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Obituaries

AHOSKIE — Clarence Burke, Sr., died on Wednesday, October 3, 2018. Funeral Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at Noon, at Spirit and Truth Worship Center. Visitation 1 - 7 p.m., Monday, October 8, 2018, Hunter's Funeral Home, Ahoskie. Arrangements by Hunter's Funeral Home, Ahoskie.

COLERAIN — Jimmy Leon Jefferson, died on Thursday, October 4, 2018. Funeral Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 11 a.m., at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. Visitation 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., Friday, October 12, 2018, Hunter's Funeral Home, Ahoskie. Arrangements by Hunter's Funeral Home, Ahoskie.

GATES — Marion Williams, died on September 29, 2018. Funeral Monday, October 8, 2018 at 1 p.m., at Upper Room Assembly of God. Visitation 1 - 7 p.m., Sunday, October 7, 2018, Hunter's Funeral Home, Gates. Arrangements by Hunter's Funeral Home, Gates.

MERRY HILL — Samuel Roosevelt Dail, died on Thursday, October 4, 2018. Funeral Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 1 p.m., at Peterson Chapel Baptist Church. Visitation 1-7 p.m., Friday, October 12, 2018, Hunter's Funeral Home, Ahoskie. Arrangements by Hunter's Funeral Home, Ahoskie.

AHOSKIE — Joseph "Joe" Finnell, 75, died on October 3, 2018. Funeral Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 2 p.m., at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Ahoskie. Arrangements by Wilder's Funeral Home, Inc., Windsor.

MERRY HILL — Sophia Roulhac Williams, 103, died on October 4, 2018. Funeral Friday, October 12, 2018 at 11 a.m., at New Beginning Christian Center, Merry Hill. Arrangements by Wilder's Chapel of Windsor.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA — Gilbert Andrew Holley, Jr., 51, died on September 29, 2018. Funeral Friday, October 5, 2018 at 2 p.m., at First Missionary Baptist Church, Colerain. Arrangements by Reynolds Funeral Home of Ahoskie.

WINDSOR — Ella Jean Lee Gatling, 56, died on October 1, 2018. Funeral Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 11 a.m., at Wilder's Funeral Home Chapel, Rich Square. Arrangements by Wilder's Funeral Home, Inc., Aulander.

AHOSKIE — Donald Lee Outlaw, died on Thursday, September 27, 2018. Funeral Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., at Zion Hill Baptist Church. Arrangements by Hunter's Funeral Home, Ahoskie.

Hoke Smith Roberson

WINDSOR - Hoke Smith Roberson 100, of 107 West Watson Street died peacefully at his home Friday, October 5, 2018.

Growing up on a small farm, he was born in Robersonville, NC to Joseph Lawrence and Callie Brown Roberson. He was a loving and dedicated husband to his wife Eleanor Shelton Roberson for 63 years. He was her primary caregiver as she battled Alzheimer's disease until her death in 2002.

Also preceding him in death were four sisters and one brother, and his son Hoke Smith Roberson, Jr.

Surviving is his son: Joseph Shelton Roberson (Kay) of Windsor, daughter: Deborah Roberson Christopher (Bobby) of Beaufort, NC. Also surviving are seven grandchildren:

Hoke Smith Roberson, III. (Cathy) of Wilmington, NC. Gifford Blake Roberson (Jennifer) of Raleigh, NC. Robert Scott Christopher (Kelly) of Decatur, GA. Anna Christopher Danner (Justin) of Milton, GA. Christi Roberson Coiner (Jack) of Waynesboro, VA. Joseph Shelton Roberson, JR. (Ally) of Charlotte, NC. Carrie Roberson Fasola (Josh) of Raleigh, NC and his loving twelve great grandchildren.

Hoke attended Wake Forest College and graduated in 1937 from Smithdeal Massey Business College in Richmond, VA.

Spending his entire life working in the auto business, Hoke owned and operated R&W Chevrolet for more than 50 years. Through this business many lifelong friendships were developed. He was active in his church and community, Hoke was a member of Windsor United Methodist Church, where he held several positions. A lifetime Rotarian and President of the Windsor Club for a number of years, Hoke was the recipient of the Paul Harris fellowship. He also was a lifelong member of Masonic Lodge #296 and served on the Southern Bank Board in Windsor.

A spiritual and kind-hearted man, Hoke loved his family and was extremely proud of each and every one, as was evident when he often shared family news with others.

Known for his "gift of gab", Hoke made friends easily and was quick to learn of other's lives. In his later years, he could be seen driving his big, blue station wagon through the neighborhood, stopping often to chat or offer a little advice or wisdom.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM on Monday, October 8, 2018 at Windsor United Methodist Church. Visitation will be held at noon at the church.

Private family burial will follow the service. Hoke's family is grateful to the wonderful care he received at home through his compassionate, loving caregivers.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Windsor United Methodist Church 408 S Queen St, Windsor, NC 27983. Also to the Livermon Zoo C/O Town of Windsor, P.O. Box 508 Windsor, NC 27983.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.walkerfh.net

Walker Funeral Home of Windsor is serving the Roberson family.

Paid Obituary

Out&About

Out and about events are 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.

Until Further Notice

Road Closure

The North Carolina Department of Transportation closed Jeff White Road in Bertie County on Monday, Sept. 24. The road closure is to allow the replacement of Bridge #34 over Eastmost Swamp. The road should reopen to traffic by Jan. 30, 2019.

Donations Being Accepted

Donations are currently being accepted for victims of Hurricane Florence. Items needed are bottled water, cleaning supplies, Clorox and nonperishable food items. Drop off locations are Southern Bank & Trust- Windsor, Melinda's Hair Place, Dan Pittman Insurance Agency and Askewville Town Hall.

Oct. 11

Windsor Commissioners Meeting

The town of Windsor Commissioners will hold their regularly scheduled meeting at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 11 at Windsor Town Hall, 128 S. King St. in Windsor.

Oct. 18

NAACP Special Meeting

The Bertie County Branch of the NAACP will host a special election meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18 at the P.P.I. Building.

Pink Power Luncheon

Vidant Bertie Hospital will host the Pink Power Luncheon from 11:30-1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18 at the Cashie Convention Center. For more information, contact LuAnn Joyner at 252-794-6653

Dr. Fred Saunders Exhibition

The Bertie County Arts Council will host an exhibition titled "Painting at 90 and Still Amazing Us" in celebration of the life and work of Dr. Fred Saunders from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11 at the Bertie County Arts Council Gallery, 124 S. King St. in Windsor.

Oct. 20

Roanoke/Cashie Dream Team Banquet

The Roanoke/Cashie Dream Team will hold their 2018 banquet starting at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Cashie Convention Center, 118 County Farm Rd. in Windsor.

Oct. 22

Board of Education Work Session

The Bertie County Board of Education will hold a special work session at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 22 in the professional development room at the Central Office Complex, 715 U.S. 13 N. in Windsor.

Oct. 23

Board of Education Meeting Rescheduled

The Bertie County Board of Education regular monthly meeting with closed session at 5:30 p.m. and open session at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9 has been rescheduled with closed session at 5:30 p.m. and open session at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23 in the boardroom at the Central Office Complex, 715 U.S. 13 N. in Windsor.

Oct. 27

Class of 1973 Reunion

The Bertie High School Class of 1973 will celebrate its 45th year class reunion Saturday, Oct 27 at the Sen. Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center in Williamston. Final payment due-date for classmates attending was Friday, Aug. 31. For more information, contact Willie Pugh at 301-728-9971.

Nov. 3

NAACP Voting

The Bertie County Branch of the NAACP will host officer and members at-large voting from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3 at the P.P.I. Building.

Nov. 10

Wave Fest

Roanoke-Chowan Community College will host Wave Fest Community Fun and Annual Stepshow from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 at Roanoke-Chowan Community College, 109 Community College Rd. in Ahoskie. For more information or to be a vendor, contact Dean of Student Services Dr. Latoya Nixon at 252-862-1267.

Historic Homes Tours

As part of the town of Windsor's 250th anniversary celebration, the town of Windsor and Historic Hope Foundation will host a Historic Homes Tour from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10. The tour will begin at Historic Hope Foundation. Lunch is included. Advance tickets are \$30 and \$35 the day of the event. For more information or to register, call 252-794-3140 or at www.hopeplantation.org.

Ongoing

Caregiver Support Group

The Bertie County Caregiver Support Group will meet at 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Bertie County Council on Aging Senior Center, 103 W. School St. in Windsor. For more information, call Tamyra Jovel at 252-974-1837.

Volunteers Needed

Vidant Home Health and Hospice is currently searching for volunteers. Opportunities include direct support, indirect support and respite care. Training is provided. To schedule a presentation about the volunteer program or to sign up as a volunteer, contact Shameka Watford at 252-209-3737 or via email at Shameka.watford@vidanthealth.com.