

RELIGION/OBITUARY

BENSON

Dr. Maggie Earl Friday Benson, daughter of the late Earl and Minnie Speaks Friday, passed away recently at Forsyth Medical Center. She was a native of the city and was educated in the public school systems of Elizabeth City, New Jersey and Winston-Salem. She was a graduate of Winston-Salem Teachers College, N.C. A&T and did further study at the University of North Carolina. Benson taught school in the states of Virginia and Greensboro. She was also proprietor of the Mother and Daughter Kindergarten and was chairman of the board of directors at Benson's Music Studio and F & B Travel Consultants. Benson was employed as a former reporter with the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel "Activities of Colored People." At Zion Tabernacle FBH Church, she served as Minister of Music. She also served as pianist for 60 years with the Victory Prayer Band Singers, who performed throughout the United States and abroad. Benson was a former member of the board of directors at Teamers Educational Institute in Charlotte.

Surviving are her husband, Samuel Setzer Benson; two daughters, Virnessa D. and Minnie E. Benson; a devoted cousin-in-law, Florence Caesar Rice; a devoted nephew, Carl Miller, Jr.; a devoted cousin, Eula B. Colter and family; sisters-in-law, Beatrice Benson of the city and Catherine Washington and Virginia Welsh of Philadelphia, Pa.; foster son, Dr. H.W. Parker; six foster grandchildren; nieces, nephews; cousins and other relatives.

The funeral was held Oct. 16 at 3 p.m. from the Zion Tabernacle FBH Church. Reverend L.V. Davis officiated. Interment followed in the Evergreen Cemetery. Hooper Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

COOPER

Mr. James Robert Cooper, 3010 N. Claremont Avenue, died Oct. 12 at his residence.

He was born Jan. 11, 1934, in Winston-Salem. He was a retired painter of Rakestraw Painting Co. He was a quiet, simplistic, loving, caring family man and dedicated worker. Mr. Cooper was educated in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County public schools. He was a member of Canaan Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of the home, Betty Cooper; six daughters, Sharon (William) Dillard, Rita (James) Scott and Cardeas (Lawrence) Burns, all of the city, Sarah Ann Cooper, Shirleen Cooper and Yarney Cooper, all of New Jersey; two sons, James Cooper of New Jersey and Melvin Cooper of New York; 29 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; a dedicated uncle, Cleo Robbins; a dedicated cousin, Grace (James) Jenkins; and a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral was held Oct. 16 at 1 p.m. at Canaan Baptist Church. Dr. W.E. Brannon officiated. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Hooper Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

KNUCKLES

James Darnell Knuckles, formerly of 3049 Gilmer Avenue, died Oct. 8 at Winston-Salem Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center.

He was born in Spartanburg, S.C., to the late Jim and Maggie Thompson Knuckles. He was a resident of Winston-Salem for most of his life where he was a life member of the American Legion Post. He was a retired furniture refinisher. His spouse, Lena Knuckles, preceded him in death.

He is survived by four sisters, Maggie McKinney, Julia Jones, Essie (Dennis) Jackson, all of Spartanburg, and Jimmie Ruth Simpson, Tryon, N.C.; four brothers, Robert (Cora) Knuckles, Harold (Nancy) Knuckles, Larry Joe Johnson, all of Spartanburg, and Charles (Belle) Knuckles, New York, N.Y.; a devoted sister-in-law, Louise Knuckles, Winston-Salem; devoted care giver and friend, Saludie W. Barney, Winston-Salem; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Graveside services were held Oct. 14 at 11 a.m. at Salisbury National Cemetery. Chaplain Flem Otey officiated. Burial followed at Salisbury National Cemetery. Hooper Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

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822 Carl Russell Ave.
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BROWN

Mr. James Henry Brown "BO," 3217 Old Greensboro Road, Winston-Salem, died unexpectedly Oct. 11 at his residence.

He was born on July 9, 1941, in Winston-Salem, the son of Fred J. Brown and the late Clara W. Brown. He was educated in the public schools of Forsyth County. He was a retired employee of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Tobaccoville, and a former bus driver for T B M Luxury Coachline. "BO" was a member of the Macedonia TVPH Church of God Inc. and a member of the Trustee Board. He was preceded in death by his mother, Clara W. Brown, and a brother, Fred Brown Jr.

He leaves to mourn his passing his loving children, Teresa Brown, James S. (Jackie) Brown of Brooklyn, N.Y., David L. (Johnnie) Brown, Charles Valentine of Orlando, Fla., Patrick B. (Teresa) Friday, Eric D. (Rose) Brown, Kanika L. Brown and Celestine Brown of Society Hill, S.C.; 18 grandchildren, Tekeyla, Teandola, Eric Jr., Justin, Patrick, Tekenvila, Rashun, David II, Dominique, Charles, Princess, Shakaun, Craig, Aquarias, Ka'deysha, Kelle, Angelica and Lester; his father, Fred J. Brown of Winston-Salem; five devoted sisters, Willie Mae Stowe, Thelma Russell, Magareen (Ernest) Wilkins, Sally (Robert) Bethea and Tanya (Kenny) Dawkins, all of Winston-Salem; 10 devoted brothers, Jake (Maxine) Brown, Benjamin (Barbara) Brown, Mike Brown, Ricky (Janice) Brown, Clevester Brown, Aldeen (Geraldine) Harvey, Monroe (Carolyn) Watkins, the Rev. Michael (Cindy) Isler, Raymond O'Neal and Mike Brown of Havre De Grace, Md.; two aunts, two uncles; devoted friends Phyllis Lily of Durham, Roberta Brown, Joyce Williams, Ida Duncan, Hubert Stanback, Lee Grier, Carolyn Brown and Linwood Jerald, all of Winston-Salem; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The funeral was held Oct. 19 at 2 p.m. at Macedonia TVPH Church of God Inc. Bishop S.D. Johnson officiated. Burial followed at the family plot of the Piedmont Memorial Gardens. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

CONLEY

Mrs. Mattie Frances Deal Conley, 1900 West First Street, Winston-Salem, died Oct. 11 at Winston-Salem Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center.

She was a native of Franklin, Macon County, N.C., born on July 31, 1895, to the late James Washington Deal and Celia Jane Shephard Deal. She had lived in Winston-Salem since 1973. She had been a faithful member of the Piney Grove Baptist Church of the Iola Community in Franklin, N.C.,

until she moved. She joined Zion Hill Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, now Grace United Community Baptist Church. She was the Mother and oldest member of the church.

She is survived by one daughter, Sophia Love; one foster son, Archie Lee Diehl; eight grandchildren, Charles Deveroux (Arlene), Jerome Leander, Alfred (Gloria) and Marcellious (Emily) Love, Hazel Olivia Delois Love McKoy (Robert), Patricia M.B. Love Corley (J.P.), Yvonne Patrla Love Poole (Frank) and Roberta Gloria Love Mills (James); 29 great-grandchildren; 41 great-great-grandchildren; two great-great-great grandchildren; one sister, Lucille Deal Chavis of Ohio; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held Oct. 15 at 4 p.m. at Grace United Community Baptist Church. The Rev. Joseph L. Parks officiated. Burial followed at Cowee Community Cemetery, Franklin, N.C. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

HAIRSTON

Ms. Robin Janice Jones Hairston, 2432 White Horne Drive, Kernersville, N.C., died Oct. 11 at High Point Regional Hospital.

She was born on March 17, 1957, in Forsyth County to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Jones Sr. She graduated in 1975 from East Forsyth Senior High School. She was a member of Oak Springs Church of Stokesdale, N.C., and was a former employee of Precision Fabrics in Jamestown, N.C., until her health began to decline.

She is survived by three sons, Tommy L. (Rebecca) Jones, Terrell D. Jones and Antionne L. Hairston, all of Winston-Salem; five grandchildren; her parents, Mary and Jesse Jones of Walkertown; a special devoted friend, Lorenzo Lyerly; three sisters, Cynthia McIntyre, Brenda (Brian) Hairston, both of Kernersville, and Kenya S. Jones of King; three brothers, Dennis (Shirley) Jones of Walnut Cove, N.C., Gordon (Jacqueline) Jones Sr. and the Rev. Jesse (Veronica) Jones Jr., all of Winston-Salem; one aunt, Mrs. Shirley (Wheeler) Jones of Walkertown; a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and a very special friend, Georgianne Coletrane of Walkertown; many other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held Oct. 15 at 3 p.m. from Oak Springs Baptist Church, Stokesdale. The Rev. James R. Rudd officiated. Burial followed at Oak Springs Baptist Church Cemetery, Stokesdale. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

HOPE

Mrs. Ocie Mae Blackmon Hope, 1265 Reynolds Forest Drive, Winston-Salem, died Oct. 13 at Forsyth Medical Center.

She was a native of Lancaster, S.C., and had lived in Winston-Salem for 57 years. She was of the Baptist faith and was a devoted homemaker, wife, mother and grandmother. Her husband, Jack Henry Hope Sr., preceded her in death.

She is survived by two daughters, Arleiva (Roscoe) Owens of Lancaster, S.C., and Janice (George) Powell of the home; two sons, Jack H. (Lettie) Hope Jr. and David Glenn (Hilda) Hope, all of Winston-Salem; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two brothers, Thorny (Ruth) Blackmon of Lancaster, S.C., and Cherry Lee Blackmon of Detroit, Mich.; five sisters, Mardree Collins and Flossie Hall, both of Lancaster, S.C., Almetta Johnson of New York, N.Y., Helen Blackmon of Upper Darby, Pa., and Beatrice Butler of Clamsbury, Pa.; a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held Oct. 17 at 3 p.m. at the Chapel of Russell Funeral Home. The Rev. James Lewis Jr. (nephew) officiated. Entombment followed in Piedmont Memorial Gardens. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

JOHNSON

Mr. Bailey James Johnson Jr., Santa Monica, Calif., died Oct. 16 at Sticht Center at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

He was born on Feb. 28, 1927, to the late Vivian Baxter and Bailey Johnson Sr. He was a well-known gourmet chef in Beverly Hills, Calif., and Hawaii. Prior to his illness, he was working on a body of poetry and fiction and his autobiography.

He is survived by his sister, Dr. Maya Angelou, and daughter, Ms. Rosa Johnson, both of Winston-Salem; two sons, Ross and Nana Johnson of California; one nephew, Guy Bailey Johnson of California; one great-nephew, Colin Ashanti Johnson of Atlanta; six grandchildren, Kwame, Olivia, Matema, Monique, Rosa Suzette and Damion Emile Johnson; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Shelby Fulcher.

A memorial service was held on Oct. 20 at 4 p.m. at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Dr. Serenus T. Churn officiated. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

KINZER

Mr. Frank Sylvester Kinzer, 1166 Morton St., Camden, N.J., and formerly of Winston-Salem, died Oct. 12 at Woodland Care Hospice Center, Camden, N.J.

He was a retired employee of the Plaster and Cement International Local 8 of Philadelphia. His father, Jasper Frank Kinzer, preceded Mr. Kinzer in death.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Lubertha M. Kinzer of Mount Airy; his wife, Dorothy W. Kinzer of Camden, N.J.; two daughters, Tiffany Kinzer of the home and Frankie Gaither of Salisbury, N.C.; four sons, Frank Jasper Kinzer of Fayetteville, Samuel Kinzer of Biloxi, Miss., Michael Kinzer of Winston-Salem, and Tyress Gaither (Wanda) of Salisbury; six stepchildren, Edward and Bruce Vanderveer, Lois Norton (Baron), Mary, Floyd and Kevin Williamson of Camden, N.J.; one brother, James A. Kinzer (Brenda) of Winston-Salem; four sisters, Doris Harris of Mount Airy, Robbie DeLapp, Ernestine Dillard and Mildred Garris Tuttle (Mack) of Winston-Salem; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; also a very special and devoted friend, Ernestine August of Camden, N.J.; and a host of other special nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, who loved him dearly.

The funeral was held Oct. 16 at 2 p.m. at the Chapel of Russell Funeral Home. Bishop Tony Carter officiated. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

MASSEY

Mr. Roman Massey, 1831 North Dunleith Ave., Winston-Salem, died Oct. 9 at Kate Bitting Reynolds Hospice Home.

He was born on March 28 1947, in Manhattan, N.Y., to the late Claudia and Frank Massey. He was a native of Bronx, N.Y., where he attended and graduated from the local high school. He had lived in Winston-Salem since 1977. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army and served in the Vietnam War in 1968. He was an employee of Merita Bakery for 15 years, Lee Jeans for three years and more recently a the Microtel Hotel.

He is survived by his faithful wife of 14 years, Melba Penn Massey; three daughters, Jeryl Massey of Bronx, N.Y., Vernice Massey of Los Angeles, Calif., and Sherrill Penn of Winston-Salem; three sons, Roman D. and Alyn Massey of Bronx, N.Y., and Tyreah Penn Sr.; six grandchildren; one sister, Karen Lewis of Charlotte; his mother-in-law, Annie M. Penn McRae (James); six aunts; six uncles; three devoted brothers-in-law, Harold (Callie), Michael, Byron (Sonya) Penn; one devoted sister-in-law, Pamela Penn; a devoted friend, Jeannie Mason; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held Oct. 16 at noon at the Chapel of Russell Funeral Home. Dr. Carlton A.G. Eversley officiated. Burial followed at Piedmont Memorial Gardens. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

ROYAL

Mr. Hardy Royal Jr., 1312 Argonne Blvd., Winston-Salem, died Oct. 16 at Forsyth Medical Center.

He was a native of Morven, N.C., and had resided in Winston-Salem for nearly 40 years. He was a faithful member of Zion Memorial Baptist Church, where he served on the Trustee Board; the Pastor's Aide, the Gospel

Choir and the Van Ministry. He was a retired employee of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. with over 33 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby Myers Royal of the home; one daughter, Metze (Andre) Owens of Chalons-sur-Saone, France; his dear mother, Cassie B. Royal of Greensboro; three sisters, Mary (Clarence) Graves and Pauline Sturdivant, both of Greensboro, and Lorraine (Joe) Sturdivant of Thomasville; three brothers, William H. (Mildred) Royal, John (Sylvia) Royal, both of Greensboro, Thomas (Deborah) Royal of Ansonville, N.C.; many other relatives and special friends.

The funeral was held Oct. 20 at noon at Zion Memorial Baptist Church. The Rev. Joseph Jones officiated. Burial followed at Piedmont Memorial Gardens. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

SIMMONS

Ms. Mozelle Simmons, 1628 Marble Street, Winston-Salem, died Oct. 13 at Forsyth Medical Center.

She was born on Dec. 7, 1937, in Kingstree, S.C., the daughter of the late Emma M.S. Peterson and Damon Jones. She moved to Winston-Salem at an early age, relocated to New York, N.Y., and spent 15 years there before returning to Winston-Salem. She attended Atkins High School, was a member of Heavenly Host Apostolic Church, where Elder Leroy McGee is the pastor. She was an employee of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. for 22 years.

A brother, Will Simmons, preceded her in death.

She is survived by five daughters, Diane Mungin (Derrick), Jackie McCall (Oscar), Carolyn Dixon (Glenn), Charlene Simmons (Wandu) and Tonya Doster (Reggie); one son, Ricky Denard Simmons; 22 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; three sisters, Lina Jane Wilson, Gaynelle Shaver (O'Neal) and Vanessa McQueen; two brothers, Tommy McQueen of Tillery, N.C., and Herbert Albert McQueen of Winston-Salem; one uncle, Rolin Brown; and a devoted aunt, Arlene Brown; a host of other relatives and dear friends.

The funeral was held Oct. 20 at 2 p.m. at the Chapel of Russell Funeral Home. Elder Leroy McGee officiated. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

WATTS

Mr. Richard Lindbergh Watts, 2800 North Patterson Ave., Winston-Salem, died Oct. 11 at Kate Bitting Reynolds Hospice Home.

He was a native of Roanoke, Va., born on Sept. 28, 1928, the son of Nancy Floyd and Houston Watts. He was a graduate of Atkins High School, Class of 1947. He was a member of New Bethel Baptist Church, where he was president of the Usher Board, a member of the Tuesday Morning Biblical Study, a member of the BTU and was a Sunday school teacher. Mr. Watts was a veteran of the Korean Conflict.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Wyers Watts of the home; eight daughters, Gail Moore, Peggy (Donald) Clark, Jacqueline (Theodore) Shannon, Gwendolyn Withers, Jeanette (George) Hatcher, Linda Watts, all of Winston-Salem, Annette (Nemar) Anderson and Elaine (James) Eller, both of Richmond; four sons, Richard Lee Davis, Terry (Debra) Myers, Richard Lee Watts Jr. and Victor (Tangela) Watts, all of Winston-Salem; 25 grandchildren; devoted granddaughters, Kendra Watts of Baltimore, Md., and Uvonkia and Candace Eller of Richmond, Va.; 14 great-grandchildren; sisters, Lorraine Jackson, Elois (Harry) Smith, Laura Watts, Dorothy (Alfonse) Willis; brothers, Joseph Watts, Robert (Gwyndolyn) Watts; sisters-in-law, Mary James, Shirley Conrad and Gloria (Jerry) George; brother-in-law, Walter (Judy) Myers; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The funeral was held Oct. 14 at 3 p.m. at New Bethel Baptist Church. Dr. Jerry Drayton officiated. Burial followed at the family plot of Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

Grace United Community Church
406 Northwest Boulevard
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27105
Dr. Joseph B. Parks, Senior Pastor
(336) 721-2500

Sunday
Morning Study 9:30am
Worship & Celebration 11:05 am
Monday
Hour of Power Gospel Explosion 12 noon
Wednesday
Youth Fun Night 6:00 pm
Youth Bible Study 7:15 pm
Mid-Week Word Study 7:15 pm
Friday
Outside Service 7:00 pm
"Takin' it to the Street"
Saturday
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Listing of Services

Sunday School	9:30 A.M.
Worship Service	11:00 A.M.
Wednesday Bible Study	12:00 Noon & 7:00 P.M.

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Sunday Services

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Radio Broadcast (WAAA 980)	2:00 p.m.
M.Y.P.U.	6:30 p.m.
Evangelistic	7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Services

Prayer & Bible Study	7:30 p.m.
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