

Obituaries

Geraldine Ferguson Brantley

AHOSKIE - Mrs. Geraldine Ferguson Brantley, 88, formerly of 231 Church Road, Ahoskie, NC passed on peacefully to be with God on December 24, 2016 at Three Rivers Health and Rehabilitation in Windsor, NC.

Mrs. Brantley was born on October 22, 1928 in the Trap community near Colerain and was the daughter of the late Arthur Ferguson and Ella Vinson Ferguson. In addition to her parents, she was also predeceased by her husband of fifty three years, Robert H. Brantley and grandson, Lt. Nicholas Brantley.

Except for a brief time as a teacher's aide, she spent her adult life as a homemaker, wife and mother. A faithful member of Center Grove Baptist Church, she served as children's Sunday school teacher for over two decades, active member of the Women's Missionary Union and choir member.

Her family will remember her as a good southern cook who always made gatherings and holidays special. She took great pride in maintaining a clean home and neat yard.

Surviving are her daughter, Elizabeth "Liz" Hale and husband Tommy of Aulander, NC; three sons, Doug Brantley and wife Kay of Askewville, NC, Keith Brantley and wife Joyce of Ahoskie, NC and Randy Brantley of Concord, NC. Five grandsons, Colonel Anthony R. Hale and wife Stacy of Fayetteville, NC, Robert Brantley of Askewville, NC, Perry Hale and wife Kelly of Nags head, NC, Joseph Brantley of Stokes, NC and Jonathan Brantley of Askewville, NC. Four great grandchildren, Christopher Brantley of Stokes, NC, Blythe Hale and Tanner Brinkley of Nags Head, NC and Davis Sikes of Greenville, NC. Her sisters, Dorothy Brown of Ahoskie, NC, Joyce Leary and husband Thomas of Ahoskie, NC and Shirley White of Ahoskie, NC. She also love her two "adopted" grandchildren, Anna Overton Hodges and Brian Overton of Greenville, NC.

A graveside service was held Friday, December 30, 2016 at 11:00 AM at

Highland Memorial Gardens in Ahoskie, NC with Rev. Daniel Mullens and Rev. Bob Skeens officiating.

The family received friends at Massey Funeral Home in Aulander, NC, Thursday, December 29, 2016 from 7:00 until 8:30 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial gifts be made to Center Grove Baptist Church, 826 Center Grove Road, Ahoskie, NC 27910, Lt. Nicholas Brantley Basketball Scholarship, Ridgcroft School, Ahoskie, NC 27910 or to a charity of your choice.

The family expresses deep appreciation to the staff of Three Rivers Health and Rehabilitation for their kindness and care over the past four years.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting

www.haroldmasseyfuneralhome.com.

BALTIMORE MD — RANDOLPH VEALE, 76, died on Thursday, December 29, 2016. Funeral Saturday, January 7, 2017 following viewing, at Cherry's Funeral Home, Windsor. Visitation Noon. Viewing Saturday, January 7, 2017. Arrangements by Cherry's Funeral Home of Windsor.

AULANDER — LATONYA MONQUIE JENKINS, 39, died on December 28, 2016. Funeral Monday, January 2, 2017 at Noon, at Hunter's Funeral Home Chapel, Ahoskie. Arrangements by Hunter's Funeral Home, Ahoskie.

MURFREESBORO — ROSA LEE MYRICK, 91, died on December 31, 2016. Funeral Saturday, January 7, 2017 at Noon, at Mill Neck Baptist Church. Arrangements by Hunter's Funeral Home, Murfreesboro.

MURFREESBORO — THOMAS E. SELLERS, JR., died on December 29, 2016 at 1 p.m., at Nebo Baptist Church, Murfreesboro. Arrangements by Reynolds Funeral Home, Ahoskie.

RICH SQUARE — WILLIE ARTHUR GREEN, 70, died on December 31, 2016. Funeral Friday, January 6, 2017 at Noon, at Hunter's Funeral Home Chapel. Arrangements by Hunter's Funeral Home, Ahoskie.

WINTON — HATTIE MAE SAWYER, 71, died on December 31, 2016. Funeral Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 3 p.m., at Hunter's Funeral Home, Ahoskie. Arrangements by Hunter's Funeral Home, Ahoskie.

WOODLAND — JUANITA POWELL HARRELL, 83, died on December 23, 2016. Funeral Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at 11 a.m., at First Baptist Church, Rich Square. Arrangements by Wilder's Funeral Home, Inc.

AHOSKIE — IDA F. EVERETTE, 89, died on January 1, 2016. Funeral Friday, January 6, 2017 at 2 p.m., at Aulander First Baptist Church. Arrangements by Hunter's Funeral Home, Ahoskie.

Subscribe Today!
252-794-3185

Pennaritta Tayloe "Penny" Thompson

WINDSOR - Pennaritta Tayloe "Penny" Thompson, 74, of Robert Street, passed away Sunday, January 1, 2017 in Vidant Inpatient Hospice, Greenville.

Mrs. Thompson was born in Edgecombe County on May 9, 1942, and was the daughter of the late Walter Sidney and Lena Moore Rawls Tayloe. A retired high school teacher from Bertie High School having taught for 32 years, she attended Windsor United Methodist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, David Gray Thompson, Sr.; and by a brother, Sid Tayloe and his wife Ann.

Surviving are her daughter, Leana Wynne and husband Doug of Powellville; a step-daughter, Hope Thompson of Windsor; a brother, Bobby Tayloe and wife Theresa of Wilmington; two grandchildren, Alexis Becker and Shane Wynne; and several nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. in Ahoskie Cemetery. Friends joined the family Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. in Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, 735 Virginia Road, Edenton, and all other times at Leana and Doug's home, 402 Bethlehem Church Road, Powellville.

Flowers are welcomed, or memorial contributions may be made to The Service League of Greenville Inpatient Hospice, 920 Wellness Drive, Greenville, NC 27834.

Online condolences may be made by visiting www.millerfhc.com.

Hunter Wayland "Scookie" Spruill

WINDSOR - Hunter Wayland "Scookie" Spruill, 72, of Powell Avenue, died Wednesday December 28, 2016 at Vidant Inpatient Hospice in Greenville. He was born in Norfolk VA January 2, 1944 to the late Henry Bazemore "H. B." and Nancy Taylor Spruill. He was predeceased by a brother, Henry B. Spruill, Jr.

Scookie was in Agribusiness as President of Spruill Farms, a partner of W & S Farms as well as Spruill Oil Company. He graduated from Woodberry Forest in Woodberry, VA; from UNC at Chapel Hill where he was a proud DKE. He was a member of the NC Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers. He was a veteran of the US Coast Guard and an avid sport fisherman, golfer and hunter.

A memorial service will be held Friday December 30, 2016 at 2:00 PM at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Windsor. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Gillam Spruill; their son, Wayland Outlaw Spruill and wife Lucy Pierce Spruill and their children, Isabella, Lucy Outlaw, Sally, and Sara Hunter; their daughter, Brimage Gillam Spruill Silver and husband, Winston Beau Wood Silver and son Beau Hunter. He is also survived by his brothers, Charles Taylor Spruill and wife Jennifer and James Walton Spruill and wife Nancy, sister-in-law Vicky Gillam Leggett and husband Joseph; and his nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his grandson, Henry Gillam Spruill; his parents Henry Bazemore Spruill and Nancy Scull Taylor; maternal grandparents Hunter Hillery Taylor and Mattie Scull Taylor; paternal grandparents, "Cousin" Charles Wayland Spruill and Ruth Bazemore Spruill.

The family will receive friends at their home on Powell Avenue. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in Hunter's memory may be made to St. Thomas Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 400, Gray Street, Windsor, NC or to Vidant Inpatient Hospice, 920 Wellness Drive, Greenville, NC 27834.

Online condolences may be directed to www.walkerfh.net. Walker Funeral Home, Windsor is serving the Spruill family.

Email all obituaries to
mleicester@ncweeklies.com.

Deadline is Monday by 10 a.m.



Out&About

Out and About

Out and About lists current events sponsored by nonprofit groups in Bertie County. Please send listings to the Bertie Ledger-Advance at P.O. Box 69, Windsor, NC, 27983, bring them by the office at 109 South King St., fax them to (252) 794-2835 or e-mail them to lbeachboard@ncweeklies.com. All event listings must be submitted by 10 a.m. each Monday.

January 8

The Hertford Co. Branch NAACP #5403 will celebrate "Jubilee Day" at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8 at First Baptist Church in Murfreesboro. The Rev. Robert Richardson will be the guest speaker. The church choir will provide music. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Aulander Board of Commissioners will hold its regular meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8. The meeting will be held at the Aulander Town Hall located at 124 West Main Street.

January 9

The town of Colerain Commissioners meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9 at the Colerain Municipal Building.

The Roxobel Board of Commissioners will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9. The meeting will be held at the Roxobel Town Hall located at 204 South Main St.

January 10

The Choanoke Area Development Association Board of Directors meeting has been scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10 at the CADA Administration Office in Rich Square. For more information, contact Sallie Surface at 252-539-4155.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and the news media that the Bertie County Board of Education will hold a regularly scheduled meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017 with closed session beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Central Office Complex, 715 US Hwy 13 N, Windsor, NC 27983. The first item on the agenda will be in closed session for confidential personnel matters pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a) (6) and G.S. 115C-319. The open session portion of the meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. The board will convene the meeting in the boardroom of the new Central Office Complex (formerly Bertie High School). The public is encouraged to attend. This notice is provided in accordance with the North Carolina Public Meetings Law N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-318.10(b).

January 12

The town of Windsor Commissioners meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 12 at the Windsor Town Hall.

January 14

Martin Community College Continuing Education Program will offer a concealed carry handgun class from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14 and 21 in Bertie County. The fee for the class is \$70 and students are required to bring handgun and 50 rounds of ammunition, as well as eye and ear protection. For more information or to register, contact Leslie Bond at 252-789-0248 or via email at lbond@martincc.edu.

January 15

The Ahoskie Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will celebrate the 38th Annual Tribute to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15 at Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Lewiston Woodville. The theme for the program is "Hate Cannot Drive Out Hate-Only Love Can." The guest speaker for the occasion is Eddie Buffaloe, Chief of Police for Elizabeth City. Everyone is invited to attend this special event.

January 17

The Bertie County Commissioners meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17 at the Powellville Municipal Building.

February 16

Vidant Bertie Hospital will host the Women's Heart Health event at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16. The event will be located at the Cashie Heritage Convention Center in Windsor. The keynote speaker will be Zonya Foco.

Ongoing

Bertie County now has an official Facebook page. Please "like" and "share" the page below: www.facebook.com/bertiecounty. The page will be used to distribute important flood recovery information, as well as notify citizens of upcoming county events, inclement weather information, etc.

Martin Community College is offering in-person spring semester registration from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. every Monday. For more information, contact Crystal Pugh Waters at 252-789-0268 or via email at cpugh@martincc.edu.

Band Boosters meet at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the band room of Bertie High School.

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered, biblically based recovery ministry for all of our hurts, habits and hang-ups. The program covers all types of addictive, compulsive and dysfunctional behavior. These can include chemical dependency, anger, eating disorders, divorce, depression, hurtful relationships, co-dependency, abuse, gambling, sexual addictions, financial problems and grief. Celebrate Recovery meets at 6 p.m. every Friday at All God's Children United Methodist Church, located at 302 S. Commerce St., Aulander. For more information, call 252-345-1144.

Stay inside where it is warm & read

with a subscription to
the Bertie Ledger-Advance

Bertie Ledger-Advance
109 S. King St., Windsor, NC 27983
252-794-3185 • Like Us On Facebook!

BANKRUPTCY

STOP Foreclosure
STOP Lawsuits
STOP Car Repossession
STOP Tax Levies and Garnishments
Call Allen C. Brown Attorney
#252-752-0753

A Debt Relief Agency helping people eliminate debt through bankruptcy

MAKE YOUR IMAGE COUNT!

Get Business Cards - Fast and Affordable

Cooke
COMMUNICATIONS
NORTH CAROLINA LLC

CALL TODAY!
252-792-1181