

Warren County, Area Deaths And Funerals



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Memorable Holidays

There is one day that is ours. There is one day when all we Americans who are not self-made go back to the old home to eat saleratus biscuits and marvel how much nearer to the porch the old pump looks than it used to.

From "The Trimmed Lamp" by O. Henry

In my grandparents' house in Kenbridge, Va., there was a place for nothing and nothing had a place.

Actually, there was one small portion of the living room where things did have a place. That was the corner which held the desk where my grandfather, a wholesale grocery salesman, kept his books.

But in the rest of the house, there reigned what we in sophistication now call the "lived-in" look. Anyone who moved a chair to get closer to a reading light felt no compunction to move it back, and when grandmother moved a lamp to dust, it was more than likely never returned to its original place.

It was in that house that I spent some of the most memorable Thanksgivings of my childhood.

On that holiday, and at Christmas, as many of my grandparents' eight children as could would return home with their families for dinner.

On those occasions, the men sat in the living room, all talking at the same time because God blessed our family with few listeners.

The women held forth in the kitchen where my grandmother prepared dinner. I always stood somewhat in awe in that room because everything in it seemed bigger than its counterpart in my mother's kitchen.

Grandmother cooked on a wood stove that took up half a kitchen wall with its griddle surface, ovens, and warming compartments tucked here and there.

While my mother cooked with a set of pans of graduated size from small to not-as-small, grandmother cooked with what can only be called pots—big ones. She even made gravy by the gallon.

Dinner was served on the sun porch, which was a room added to the house to accommodate the table made by my great-grandfather. It had somewhere in the neighborhood of 12 sides, with a lazy Susan at least four feet in diameter in the middle.

To my recollection, no china or sterling ever graced that table and the lazy Susan was laden with no silver chafing dishes, just serving dishes best described like the pots—big.

At that table, there was always room for one more. If granddaddy left the house anywhere near dinner-time, he was as likely as not to return with a friend in tow and say excitedly to grandmother, "Look who I found uptown," as if we had all been frantically searching for another dinner guest.

The preparation of the meal took most of the day, but its consumption was swift.

While the neighbors lingered at their tables, enjoying a glass of sherry and refined conversation, we lingered over the turkey carcass, the grown-ups enjoying one more cup of the blackest coffee ever brewed and telling the same tales as the year before, only taller.

During this ritual, the grandchildren, still at the table, would sometimes get rambunctious, a condition that could always be corrected by my grandfather lowering his head and looking at the offenders over the rim of his glasses.

Thanksgiving is a good time to indulge in a little unabashed sentimentality about holidays past and present.

It might be, as O. Henry implies, that things are not quite like we remember them.

But I know for sure those were the biggest pots I've ever seen.

Letter To The Editor

Minority Enrollment

To The Editor:

In a recent reprint from "The Greensboro News and Record" discussing minority enrollment on both black and white college campuses, it was stated that though white enrollment at black campuses was up, black enrollment at white campuses didn't fare so well. One reason given for this was the inability of blacks to measure up to white college admission standards and another was a reduced recruitment by white colleges for black students.

I would like to present an alternative point of view. Maybe a black youth headed for college realizes that he or she can get just as good an education at a majority black institution as at a majority white institution. Maybe some whites do, too. Maybe they feel (in some cases) they can get a better education.

This seems to present a dilemma. Maybe integration didn't solve as many problems for blacks as we might think. Maybe it created new problems. Perhaps racism and inequality of opportunity are problems that existed during segregation but weren't solved by integration. Maybe quotas and affirmative action programs aren't the cure-all. Maybe, as difficult as it might be for some people to believe, a black teacher can teach a black pupil better than a white teacher can teach a black pupil. Maybe black college students get a better education (all-around) in a predominately black school. After all, if you were white, wouldn't you rather send your child to a predominately white school.

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JOSEPHINE B. MOODY

Funeral services for Mrs. Josephine Baker Moody, 74, of Hollister, were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hollister Chapel Baptist Church by the Rev. Johnny Copeland. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Moody died Tuesday, Nov. 19, in Halifax Memorial Hospital in Roanoke Rapids. She was born in Northampton County on Oct. 10, 1911, the daughter of the late George Roland and Annie Powell Baker.

She was a member of the Hollister Chapel Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Will Moody; two step-daughters, Ms. Elsie Moody and Ms. Pearl Moody of Hollister; two step-sons, John Moody of Hollister and Charlie Moody of Rocky Mount; and four brothers, Harvey Baker of Washington, D. C., Jonas Baker of Weldon, William Baker of Tarboro and James Baker of Scotland Neck.

PAULINE B. PULLEY

Funeral services for Mrs. Pauline Brantham Pulley, 71, of Rt. 3, Selma were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Parrish Funeral Home. Burial was in Selma Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Pulley died Saturday.

Surviving were her husband, Herman Pulley; a son, Travis Pulley of Warrenton; daughters, Mrs. Tommie Pulley Woodard of Rocky Mount, Mrs. Sandra Pulley White of Wilson; brothers, Jerry Johnson Brantham of Greenville, S. C., Landis C. Brantham of Goldsboro; sisters, Mrs. Lula B. Brown of Princeton, Mrs. Sula B. Joyner of Mount Olive, Mrs. Zela B. Brown of Selma, Mrs. Judith B. Mitchell of Benson, Mrs. Mary B. Davis of Goldsboro; eight grandchildren.

JAMES A. WILSON

Funeral services for James A. Wilson, 38, of Warren County, were conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday at Greenwood Baptist Church by the Rev. Moore Bynum, pastor. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Wilson died Tuesday, Nov. 19, at his home. He was born in Warren County on Feb.

17, 1947, the son of Berdeen and Wendell Wilson.

Surviving in addition to his parents are four sisters, Miss Jacquelyn Wilson of the home, Miss Angie Wilson of Raleigh, Mrs. Gwendolyn Spruill of Brooklyn, N. Y. and Mrs. Barbara Henderson of Detroit, Mich.; and three brothers, Robert Wilson of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Oliver Wilson of Brooklyn, N. Y. and Henry Wilson of Somerville, N. J.

Pallbearers were Norwell Wilson, Peter Wilson, Larry Jones, Theodore Richardson, Kenneth Watson and Walter Pitchford.

LANDIS D. EGERTON

Funeral services for Landis Dowtin Egerton, 76, of Battleboro and formerly of Norlina, were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Norlina United Methodist Church by the Rev. Gene Cobb. Burial was in Warren Dale Cemetery.

Mr. Egerton died Tuesday, Nov. 19, in Wilson Convalescent Center. He was a native of Warren County and the son of the late Frank and Sarah Dowtin Egerton.

He was a retired motel and restaurant operator.

Survivors include a brother, F. M. Egerton of Norlina; and two sisters, Mrs. O. T. Hicks and Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Walker, both of Norlina.

Pallbearers were Bryan Pearson, Arch Ayscue, Kenneth Severance, Leon Pridgen, J. L. ("B") Fleming, Kenneth Davis, Graham Grissom and James Knight.

Honorary pallbearers were John Clark, Julian Farrar, Fred Newsome and Leon Knight.

STOVER W. VAUGHAN

Funeral services for Stover Willis Vaughan, 82, of Warrenton, were conducted at 3 p.m. Saturday at Blaylock Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. W. P. Rembert. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Mr. Vaughan died Tuesday night, Nov. 12, in Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson. He was a native of Warren County and the son of the late Susan Nicholas and Richard Thomas Vaughan.

He had been employed by the Town of Warrenton for more than 50 years.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Hettie Crowder Vaughan; four daughters, Mrs. Liddie Pierce of Chatham, Va., Mrs. Josephine Harp of Warrenton, Mrs. Pattie Bolton of Norlina and Mrs. Hallie Wheeler of Creedmoor; a son, Douglas Vaughan of Henderson; a step-daughter, Mrs. Betty Rooker of Warrenton; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and six step-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Kenny Wheeler, Larry Wheeler, Alton Harp, Jr., Ralph Harp, Ricky Bolton, David Vaughan, Kevin Rooker and Charlie Pierce.

Honorary pallbearers were employees of the Town of Warrenton, Carey Dillard, Don Bolton, Travis Ormsby and E. B. Rideout, Jr.

JOSIE HALL MONTGOMERY

Graveside services for Mrs. Josie Hall Montgomery, 94, were conducted at 3 p.m. Sunday at Fairview Cemetery by the Rev. Cam West.

Mrs. Montgomery died Saturday in Guardian Care Nursing Home in Henderson after an extended illness. She was born in Warren County, the daughter of the late John and Emma Jenkins Hall.

She is survived by a nephew, A. W. (Nick) Hall, Jr. of Durham; and two nieces, Mrs. W. H. Hughes of Raleigh and Lucy Marshall Knox of Deepwood, Md.

MARY ELLINGTON

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Alice Ellington, 98, will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday at Vaughan Baptist Church by the Rev. Gary Patrick and the Rev. Don Owen. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery in Littleton.

Mrs. Ellington died Monday at Community Memorial Hospital in South Hill, Va. She was born in Warren County and was the daughter of the late Peter and Sallie Nicholson Shearin. She was married to the late Elijah Ellington.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Sarah Perkinson of LaCrosse, Va.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

JACK AYCOCK

Funeral services for Jack Aycock, 66, of the Elberon community, were conducted at 3 p.m. Monday at Sulphur Springs Baptist Church by the Rev. Carl Graham and the Rev. Julian Mills. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Aycock died suddenly at his home on Saturday. He was the son of Mrs. Catherine Fuller Aycock and the late George L. Aycock.

Surviving in addition to his mother are four sisters, Mrs. Louise Hamm of Warrenton, Mrs. Frances King of Battleboro, Mrs. Martha King of Rocky Mount and Mrs. Lessie Hill of Asheboro; and two brothers, Hector Aycock

of Norlina and Fuller Aycock of Henderson.

Pallbearers were Walter Carter, Cliff Stegall, Edwin Burgess, Gordon Limer, W. H. Abbott, Jr. and Clemmon Choplin.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the men's Sunday School class at Sulphur Springs Baptist Church.

PEARL H. EVANS

Graveside services for Mrs. Pearl Harris Evans, 81, formerly of Warrenton, were conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Harris family cemetery by the Rev. Ed Beddingfield.

Mrs. Evans died Sunday in North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill. She was the widow of Clarence Evans and the daughter of the late Doc M. and Alice Pearl Mustian Harris.

She is survived by a son, Thomas M. Evans of Palmer Springs, Va.

CLIFTON F. ROWLETTE

Funeral services for Clifton Florence Rowlette, 59, of Ridgeway, were conducted at 1 p.m. Monday at Union Chapel Holiness Church in Ridgeway by the Rev. Sister Josephine Wilson, pastor. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Rowlette died last Wednesday at his home. He was born on Aug. 27, 1926, the son of the late James and Mollie Johnson Rowlette.

He was a member of the Union Chapel Holiness Church which he served as chairman of the Deacon Board and treasurer.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Fannie H. Rowlette; two sons, Bobby James Rowlette of Ridgeway and Clifton Rowlette of Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; four daughters, Bernice of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Juanita of Soul City, Emma of Raleigh and Anna of the home; a foster daughter, Evelyn Jean of Seaboard; a sister; two brothers; and seven grandchildren.

Nephews served as pallbearers.

WILLIE M. BROWN

Funeral services for Willie M. Brown, 62, of Warren County, were conducted at 3 p.m. Sunday at Greene's Funeral Home Chapel by Elder M. C. Moore. Burial was in Locust Grove Church cemetery.

Mr. Brown died Monday, Nov. 18, after an extended illness. He was born in Warren County on Feb. 1, 1923 and was the son of the late Willie and Govan Watkins Brown.

He was a member of the Locust Grove Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Lillian B. Davis of Wise and Mrs. Ola Burchette of Cleveland, Ohio; and a brother, Wilbert T. Brown of Alexandria, Va.



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