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CAIN

Early Friday morning, June 29, 2007, our Lord, Savior, Jesus Christ decided he wanted Mother Annie Mae Davis Cain to leave earth and fly away to be with him. As mother has spoken to all of her children, friends, family and doctors, "when you hear of my home going, don't worry about me".

Mother Cain was born February 10, 1923 in Hartsville, S.C. to the Rev. Albert and Mariah Davis who preceded her in death. Her 15 siblings also preceded her in death.

Annie married Ervin Julius Cain in 1939, who survives of the home and they are the parents of 10 children, James Allen Cain, Franklin (Linda) Cain, James Larry Cain, Ronnie (Karen) Cain of San Jose, Calif., Shelia (Levell) Caldwell, Marilyn (Carl) Dunlap, Vickie Cain Lindsay, Patricia (Cedric) Spann, Ervin Cain of Santa Clara, Calif. and Gwendolyn (Randy) Glenn. She has 25 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. Annie reared two of her grandchildren in her home, Felicia Cain and Brandon Cain of San Jose. She has two sisters-in-law, Barbara Davis of Chapel Hill, N.C. and Mazarene Davis of Hartsville, S.C.; two loving and devoted nieces, Willa Faye Davis and Barbara Jean Clyburn. A devoted nephew, Edward Davis of Chapel Hill; a devoted son-in-law, Carl Dunlap, her friend, confidant and prayer partner; Elder Hilton and Lilly Stone were devoted friends of hers who always visited her with prayer and devotion. Mother Cain leaves a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Annie loved her children and was a great provider to all of them. Her outstanding cooking and sewing made motherhood a pleasure for her—homemade biscuits, preserves, "the table was spread".

Annie joined Kimberly Park Holiness Church in 1956 under the leadership of the late Bishop S. M. Caesar. She had a great love and support for her church family. She was a member of the Mother's Board and president of the Nurse's Board. Mother Cain made sure the youth received candy on youth Sunday, even when her health failed. Annie was known for her oatmeal cookies and candy in the Kimberly Park neighborhood. She loved children and fed and clothed hundreds.

Mother Cain's home going was held on July 7 at 12 noon from the Kimberly Park Holiness Church. Pastor Robert Edmond, Jr. officiated and Elder Hilton Stone, Jr. as Eulogist. Interment followed in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Special thanks to Senior Services, Inc., Fairway Home Care, Forsyth Medical Center's Palliative Care and Hospice/Palliative Care. Russell Funeral directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

JOHNSON

At 12 noon, Saturday, July 7, 2007, all athletes participating in the Johnson/Riley Invitational Track Meet at Wake Forest University paused for a moment of silence. As a tribute to Coach Lemuel Johnson, the ceremonial firing of the starting gun signaled the continuation of the annual event. Lemuel "Coach" Johnson, along with Jerry Riley, founded a local area track club in 1981. They also established the aforementioned Invitational Meet which ironically, was underway as "Coach" Johnson's final rites begin at 12 noon at Mount Zion Baptist Church.

Lemuel Lafayette Johnson, 75, passed away on Saturday, June 30, 2007 at the Springwood Care Center in Winston-Salem after a lengthy illness. He was born in Greenville, S.C. to Ludie and Lula Christine Bennett Johnson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one-sister, Mable Moore; and one brother, Robert "Bobby" Johnson. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, the former Maurice Pitts; four children, Lemelia Kay (Terry) Bonner of Cary, N.C., Elwood Wray (Donna) Johnson of Concord, N.C., Bronald Clay (Valerie) Johnson and Charis Fay (Scott) Horwitt both of Charlotte, N.C.; eight grandchildren, Brian and Taryn Bonner, Kenneth Nelson, Robert, Stephen, Nicole, Daniel and Camryn Johnson; one sister, Melissa Lowery; Ruby Gilliam Pervis of Winston-Salem who is like a second mother and grandmother to the Johnson family; and a host of other dear relatives and friends.

Lemuel Johnson attended the local public schools and graduated from Atkins High School in 1950. He graduated from Winston-Salem State College (now WSSU) in 1954 and went into the US Army later that year where he was attached to Special Services as an MP and Illustrator. He then attended the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and graduated in 1959.

Later, he was employed as a commercial artist at Piedmont Engraving Company, Butler Enterprise, Associated Posters, and as the Art Director/Instructor at Rutledge College. He also opened his own Commercial Art Studio, D-Zine Advertising, in which some of his designs can be seen at the Carver School Athletic Stadium and the Sarah Alston Child Development Center (Old Sky land School).

Most affectionately known as just "Coach", Johnson's passion for teaching and working with young people evolved over the years following his involvement in the track and field interest of his eldest daughter and three of her classmates, who formed an AAU-Jr. Olympics sprint relay team in 1971. Johnson and Jerry Riley (a former student-athlete himself) organized the Chev-Relays Track Club. The name was later changed to Twin-City Relays, and is now Tri-City Relays.

Over 700 children have come through the program, which has always stressed academics as well as athletics. Many of the former members have won college track scholarships, become public school coaches, or started their own track clubs. Thus, the impact of Tri-City Relays and Johnson's legacy goes on. In addition to heading the summer track program, he worked or volunteered as a track coach at many of the local high schools.

Johnson won a number of awards and citations for his involvement in the sports field on the local and state level. He was very proud of Tri-City Athletes who won AAU awards. In 1995, he was recognized by the Effort Club of New Bethel Baptist Church as a Race Progress Promoter. In 2003 he was inducted into the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County High School Sports Hall of Fame. For six years, he served as Basileus of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity- Psi Phi Chapter, and for several years acted as editor of the fraternity's national publication. He was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church where he was a former Sunday school teacher, an usher, and where he shared his artistic talent in various ways.

In view of the Invitational Track Meet all day on Saturday, his family as well as coaches and athletes met and greeted friends from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 6 at the Russell Funeral Home Chapel in which coaches and family had the opportunity to give reflections.

Funeral services were held at 12 noon July 7 from the Mount Zion Baptist Church. Reverend Dr. Serenus T. Churn, Sr. officiated. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery. The Omega Memorial Service began at 11 a.m. followed by a brief time to greet the family until the funeral hour.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to: Tri-City Relays, P.O. Box 242 Winston-Salem, NC 27102 in care of Shannon Fuller.

Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

GRAHAM

Mr. Edward Lee "Chicken" Graham, 59, of 311 Clayton St., Winston-Salem made a transition to his heavenly home on Tuesday, July 3, 2007 at Forsyth Medical Center. He was born on March 23, 1948 and was the first of seven children to Miles M. and Ella M. Graham. He joined St. John Christian Methodist Episcopal Church at an early age. A graduate of Paisley High School, he retired from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.

He leaves to cherish his memories two daughters and three sons of Winston-Salem; four sisters, Shirley O. (Albert) Anderson of Asheville, N.C., Mary Graham, Constance Graham and Vanessa (Anthony) Campbell all of Winston-Salem; two brothers, Samuel (Janice) Graham of Augusta, Ga. and Gaston (Ida) Graham of Winston-Salem; three grandchildren; a devoted first cousin, Carolyn Hampton; and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who were all special and dear to him.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. July 9 from the St. John CME Church. Pastor Moses V. Goldmon officiated. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

KINZER

Following a short and courageous battle with cancer, Lubertha M. Kinzer of Mt. Airy, departed this life peacefully on Friday, July 6, 2007, at the home of her daughter, Robbie DeLapp in Winston-Salem. Her loving great granddaughter, Tramonna Crawford, who cared for her during the extent of her illness; two granddaughters, Treva Anthony and Sandra Crews; and her five children were at her side.

She was born in Columbia, S.C. to Lucious McGriff and Suzanne McConnell. She was of the Baptist faith and a member of Waightown Baptist Church under the pastorate of Reverend J. T. Joyce, where she served as both an usher and the Pastor's Aid. In Mt. Airy, she worshipped at Paynetown Pentecostal Holiness Church. When no longer able to make the trip to church, she enjoyed Bible study in her home. Her favorite scripture was Psalm 23 and her favorite song was: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand."

She was known for her organizational skills from forming a social club that included young and older members alike in the Paynetown community. A lover of flowers, she enjoyed gardening, quilting and crocheting. At family reunions at her home, it was natural to see little children gathered around her feet as she told them stories, laughed with them and answered their many questions. This devoted and wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and friend will be greatly missed. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Jasper Frank Kinzer; a son, Frank S. Kinzer; and a brother, Johnnie McConnell. She leaves to cherish her memory a son, James Alvin (Brenda) Kinzer; four daughters, Robbie DeLapp, Doris Harris of Mt. Airy, Ernestine Dillard and Mildred (Mack W.) Tuttle; a sister, Irene Holmes of Camden, N.J.; a daughter-in-law, Dorothy Kinzer of Camden; and a host of grand, great-grand, and great-great-grand children, nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. on July 10, from the chapel of the Russell Funeral Home. Bishop Tony Carter officiated. Interment followed in the Evergreen Cemetery. The family wishes to extend their appreciation to the staffs at the Forsyth Medical Center, the Rehabilitation Center, and Hospice for all services rendered to their dear mother and the family. Russell Funeral Home directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

THOMPSON

Master Terez D. Thompson, 5, of 3110 Rosie St., passed away on June 24 at the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. He was born March 30, 2002 to Aisha Thompson.

He is survived by his mother, Aisha Thompson; brothers, Terrell Romer and Tyson Thompson; grandmother, Debbie Thompson; great grandmother, Barbara Thompson; uncle, Joshua Thomson; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. June 29 at United Ridge Methodist Church. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery. Russell Funeral directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

CANNON

William C. Cannon, affectionately known as "WC", 67 passed from this life on June 24. He was born to Alan Cason Cannon and Willie Bell Johnson Martin, on February 2, 1940 in Wrightsville, Ga.

Cannon retired from K&W Cafeterias in Charlotte, N.C. and was a faithful member of James Grove Baptist Church in Wrightsville, Ga.

Cannon was preceded in death by his parents. He leaves to cherish his memories a brother, Willie C. (Judy) Martin of Winston-Salem; two sisters, Bonnie (Charles) Thomas of Winston-Salem; Tressie (Walter) Gregory of Wrightsville, Ga; a lifelong friend John Kent Rucker, a devoted niece Sylvia Byrd both of Winston-Salem; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Memorial services were held at 12 noon June 30, at the Russell Funeral Home Chapel. Bishop Claude D. Thomas, officiated. "The family would like to thank the staff of Forsyth Memorial Hospital for their expert care and loving treatment given to Mr. Cannon." Russell Funeral directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

TIMMONS

James D. "Buck" Timmons passed away on Tuesday, June 26, 2007 at the Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home. He was born on November 14, 1934 in Anson County, N.C.

Timmons was a member of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church where he served on the Trustee Ministry. He was a retired employee of McLean Trucking Company after 30 years of service. He was also the founder of Timmons Janitorial Service for over 30 years until his retirement and was currently employed part-time for Budd Security.

He was preceded in death by his father, David Timmons; a daughter, Cynthia D. Baldwin; two grandsons; three brothers; and five sisters.

Timmons is survived by his wife, Patricia H. Timmons of the home; his mother, Mary Timmons of Camden, NJ; two sons, David (Cynthia) Timmons of Lewisville, N.C. and James (Shirley) Timmons of Lexington, N.C.; two stepchildren, Willie (Tammy) Hairston of Columbia, S.C. and Tanya (Bryant) Martin of Winston-Salem; four brothers, Richard (Jean) Timmons of Mechanicsville, Va, John (Carlene) Timmons of Burlington, N.C., Henry Timmons of Camden, N.J. and Willie (Gloria) Timmons of Marlton, N.J.; three sisters, Ester (Joseph) Smith of Winston-Salem, Faye Fisher of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. and Martha (Steward) Myers of Camden; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. June 30 from the Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church. Pastor D.L. Salley officiated. Entombment followed in Piedmont Memorial Gardens. The family wishes to give special thanks to Forsyth Medical Center ICU and 9th floor staff and the Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home.

Russell Funeral directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

STEPP

Henry Edward Stepp Sr., 64, devoted husband, exemplary father and proud grandfather died Wednesday, June 27, 2007, at Forsyth Medical Center following a brief illness.

He was born in Winston-Salem on June 5, 1943 to Myrtle Hairston Stepp and William Henry Stepp, both of Winston-Salem, N.C. He graduated from Atkins High School in Tallahassee, Fla. and graduated from Bailey Technical Institute in St. Louis, Mo. After his college years, he played semiprofessional baseball for the Winston-Salem Pond Giants, fielding the positions of catcher and first baseman.

On December 23, 1967, he married his soulmate and best friend, Vera Simms Stepp. In 1968, the young couple's family expanded to include a daughter Angela Marie. Six years later, twins Henry Edward II and Holly Elaine completed the family. He worked as a machinist for more than 28 years at the Whitaker Park plant of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., retiring in 1994. After retirement, he worked diligently with the Pan-African Imagery in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Henry knew no stranger and was a ready friend to anyone in need. He was a loyal and faithful member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church for more than 39 years serving as a deacon, a member of Laymen's League, the Athletic Association and the Usher board. He led the church's audio-visual team and served in various roles as he was called. His community involvements included serving as president of Odd Fellows Cemetery Reclamation Project, a United Way person-to-person coordinator for R.J. Reynolds, a member of The Jack and Jill of America Inc. Foundation, and a member of the advisory board of the Northwest North Carolina Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Henry was known for his quick wit and charm. He loved cars and was among the best shade-tree mechanics. His passion for a baseball almost equaled his automotive interests. He will be known by those who loved him as a man whose strength of character was only rivaled by the size of his heart. He never turned away from those in need and spent his life in service to others.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his older brother, William Lee Stepp formerly of Chicago, IL.

He is survived by his loving wife, Vera; three children, Angela S. Spence of Winston-Salem, Henry E. Stepp II of Charlotte and Holly E. Stepp of Raleigh; grandchildren, Danielle and William Eric Spence II and their father Eric Spence of Winston-Salem; brother and sister-in-law, Alvin and Janet Atkinson of Winston-Salem; aunts Lorraine Hairston Morton of Evanston, IL. and Irene Hairston of Pfafftown, N.C.; his father-in-law Nathan Hughes Simms and his brother-in-law Jacob Simms, both of Winston-Salem; sister-in-law Karen Simms Tolson and her husband Jerry of Louisville, KY; brother-in-law Nathan Frank Simms and his wife Helen of Chapel Hill; his adopted family, Michael and Robin Sutton of Winston-Salem; and a host of cousins, friends, and countless others who called him Dad.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. June 30 from the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Rev. Dr. Serenus T. Churn, Sr. officiated. Memorials can be made to the Odd Fellows Cemetery Reclamation Project c/o Truliant Federal Credit Union and the National Kidney Foundation of North Carolina, 5950 Fairview Rd Ste 550, Charlotte, NC 28210.

DULA

From Labor to Reward. Dedrick Dula passed unexpectedly early Friday morning, June 29, 2007 at the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. He was born in Forsyth County on October 24, 1965. He was a graduate of South High School and was a former employee of Lentz Storage and Atlas Van Lines. He was presently self-employed as a lawn service-man.

Dula was a faithful member of Mt. Nebo Holiness Church where he served as a Steward, Sunday School Teacher, Sound Technician, and the #1 assistant to the pastor.

Dula was a very caring person who never hesitated to give someone a helping hand. He would always greet you with his famous phrase, "Praise The Lord."

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Mr. Jay L. Carlton, Sr.

He is survived by his loving wife, Winifred Dula of the home; his stepdaughter, Dejai Johnson; his loving parents, Greg and Mary Dula of Winston-Salem; his father-in-law, Pastor Charles Johnson and mother-in-law, Brenda Johnson both of Winston-Salem; his grandmother, Mrs. Mable B. Carlton of the Nursing Center at Oak Summit; one sister, Mrs. Angela (Troy) Gwynn of Greensboro, N.C.; one brother, Mr. Ryan (Asetah) Dula stationed with the Navy in Norfolk, Va.; one sister-in-law, Ms. Sharla A. Lindsay of Winston-Salem; one brother-in-law, Mr. Christopher A. Johnson of Winston-Salem; a nephew, Rylan A. Dula of Norfolk, Va; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at 12 noon July 3 from the Mt. Nebo Holiness Church. Pastor Charles Johnson officiated. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery. The family visitation was held from 11 a.m. until 12 noon on Tuesday at the Church.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to Mt. Nebo Holiness Church, 205 E.25 St., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27105.

The family wishes to thank everyone for their prayers and words of comfort during this most difficult time. Russell Funeral directors were in charge of services and arrangements.

RHYNES

Hazel Rhynes was born to Fannie Gibson Rhynes and Willie Rhynes in Winston-Salem, N.C. on July 20, 1929. She departed this life on June 20, 2007 in Brooklyn, New York.

She was a graduate of Atkins High School and attended Winston-Salem Teachers College (now WSSU).

Hazel was a professional cosmetologist and an entrepreneur. She owned and operated a beauty salon for over 25 years. She also worked as a Home Care Attendant caring for the elderly and the less fortunate. She loved sewing, music and enjoyed sharing a laugh. She was a member of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Fannie Rhynes; her father, Willie Rhynes; her stepmother, Alberta Rhynes; her sister, Willamae Rhynes and a brother, Steve Rhynes.

Hazel is survived by her son, Floyd Perry and his wife, Renda Perry; three grandchildren, Justin Perry, Jeanelle Perry and Joseph Perry all of Charlotte, N.C.; one brother, Michael (Clarice) Rhynes; two sisters, Vickie Rhynes and Phyllis Rhynes of Winston-Salem; two very special friends, Peggy Varner and Peggy Thurman of Brooklyn, NY and a host of other relatives and friends.

Memorial services were held July 3 at 12 noon from the Chapel of the Russell Funeral Home. Interment followed in the Evergreen Cemetery. The family visitation was held from 11:30 a.m. until 12 noon on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Russell Funeral directors were in charge of services and arrangements.