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asville Fire Department. On Dec. 11, agency staff and volunteers fill the bags with sand and place a candle inside. Luminaries are then placed on the gravesites of donors' loved ones and lit as dusk falls. Mickey says the event truly is a community effort.

"Agency staff and volunteers start lighting all the candles around 4 p.m. and the fire department comes out to direct traffic throughout the park," Mickey said. "Comer Trucking donates the sand and local Girl and Boy Scout troops help us to fill the bags."

Barringer says the event is both a way to honor family members while giving back to agencies that support the community throughout the year.

"My son, Brian, and his family lost their home to fire last year and these agencies came to his aid," Barringer said. "Each one adopted one of my grandchildren and helped provide Christmas gifts for them. They bought clothes, bicycles and all kinds of toys for them. The Thomasville Firefighter's Association also gave them a monetary donation. It was totally unexpected."

"My family ended up having a personal need for these agencies. You never know when it could be you or your family that may need help."

Fairgrove Family Resource Center Director Terri Nelson said she was glad to be a part of the luminary program each year.

"All of us feel very privileged that they will do this so that we can help disadvantaged people in the area: I'm honored to be a part of it," Nelson said. "Not only does it honor our families, but it also helps support agencies that assist disadvantaged families that live in Thomasville and Eastern Davidson County."

"I think the luminaries are a great way to memorialize our family members that we lost. It especially touched me because my mother is buried there and each year I am able to remember her and put a luminary on her grave."

Those who don't have a loved one buried at Holly Hill still are able to participate in the program, as those luminaries are used to form a cross at the entrance of the park.

"It's breathtaking," Nelson said. "It's an amazing spiritual experience and it can certainly put you in the holiday spirit."

Donations of \$3 or more are currently being accepted at the Holly Hill office, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Families are limited to five luminaries for each grave, but any additional donations will be used for candles in other areas of the park. Community volunteers are needed to help fill and light the luminaries the day of the program. Snacks and drinks are provided to volunteers.

"It's a lot of candles, so the more volunteers we have, the easier it is," Nelson said.

For more information, call 472-7455, or visit Holly Hill Memorial Park at 401 W. Holly Hill Road.

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Johnny Bottoms

Mr. Johnny Ray Bottoms, 57, a resident of Rosedale Drive, died Friday, Nov. 5, 2010, at Forsyth Medical Center. Born in Thomasville, Jan. 27, 1953, a son of J.D. Bottoms and Lucille Bumgardner Bottoms, he was of the Baptist faith and was a born again Christian.

Funeral service will be conducted today at 11 a.m. at J.C. Green & Sons Chapel in Thomasville by the Rev. Tony Jordan. Burial will be in Holly Hill Memorial Park Cemetery. The family will be at the funeral home Monday from 7 until 9 p.m. and other times at the home of the son, 705 Rosedale Drive.

Memorials may be directed to Thomasville Church of God. Online condolences may be made to the Bottoms family at www.jcgreenandsons.com.

John B. Doby

Mr. John Brondell Doby, 86, well known as "Coach Doby," a resident of 2119 Johnsonstown Road, died Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010, at the North Carolina State Veterans Home in Salisbury. He was born on July 5, 1924, in Davidson County to Ed Doby and Mattie Barnes Doby. He was an educator and coach at Fair Grove High School, where he coached every sport and was famous for the single wing in football and then taught and coached at East Davidson High School. He later coached a championship football team at Trinity High School and finished his career in coaching at Central Davidson High School. He was inducted into The Davidson County Sports Hall of Fame in 2003. He "moonlighted" as an EMT for several years while still in education. After retiring, he became a paramedic with Davidson County and was the 1st paramedic

to retire in Davidson County. He was a US Air Force veteran, where he was a Belly Gunner and flew over 30 missions in WWII. He was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Elgin and Avery Doby; sisters, Geneva Myers, Marie Hicks, and Christine Rife; and his first wife, Dorothy Myers Doby.

On Oct. 31, 1980, he married Carol Cox, who survives of the home; also surviving are sons, Gary Doby, Mike Doby and wife Dawn, Dean Doby and wife Tammy, and Luke Doby, all of Thomasville; daughter, Myra Doby of Thomasville; grandchildren, Brian Doby, Ben Doby, Whitney Swaim, and Hanna Doby; great-grandchildren, Cameron and Carsten Doby; and several beloved nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church with the Rev. Arthur Holland officiating. Interment with military rites will follow in Holly Hill Memorial Park cemetery. Mr. Doby will remain at the J.C. Green & Sons Funeral Home in Thomasville until taken to the church 30 minutes prior to the service. The family will be at the funeral home on Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. Memorials may be directed to Bethel UMC, c/o Jerri Edwards, 915 Ball Park Rd. Thomasville, NC 27360 or to The Alzheimer's Association, 3800 Shamrock Dr. Charlotte, NC 28215-3220. On-line condolences may be sent to www.jcgreenandsons.com.

Annie L. Friday

—LEXINGTON — Mrs. Annie Lou Lowery Friday, 74, formerly of 121 Pleasant Hill Road, died Friday, Nov. 5, 2010, in Hinkle Hospice House in Lexington, NC.

Funeral service will be held Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010, at 6 p.m. in Friendship Baptist, 106 Smith St., Thomasville. Burial will be held Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, in Thomasville City Cemetery at 11 a.m.

Surviving are eight children Deberah Harris (T.R.) of Thomasville, NC; Clarissa Wilson (James) of Lexington; Cynthia Thomas of High Point, NC; Blondina Friday of Winston-Salem, NC; Felicia Sexton (Alfred) of Lexington, NC; Clark Friday, Jr. (Carolyn) of Lexington, NC; John Friday of the home and Versie "Nikki" Friday of Thom-

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asville; 14 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday at the church 30 minutes before the funeral service and other times at the home of her daughter, Versie "Nikki" Friday, 104 White St., Thomasville, NC.

S.E. Thomas Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

Evelyn L. Garcia

STANLEY, N.C. — Mrs. Evelyn Brown Lowman Garcia, 75, of Stanley, died Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010, at Lexington Memorial Hospital.

Born in Davidson County on March 31, 1935, to Luther Edward and Cornelia Josephine Stewart Brown, she was retired from Stanley Total Living Center and was a member of Amazing Grace Baptist Church in Lincolnton.

Funeral service will be on Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of J.C. Green and Sons Funeral Home with the Rev. Jack Johnston officiating. Burial will follow in the Thomasville City Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Tuesday evening from 6 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

The family has asked that memorials be directed to the American Lung Association, 514 Daniels St. # 109, Raleigh, NC 27605 in Mrs. Garcia's memory. Online condolences may be offered at www.jcgreenandsons.com.

Helen G. Hulin

Ms. Helen Faye Good-year Hulin, 61, a resident of Thomasville, NC, died Friday November 5, 2010 at the Hinkle Hospice House of Davidson County.

Born Dec. 31, 1948, in Dillon, S.C., a daughter of the late Hassie Wood Goodyear and Janie Hyatt Goodyear, she had worked as a cosmetologist at Rovilla's Beauty Salon and was a former employee of Commercial Carving.

In honoring Helen's wishes, there will not be a service. J.C. Green and Sons Funeral Home is assisting the family. Online condolences may be sent to the Hulin family at www.jcgreenandsons.com.

Ethel Emblor Pope

Mrs. Ethel Vivian Emblor Pope, 92, a resident of Cunningham Rd. died Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010, at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

She was born on Nov. 17, 1917, in Davidson County to James Oscar Emblor and Claudia Eller Beck Emblor. She retired from Thomasville Furniture Industries and was a member of Faith Community Chapel. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband John Levi Pope in May, 1984; son, Johnny David (J.D.) Pope; daughter, Carolyn Woodlief; and brother, Colen Emblor.

Surviving are three daughters, Lillian Atchison and fiancé Mike Vernon, Shelby Basset and friend, Chuck Thompson, and Kathy Hemrick and husband Kenneth, and a sister, Marie Kanoy all of Thomasville; grandchildren, Danny Woodlief, Barbara Carter, Jonathan Woodlief, Starla Hemrick, Bryan Hemrick, Wesley Day, and Stephanie Jones; twelve great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be held on Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, at 2 p.m. at Faith Community Chapel with the Rev. Joe Smith and the Rev. Kenneth Hemrick officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Mrs. Pope will remain at the J.C. Green & Sons Funeral Home Chapel in Thomasville until taken to the church 30 minutes prior to the service. The family will

be at the funeral home on Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. and at other times at the home of Shelby, 408 Faith Chapel Road, Thomasville.

Memorials may be directed to American Diabetes Association, 222 South Church St. Ste. 336M, Charlotte, NC 28202 or to the charity of the donor's choice. On-line condolences may be sent to www.jcgreenandsons.com.

David Scronce

LEXINGTON — William David Scronce, age 60, of Mobile Lane, in Lexington died Friday, Nov. 5, 2010.

A memorial service will be held 6:30 p.m. today at Pilgrim Freewill Baptist Church. The family will receive friends in the church fellowship following the service.

Online condolences may be made at www.davidsonfuneralhome.net.

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