ray, Philadelphia; seven brothers, Paul (Mary) Anthony of Suitland, William Anthony, Joseph (Aniece) Anthony, Gerald (Treva) Anthony, Reginald Anthony, Christopher (Willette) Anthony and Kevin Moseley all of the city and a host of nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held March 18 at Union Bethel Church, Brandywine, Md. A local Memorial Service was held on March 20 at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Hooper Funeral Home with Rev. John Williams officiating. Burial followed in Maryland.

Adam and Hooper Funeral Home Directors were in charge of the arrangements.

DAVIS

Mr. Preston Emmanuel Davis, 2502 Summit Avenue, Greensboro died March 11 at his residence.

He was formerly from Winston-Salem and was born Feb. 27, 1967, in Winston-Salem to Amos and Sherell Wesley Davis.

He was a 1985 graduate of Reynolds High School and attended the American Culinary School of Cape Cod, Massachusetts. He was a former employee of the Adams Mark Hotel and a member of New Hope Baptist Church. He was a volunteer for the Aids Task Force of Winston-Salem. He was preceded in death by his adoptive parents, Curtis and Mary E. Richardson.

Surviving are his parents, Sherell Wesley Davis, Norwood, NC and Amos Davis, Sr. of the city; five sisters, Angel Hunter, Tobaccoville, Sherry (David) McDermott, Carolyn (Glenn) Seacry both of the city, Carolyn (Nelson) Anthony, Tobaccoville, and Claudia Richardson, Philadelphia; five brothers, Amos Davis, Jr. Elizabeth City, N.C., Carl Richardson and Michael Richardson of the city, Clarence Richardson, Bristol, Tenn., and Raymond Richardson, Norfolk, Va; three special aunts, Bessie, Ether and Eva Burwick all of the city; devoted cousins, Debbie and Lake Barnett of Winston-Salem; a special friend, Madeline Arnold, Winston-Salem and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Memorial services were held March 13 at 3 p.m. at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church with Minister William Fulton officiating. Hooper Funeral Home Directors were in charge of the arrangements.

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GADDDY

Mr. Kenneth Rochester Gaddy, known to family and friends as "Snap", 623 Mount Vernon Street, Winston-Salem, died March 6 at his residence following a period of illness.

He was a native of Anson County, NC, born on December 14, 1951, to the late Jessie Ed Gaddy and Margaret Ingram Gaddy and had lived

in the city for most of his life. He attended the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools, was a member of the Bethlehem Baptist Church and was a former employee of Britthaven Nursing Home.

He is survived by his son, Kenneth Rochester Gaddy, Jr., of the city; three sisters, Joyce (James) Brown, Margaret L. Evans and Carolyn Gaddy-Perry all of Winston-Salem; two nieces, Arnetta (David) Crews and Satonya (Mark) Richardson both of the city; two nephews, Jamie (Kimberly) Evans, Jr. and Keymarthanes (Kendra) Rashad of Leesville, La.; two great nephews, one great niece; an aunt, Annie Bell Mayes of Asheville; one uncle, Roy Gaddy of Polkton, N.C.; a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral Services were held on March 11 at 3:30 p.m. in the Chapel of the Russell Funeral Home with Elder Charles Johnson officiating.

Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home Directors were in charge of the arrangements.

GILLESPIE

Ms. Frances Fannie Bell Gillespie, 721 Hanes Avenue, Winston-Salem died March 6 at her residence following a period of illness.

She was born in Woodleaf, N.C., on July 12, 1914, to the late Garfield and Charlotte Lucky Gillespie. She had resided in Winston-Salem, N.C., for most of her adult life. She was a member of the Antioch Baptist Church where she was a member of the Prayer Band, the Spiritual Choir, the Pastor's Aid and was a Sunday School teacher.

She is survived by two sisters, Ethel G. Martin and Theo Flemming both of the city; one brother, James E. Gillespie of Winston-Salem; three devoted nieces, LaWanda O'Neill, Val D. Martin and Angela Martin-Copeland all of Winston-Salem, N.C.; five nephews; five great nieces; seven great nephews; a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held March 10 at noon at Antioch Baptist Church with Revered J. L. Montgomery officiating.

Burial followed at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, Woodleaf, N.C.

Russell Funeral Home Directors were in charge of the arrangements.

JOHNSON

Ms. Jeannette Johnson, 1938 Butler Street, Winston-Salem died March 13 at Forsyth Medical Center.

She was a native and resident of Winston-Salem, born on March 17, 1943, to Henry and Jennie Johnson. Jeannette was a graduate of Atkins High School and attended North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. She was a former member of the Saint Andrews-Grace United Methodist Church and currently attended Goler Memorial AME Zion Church. She was employed with the City of Winston-Salem, Parks and Recreation Division.

She is survived by one sister, Anne Johnson of the home; two brothers, Prince Henry Johnson, William Johnson both of the city; many nieces, nephews, cousins, special friends, Otis Gray, Reverend Conita A. Hunt and Ms. Virgil Alexander.

Funeral services were held March 17 at 3 p.m. in the Chapel of the Russell Funeral Home with Reverend Conita A. Hunt officiating.

Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home Directors were in charge of the arrangements.

LONG

Ms. Shirley Ann Long, 2100 Bertha Street, Winston-Salem died March 8 at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

She was born on April 8, 1945, to Hattie Mae Long and Daniel Lee Longshore and had resided in the city all her life. She was educated in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School, joined White Rock Baptist Church at a very young age and had recommitted her life to God. She was preceded in death by her mother, Hattie Mae Long.

She is survived by her father, Daniel Lee Longshore of New Haven, Conn.; two loving daughters, Gwendolyn M. Singletary (Howard) and Alice A. Williams (Paul); one son, Robert D. Long of Morganton, N.C.; two step-sons, Charles Ray Barr, Jr. of Polkton, N.C. and Derrick Davis of Winston-Salem; two brothers, Willie "Jimmie" Long (Maxine Hick-Long) and Charles E. Long (Angie) all of the city; three grandchildren, Javon Long, Paul Williams, Jr. and TieTonya A. Long; two nephews, Bruce Miller of Winston-Salem and Charles J. Miller (Amy) of Colorado Springs, Colo.; godson, Terrance "Putt-Putt" Ja'frett of Winston-Salem; two very devoted cousins, Ronald Byrd of New Haven, CT and Oscar Walker (Sarah) of Columbia, S.C. very cherished and devoted friends, Johnny Hardy, Reola Simpson, Vanessa Stover, Jeanette "Netty-Ball" Morrison, Margaretta Rice, Geraldine Ladson, Sarah Crump and Robert Lee Garner; a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held March 13 at 1 p.m. in the Chapel of the Russell Funeral Home with Reverend J. R. Stowe officiating. Burial fol-

lowed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home Directors were in charge of the arrangements.

McLENDON

Mr. Theodore McLendon, 166 Granville Drive, Winston-Salem died March 8 at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

He was a native of Norwood, NC, born on October 5, 1927, to the late Will and Sally Lindsey McLendon. He had lived in the city for forty years and was an employee of George K. Walker Florist.

He is survived by his living and devoted wife, Rachel McLendon; one step-daughter, Theresa (Robert) Shelf; two sisters; two brothers; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Memorial services were held on March 13 at 3 p.m. in the Chapel of the Russell Funeral Home with Bishop Davis officiating. Russell Funeral Home Directors were in charge of the arrangements.

MARTIN

Mr. John H. Martin, Sr., 3394 New Walkertown Road, Winston-Salem died March 7 at his residence following a period of illness.

He was born on September 12, 1914, in Winston-Salem to the late Benjamin and Eva Patterson Martin. He owned and operated the former College Grill and Eddie's Place. He was a milk distributor associated with Ford Distributors. Mr. Martin was a member of the United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mattie Massey Martin and two sons, Edward Allen Martin and Theodore Massey.

He is survived by two daughters, Juanita Martin and Carol Martin both of Winston-Salem, NC; one son, John H. (Lillian) Martin, Jr. of the city; six grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; one sister, Melvernia Martin of Winston-Salem; two sisters-in-law, Rosie Massey Ford and Irene Martin both of the city; a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on March 11 at 1 p.m. at United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church with Dr. J. Donald Ballard. Burial followed at the family plot at the Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home Directors were in charge of the arrangements.

MOORE

Mr. Jeremiah Moore, Sr., 15 N.E. 30th Street, Winston-Salem died March 5 at Forsyth Medical Center.

He was a native of Chester, SC, and had resided in Winston-Salem for over thirty years. He was a former Member of the United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, and was a 1974 graduate of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. He was employed in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools.

He is survived by four children, Michelle L. Moore, Cherria M. Moore, Jeremiah Moore, Jr. and Michael T. Moore; the mother of his children, Betty Moore; six sisters, Eadie M. Wheeler, Juanilla (Paul) Gwyn, Yvonne (Henry) Williams and Gloria Lane all of Winston-Salem, Lola (Ollie) Hill of Landover, Md and Dorothy Black of Rock Hill, SC; one brother, William (Maggie) Moore, Jr. of the city; many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held March 10 at 1 p.m. in the Chapel of the Russell Funeral Home with Reverend Darrell White officiating.

Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home Directors were in charge of the arrangements.

ROWLAND

Mr. Jasper Kelly Rowland, Jr., 1517 Oak Street, Winston-Salem died March 10 at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

He was the son of Mrs. Alice Louise Rowland and the late Mr. Jasper Kelly Rowland, Sr., born on December 13, 1960, in Winston-Salem. He was a graduate of South Park High School, Class of 1979. He was preceded in death by an aunt, Juanita Carpenter and a cousin, Deborah Lynn Carpenter.

He is survived by two sons, Jasper Kelly Fries and Jamal A. Connelly; his dear mother, Alice Louise Rowland; four sisters, Cassandra Rowland, Jacqueline (James) Alexander, Tammy (Ricky) May all of the city and Sharon Rowland of New York; one brother, Rickey Rowland of Winston-Salem; one uncle, Lester (Catherine) Carpenter and one aunt, Darlene Ziglar all of Winston-Salem; a devoted step-daddy, Otto Johnson; four devoted nieces, Tkisha May, Altovise, Tanishia, Takisha Rowland all of the city; a devoted god-sister, Debra Samuels; devoted god-uncle, Ellis McCullough; devoted friend, Larry Nelson and a very devoted friend, Veanna Rhyme all of the city; a host of nephews, great nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.


Funeral services were held March 15 at 3 p.m. from the Ministries for Christ Church with Pastor Andrea Miller-Nash officiating.

Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home Directors were in charge of the arrangements.

Understanding the need for spiritual growth and rebirth

Lesson Scripture: John 3:1-17
Lesson Aims: to relate the story of Nicodemus' visit with Jesus, to appreciate our right to question, and to understand the need for spiritual rebirth.

Background: Last week's lesson ended on a high note with John bearing witness to the identity of Jesus. The remainder of John 1 and 2 continued that testimony of Him. After Jesus was baptized, the next day, John the Baptist pointed Him out to his followers again. They followed the Lamb of God. Five - Andrew, Peter, Simon, Philip and Nathaniel - were mentioned. Jesus' first miracle (water to wine) was performed in John 2:1-11. The remainder of the chapter concerned itself with Jesus driving the money changers out of the Temple during Passover. People believed. "Richard's Complete Bible Handbook" suggests that at that point belief was not synonymous with commitment. Many began to follow Jesus. The religious leaders of the day wanted a sign to identify Him. Jesus response can be found in John 2:19. A wealthy Pharisee, Nicodemus sat on the Sanhedrin Court, the Jewish high council and ruling body, and is the central figure for today's lesson. When translated, his name means "innocent blood" or "victor over the people." Various commentaries give different perspectives on his night visit.



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

The lesson begins.
Lesson: Jesus' popularity grows and the religious hierarchy takes note of Him. Internal disagreements develop no doubt among the Pharisees. Contrary to popular thought, all of them weren't against Jesus. Nicodemus seeks a private meeting to get more insight on the Man and His teachings. Here, a Pharisee and member of the ruling court question Jesus. At first a statement is made but the underlying question remains, "who are you?" It appears that Jesus isn't addressing the concern. The response on how to see the kingdom of God probably makes him listen carefully. You must be born again and the implication is, He is the one that admits you (Trent Butler, "Points for Emphasis.") Another question arises. How? Nicodemus understands birth but can not look beyond the physical. Jesus is

referring to a new birth based on water and the Spirit. Many scholars differ on the meaning of this water. Nicodemus is baffled. Jesus continues by telling him to look at impossible things that are accepted as ordinary. The wind can't be seen, but it can be heard. You can't tell where it came from nor where it is going but you can feel it. This should make sense because the Pharisees are supernaturalists! How is still on Nicodemus' mind. Jesus tells him, "you will not believe the simple, how can you understand heavenly things?" Heaven has come down because man hasn't gone up. Jesus then makes reference to Numbers 21:4-9. The serpent had no powers; it was their faith in God's Word that healed and protected them. Like the serpent, Jesus must be lifted up and all who believe will be saved. Jesus continues by explaining God's great love for humanity. His love (Jesus) comes not to condemn, but to save.


Application: For too long, we've been taught "don't question God." Today's lesson is a shining example where a person questioned and wasn't condemned. Nicodemus, a learned man questioned what he heard and saw and came out on the other side with life changing answers. While some of our answers may not come as quickly, we too can learn by questioning. The answers can

have a profound impact on the remainder of our lives. Nicodemus wanted to rely on his intellect alone. Do we do that? Jesus teaches to rely on God and the Spirit. Our journey is by faith not by sight. If reason were our avenue, how can we explain the daily miracles we see-the earth doesn't spin out of control, waking up tragedy becoming a blessing. How often do we miss the concept because of its simplicity? America is said to be founded on Christian principles. Our behavior doesn't model that. We know the letter of the Law (like the Pharisees), but we fail to practice the spirit of the Law. Why? There is no spiritual rebirth. We go to church, join

organizations, wear crosses, carry Bibles and the like. All of this is an outward appearance unless there is a change within. There is no magic, no secret formula, no cloth or phrase-we must be born

again! We have to become new creations in Him. God offers salvation to the unworthy because He loves us so. We must believe in Him who was, is, and shall be forever more.

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M.Y.P.U.	6:30 p.m.
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Prayer & Bible Study	7:30 p.m.
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