

OBITUARIES

Marie W. Warner

Marie W. Warner, 71, of Raeford, died Saturday, February 24, 2001 in her home. Mrs. Warner was born in Oxford on October 28, 1929 to the late Grover and Dora McCormick Williamson. She was a member of the Raeford United Methodist Church. Before Mrs. Warner retired, she worked for Raeford Day Care and Dr. Robert Townsend.

Graveside services were conducted at 11:30 a.m. February 26, in Raeford Cemetery held by the Reverend Richard Vaughan.

Survivors include her husband, James "Jimmy" L. Warner Sr. of Raeford; two sons, James "Bubba" L. Warner Jr. and Richard Warner, both of Raeford; one daughter, Victoria W. Pannell of Asheville; one brother, Jim Williamson of Raeford; two sisters, Joyce McDiarmid of Greensboro and Gladys Baicy of Aberdeen, Maryland; three grandchildren, Jamie Warner, Heath Warner, and Cody Warner, all of Raeford; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Hoke County, 336 South Main Street, Raeford, NC 28376.

Crumpler Funeral Home in Raeford served the family.

Ruth W. Riddle

Ruth Matheson Warner Riddle, 81, of Anderson, South Carolina, died in her home on Saturday, February 24, 2001. Mrs. Riddle was born in Hoke County to the late James L. Warner

and Ruth Matheson Warner. She was a member of the Mary O. Holler Class and Circle #6 at St. John's United Methodist Church. Mrs. Riddle was an avid gardener and golfer until her death.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. February 26 at St. John's United Methodist Church held by Dr. Sinclair Lewis.

A private entombment followed at Forest Lawn Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Pallbearers were Carl G. Oehmig III, Larry D. Ratliff, Jeffery R. Herbert, Jordan Herbert, Matt Herbert, Lieb Oehmig and Kirk Moorhead.

Survivors include her husband of 62 years, Charles James Riddle, of the home; three daughters and their husbands, Brenda and Carl Oehmig, Cheryl and Larry Ratliff and Debra and Jeff Herbert, all of Anderson; six grandchildren, Leib Oehmig and his wife, Donna, Annaliza Oehmig Moorhead and her husband, Kirk, Jordan Herbert Matt Herbert, Lauren Wardner and Arden Ratliff; two great grandchildren, C.G. and Hunter Oehmig; and one brother, James L. Warner of Raeford.

Memorials may be made to St. John's United Methodist Church, 515 South McDuffie Street, Anderson, SC 29624-2372 or to Hospice of the Upstate, 1835 Rogers Road, Anderson, South Carolina 29621.

McDougal Funeral Home in Anderson, South Carolina served the family.



Anthony B. Baldwin

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Anthony Bernard Baldwin, 25, of Raeford, died Thursday, February 22, 2001.

Mr. Baldwin was born July 11, 1975 in Scotland County. He attended Hoke County Schools.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Monday, February 26 in Buffalo Springs Missionary Baptist Church held by the Rev. Barry O. Shoffner. Burial was in the Buffalo Springs Church Cemetery.

Survivors include his mother, Lois Billinger of Raeford; one sister, Jamie Baldwin of Raeford; and one brother, Wesley Baldwin; and a host of aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and other relatives and friends.

Buie Funeral Home in Raeford served the family.



Freddie L. McLaughlin

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Freddie Lamont McLaughlin, 24, of Raeford died Thursday, February 22, 2001.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 27 in Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church held by Dr. J. W. Gorham. Burial was in Shady Grove Church Cemetery.

Survivors include his mother and father, Freddie McLaughlin and Emma M. McLaughlin, both of Raeford; two sisters, Tanudra Nickens of Durham and Latoya McLaughlin of Fort Hood, Texas; one brother, Kelvin McLaughlin of Raeford; and his paternal grandmother, Glennie McLaughlin.

Jackson Funeral Home in Laurinburg served the family.

Hannah M. Cloer

Hannah M. Cloer, 94, of Sanford, died Wednesday, February 21, 2001 in Central Carolina Hospital. Mrs. Cloer was the daughter of the late Marshall and Leona Conolly McBryde of the Antioch community. She lived in the McCain area for many years.

Graveside services were conducted Friday, February 23 at 2 p.m. in Lee Memory Gardens.

Survivors include one daughter, Nancy C. Godley of Sanford; two brothers, David B. McBryde of Mechanicsville, Virginia and Robert L. McBryde of Clarksville, Virginia; and two grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Lee County Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 981, Sanford, NC 27331

Rogers-Pickard Funeral Home in Sanford served the family.

Deja M. Floyd

Deja Monaye' Floyd, infant daughter of Joseph M. Floyd and Sonya Purcell of Raeford, died Wednesday, February 21, 2001 in FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Saturday, February 24 in Silver Grove Missionary Baptist Church held by the Rev. J. Warren Parson. Burial was in the church cemetery.

In addition to her parents, survivors include one sister, Sharmisha Purcell of the home; paternal grandparents, Gene and Alberta Floyd of Raeford; maternal grandparents, Timothy and Mary Purcell and Dorothy Purcell, all of Raeford; paternal

great-grandmother, Emma Floyd of Raeford; maternal great-grandmother, and Willie Pearl Shaw of Raeford.

Buie Funeral Home in Raeford served the family.

Editor's note: Whenever an error in a printed obituary notice is called to our attention, it is our policy to publish the corrected obituary again in its entirety.

Jessie B. Garrison

Jessie Bracey Garrison, 90, of Raeford, died Sunday, February 18, 2001 in her home. Mrs. Garrison was preceded in death by her husband, Arvil Garrison, and sister, Mary A. Fairfield. She retired in 1975 from McCain Hospital as a licensed practical nurse. She was a member of The Mont Pelier Presbyterian Church in Wagram.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 22, in Shiloh Presbyterian Church held by the Reverends Sanders Read and Frank Garrison. Burial will be in Shiloh Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Survivors include one son, the Rev. Frank Garrison of Raeford; three daughters, Barbara Hurst of Memphis, Tennessee, Jessie Garrison of Aberdeen and Carol Capel of Raeford; one sister, Betty Gray of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi; 18 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Mont Pelier Presbyterian Church in Wagram.

Crumpler Funeral Home in Raeford served the family.

Hoke High musician competes

The University of North Carolina-Greensboro School of Music recently hosted the 12th Annual Carolina Band Festival and Conductors Conference. Two highly select high school honor bands were chosen by competitive audition process.

Ashley L. Davis, sophomore student of band director Al Strickland of Hoke County High School, was among this select group of students invited to participate. Davis plays clarinet and is currently involved with the jazz band at the school.

The concert band was comprised of students currently in 9th or 10th grades and the symphonic band by students in the 11th or 12th grades. Each student applicant submitted a resume of his or her performing experience and musical studies, as well as a cassette tape recording. More than 300 students submitted applications and recordings for consideration this year. These students represented some of the best music students from a nine-state area including North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Florida, Massachusetts and New Jersey.

Students have worked with two nationally known guest conductors, Dr. Gary Green, director of bands at the University of Miami, who guest-conducted the symphonic band and Dr. Stephen Gage, director of bands at Youngstown State University guest conductor of the concert band.

Students also participated in special clinics presented by the instrumental music faculty at UNC-G School of Music. Students and teachers attended an evening concert by the UNC-G wind ensemble in the Aycock Auditorium conducted by Dr. John R. Locke, the founder and director of the Carolina Band Festival and Conductors Conference.

A sure thing

There are few things that we can be sure of in this life. It doesn't take but just a moment to change your life. Everything can be going along just fine, then you get a phone call from a doctor about the results of routine tests — there's something wrong. Maybe you have had your job for years and expected to retire there and then the company decides to increase their profits; they have to downsize and you get the pink slip. Perhaps you thought your marriage was all right and then one day your partner comes home and announces that they have found someone else and they are leaving.

So many ways to be disappointed. Is there anything in this life that we can count on? According to the Bible, the Holy and Inspired Word of God, there is something we can count on, but it is not of this world. God knows our situation and is always there to comfort us in our time of grief and lead us through the difficult waters. The promises of God can carry us through anything in this life and certainly into the next.

That's where my favorite Bible promise comes in. It is found in the New Testament in the first epistle of John, chapter five, verse thirteen. Here the Word of God says, "I write these things to you that believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life." According to this verse, those who believe that Jesus Christ died in their place, for their sins on the cross of Calvary, can know, right now, their eternal destiny. That's the best assurance I've ever

Pastor's Pen
Rev. Don Satterwhite
First Baptist Church, Raeford

been given. Ever since I trusted Jesus Christ as my only hope for heaven — nearly 35 years ago, I've been absolutely sure that I'm going to heaven. It's not because of anything I've done for God, but instead it is completely based upon what Jesus has done for me.

How about you, do you know that you have eternal life? If you don't, you can. Just place your trust in Jesus Christ as the one who died for you. How do you do that? You can pray a simple prayer of faith, perhaps you could say something like this: "God, I know that I'm a sinner and I don't deserve to go to heaven. Right now I believe that when Jesus Christ died on the cross he died there for me. Thank you for forgiving me of my sins. I'm trusting in Jesus Christ alone to get me to heaven."

Thank you for saving me. In Jesus name. Amen"

If you will pray that simple prayer of faith, and mean it, God promises to make you a member of his forever family. I'd like to hear from you, if as a result of reading this column you are trusting in Jesus Christ to give you eternal life. You can write me at 711 N. Magnolia St., Raeford, NC 28376 or e-mail me at PastorDT@aol.com. Hope to hear that you now know you have something you can be sure of.

Bell graduates from basic

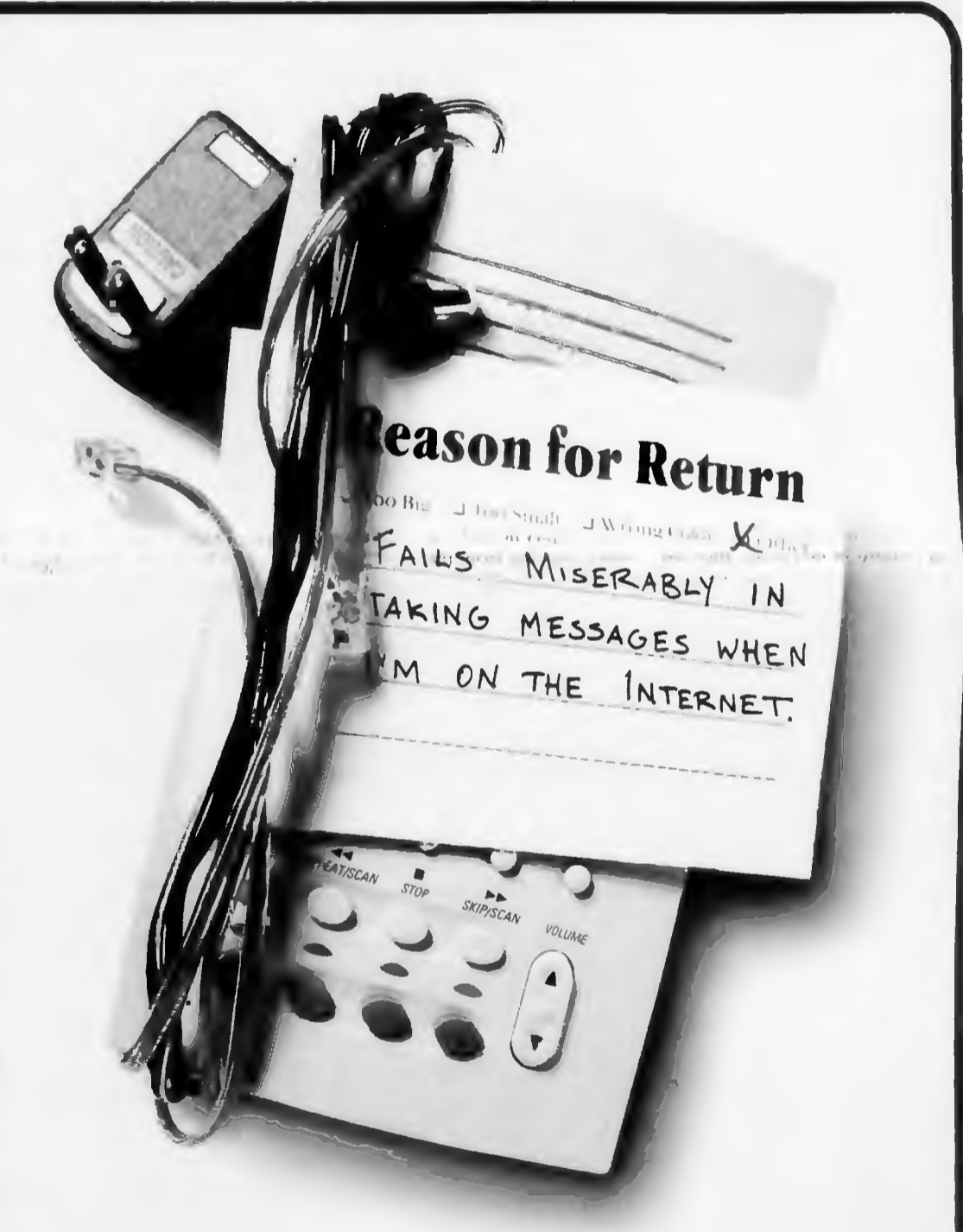
Army Pvt. Tisha M. Bell has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina.

During the training, the soldier received instruction and practice in drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, mili-

tary courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

She is the daughter of Tonya Bell of 1635a Northgate Drive, Montgomery, Alabama, and niece of Stanley McShan of 206 Swing Court.

Bell is a 2000 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School in Montgomery.



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