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HILL

Mrs. Ozola Creasy Hill, affectionately known as "Cuda," of 911 E. 17th Street, passed away Dec. 21 at the Forsyth Medical Center following a period of illness.

A native of Alabama, she was a resident of North Carolina for more than 30 years where she was a retired homemaker and a member of Progressive Apostolic Church.

Mrs. Hill was preceded in death by her husband, James Hill. Surviving are: two children, Sharon Creasy and Darrell (Max-ine) Creasy, all of the city; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; her mother, Ola Mae Sanders of the city; four sisters, Bernice Foreman, Edna Thompson and Melissa (Waddell) Shepard, all of the city, and Anna Ruth Creasy of Dudley, N.C.; two sisters-in-law, Georgia Davis and Johnnie Mae Coltrane, both of Burlington, N.C.; a special friend, Rudolph Taylor of Winston-Salem; other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held Dec. 26 at 2 p.m. at Progressive Apostolic Church. Elder Kacie Moore officiated. Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Hooper Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

GRISSOM

John Ed Grissom, son of the late Ed and Robbie Tharrington Grissom, was born on Sept. 9, 1932, in Creedmoor, N.C. He departed this life on Dec. 20, 2003.

He graduated from G.C. Hawley High School in Creedmoor, where his parents and teachers supported his interest in entrepreneurship. Later, he earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from N.C. Central University in Durham. His college education was interrupted for two years, when he was drafted into the military during the Korean War.

Born into a Christian family, John joined Rock Spring Baptist Church, Creedmoor, during his childhood. There he distinguished himself by typing and duplicating the church bulletin.

Early in his professional career, John was employed as the business/financial manager of Lincoln Hospital and Operation Break-through of Durham. Following these experiences, John moved to Maryland, where he developed federal funding proposals for health-care agencies. In the early 1970s, John relocated to Atlanta, where he established John Grissom and Associates Inc., a management consulting corporation. Here he continued to write federal funding proposals for health-care agencies throughout the Southeastern United States. The corporation provided a full range of public accounting services, including individual/corporate tax services, financial planning and small business loan packaging.

Through the Georgia Department of Transportation, John Grissom and Associates was instrumental in ensuring that minority- and female-owned businesses procured an equitable share of highway construction contracts. Additionally, they worked with city and state officials to designate a substantial portion of funding, as set-asides for minority and female-owned businesses. Then he advised and assisted these companies in authoring contract proposals as well as structuring their records to meet government-mandated reporting requirements.

John was a founding member of the Cascade Business League, and he served on the board. He participated in several committees and boards within the Atlanta area, including active involvement in the NAACP Youth Mentoring Program.

On April 27, 1991, John married Esther J. Love. Their union symbolized love, respect, care and service to God, family and their community. John and Esther joined Christian Fellowship Baptist Church in April 1994. John was an active church member, serving as a deacon and a member of the Finance Committee until the decline in his health. In May 2003, John was formally designated as a deacon emeritus.

John is survived by: his wife, Esther Grissom; son, 1st Sgt. Erick W. Grissom (Michelle) of Seoul, Korea; daughters, Beverly Y. Grissom, Esq., of Trenton, N.J., and Shelia Jackson of Irvington, N.J.; Erick and Beverly's mother, Dr. Barbara S. Bayne of Maplewood, N.J.; brother, Willie E. Grissom (Mary) of Winston-Salem; sisters, Florine G. Brown (Daniel) of East Orange, N.J., and Betty G. Ward (Bill) of Somerset, N.Y.; sisters-in-law, Ruby Davis of Spring Valley, N.Y., Mollie Clark and Jessie Peaker of Philadelphia, Pa., Ruth Bolling of Richmond, Va., Shirley Worsley of Washington, D.C., and Maggie Scott of Atlanta, Ga.; brothers-in-law, Mike

Jones (Rosa) and Claude Jones of Philadelphia, Pa.; two grandsons; two granddaughters; one great-grandson; five aunts; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his older sister, Emma Jean Grissom Williamson (Leroy).

The funeral was held Dec. 27 at 1:30 p.m. at Christian Fellowship Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga. In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial gifts honoring John Grissom be made to either of the following: Christian Fellowship Baptist Church Woman's Missionary Union Foundation (Grissom Memorial WMU Foundation), 1500 Norman Drive, College Park, GA 30349; or Triangle Community Foundation (Grissom Memorial Scholarship Fund), P.O. Box 75393, Charlotte, NC 28275-0393. Murray Brothers Funeral Home, 1199 Utoy Spring Road, SW, Atlanta, Ga., was in charge of the arrangements. Courtesy of Hooper Funeral Home.

Russell

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BOHANNON

Ms. Janice Elaine Bohannon, formerly of 457 W. 26th Street, Winston-Salem, passed away Dec. 27 at Lutheran Home of Winston-Salem.

She was born in Forsyth County on May 31, 1953. She graduated from North Forsyth High School in 1971 and attended Durham Business College and N.C. Central University. She was a member of Saints Home United Methodist Church.

Ms. Bohannon was preceded in death by her father, Mr. Percell J. Bohannon; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Bohannon and Mr. and Mrs. H.T. Tomlinson.

Survivors include: her mother, Mrs. Lowretha T. Bohannon; a sister, Ms. Teresa Bohannon Hawkins; a nephew, Mr. Terrance Hawkins; four aunts, Mrs. Evelyn B. Carter, Mrs. Ella Bohannon, Mrs. Shirley Bohannon and Mrs. Artis Webster; an uncle, Mr. Fred Evans; a brother-in-law, W.H. Hawkins; and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held Dec. 30 at noon at Saints Home United Methodist Church. Dr. Paul Perkins officiated. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

McCLOUD

Mrs. Castello Marshall McCloud, formerly of 955 Mount Zion Place, Winston-Salem, passed away Dec. 19 at Forsyth Medical Center.

She was born April 27, 1912, in Wadesboro, N.C., the third child of Rev. James and Garthanne Marshall. She moved to Winston-Salem as a young adult and was employed at Camel City Laundry until her retirement. She resided at 955 Mount Zion Place before residing at Silas Creek Manor Nursing Home.

In the early years, she was a member of St. Stephens Baptist Church and later joined Galilee Baptist Church when it was a basement church. She became a faithful, dedicated, loyal and active member of Galilee until her health failed. She served as exemplary and committed president of the Nurses' Board for more than 30 years. Her pride and joy came from the substantial monetary donations she made to the church each year at the Nurses' Anniversary. Mrs. McCloud was a member of the Tribe of Naphtali.

As a homemaker, she loved to cook, quilt, can and take care of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was guided in the rearing of her children by her dearly beloved sister-in-law, affectionately known as "Aunt Hannah." Her family was central to her life, and she loved her children dearly. The generosity and compassion she exhibited to her family and friends were exemplary of her Christian life.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Ethel McCloud, and a daughter-in-law, Evie McCloud.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her daughter, Bernice Kimbrough of Winston-Salem; sons, Booker T. McCloud (Earlyne) of Winston-Salem, Charles McCloud of Randallstown, Md., Demark McCloud (Earmestine) of Woodland, Md., Stephen McCloud (Velma) of Pfafftown, N.C.; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren; one great-great-great-grandchild; a sister, Annabelle Copel of Atlanta, Ga.; in the early years a devoted son-in-law, Gregory Kimbrough; a godchild, Mrs. Emma Cash; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends, as well as the special care-givers at Silas

Creek Manor. We shall miss her deeply, and we shall cherish her memory always.

The funeral was held Dec. 27 at 1 p.m. at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Robert L. McGowens Sr. officiated. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

PATTERSON

Mrs. Reba E. Patterson, 608 Kinard Drive, Winston-Salem, passed away Dec. 21 at her residence following a short illness.

She was born Feb. 14, 1919, in Loray, N.C., to John J. Morrison and Zora C. Morrison. She was a retired employee of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System as a food nutritionist and was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church (USA), where she was a member of the Secret Pal Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She leaves to mourn: her loving sister, Annie M. Leach of the home; her brother, Percy M. Morrison of Winston-Salem; three devoted sisters-in-law, Mirian P. Littlejohn, Faye P. Eldridge and Claudia Morrison of Detroit, Mich.; two devoted nieces, Elaine Thompson (Tony) and Debbie Baskins (Wayne); cousin, Ozel Long; care-givers, Betty Brown, Georgia Smith and Okanecia Rorie; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held Dec. 24 at 2 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church (USA), Rev. Dr. Samuel Stevenson officiated. Burial followed at Piedmont Memorial Gardens. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

STEPHENS

Mr. John Atlas Stephens Sr., formerly of 3017 Fondly Road, Winston-Salem, passed away Dec. 24 at Lutheran Home of Winston-Salem.

He was born May 30, 1917, to Jim and Abby Stephens, of Proctorville, N.C. He moved to Winston-Salem at a very young age. He was a retired employee of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., having worked there 44 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evangelist Ruthel Taylor Stephens, and two sons, Tyrus and Memphis Stephens.

Left to cherish his memories are: six sons, Temus (Delois) Stephens, John A. (Dreana) Stephens Jr., Dwight (Wanda) Stephens, Tyro (Minnie) Stephens and Dwaxton Stephens, all of Winston-Salem, and Kemphus (Betty) Stephens of Milwaukee, Wis.; two daughters-in-law, Mary Stephens and Connie Stephens of Winston-Salem; a grandson, Tyrone Crockett, whom he reared; 23 other grandchildren and many great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mary Hill, Julia (Percy) Hill and Annie Stephens, all of Fairmont, N.C.; two sisters-in-law, Nora Stephens of Proctorville, N.C., and Dosephine Inman of Baltimore, Md.; a brother-in-law, Hosea Taylor of Lumberton; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held Dec. 29 at 1 p.m. at the Chapel of Russell Funeral Home. Bishop Joseph Lowery officiated. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

WILLIAMS

Mrs. Frankie Ann Smith Williams, 3130 Parrish Road, Winston-Salem, passed away Dec. 22 at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

She was born Oct. 12, 1944, in Winston-Salem to Mary Smith Roberts and the late Edward Franklin Smith. She was reared and educated in Winston-Salem. Frankie graduated from Winston-Salem Teachers College (now Winston-Salem State University) in 1967 with a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education. She taught first grade in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System for 31 years where she was highly respected and loved by her co-workers and students. She was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

She was a devoted and selfless daughter, mother, grandmother, teacher and friend. Frankie was a faithful and loyal member of Alpha and Omega Church from childhood. She helped her mother, Mary, in the church's kindergarten. As an adult, she served the church as secretary and treasurer. Since Frankie was blessed with the gift of music, she used her gift in many places, but especially for her church.

She was preceded in death by her father, Edward Franklin Smith.

She is survived by: her mother, Mary S. Roberts of Newark, N.J.; her daughter, Benita of Raleigh; her son, Stefan, and daughter-in-law, Kiera, both of Winston-Salem; her grandchildren, N'Karla and Brandon, also of Winston-Salem. She will also be missed by her many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

The funeral was held Dec. 27 at 1 p.m. at Mount Zion Baptist Church. Pastor John Huntley officiated. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

Cain

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attended numerous softball camps hosted by the Pirates.

"I really wanted to play college softball. I just didn't know where," Cain said. "I really didn't know where I was going to go at first. My dad kept taking me to the camp at ECU. That made it a lot easier for me to be recruited by them. They probably wouldn't have known about me if I had not attended their camps."

"So I decided to play for them. It's been real special to my dad for me to play for ECU. He was a good high school athlete, but he never got the opportunity to play at the collegiate level. He's kind of living his dreams through me. That's fine with me. I think I can play well on this (collegiate) level."

The level of play is a lot more intense in college, though.

"Yeah, it is a lot tougher in college," Cain said. "In high school, you just basically go out and play. Everything came naturally. In college, there are so many things that you have to perfect. It really takes up a lot of time."

Cain has been handling the athletic challenges with ease, though. She's having more of a

time dealing with the social aspects of attending East Carolina University. She said that one of the hardest things to deal with is managing her time with classes and sports, and learning how to deal with more types of people. She attended Parkland High School, which is considered by most to be a predominantly black high school.

"It's different," Cain said, "and it's difficult at times, with me being one of only three

One-on-One

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handles himself off the court. He's not loud or anything. He's not cocky. He's very humble. He amazes me with the way he handles himself off the court. It just shows how amazing a person he really is.

Anthony: Tell me what colleges you would love to play for and attend.

Darion: I would like to go to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. I wouldn't mind going to Wake Forest either. But if I had to choose, I would say Chapel Hill.

Anthony: OK. What was the last movie you saw?

Darion: "Bruce Almighty."

Anthony: If you could date any celebrity, which one would it be?

black girls on the team. I'm used to that, though. I grew up, being one of the only black girls to play on my little league teams on up.

"There are two other black girls with me at ECU. They really make the adjustment easier for me. They give me good advice. Plus, I look up to both of them. I really like being at ECU. I get an opportunity to meet people from everywhere. It's always great to meet new people."

Darion: (Smiles.) I'd have to say Beyoncé.

Anthony: If you could play with any team in the NBA, which one would it be?

Darion: It would have to be the Denver Nuggets.

Anthony: (Smiles.) You wouldn't have said that before this year.

Darion: Not before this year. Carmelo (Anthony) brings something special to that team.

Anthony: Let me ask you this: Will your West (JV) team lose this year?

Darion: I'd love to say no, but it's hard to go undefeated. I think we play 23 games, and we've only played eight so far. I think we can do it, but it's hard to play that well throughout the entire season.

Anthony: OK. Let's go to free association.

Cain will play in her first of many college games on Feb. 13 when the Pirates play in the Triangle Classic. And she can't wait. Cain doesn't even care about the fact softball is one of the few major sports without a professional rank. She's simply happy to be playing right now and couldn't be at a better place.

"The fact that I can say that I play softball for ECU is good enough for me," Cain concluded.

Darion: OK.
Anthony: Roy Williams (UNC coach).

Darion: Teacher.
Anthony: Carolina Panthers.
Darion: Um, comeback team.

Anthony: Coach (Tommy) Witt (West JV head coach).

Darion: Improviser.
Anthony: Daniel Stump (West teammate).

Darion: (Laughs) Practical joker.

Anthony: Chris Paul.
Darion: Special.

Anthony: Greatest basketball player in West Forsyth history.

Darion: Chris Paul.
Anthony: All right. We're done. Good luck with the season, Darion.

Darion: (Smiles.) Thanks for the interview.

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