

Obituaries

William Howard Pitt, Sr.

William Howard Pitt, Sr., age 76, of 214 Dobbs St., died Sat. at 1:15 a.m. suddenly at the home of T.S. White, III in Charlotte, N.C.

A native of Columbia, S.C., he was the son of the late Robert E. Lee and Mrs. Sallie Howard Pitt and the husband of the late Mrs. Susie Frances White Pitt.

He owned and operated Pitt Hardware Co. in Hertford, was formerly the Clerk of Superior Court in Perquimans County for 38 years, was a 53 member of the Perquimans Masonic Lodge #106 AF and AM, and was a member of the Hertford United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one son, W. Howard Pitt, Jr. of Charlotte, N.C.; one sister, Mrs. Larry Drewery of Camden, Arkansas; 4 grandchildren, Mrs. Susan Pitt Herring, Miss Anna Mariah Pitt, Miss Mary Howard Pitt, and William H. Pitt, III, all of Charlotte.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p.m. in the Hertford United Methodist Church by the Rev. Amos H. Stone, pastor.

"Lead on King Eternal" and "The Church's One Foundation" were sung by the congregation, accompanied by Miss Caroline Wright, organist.

The casket pall was made of red carnations, white chrysanthemums and fern.

Pallbearers were Don Heatherington, Carlyle White, W.A. White, Archie T. Lane, Jr., Jimmy Sawyer and George Baker.

Burial followed in Cedarwood Cemetery, Hertford.

John Henry Davis, Sr.

John Henry Davis, Sr., age 60, of Jacksonville, N.C., died Friday.

Among his survivors is a sister, Mrs. Ruth Morton of Hertford.

Other survivors include, his wife, Mrs. Jevelyn Davis of Jacksonville; his stepmother, Mrs. Effie Davis of Jacksonville; one daughter, Mrs. Bobbie Morton of Jacksonville; 4 sons, John H. Davis, Jr., of Newark, Del.; Kendall Wayne Davis of Little Fair, N.J.; Jerry Luther Davis and Donald Craig Davis both of Jacksonville; two other sisters, Mrs. Ruby Matthews and Miss Lena Mae Davis both of Morehead City, N.C.; one brother, Earl Davis of Jacksonville; and 13 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Jones Funeral Home, Jacksonville.

Burial followed in the Maysville Cemetery, Maysville, N.C.

Rubie Cleo Byrum

Rubie Cleo Byrum, brother of J. Wayland (Gabby) Byrum died from the results of an auto accident Saturday in the Obici Hospital in Suffolk. Mr. Byrum, 58 years old, of Tyner, and a native of Chowan County was the husband of Lillian Brinkley Byrum. He was the son of the late James R. and Mrs. Ira Dale Byrum. He was employed with Planters Peanut Company in Suffolk as an electrical technician.

Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Carolyn Nixon and Mrs. Harriet Dixon both of Edenton; one son, C.C. Byrum Jr., of Alexandria, Va.; two stepsons, James B. Koziana of Suffolk and Richard Koziana of Chesapeake, Va.; five other brothers, James L. Byrum, Jesse L. Byrum, Hubert A. Byrum, and King George Byrum, all of Tyner, and Morral Byrum of Suffolk; four grandchildren; and one step-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Happy Home Pentecostal Holiness Church by the Rev. Gilbert Chappell. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Williford-Barham Funeral Home of Edenton was in charge.

Vertily Eure Sitterson

PORTSMOUTH, VA. — Mrs. Vertily Eure Sitterson, 77, of 12 Oakcrest St., died, Tuesday, Jan 9, in her home. A native of Perquimans County, she was the widow of Benjamin Sitterson.

She was a member of the Cradock Baptist Church. Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Sitterson Taylor of Portsmouth, Va.; one son, Benjamin E.

Sitterson, Jr. of Chesterfield, Va.; two sisters, Mrs. Luther Umphlett of Moyock, and Mrs. George Sutton of Hertford; one brother, Herbert M. Eure of Hertford; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral was held Thursday, Jan. 11, at 2 p.m. in the Cradock Baptist Church.

Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens in Chesapeake with Snellings Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

John Joseph Lavezzo, Jr.

John Joseph Lavezzo, Jr. of Cambridge Station, Fairfax, Va., died Saturday at 5:30 a.m. in his home. A

native of Massachusetts he was a former resident of Edenton.

He was employed by the Department of Defense attached to the Pentagon. While in this area, he was employed with the Harvey Point Testing Facility. He was retired from the U.S. Marine Corps and was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Ecenton.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Rita Beatty Lavezzo; a son, John J. Lavezzo, 3rd., of Hertford; a daughter, Miss Ann Lavezzo of Fairfax; a sister, Mrs. Mildred Farrell and a brother, Robert Lavezzo both of Orlando, Florida; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday at 8 p.m. in Washington, D.C. by Father Joseph Klaus of Edenton. Burial followed in Orlando, Florida on Wednesday.

Sunday School Lesson

THE CHRISTIAN'S HOPE

Hope is a combination of desire, expectation, patience, and joy. It implies a desire for some good, which is future in its realization and enjoyment, attended with the possibility of obtaining it.

Romans 8:18-25

Living victoriously in Paul's day was extremely difficult and dangerous. In the evil environment one was subjected to persecution and suffering. After readily acknowledging that suffering was unpleasant and often without any justification, Paul sought to encourage and

challenge Christians, who were suffering for Christ's sake, to endure their hardships bravely and courageously, inasmuch as their sufferings were so insignificant in comparison to the glory that awaited them. As certainly as suffering is a part of this present life, there is a glory which is yet to be revealed in which Christians will share. Therefore, let us remember that what is in store for us is far greater than anything we have ever known, so we are to wait for it confidently, patiently, and longingly.

According to verse 22, the creature groans under the weight of sin and without full knowledge of what the ultimate end is going to be. According to verse 23, the Christian groans within himself, not as a helpless sufferer but as one who is awaiting the complete redemption of his body in the resurrection. The groans of the Christian do not always reach the ears of men, but they do get God's attention. John 14:1-3

On the night before His crucifixion Christ calmly announced to His disciples that He was going to leave them, which announcement shocked and grieved them very much. In consternation they looked at one another. They were sorely troubled at the thought of separation from the Lord Jesus, whom they loved dearly. No longer would they be able to carry to Him in person their problems and make Him the sharer of their difficulties as had been their custom.

Observing the troubled look upon their faces and the billows of anguish that surged through their hearts, Christ spoke the gracious words of comfort recorded in John 14 for the purpose of fortifying the disciples for the terrible faith-shattering ordeal through which they were soon to pass. Christ taught them that, after He left them, they were not to think of Him as having ceased to be. He assured them that He was going to another abiding-place to prepare for their coming, and that in due time He would return for them, and take them to be with Him. His precious words, spoken out of a loving heart, have comforted millions of sorrowing hearts during the centuries that have intervened. To those of us who possess faith in Christ and the assurance of a home in heaven, it is so comforting and strengthening to know that Christ is coming again to reveal His glory, raise up the bodies of the righteous dead, translate the bodies of the living saints, reward His servants for their service for Him, and receive His own unto Himself.

CARD OF THANKS

To our neighbors, friends, the Winfall and Hertford Fire Departments, we want to thank you for all the acts of kindness during our recent fire.

Durwood, Pearl and Janet Barber

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We would like to thank the Winfall, Hertford, Woodville and Belvidere fire departments for their quick action and faithfulness in helping save our home. We will always be grateful. And we would like to thank the many people for their phone calls and concern during this time.

Crafton Jr., Ruth and Family

For Your Information

Dear friends,

It is not always easy to attend a funeral — to grieve — to face the reality and finality of death. But it is good to gather together family and friends, and within a religious and social family setting, to say the words that should be said. It is not easy, but it is both necessary and worthwhile for all concerned.

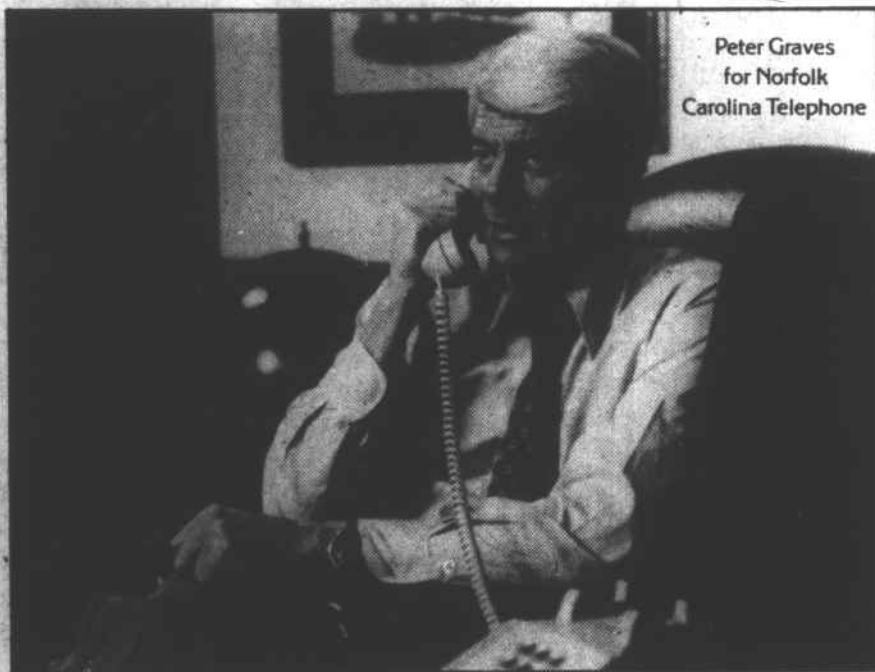
Respectfully,



Methodist to meet

Over 250 United Methodists from an 11 county area will attend a church training workshop Thursday, Jan. 18, 1979, at First United Methodist Church, Church and Road Streets. This workshop, designed for United Methodists in the Elizabeth City District, will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The workshop is one of 12 being held across eastern North Carolina by the North Carolina United Methodist Conference. It includes 18 classes to help church officers learn their responsibilities.



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