

RELIGION/OBITUARY

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BROWN

Mr. James Calvin Brown, age 52, departed this life Thursday, Oct. 21, at the Ohio State Hospital. He was born in Winston-Salem, N.C., Oct. 3, 1947, to the late Walter Brown and Glenola Kimber Brown. He leaves to cherish his memory: a devoted wife, Mrs. Yvette Rozelle Brown of Columbus, Ohio; one brother, Robert Kimber and spouse Beverly of Westerville, Ohio; a loving stepmother, Mrs. Annie Ruth Brown of Winston-Salem.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at Love Zion Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio.

Gary Memorial Chapel, 2154 E. Main St., Columbus, Ohio, is in charge of services for Mr. James Calvin Brown. Courtesy of Forsyth Funeral Home.

BROWN

Mrs. Ada Margaret Settle Brown, 70, of 4101 Carver School Road, Winston-Salem, died Oct. 19 at Forsyth Medical Center. She was born in Winston-Salem to the late James and Wileane Settle. She was a lifelong resident of the city and a graduate of Winston-Salem Teachers College (now WSSU) having received a master's degree from North Carolina A & T State University. She retired from the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Public Schools after 34 years of service. Mrs. Brown was a member of Lloyd Presbyterian Church, where she served as an elder. In the community she was active in the Columbia Heights Chapter of the Winston-Salem State University Alumni Association and the Atkins High Reunion. She was also a member of the University Women.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her husband of the home, Robert Brown; one son, Norman Brown, Winston-Salem; two sisters, Roxie Settle, of the city, and Gladys Bailey, Baltimore, Md.; one brother, Vincent Seattle, Winston-Salem; one sister-in-law, Fannie Gerald, Winston-Salem; one brother-in-law, Albert (Jimmie) Brown, Columbia, Md.; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Oct. 24 at 3 p.m. at Lloyd Presbyterian Church. Rev. Laura Spangler officiated. Burial followed at Piedmont Memorial Gardens. Hooper Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

STUCKEY

Mrs. Viola Williams Stuckey, 84, of 1505 East 24th Street, Winston-Salem, died Oct. 21 at Winston-Salem Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center.

She was born in Anderson, S.C., to the late James and Florence Williams. She attended the public schools of Anderson, S.C., and was a member of the Shiloh Baptist Church, where she served on the Usher Ministry, Sheepfold Ministry and Deaconess Ministry, along with many other auxiliaries.

Her daughter, Gloria Beasley, preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, Mr. Pearl S. Stuckey, Winston-Salem; one sister, Josie Walker, Atlanta, Ga.; two grandsons, Willie Beasley, Winston-Salem, and Charles (Belinda) Williams, Darby, Pa.; two great-granddaughters, Shameeka Williams and Amonia Williams; a devoted sister-in-law, Edna Williams, Winston-Salem; a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held at Shiloh Baptist Church on Oct. 23 at 2 p.m. Dr. Paul A. Lowe Jr. officiated. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Hooper Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

DARDEN

Mr. Otho Darden Sr., 72, of 3031 Airport Road, Winston-Salem, died Oct. 24 at Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home.

He was born in Amory, Miss., to the late Frank and Alice Darden. He was a resident of Winston-Salem for over 25 years. He was a retiree of the U.S. Air Force after 30 years of service, having served in the Vietnam War and the Korean Conflict. He was a retired hairstylist and was a barber/cosmetologist for Silas Creek Manor until his health declined.

He was a member of Phillips Chapel Baptist Church, where he was a member of the Sunday school department, past chairman of the Trustee Board and past president of the Senior Usher Board. In the community, he was a member of several organizations, including the Winston-Salem Beauticians Association Chapter No. 2, the Northwood Estates Know Your Neighbor Club, the March of Dimes and the Retired Association of Armed Forces.

He is survived by: his spouse of the home, Coleen Cain Darden; four daughters, Patricia Darden of Atlanta, Ga., Opal Darden of Chesapeake, Va., Donna Brown and Evette Darden (fiancee Bobby Lee Bradley), all of

Winston-Salem; two sons, Otho Darden Jr. (Cindy) of Carson City, Nev., and Douglas Darden of Winston-Salem; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one sister, Ernestine Walls of Fulton, Miss.; two brothers Oscar Darden of Cleveland, Ohio, Robert (Teasa) Darden of Amory, Miss.; three godchildren, George and Doris Chunn, Valeria Long, all of Winston-Salem; a devoted niece, Barbara Lee Cain of Raleigh; a devoted friend, Marcellette "Corrie" Verble of Winston-Salem; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m. Oct. 27 at Phillips Chapel Baptist Church. The Rev. Ray L. Watlington officiated. Burial followed at Salisbury National Cemetery. Hooper Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

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THOMPKINS

Mr. Clarence Blair Thompkins Sr., 559 Kinard Drive, Winston-Salem, died Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Wake Forest University/Baptist Medical Center. He was a native of Amherst Va., born on June 11, 1932, the son of the late Zeb and Emma Blair Thompkins. He lived in Washington, D.C., and Toledo, Ohio, for many years and had lived in Winston-Salem for the past three years. He was a veteran of the United States Armed Forces. He was preceded in death by his wife, Celestine Lawson Thompkins.

He is survived by his son, Clarence (Regina) Thompkins Jr. of Glenarden, Md.; three grandchildren, Lafonda, Chinita and Marcue Thompkins of Glenarden, Md.; one brother, Gordon (Mary) Thompkins of Temple Hills, Md.; two nieces, Bernice Wright of Washington, D.C., and Shirley Taylor of Upper Marlboro, Md.; one nephew, Jerome Hicks of Georgia; his mother-in-law, Odessa Lawson of the home; four very special and devoted friends, Deidre Anderson, Madonna Tanyhill, Stephanie Simmons and William Highsmith; a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 11 a.m. at the chapel of Russell Funeral Home. The Rev. L.S. Werts officiated. Burial followed at Salisbury National Cemetery in Salisbury. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the funeral arrangements.

HUNT

Minister Willie Gray Hunt Jr., 2157 Gerald Street, Winston-Salem, died Tuesday, Oct. 19, at Kate Biting Reynolds Hospice Home. He was a native of Winston-Salem, born on May 2, 1948, the son of Dorothy Hunt and the late Willie Gray Hunt Sr. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from A&T State University. He was a member of the Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society. Mr. Hunt taught at North Forsyth High School, where he was chairman of the history department.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 30 years, Bernice Hunt; a son, Willie Gray Hunt III; a daughter, Debra Hunt; his mother, Dorothy Hunt; a sister, Denise (Charles) Clayton; a host of aunts, uncles, in-laws, cousins and friends.

Graveside services were held on Friday, Oct. 22, at 11 a.m. at Evergreen Cemetery. The Rev. Samuel P.L. Hickerson officiated. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the funeral arrangements.

AMOS

Alma Mae Amos, 81, formerly of 2420 Dunleith Avenue, Winston-Salem, died Oct. 22 at North Carolina Baptist Hospital.


She was born in Winston-Salem to the late Hence Settle and Concerilla Penn Lowe. She was educated in the public schools of Winston-Salem and attended Winston-Salem Teachers College. She was a retired employee of WSSU. Alma was a member of the Atkins High School classes of the thirties and the WSSU classes of the thirties. She was a member of Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church for many years where she had been a former treasurer of the Sunday school, vice president of the Co-Worker's Club and Christian Women's Fellowship I.

She was preceded in death by her second husband, James Artis Garrett, 1961; a daughter, June Williams-Campbell, 1990; her husband, George Washington Amos, 1991; and a granddaughter, Candace Terresse Williams, 1995. She was also predeceased by her son-in-law, Dr. James P. Holland, 1998.

She is survived by four daughters and one stepdaughter, Dr. Barbara K. Phillips (Garret), Constance K. Holland, Joan K. Phillips (Ervin), Nancy G. Armstrong (Charles) and Gretha G. Michael (Orpheus); one sister, Lillian Lowe Chandler; three grandchildren, Eleanor P. Phipps (Therron), Tammy W. Blackwell (Charles) and Charles (Chad) H. Armstrong, III; two great-grandsons, Garret B. Phipps and Chali Blackwell; a niece, two great-nieces; a nephew and their families and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held Oct. 25 at 3 p.m. at Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church. Pastor Sheldon M. McCarter officiated. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Hooper Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

RELIGION CALENDAR

<p>Oct. 30 Pig pickin'</p> <p>Community Outreach will sponsor a pig pickin' Saturday, Oct. 30, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the East Winston Shopping Center parking lot, Martin L. King Dr. Tickets in advance are \$5. Tickets purchased at the pig pickin' are \$6. Come enjoy barbecue ribs, barbecue chicken, chopped barbecue, and fish plates - cole slaw, potato salad and baked beans. Donation proceeds will go toward the Community Outreach Choir's trip to North Charleston, S.C., for a youth conference.</p>	<p>Oct. 31 Trial Discourse</p> <p>Your presence is humbly and prayerfully requested at the trial discourse of Deaconess Pat Rhodes-Landingham at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, at Goler Memorial AME Zion Church, 630 N. Patterson Ave., Winston-Salem. The Rev. Dr. Seth O. Lartey is pastor.</p>  <p>Rhodes-Landingham</p>	<p>Annual tea</p> <p>An annual tea will be held at Saints Home United Methodist Church on Sunday, Oct. 31, at 4 p.m. at 1390 Thurmond Street. The tea is sponsored by the Finance Committee. This year the tea will be on the order of a Hawaiian luau. A special program will be given. The results of the tea will assist the church with the financial obligations. Refreshments will be served. The pastor is the Rev. John F. Epps. The public is invited.</p>	<p>Nov. 6 Singles conference</p> <p>The Singles' Department of Evangel Fellowship Ministries will sponsor its annual Singles' Conference on Nov. 6 at Evangel Christian Center on North Church Street. On this day, there will be workshops and a singles' social. On Nov. 7 services will be held at Evangel Fellowship COGIC at 507 Balboa Street. The guest speaker for this occasion will be Prophet Kervin Smith.</p> <p>For more information, contact Jo Van Turner at 279-8462 or call the church office at 375-3900.</p>	<p>Nov. 7 Senior Choir anniversary</p> <p>Solid Rock Baptist Church Senior Choir anniversary will be at 4 p.m. with guest pastor Rev. John Jackson from Goodwill Baptist Church of Madison, N.C. Solid Rock is at 3010 Carver School Road (telephone 336-723-2910). Dedicated Pastor: Rev. Charles W. Leak.</p>	<p>Nov. 14 Two churches to worship</p> <p>Solid Rock Baptist Church will leave the church and worship with Mt. Olive Baptist Church at 4 p.m. Mount Olive is at 1301 East Belevs St. The Rev. Charles Gray is the pastor. Be in attendance as Rev. Leak adds greatest zeal to God's holy, divine word.</p>	<p>Nov. 21 Evening service</p> <p>Solid Rock Hospitality Committee Ministry and planners will render the evening service at home with guest pastor, who will be named later. Get spiritually filled and lifted. Make time and be there.</p>	<p>Nov. 28 Deacons and Deaconess Day</p> <p>Solid Rock Baptist Church Deacons and Deaconess Day will be held at 4 p.m. with Rev. Tyndall of Friendship Baptist Church enriching and delighting your soul with old-fashioned, back to the old landmark style of Southern gospel preaching. Keep your soul youthful in the word of God. Be there and receive your blessing. The Rev. C.W. Leak is the honorable pastor of Solid Rock Baptist Church.</p>
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The danger of forgetting God



Mildred Peppers

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson Scripture, Deuteronomy 8: 7-20

Lesson Aims: to summarize the warning in today's text, to recognize the importance of acknowledging God, and to develop a routine/practice to never forget God.

Background: Moses gave three sermons in Deuteronomy. Chapters 1-3 were a review of God's acts. Here Moses recounted the incident with the 12 scouts, their rebelling against God, the desert wanderings and their victories. Moses made an impassioned plea to the people in chapter 4 to remain loyal to God (the second sermon). Moses restated the Law in chapter 5 verses 1-32. At the end of this chapter Moses makes an urgent appeal to Israel to hear, to learn and to follow God's Law (Richard's Complete Bible Handbook). Last week's lesson was the first part of the third sermon. The importance of remembering God and being obedient to

Him is stressed over and over. Man always intended to do right. Without God, however, it's impossible. To become the "holy community" that God desires, priorities must be set. First and foremost is the shema. "The Lord our God is one Lord" must be real for each person. If the relationship between God and humanity is in order, then the foundation for community is set. Because of God's love (agape) for Israel and their love for Him are established, then they can love one another. Because of the nature of humanity without God, they cannot exist.

Moses kept "relationship" before them constantly. Deuteronomy 8:5 stated to them that "like a man disciplines his son so the Lord disciplines them" (paraphrased). They were about to cross the Jordan (without Moses) and it was imperative that they don't forget. It appeared that these final instructions by Moses were in preparation for the test. The test will actually be what they do when and after they possess the Promised Land.

Lesson: The new generation of Israelites are given a warning not to forget God. First Moses establishes their impending blessings. The possession (in the desert) will have everything that they need.

Even the scouts some 38 years ago attested to the goodness of it. Deserts are dry, barren places. Yet God gives them a land that has plenty of good water and its fields will yield a lot of food. There will not be any scarcity in this land. The hills will also give them iron and copper.

When all are full, praise should go up to the Lord God. These praises are for His gift of this land. Moses then cautions them not to get full of themselves. Their prosperity isn't due to their actions but to God, the Great Provider. Moses plainly states that as good times occur, they will forget the Lord and His commandments. He quickly recounts their history from Egypt to the east bank of the Jordan River. They are told never to forget God.

If they begin to worship other gods they will surely perish. "Israel's distinguishing trait was they heard God's call and obeyed. If they lost that characteristic they are like all of the other nations; their fate will be a terrible one" (UMI Direction Teacher).

Application: Unfortunately we sometimes get caught up in the blessing and forget where the blessing came from! Our pride swells, we become arrogant and we look


down on others less fortunate. Our hard work, the sacrifices, the opening doors are due to God, not us! We can't forget, we shouldn't forget, yet we do.

Is the warning true? Look around us. Yes, it is true. We don't always understand destruction. We miss the point! Destruction doesn't always mean being conquered by a foe. A people can decay from within. Examine our families, our communities, our nation. Yes we have the capability to destroy the Earth several times. We can't stop the disrespect, the abuse, the crimes in our communities and the like. The bombs, the biological warfare, none of it draws us closer together. And America has the audacity to tell another country what to do. God has blessed us individually as well as collectively.

What did we do? We forgot God also and became full of ourselves. Moses' words during the B.C. era are just as important today!

God has provided and blessed us. How can we remember? Each of us should develop a practice, a tradition for remembering God daily. It should be meaningful to you and thus it becomes personal and you will not forget. The danger of forgetting God is life threatening. Don't ever forget.

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