

Obituaries

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Lou Ella Davis

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Lou Ella Davis of Asheville who died March 14 in her home at the age of 52.

Services were held in the chapel of the Anders-Rice Funeral Home with the Rev. Weldon Johnson officiating. Burial was conducted in the Green Hills Cemetery.

A native of Madison County, she was the daughter of the late Guy Vance and Delitha Carver Blankenship.

She is survived by her husband, Raymond Eugene Davis; three sons, Charles Ballard and Sammy Ballard, both of Asheville, and Kevin Ray Davis of the home; two daughters, Dina Kay Stewart of Columbia, S.C. and Susan Hall of Candler; two sisters, Eula Shelton of Chucky, Tenn. and Fornada Allen of Jonesboro, Tenn.; two brothers, Vance Blankenship of Asheville and Jack Blankenship of Greeneville, Tenn. and six grandchildren.

Raymond L. Phillips

Funeral services were held Saturday for Raymond Lewis Phillips of Route 1, Weaverville, who died March 13 in an Asheville hospital at the age of 74.

Services were held in the Pine Burr Park Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Moore officiating. Burial was conducted in the Long's Chapel Cemetery.

A native of Jackson County, he was a retired employee of the Drexel Manufacturing Co. and did volunteer work at both St. Joseph's Hospital and the Brentwood Nursing Home.

He is survived by two daughters, Jean Patton of Swannanoa and Louise Riddle of Weaverville; a son, Max Phillips of Shelby; a foster son, J.D. Stephenson of Wilmington; two sisters, Fair Bridges of Candler and Barbara Kimsey of Louisville, Ky.; three brothers, Ted Parker of Ft. Lauderdale, Odell Parker of Marion and Lester Parker of Dayton, Ohio; and six grandchildren.

Jesse E. Gentry

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Jesse E. Gentry of Weaverville who died March 14 in an Asheville hospital at the age of 70.

Services were held in the Salem United Methodist Church, of which he was a member, with the Revs. Harison Hinson, William Wombough and Don Shuman officiating. Burial was conducted in the Flat Creek Cemetery.

A lifelong resident of Buncombe County, he was the son of the late Edgar and Rosa Gentry. He was a member of the Odd Fellows.

Mr. Gentry is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Jonah Rice of Marshall and Mrs. Ernest Fisher of Weaverville; and three brothers, Herman, Fred and Carl Gentry, all of Weaverville.

Clinton Shelton

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon for Clinton Shelton of Route 4, Marshall who died March 11 from injuries sustained in a logging accident in Rogersville, Tenn. Mr. Shelton was 42 years old.

Services were held in his home with the Rev. Rufus Lamb officiating. Burial was conducted in the Lisenbee Cemetery.

A lifelong resident of Madison County, he was the son of Violet Zest Shelton, with whom he made his home, and the late Kie Shelton. He was employed as a logger by the Mead Paper Co. in Kingsport, Tenn.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by a son, Clinton Dean Shelton of Morganton; three daughters, Bernette Harrison, Cathy Welborn and Oma Shelton, all of Morganton; two sisters, Ida Lee Johnson of Hendersonville and Vieannie Metcalf of Greeneville, Tenn.; three brothers, James Shelton of Arden, Voaid Shelton of Marshall and Gilbert Bailey of Greeneville; and a granddaughter.

Bertha L. Briggs

Funeral services were held Thursday morning for Bertha Lucinda Briggs of Silver Spring, Md. who died March 11 in a nursing home in Maryland.

Graveside services were held in the Green Hills Cemetery with the Rev. Walter Coleman officiating.

A native of Madison County, she was the daughter of the late Garrett Crittenton and Mattie Ferguson Briggs. She was a nurse and a member of the Chevy Chase Baptist Church. Miss Briggs made her home in Maryland since 1942.

She is survived by five sisters, Beva Knapp and Ethel Bishop, both of Asheville, Vivian Hallow and Thelma Whitaker, both of Tryon and Lillie Whittaker of Roanoke, Va. and a brother, Roy L. Briggs of Asheville.

Bert R. Jarvis

Funeral services were held Thursday morning for Bert Roberts Jarvis of the Baptist Home in Winston-Salem. A former resident of Mars Hill, Mrs. Jarvis died March 11 at the age of 94.

Services were held in the California Creek Baptist Church, of which she was a member, with the Revs. Page Lee and Harold Wood officiating. Burial was conducted in the Mars Hill Cemetery.

A native of Buncombe County, Mrs. Jarvis lived in Madison County for

most of her life. She was the daughter of the late James Wesley and Gulliana Bryan Roberts and the widow of Edwin Jarvis.

Mrs. Jarvis taught in Madison and Buncombe County schools for more than 40 years.

She is survived by three sisters, Myrtle Howell of Asheville, Ruby Ackers of Meadowview, Va. and Jamie Driskel of Cocoa, Fla.; and a brother, Sconville Roberts of Asheville.

Arnold B. Thomas

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon for Arnold Boyd Thomas of Holcombe Branch Rd. who died March 11 at the age of 63.

Services were held in the chapel of the Capps Funeral Home in Mars Hill with the Revs. Richard Price and Sup Fitzgerald officiating. Burial was conducted in the Mars Hill Cemetery with members of the French Broad Masonic Lodge conducting Masonic graveside rites.

A native of Madison County, he was the son of the late W.T. and Sarah Robinson Thomas. He lived in Detroit

for 20 years, where he was employed by the Ford Motor Co. Mr. Thomas made his home in Mars Hill for the past 20 years and was a member of the Mars Hill Baptist Church and the French Broad Masonic Lodge No. 232 AF & AM.

He is survived by a daughter, Paulette Hensley of Mars Hill; two sons, Michael Thomas of Mars Hill and Jimmy Thomas of Marshall; two sisters, Polly Bell of Sylacauga, Ala. and Olive Wible of Haynesville, Ala.; and four grandchildren.

Arthritis

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a patient follow the recommended regimen for his particular case. If arthritis is allowed to progress, scar tissue which forms between the bone ends can sometimes change to bone, which causes the joints to become fused and permanently immovable.

Unlike some other diseases, false claims of "cures" for arthritis abound. The Arthritis Foundation estimates that more than 950 million dollars is spent each year by arthritics on worthless or harmful treatments and devices. Because there is no specific cure for the disease, the continual pain of arthritis drives many victims to try anything which promises relief. According to Dr. Jones, "Any claims that a particular remedy gives complete relief or will cure your arthritis should be regarded with scepticism. Because arthritis has 'ups and downs,' symptoms might subside just after you try a new remedy. This relief would have occurred even without the treatment. It is important to realize that every time you substitute an unproven treatment for a proven one, you risk having your arthritis get out of control."

Arthritis cannot be cured, but it can be managed. Managing arthritis isn't easy, and results don't come overnight. A planned program of medication and exercise can reduce inflammation and help control the disease. In the end, the difference between maintaining good joint movement and becoming crippled by arthritis depends to a great extent on the patient.

District Court

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combe County detoxification facility and held in jail for a March 25 hearing on the DWI charge. Judge Ginn also ordered Powell to submit to the Blue Ridge Mental Health Center for counseling.

A Mars Hill College student, David Keith Durham of Greenville, S.C., entered guilty pleas to charges of driving while impaired, a flashing stop sign violation and failing to stop for police. The court sentenced Durham to serve 72 hours of com-

munity service and pay a \$200 fine and attend Alcohol Drug Education Training classes. Durham received a suspended six-month jail sentence and was ordered to serve 24 hours in the Madison County jail on March 15.

John Scott Landon pleaded guilty to driving while impaired and driving with a revoked license. On the driving while impaired charge, Landon received a \$250 fine and a one-year suspended sentence, except for an active seven-day sentence. He also received a \$200 fine, suspended one-

year sentence and three-day active jail sentence for driving with a revoked license. Landon was also ordered to submit to the Blue Ridge Mental Health Clinic for counseling.

Michael Porter DeBruhl entered a guilty plea to a charge of impaired driving and received Level 2 punishment. The court ordered DeBruhl to serve 10 days in jail on five consecutive weekends. He was also fined \$400 and ordered to surrender his operator's license for two years and submit to Blue Ridge Mental Health

for assessment. The court suspended a one-year jail sentence.

Timothy Dale Metcalf, charged with driving while impaired and illegal transportation, entered a guilty plea to illegal transportation and received a \$65 fine.

Driving while impaired charges against Robenia Gentry, Norman Roberts, Lawrence Hall, Deana Payne and Ricky Chandler were continued until the April 12 session of District Court.

Because of recent dry and windy weather, the danger of forest fires has increased.

The U.S. Forest Service and the N.C. Forest Service ask all Madison County Residents to refrain from open burning



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