

OBITUARIES

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BRITTON

Mrs. Patrisa A. Watson-Britton, 106 Laurel Ave., passed away June 24 at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

Mrs. Britton was born Sept. 30, 1954, in Winston-Salem to Maggie Mae Robertson and Johnny Bryd, both of Anderson, S.C. Her parents preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, Mr. Clarence Britton of the home; three daughters, Tammy T., Victoria Y., and Juanita K. Galloway, all of Winston-Salem; eight grandchildren, April, Denisha, Camilla, Ra Kim, Deshawn, and Quentin Galloway and Tori and Corey Carpenter, all of Winston-Salem. She also leaves to mourn three loving sisters, Claudette Watson of Winston-Salem, Bernice Daniels of Texas and Ella Mae Blackwell of Minnesota; two caring brothers, Bobby Watson and Springer Watson of Texas; an uncle, Willie Campbell of Las Vegas, Nev.; three sisters-in-law, Yvonne (Timothy) Carter, Shelia (Carl) Smith and Arudgetina Fair; three brothers-in-law, Eric (Teresa) Fair and Reginald and Antonio Fair; two stepdaughters, Maya Britton and Eva Ramos.

Patrisa was a member of the Glory of God Holiness Church of Deliverance, Inc., where her beloved pastor, Louis L. Lowery Jr., will dearly miss her along with a host of devoted church family and many friends.

The funeral was held June 30 at 1 p.m. at Russell Funeral Home Chapel. Pastor Louise L. Lowery Jr. officiated. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

CONRAD

Mr. Bobby Conrad Sr., 829 Charles Court, passed away June 23 at Forsyth Medical Center.

He was born July 22, 1947, to the Rev. James and Lorene Conrad of Lewisville, N.C. Mr. Conrad attended Carver High School. He was a retiree of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and had recently become a member of Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church. He enjoyed having fun and had a great sense of humor. Mr. Conrad was also a motorcycle enthusiast.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include: his siblings, the Rev. William (Emma) Conrad of Mooresville, N.C., James Conrad Jr., and the Rev. Dorothy (Robert) Kelley of Winston-Salem; he also left behind five children, Monica Conrad, Karen "Kay Kay" (Edward) Conrad, Bobby Conrad Jr., Rhea (Chris) Conrad-Reed of Winston-Salem and Jeremy Conrad of Shannon, N.C.; eight grandchildren; a special cousin, Diane Winphrey; and a host of nieces and nephews, other family and friends. Mr. Conrad had a very devoted friend, Ms. Patricia Cain, who committed herself to be by his side through his struggle.

The funeral was held June 28 at 1 p.m. at Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church. Rev. William M. Conrad officiated and Rev. Michael Gaddy gave the eulogy. Burial followed at New Hope AME Zion Church Cemetery, Lewisville. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

DICKERSON

Vonice Eley Dickerson, 714 Devonshire Street, Winston-Salem, passed away June 18 at her residence.

She was born Sept. 26, 1965, in Louisburg, N.C., the daughter of Edward and Marie Eley. Vonice came to Winston-Salem in 1974 and lived here since then. She attended and graduated from East Forsyth High School in 1984. She left and moved to Knightdale, N.C., where she was united in holy matrimony to Mr. Thomas Elton Dickerson. They decided to go in child and foster care. The Dickersons adopted four children, Joyce Ann, Angel, Garland, and Joshua Dickerson. Her husband departed his life on Jan. 4, 2001, and she decided to move back to Winston-Salem with her four children. Family was very important to

her and she was a very devoted, loving, and caring mother and took good care of her four beautiful children. Vonice has gone home to join her husband, father, and other siblings that preceded her in death.

She leaves her beautiful, loving memories that will be cherished forever by her four children: Joyce Ann, Angel, Garland, and Joshua Dickerson; her mother, Marie Watkins; her brother, Dwayne Eley; her aunts, Christina Holden, Dorothy Bullock, both of Louisburg, Eleanor Peace of Washington, D.C., Doretha Stallings of Rocky Mount, Carolyn Stallings of Long Beach, Miss., Florence Hall and Helen Stallings of Baltimore, Md.; her uncles, John Stallings, Eddie Stallings, both of Baltimore, Md., Eatheral Stallings, Rocky Mount, N.C., Eugene Stallings and James Strickland, both of Baltimore, Md.; her nephew, De' Juan De'Shavde Jones; and a niece, Zony'a Kapri Thomas, both of Winston-Salem; a devoted friend, Stephanie Fennell; a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held June 26 at 11 a.m. at Russell Funeral Home Chapel. Pastor Gary B. Nelson officiated. Burial followed at Parklawn Memorial Gardens. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

FORBES

Sister Mary Jones Forbes, 1510 Deep River Road, High Point, passed away June 22 at Piedmont Christian Care Center.

She was born on April 20, 1922, to James and Meta Jones in Winston-Salem. After graduating from Atkins High School, she matriculated to Winston-Salem Teachers College. In 1948, she obtained a master's degree from Columbia University in New York, N.Y., in elementary education. She was a longtime teacher in the High Point City Schools, teaching most of her career at Leonard Street and Montlieu Elementary Schools.

Mrs. Forbes was an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Thursday Mornings Together Club, The Birthday Club, The Pinochle Club, The Alpha Arts Club, and a dedicated financial secretary for Mobil Meals. She was a member of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, where she was a longtime dedicated Sunday school teacher and church deaconess.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Herman L. Forbes; two sisters, Mrs. Julia Matthews and Ms. Dorothy L. Jones.

Left to cherish her memory are: three sisters, Mrs. Cora Grogan, Mrs. Meta McClenon, and Mrs. Eva Jeffries; one brother, Dr. James Jones (Dorothy); one nephew, Marshall Jeffries Sr. (Cynthia); four nieces, Mary Bowe (Curtis), Cheryl Byrd (Charles), Rhonda Scott (Reginald) and Nancy Jones; great-nieces, great-nephews, other relatives and a host of friends. "Pretty Aunt Mae" will be missed by all who loved and knew her. We wish her eternal love and eternal peace.

The funeral was held June 26 at noon at Mount Vernon Baptist Church, High Point. Rev. Fredrick O. Bass Jr. officiated. Burial followed at Carolina Biblical Gardens, Jonestown. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

KOONCE

Gracie A. Koonce, 100 Stagecoach Drive, Apt. 137-A, passed away June 18 at her residence.

She was born March 18, 1970, attended Mount Tabor High School and Shaw University Science Honors Program. She received her doctorate in pharmaceutical sciences from Campbell University.

She is survived by: one son, Gregory L. Koonce of Durham; her mother, Celestine Oree of Winston-Salem; father and stepmother, Greg and Chris Shelton of Greensboro; a devoted aunt, Gracie Wallace of High Point, NC; a stepsister, Tina Wallace of High Point; three brothers, James Macon, Frank Evans, and Jaaron Oree; nieces, Lakiesha and Koniesha Macon, all of Winston-Salem; and numerous other family and friends.

A graveside service was held June 25 at 1 p.m. Rev. Mary F. Peterson officiated. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery.

Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

PLYMOUTH

Louise Garner Plymouth, 440 Overbrook Meadow Court, Kernersville, passed away June 22 at Forsyth Medical Center.

Mrs. Plymouth enjoyed gourmet cooking and the finer things of life. She also enjoyed caring for her beloved husband, children, and pets. Gardening was one of her loves. She will be truly missed.

She is survived by: her husband, Floyd Plymouth of the home; three daughters, Bobbie (Eddie) of Kernersville, Joyce of San Diego, Calif.,

and Liz (Don) of Las Vegas, Nev.; a cousin and George Elum (family genealogist/historian) of Chicago, Ill.; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held June 26 at 2 p.m. at the Russell Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. John Milligan officiated.

Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

RASHAD-ALI

Captain Keymarthanes Rahim Rashad-Ali (formerly Kenneth Levondris Gaddy), aka "Do Do," 241 Pine Tree Road, Winston-Salem, passed away June 21.

He was born Jan. 1, 1970, in Winston-Salem to Carolyn Gaddy-Perry and the late Kenneth "Moose" Jarrett. During his childhood, Rashad-Ali participated in Pop Warner Junior League Football, Serotoma Club West, White Rock Civic Club Baseball and Boys Club of America. Rashad-Ali attended Mineral Springs Elementary School and Northwest Junior High School and was a 1988 graduate of Mount Tabor High School. While at Mount Tabor High School, he was a member of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program and played the position of wide receiver on the varsity football team.

In 1988, Rashad-Ali entered the U.S. Army, where he served his country for 15 years. Through his military career, he served in many capacities, transitioning from an enlisted soldier to commissioned officer. After basic training he was assigned to 1st Battalion 18th Field Artillery Regiment VII Corps, where he served as a Special Weapons Nuclear Team member on the M109, self-propelled howitzer. In 1991, Rashad-Ali relocated to 1st Battalion 11th Field Artillery I Corps in Fort Lewis, Wash. While assigned in Fort Lewis, he served as a section chief on the M198 towed howitzer. In May 1993, he relocated to Fort Polk, La. While stationed at Fort Polk, he was assigned to 3/2 Army Cav. Scout. In 1995 he was assigned to 1st Battalion 509th Airborne Infantry as Opposing Force Team member.

In 1996, Rashad-Ali transitioned in the Louisiana Army National Guard and later was commissioned through the Louisiana Army National Guard Officer Candidate Program. Shortly thereafter he was assigned as a platoon leader for Bravo Company, 199th SB, 256 Infantry Brigade. Other assignments included: observer controller for the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) and training coordinator for the Senior Army Guard adviser.

In May of 2000, he transferred to the District of Columbia, where he was assigned to the 104th Maintenance Company as a platoon leader. Shortly thereafter he was transferred to the 260th Regional Training Institute, where he served as the OCS platoon teach assess counsel, TAC. On April 1, 2004, he assumed command of the 104th Maintenance Company, and on June 3, 2004, was promoted to the rank of captain.

His awards and decorations include: Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Medal, Overseas Medal, Army Community Service Ribbon, Army Emergency Service Ribbon, Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, Physical Fitness Badge, Soldier of the Month, Soldier of the Quarter, Bavarian Chapter Soldier of the Year, Swoop and Snares (German) Marksman Badge, Wheel and Track Drivers Badge and Presidential Unit Citation.

Capt. Rashad-Ali attended Northwestern State University, where he obtained an associate's degree in general studies and a bachelor's of science degree in military and social science. Before departing this life, Capt. Rashad-Ali served within the District of Columbia Army National Guard as the facility manager for the assistant chief of staff of installation management.

Rashad-Ali leaves to celebrate the memory of his life: a devoted mother, Carolyn Gaddy-Perry; a daughter, Alexis Byrd of Steger, Ill.; two sons, Kenneth Levondris Gaddy II and Khaliq Furqan Malik-Sharef Rashad, both of Killeen, Texas; a sister, Shanell Fraizer; a brother, Charles Forward; seven aunts, Joyce (James) Brown, Margaret Evans, Mary Bohannon, Linda Jarrett, Wanda (Quinten) Drummond and Kay Hatton, all of Winston-Salem, and Cozy Ann Gaston of Kernersville; two uncles, Andrew Jarrett Jr. of Atlanta, Ga., and Billy Jarrett Jr. of Winston-Salem; a special uncle and aunt, Roy (Easter) Evans; devoted cousins Armetta (David) Crews and Jamie Evans Jr.; devoted friends Angel Matthews, Kendra Gaddy (mother of Khaliq Rashad), Gary Lash, David Payne, Chris Werts, Gregory Mister and Malik Muhammad; a host of military friends; many other cousins and friends; and an address book full of e-mail buddies, all of whom were special to him and loved dearly, but are too many to name individually.

The funeral was held June 28 at noon at Russell Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of the arrangements.

First Friday to be held at Hanes Mall

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Union Baptist Church will continue its First Friday Summer Praise Break Series on Friday, July 2, at the Hanes Mall - Belk Court, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The program theme is "Let Freedom Ring" and will include song, music and dance.

"We are coming together to pray for the freedom, peace, unity and deliverance of America," said Dr. Sir Walter Mack Jr., pastor of Union Baptist Church. "During

the program we will not limit our prayers to America, but we are praying for other countries who are experiencing severe oppression as a result of political influence emanating from wrong politics.

"We believe it is the Christian responsibility to keep God in the affairs of our government and pray for leadership that would be sensitive to the oppression of people and the problems that we are having in our schools with inner-city youth, families that are with-

out health care and other issues that affect masses of people. We will be praying that our troops will come home and that liberation will be established throughout the world."

Performing on the program are the Union Baptist Church First Friday Choir, Shekinah Glory Praise Team, Dance Ministries, Soldiers 4 Christ Steppers and Literary Arts Ministry. Special guests include: Dr. Larry Keefauver, Ministries Today Magazine; Lt. Col. Franz D. Cone, bag piper,

Galvin Crisp, saxophonist, Sophia Feaster, contra-alto soprano, Agape Faith Church Choir; and Pastor Mario Burgos, El Camino Church. Persons are asked to bring toiletries for deployed service men and women.

First Friday will conclude on Aug. 6 with a Communitywide Back to School Youth Rally, featuring gospel recording artist Byron Cage at Union Baptist Church.

If you would like more information, call 724-9305 or visit the Web site at www.unionbaptistwscnc.org. Union Baptist Church, A Church Determined to Live for Christ, is at 1200 North Trade Street.

Steadfast Life Changing Ministries will present Men in Unity Conference

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Steadfast Life Changing Ministries Inc. will present its first annual Men in Unity Conference with the Theme: "Fulfilling Our Purpose and Reaching Our Destiny" July 15-17 at Steadfast Life Changing Ministries, 2651 Belevs Creek Road, Winston-Salem. Host pastors are Aldine and Sandra Ingram. Special guest speakers will be: Thursday, 7 p.m., Pastor Alvin Carlisle of A Resting Place Church, Winston-Salem; Friday 7 p.m., Bishop John Chapman of Higher Ground Church, Raleigh; Saturday, 10:30 a.m., Brother Danny Freeman of Darda Wealth Management, Winston-Salem; and at 1 p.m. Pastor Aldine Ingram Jr., host pastor. For more information, contact the Steadfast Ministries Church office at 723-4104.



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