

# OBITUARIES

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### BARKSDALE

Mrs. Minnie Shaw Barksdale, 1212 Springwood Circle, Winston-Salem, passed away Oct. 30 at Forsyth Medical Center after two-week illness. She was the widow of the late Cornelius E. Barksdale. Minnie Barksdale, a native of Winston-Salem, was born to the late Rev. Samuel Morrison and Delia Higgins Shaw. She attended the local public schools and graduated from the former Winston-Salem Teacher's College. Having taught in the North Carolina Public School System for a brief number of years, she later took extension courses at Appalachian State University and made a career in early childhood administration. She was a Gold Star Member of First Baptist Church and can best be remembered for her work as a Sunday school teacher in the junior department, a member of the Missionary Group and the Women's Progressive Club.

Mrs. Barksdale leaves to mourn two daughters, Ms. Doris Barksdale of the city and Mrs. Carolyn Barksdale Wallace of Durham. Other survivors include two grandchildren, Atty. Tamela Wallace of Charlotte and Titan Barksdale, an upcoming journalist; and a host of other nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held Nov. 2 at 12:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Rev. Wendell A. Johnson officiated. Burial followed at Piedmont Memorial Gardens. Clark S. Brown & Sons Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

### BRANNON

Mr. Jarian Dewan "Jabba" Brannon, 200 East 27th Street, Winston-Salem, passed away at his home unexpectedly on Nov. 1. The Lord took Jarian, our son, grandson, brother, and friend, home appropriately on All Saints Day. He was a junior at Mount Tabor High School and a friend of so many throughout Winston-Salem. He attended Kimberley Park Elementary and Hanes Middle School. Jarian was full of life and always had a smile or a handshake for all he encountered. He attended Youth Club at First Presbyterian Church and was involved with Young Life of Forsyth County, with whom he attended camp at Windy Gap and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He loved music, basketball, electronics, cars and his family. Jarian was baptized at Emmanuel Baptist Church at the age of 5.

Leaving to cherish this precious young man's zestful life and wonderful memories are: his mother, LaTonya F. Brannon; his father, Alfonzo Mitchell; a maternal grandmother, Frances Brannon Mitchell; a paternal grandmother, Mary Mitchell; a paternal grandfather, Alfonzo Mitchell Sr.; a maternal grandfather, Robert Smith; two brothers, Darius and Jewan Brannon; a sister, Takeya "Kiki" Brannon; a stepgrandfather, Clifton N. Mitchell; a maternal great-grandmother, Kathleen Brannon; two godparents, David and Carol Taylor; a godbrother, John David Taylor; a goddaughter, Caroline Taylor; a devoted friend, Ashley McClellan; three uncles, Sylvester Mitchell and Robert and Anthony Brannon; two aunts, Monique and Angie Mitchell; and a host of other uncles, cousins, and friends.

The funeral was held Nov. 5 at Clark S. Brown & Sons Funeral Home Chapel. Elder Raymond Banner Jr. officiated. Burial followed at Piedmont Memorial Gardens.

### CAMPBELL

Mr. Talmadge Dewitt Campbell Jr., 750 E. Clemmons Circle, Winston-Salem, went to spend his eternal life with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Oct. 20. Ted, as we all knew him, was born to Talmadge Dewitt Campbell Sr. and Juanita J. Campbell-Wesley on April 22, 1950, in Winston-Salem. Educated in the local school system, he graduated from A.H. Anderson High School in 1969 and attended Forsyth Technical Institute. Ted was a member of First Wauhtown Baptist Church. Ted spent his life in the Belview/East-on community and was a neighbor and friend, and known to many for his gift of conversation. He was a devoted uncle to his niece, nephews, great-nephews and great-niece.

Ted leaves to mourn his death devoted family members, including: a sister, Mrs. Tammara C. (Lanyard) Staley; a niece, Mrs. Brandy S. (Vincent) Crosby; two nephews, Masters Lanyard Staley Jr. and LaJae Staley; two great-nephews, Masters Vincent Crosby Jr. and Elijah Crosby; a great-niece, little Miss Maya Crosby, all of the city; two aunts, Mrs. Martha Magalene Holman of Philadelphia, Pa., and Ms. Rachel J. Campbell of the city; a special second "mom and dad," Mr. Thomas H. and Mrs. Gwendolyn G. Lytle of the city; a special devoted friend, Ms. Barbara Bruton; numerous devoted cousins; and a host of other family and friends.

A memorial service was held Oct. 28 at Clark S. Brown & Sons Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Dennis Bishop officiated. Clark S. Brown & Sons Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

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### ELDER

Ms. Vickie Lynn Long Elder, 416-C North Highland Ave., Winston-Salem, passed away Nov. 7 at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. She was a lifelong resident of Winston-Salem, born on Nov. 15, 1952, to the late Ralph and Mary Long.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory: three sons, Scotty Long, Jerry Rorie, both of Charlotte, and Jermaine Rorie of Winston-Salem; two loving granddaughters, Jasmine and India Rorie; her foster parents, Elder Wardlow and Darnella Frazier; seven brothers, Reginald Long, James Long, William Schley (Cynthia), Fredrick Lewis (Ernestine), Alvin Frazier, Wardlow Frazier Jr. (Pamela), Malcom Frazier; five sisters, Betty Mack, Gwendolyn Roberts, Shelia Ebrahim, Sharon Frazier, Tanya Frazier; a host of nieces, nephews; and a loving, devoted friend, James Wilson.

The funeral was held Nov. 12 at 1 p.m. at Mt. Calvary Holiness Church. Elder Wardlow Frazier officiated. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

### FISHER

Mr. Thaddeus Tyrone Fisher, 4428 Stowe Street, Winston-Salem, passed away Nov. 6 at Kate Biting Reynolds Hospice Home. He was a native and lifelong resident of Winston-Salem, born on Feb. 17, 1947, the son of the late Rosa Fisher and Willis Miller. He was a graduate of Anderson High School (Class of 1965), was a member of Dreamland Park Baptist Church and was a retired employee of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. He was preceded in death by his parents, Willis Miller and Rosa Fisher Watson; two brothers, Malcolm Watson and Michael Miller.

He is survived by: his wife, Lana Leecost Fisher of the home; daughters, Dawn Fisher of the home, Rosetta Fisher and Melba Peebles, both of Winston-Salem, and Sherry Peebles of Deland, Fla.; seven grandchildren, Christopher Fisher, Brittany Fisher, Britany Peebles, Haywood Peebles, Keith Peebles, Reginald Miller Jr., and Reshaud Miller; seven brothers, Rev. Ronald Fisher (Jean), Anthony Watson (Sheila Lyons), Dewey Watson (Rometta), Willis Miller Jr. (Karen), Robert Miller, Darryl Miller and Ray Watson, and sisters, Brenda Miller Hairston, all of Winston-Salem, and Sharon Miller of Ohio; his stepmother, Mentoria Miller; his mother-in-law, Eloise LeCost; brothers-in-law, John LeCost, all of Winston-Salem, Joseph (Sharon) LeCost of Raleigh, Raheen Banks of Brooklyn, N.Y.; sisters-in-law, Sheressa Stafford of Winston-Salem, Teresa Williams (Calvin) of Brooklyn, N.Y., Karen Barnes (Supreme) of Long Island, N.Y.; 75 nieces and nephews, 62 great-nieces and nephews; special friends, Delores Wooten, Gwen Bradley and George Brown; many other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. at the Dreamland Park Baptist Church. Rev. Ronald Fisher officiated. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

### GREEN

Mr. Charles Otis Green, known to family and friends as "Otis," 555 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Apt. B, Winston-Salem, passed away Nov. 7 at Forsyth Medical Center.

He was a native and resident of Winston-Salem and was of the Baptist faith. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, served in the Vietnam War, where he was awarded two Purple Hearts. He was an employee with the City of Winston-Salem Parks and Recreation Division.

He is survived by two sisters: Forgena Rogers of El Cerrito, Calif., and Treather Green of Boston, Mass.; a devoted friend, Kathy Cunningham of Winston-Salem; other relatives and many friends.

The funeral was held Nov. 13 at 4 p.m. at the Chapel of Russell Funeral Home.

Rev. L.S. Werts officiated. Burial followed at Salisbury National Cemetery, Salisbury, N.C. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

### GREENE

Ms. Dorethea Aladine Greene, Reisterstown, Md., passed away Nov. 2 in Baltimore, Md.

She was born on April 15, 1934, to the late Buster B. and Ettie Greene in Winston-Salem. Dorethea was educated in the public schools in Winston-Salem, and graduated as valedictorian of her class from St. Anne's Academy in 1952. In 1956, she received a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry from the College of Mercier in Dallas, Pa. Dorethea taught school and coached girls basketball at the junior-senior high school in Easton, Md. Shortly after moving to Baltimore, Dorethea began her 45-year career with the Maryland State Health Department Bureau of Laboratories in 1957 as a laboratory scientist where she worked until her death.

Dorethea became a member of New All Saints Roman Catholic Church in Baltimore, where she was a faithful member of the Pastoral Council. Dorethea was always interested in sports. Through the years, she became an avid golfer. She was a member of both the Pitch and Putt Golf Club and the Forest Park Golf Club. She held several offices, including president of the Forest Park Golf Club and tournament chair for the Pitch and Putt Golf Club. In 1982, she won the amateur title and the right to represent the state of Maryland at the USGA Public Links Championship in Eugene, Ore. Dorethea's greatest memory was the hole-in-one at Southern Pines Country Club in 1985. Her other interests included tennis, bowling and playing cards. She was also a licensed real estate agent with Long and Foster Realtors. Dorethea was always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. She was generous and thoughtful. Dorethea will be greatly missed by all.

She leaves to cherish her memory: three sisters, Betsy (Wilbur) Williams of Randallstown, Md., Edythe G. Harris of White Plains, Md., and Cassandra Greene-Walker of Winston-Salem; three brothers, Butler (Ernestine) Greene of Milwaukee, Wis., Sylvester (Phyllis) Greene of Randallstown, Md., and Anthony Greene of Winston-Salem; four nieces, Cheryl Greene and Nina (Jerome) Powell, both of Milwaukee, Wis., Rhea Harris (and goddaughter) of Adelphi, Md., Ashley Thompson of Winston-Salem; six nephews, Lamont and Kevin Greene of Milwaukee, Wis., Mark Greene of Newark, Del., Shawn Walker of Atlanta, Ga., Corey Walker of Rocky Mount, N.C., and Gabriel Greene of Owings Mills, Md.; two aunts, Mable Perry of Winston-Salem and Bessie Smith of Pittsburgh, Pa.; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held Nov. 9 at 10 a.m. at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church. Father Lawrence Hunt officiated. Burial followed at the Family Plot of Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

### MARSH

Mr. Otis Lee Marsh, 625 West Sixth Street, Apartment 2-E, Winston-Salem, passed Nov. 7 at his residence. He was born on July 19, 1950, in Winston-Salem to Mable Ruth Marsh and Howard Lipscomb Sr. He was a graduate of Anderson High School, was a member of Gethsemane Hope Baptist Church, was a former employee of Merita Bakery and was last employed at Days Inn. He was preceded in death by his mother, Mable Ruth Marsh; his grandmother, Larena Bivens; a granddaughter, Karena Marsh; a sister, Patricia A. Marsh; and a brother, Artis Lee Marsh.

He leaves to mourn his memories: two daughters, Renner Renee Marsh and Catina Michelle Marsh; two sons, Renick Jermaine Marsh and Cori Denard Marsh; five grandchildren; his devoted father, Howard Lipscomb Sr.; his former wife and mother of his children, Diane Smith Marsh; a devoted sister, Florence Beasley, and three other sisters, Loretta Marsh, Mrs. Diane (Willie Sr.) Hughes and Mrs. Peggy (Joseph) Salley; two brothers, Howard (Darlene) Lipscomb Jr. and Clarence (Margo) Marsh; devoted nieces, Eunice Posey, Cornethia Posey; a devoted nephew, Terry D. Posey; a devoted friend, William Mungo; a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held Nov. 11 at 1 p.m. at the Chapel of Russell Funeral Home. Bishop Rozetta Farris officiated. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

### WILSON

Mr. Isaac Mobley Wilson, affectionately known as "Boot," 1525 East 23rd Street, Winston-Salem, passed on Nov. 4 at his residence.

He was born on March 6, 1929, in Winston-Salem, the son of the late Abraham Amos Wilson and Annie Mobley. He was preceded in death by his son, Terry Wilson; his parents, Abraham and Annie Wilson; three brothers and three sisters.

He leaves to cherish fond memories: his beloved wife of 30 years, Mrs. Hattie Jeter Wilson; two devoted daughters, Nakia (Anthony) Harris and Alycia Crawford of the home; two brothers, David Wilson and Herman "Bye-Bye" (Barbara) Wilson, all of Winston-Salem; one sister-in-law, Rosa Wilson; devoted nieces, nephews, cousins; two devoted goddaughters, Ernestine Crawford and family, Willette Alexander; a devoted godson, Roger Lampkins; and a host of devoted relatives and friends. He will be greatly missed by those that were near and dear to him.

The funeral was held Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. at the Chapel of Russell Funeral Home. Rev. Thomas White officiated. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery.

Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

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### BECOAT

Infant Raekwon Marquez Becoat, of 414 B. Freedom Street, was born Aug. 1, 2002, in Winston-Salem to Donald and Martricia Richardson Becoat. He departed this life unexpectedly Monday morning, Nov. 4, 2002, at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, John Richardson, and paternal grandmother, Bertie Mae Becoat.

Left to cherish Little Raekwon's memory are: his parents, Donald and Martricia Becoat; siblings, Diontra and De'John Becoat, Anthony Smith, and Mercedes Goodien; maternal grandmother, Martha Richardson; godmother, Sonora Vaughn; aunts and uncles, Douglas Becoat, Ramont (Aletha) Richardson, Darren (Zandora) Richardson, Alvester (James) Barfield, Theresa and Evelyn Becoat, Vanessa Watson, Cassandra (Vance) Jones, Jonnetta (Ronald) Grinton, LaTrekia Richardson; great-aunt, Sheila Winningham; great-uncles, Sylvester McClendon and James Becoat; two devoted cousins, Tanganika Jones and Antoniece Hairston; and a host of other cousins and friends.

A graveside service was held Nov. 8 at 2 p.m. in Piedmont Memorial Gardens. Hooper Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

### BENJAMIN

Mr. James Lucas Benjamin Sr. aka "Tract," was born March 29, 1923, in Sumter, S.C., to the late Ethel Lucas. He was a resident of Winston-Salem for more than 50 years. He made his transition to a new life Monday morning, Nov. 4, at Wake Forest University/Baptist Medical Center following a period of illness. Mr. Benjamin was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served during World War II. He was a retiree of Bowman Gray School of Medicine. He also worked for the city of Winston-Salem for a number of years. He was of the Baptist faith.

Mr. Benjamin was predeceased by his spouse, Mabel Adams Benjamin.

He is survived by: three daughters, Betty Lou Benjamin of Winston-Salem, Sandra Johnson of Bronx, N.Y., and Jamie Booker of the home; a beloved son, James Benjamin Jr. of Winston-Salem; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Careatha (Cleveland) Gilliam and Rosa Lee Cooper, both of Winston-Salem; several nieces, nephews, and cousins, including devoted nieces Vickie Rickard and Terri Banks; six sisters-in-law, Dorothy Aldridge, Mildred Dendy, Hennie Mae Adams and Willie Mae Robinson, all of Winston-Salem, Carolyn (Harold) Jones of South Carolina and Barbara Rawlings of Bronx, N.Y.; one brother-in-law, Joseph (Gladene) Adams of Winston-Salem; three special friends, Johnny, Pete and Sam; other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held Nov. 7 at 3 p.m. at the chapel of Hooper Funeral Home. Rev. James Gilliam officiated. Interment was held Nov. 8 at 10 a.m. in Salisbury National Cemetery with military rites.

Hooper Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

### CLARK

Mrs. Vera James Alexander Clark, Winston-Salem, passed away Nov. 4 following an extended illness. She was preceded in death by a son, Foy "Pete" Alexander, and daughter, Vivian C. Hawkins.

Left to cherish her memory are: a sister, Grace Haughton of the home; one son, Mitchell Alexander (Linda); daughters, Bernice Bailey and Marilyn Lewis (Dennis), all of Winston-Salem; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held Nov. 7 at 11 a.m. at Saints Home United Methodist Church. Rev. John Epps officiated. Burial followed at Parklawn Memorial Gardens.

Hooper Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

### GRIFFIN

The angel of God called one of his faithful servants from labor to a sweet reward on Nov. 7 at the Nursing Center at Oak Summit. Mrs. Ernestine Hamm Griffin, formerly of 845 Rich Ave., was born in Sumter, S.C., to the late Rev. Otto Sylvester and Male Hamm.

Mrs. Griffin was a charter member of Bethlehem Baptist Church, which her father founded. She was a well-known person in Winston-Salem and surrounding cities and belonged to many organizations.

Mrs. Griffin was predeceased by her husband, William Griffin; a brother, Frederick Hamm; and a sister, Alice Hamm Gallimore.

She leaves to cherish her memory her Bethlehem family; one niece, Mae Francis Lewis of Winston-Salem; two great-nephews, Adrian Kevin Clinton of Winston-Salem and Lewis Clinton of Vallejo, Calif.; one brother-in-law, James Gallimore.

The funeral was held Nov. 13 at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Rev. I. L. Anthony officiated and Rev. Clarence Johnson gave the eulogy. Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery.

Hooper Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.