

# OBITUARIES

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### ADAMS

*"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; that they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."*

- Proverbs 14:1-3

William B. Adams, son of the late Thomas and Maggie Adams was born Feb. 12, 1914, in Statesville. He was raised in a happy Christian home as the third oldest of eight brothers and sisters. Adams received his elementary school education in the Statesville school system.

He was married to Ruth Pelham for more than 50 years. To this union two sons and four daughters were born. His wife and daughter Agatha preceded him in death.

William and Ruth made a permanent home in Winston-Salem. He was the "real man of the home, industrious and God fearing." He retired after 34 years of service at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. He also retired from a second job at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. He worked in the housekeeping department there for many years before declining health forced his retirement.

William Adams was a faithful member of Macedonia True Vine Pentecostal Holiness Church, joining by Christian experience from the Gospel Tabernacle Holiness Church. He loved the Lord and served as deacon at Macedonia for many years.

He was supportive of many initiatives that sought to lift the downtrodden and gave comfort to the brokenhearted. He was a co-founder of Freedom Road Prison Ministry Inc. with his wife, Ruth, and others. He was also instrumental in the planning, financing and development of Pelham Memorial Sanctuary.

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2002, in Los Angeles, Calif., William B. Adams was escorted by God's angels to a better resting place. He leaves to cherish his memory: two beloved sons, Shedrick of Winston-Salem and Samuel of Rocky Mount, N.C.; three beloved daughters, Sandra Faye Adams-Macintosh of Los Angeles, his primary care giver during his declining health, with Carroll Adams-McRae of Winston-Salem and Wilma Swynetta Adams-Martin of Ithaca, N.Y.; four loving and attentive granddaughters, Karen, Kim, Kelly and Kristie of Winston-Salem.

William B. Adams also leaves to cherish his memory: three brothers, Tommy (Vicki) and Alfred (Letra) of Winston-Salem, and Fredrick of Texas; three sisters, Madeline Mullins of Winston-Salem, Dora Abney of Greenbelt, Md., and Mary Adams of Raleigh; his dearest Aunt Mary Lois of Hickory; a favorite nephew, James Lomax (Sandra) of Winston-Salem; a favorite niece, Doris Vaughns (Eddie) of Winston-Salem; and his uncle Damon Davis of Washington, D.C.; 22 grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews, who share wonderful memories of William B. Adams.

Mr. Adams cherished his family; all of his wonderful neighbors of the Camel Avenue Good Neighbor Club; his very good friend and neighbor, James Hairston; and Mother Edna Clark of Macedonia True Vine Pentecostal Church, who helped nurture him during his declining years.

William B. Adams will be missed greatly and his memory highly treasured by his many friends, co-workers and neighbors. Reflections on the life of William B. Adams were held during 11 a.m. services on Nov. 17 at Macedonia True Vine Pentecostal Holiness Church.

This announcement is a courtesy of the Russell Funeral Home directors.

### EATON

Mrs. Doretha Beatrice Hairston Eaton, formerly of 2209 Gerald Street, Winston-Salem, passed away Nov. 12 at Springwood Care Center of Forsyth. Mrs. Eaton was born May 25, 1921, to the late Thornton and Susie Hairston. She was educated in the public schools and graduated with honors from Win-

ston-Salem Teachers College (WSSU), where she received a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She also attended Columbia University in New York City and N.C. A&T State University in Greensboro, where she was working toward a master's degree. For a time, she taught in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Public Schools and at J.F. Gunn School in Burlington, N.C., where she became a music teacher.

To many, she was known as "Mrs. Eaton" because of her 27 years with the Winston-Salem Recreation Department. She was the first black female to be appointed as district supervisor of recreational and cultural activities. She also worked part-time with the Skyland Recreation and Happy Hill Recreation centers.

She was preceded in death by her oldest son, Charles Emerson Eaton Jr., at the age of 49 on Jan. 31, 2002.

She is survived by: her husband of 51 years, Charles E. Eaton Sr.; to this marriage were born eight children, who will always love her and remember her as "Muh." Deitra E. Arrington of Durham, Avenida Eaton (Spencer) Glenn, Bernard Thomas (Beverly) Eaton of Bailey, N.C., Clairbourn Ricky (Denise) Eaton, Thornton Hairston Eaton of Winston-Salem, Gerard Christopher Eaton of Greenville, S.C. and Jeffrey Emmett Eaton of Winston-Salem; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and very dear friends.

The funeral was held Nov. 15 at 1 p.m. at Dellabrook Presbyterian Church. Rev. Dr. Carlton A.G. Eversley officiated. Burial followed at Piedmont Memorial Park. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

### HAIRSTON

Mr. Robert Lauché Hairston, 1401 Donald Lee Hollowell Parkway, Apt. V11, Atlanta, Ga., passed away Nov. 10 at Grady Memorial Hospital, Atlanta, Ga.

He was a native of Winston-Salem, born on June 23, 1958, to the late Eliza Eccles Hairston and William Robert Hairston Sr. He attended the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools and was a graduate of East Forsyth High School, Class of 1976. He was a member of the Mount Zion Baptist Church and was employed as a bus driver for the Marta Bus System for the city of Atlanta, Ga.

He is survived by: his wife, Olivia Turner Hairston of Atlanta; his father, William Robert Hairston Sr. of Winston-Salem; two brothers, Rev. William Robert (Jacqueline) Hairston Jr. and Harry Robert Hairston, both of Winston-Salem; special cousins, Peyton (Jannie) Hairston and James Hairston of Winston-Salem; a special uncle, Patrick (Florina) Hairston of Winston-Salem; seven uncles, George (Viola) Eccles of Norfolk, Va., Frank Eccles of Germany, Willie (Maebelle) Eccles, Willis (Cerento) Eccles, both of Winston-Salem, Dallas (Ruth) Eccles of Clemmons, David (Francine) Eccles of Columbia, Md.; aunts, Bobed Eccles Murray and Louise Eccles, both of Winston-Salem; a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

A service in memory was held Nov. 18 at noon at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Dr. Serenus T. Churn Sr. officiated. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

### JONES

Mr. Nathaniel "Chilly" Fredrick Jones, 905 Moravia Street, Winston-Salem, passed away Nov. 15 at his residence unexpectedly. He was born March 22, 1941, in Winston-Salem to the late Willie and Roma Jones. He was a graduate of Carver High School, Class of 1959. His lifetime is reflected in self-employment at Jones Chevron for 38 years (the only black privately owned service station in North Carolina) and Christian membership at Dreamland Park Baptist Church his entire life, serving as past chairman and member of the deacon board, program director of the usher board and member of the male chorus and Sunday school.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rachel Hines Jones, in February 1993.

Family love and devotion are instilled in the memory of him by two loving daughters, Robin J. Paul (Charles) and Rhonda J. Richardson (Antonio); four devoted grandsons, Charles Paul Jr., Christopher Paul, Reginald Richardson and Antonio Richardson Jr.; one devoted granddaughter, Tequoia Richardson; three sisters, Elveta Rutledge of Washington, D.C., Esther Haggler (Joseph) of Oakton, Va., and Hattie Jones of Capital Heights, Md.; seven brothers, James Jones, Hubert Jones, Odell Jones (Rosaly) and Hobart Jones (Carolyn), all of Winston-Salem, Thomas Jones (Rosa) of Ayers, Mass., George Jones (Patricia) of Raleigh and Reginald (Ethel) Jones of Walkertown; one brother-in-law, Roscoe J. Hines (Joann) of Mount Airy; devoted

friends, Hazel Gilbert, Aldrena Gaither, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Hill, Willie "Bo" Crawford; a godson, Deron Simmons; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many other devoted friends.

Anytime you met him and asked, "How are you?," his response was, "I am blessed and highly favored in the Lord."

The funeral was held Nov. 19 at 1:30 p.m. at Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church. Rev. Ronald Fisher officiated. Burial followed at family plot of Piedmont Memorial Park. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

### PORTER

Mrs. Pearlene Ervin Porter, 901 W. 25th Street, Winston-Salem, passed away Nov. 11 at Forsyth Medical Center after a brief illness.

She was born Oct. 26, 1923, in Winston-Salem, the daughter of the late Aza Lee White Mathis and James Mathis. Pearlene graduated from Atkins High School with the Class of 1941 and continued on to Winston-Salem Teachers College, majoring in music. She was a lifetime member of New Bethel Baptist Church, serving on the Usher Board in her earlier years. Throughout her life, she was a musician, who often played for special occasions. She was also a seamstress and a homemaker.

One of her greatest pastimes was nurturing and beautifying her yard. She was honored by former Mayor Martha Wood with a dinner at SECCA for her long-standing efforts to maintain the highest quality in yard care. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by: her husband, Louis Porter, to whom she was married for 52 years; one daughter, Barbara A. (William) Glenn; grandchildren, Patrice (Steve) Jackson and Willette Glenn; great-grandchildren, Aysia Glenn, Cherish Jackson and Cameryn Boykin; one dear cousin, Marie (T.C.) Robinson; and many friends and neighbors. The funeral was held Nov. 16 at 1:30 p.m. at New Bethel Baptist Church. Dr. Jerry Drayton officiated. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery.

Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

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### CARTER

Mr. Ronald Leon Carter of 747 Colton Street passed on Nov. 9 at the Springwood Care Center following an extended period of illness.

He was a lifelong resident of Winston-Salem, where he attended Atkins High School, was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, and was formerly employed by Wake Forest and Winston-Salem State universities. Mr. Carter was a member of Saints Home United Methodist Church. He was predeceased by his father, William Leon Carter.

Surviving are: his wife of the home, Mrs. Gloria M. Carter; two daughters, Carmen Carter of Riverdale, Ga., and Carol Carter of Atlanta, Ga.; one son, Christopher (Charlotte) Carter of Winston-Salem; two stepdaughters, Monica Smith of Charlotte and Tracy (William) Kennedy of Burlington, N.C.; his mother, Mrs. Evelyn B. Carter; three grandchildren, Chishana, Chirelle and Chantese Carter; one great-grandchild, Tayana Carter; one sister, Annette (Willie) Thompson; one brother, Harold W. (Mary) Carter; four aunts, Earlesteen Payne, Ella Bohannon, Lowretha Bohannon and Shirley Bohannon, all of Winston-Salem; one sister-in-law, Rose Carpenter of Winston-Salem; four brothers-in-law, Ronald Morrison of Charlotte, Richard (Willie) Morrison, Roger (Vicky) Morrison and Jerry (Gwen) Morrison, all of Winston-Salem; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 14 at Saints Home United Methodist Church. Rev. Paul Perkins officiated. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Hooper Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

## After massacre, villagers weary of influx of outsiders

BY PAISLEY DODDS  
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JONESTOWN, Guyana - Razor grass, vines and a few wild daisies cover the area where American cult leader Jim Jones urged more than 900 followers to commit mass suicide.

Few care to remember the horrors of Nov. 18, 1978.

But painful memories are reawakening with a new influx of foreigners - U.S. missionaries and wildcat Brazilian gold miners - to the remote jungle outpost.

"I see strange faces and I feel scared again," said Caroline George, 37, whose three siblings died at Jonestown. "Everything is different in Guyana but it somehow feels the same."

Residents of Port Kaituma, the nearest town about six miles away, asked themselves the other day what the business might be of a Nigerian who stopped in at a diner for some fried chicken, and



Guyana's beauty has often been overshadowed by the 1978 Jonestown massacre.

of a Colombian who landed on the airstrip in a private plane.

This newfound multiculturalism, reminiscent of Jones' dream of a Utopian multiracial society, is not welcomed by villagers whose collective psyche was scarred by the mass suicide.

"All of the activity here has brought better business, but some of the people who come in here, I just don't like," said Denise Duke, 37, owner of the Big "D"

Food Mall, a wooden restaurant specializing in chicken foot soup. "A lot of us are still suspicious of outsiders. Sure they bring us things, but what do they take in return?"

The town has more than quadrupled in size and population since the Jonestown massacre. Most of the 7,000 residents are native Amerindians and descendants of African slaves and East Indian indentured laborers

imported centuries ago to Britain's only colony in South America.

An interior covered by impenetrable jungle and dissected by snake-infested rivers prevented the Guyanese government from monitoring Jones' activities, and accounts for a different kind of lawlessness today.

Port residents complain that President Bharrat Jagdeo's government, preoccupied with grow-

ing anarchy in the capital, Georgetown, is not doing enough to prevent foreigners from stealing Guyana's wealth.

Meanwhile, locals say, Brazilians and Venezuelans who have joined a gold rush often mine without permits and smuggle their gains across unpoliced borders.

Others complain the government is too trusting of foreign churches and missionaries.

Baptist pastor Dean Runyon, from Cleveland, Ohio, has gathered more than 400 followers in four years for his church, which offers services and helps with small community projects.

"Why I came to Guyana? That's a long story," said Runyon, hurrying to a sermon and referring other questions to his parishioners. "I have nothing to hide, though."

"Pastor Runyon is no Jim Jones," said parishioner Raymond Wong, 32. "He preaches the word of God, but that's it."

Few of these churchgoers are old enough to remember Jonestown.

"A lot of us who were around when Jonestown happened stopped going to church," said Paul Adams, 49, who helped Jones clear land for the agricultural commune where he and his fol-

lowers grew bananas and cassava and raised pigs.

Hundreds of men, women and children followed Jones. They built cottages, workshops, dormitories and cultivated crops on 300 acres carved from dense tropical rain forest, some 140 miles from a capital reachable only by air or boat.

Then a congressman from San Francisco flew to the jungle compound one day to investigate allegations of abuse. As U.S. Rep. Leo Ryan was preparing to return to the United States with 18 temple members who had wanted to leave, he was ambushed on the airstrip.

Ryan, three newsmen and a cult defector were killed. Eleven others were injured. Then Jones exhorted his followers to drink cyanide-laced grape punch. Babies were killed by squirting it into their mouths with syringes. Most adults were poisoned, some forcibly. Some were shot by cult security guards. Hours later, 912 of Jones' followers were dead. So was Jones, found with a bullet wound in his head, whether it was suicide or murder is unknown.

"Something like that would never happen again here," said Tourism Minister Manzoor Nadir. "I think the country learned its lesson the hard way."