

OBITUARIES

Leah M. Jonson

HERTFORD - Leah Mason Jonson, 78, of 109 Yeopim Circle, died Friday, February 9, 2018 in her home.

Born March 25, 1939 in Lancaster, PA, she was the daughter of the late Dudley Mayo and Marjorie Cook Mason. A graduate of Manheim Township High School, she attended Pennsylvania State University, and then pursued a career in medical administration in which she had been employed with Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation in La Jolla, CA, University of California-San Diego Medical Center in San Diego, CA, and Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington, D.C. A member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church where she was active with the Episcopal Church Women and sang in the choir, she also enjoyed membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution, the George Durant Chapter of the National Society of Colonial Dames XVII Century, the Swing and a Prayer Trio, and was a founding member of the Albemarle Chorale.

Surviving are her husband of 33 years, Carl Egerton Jonson; children, Jon James, Jr. of Pensacola, FL, Janelle James of Nashville, TN, Karen Fioramonti and husband William of Boone, Christine Pierce and husband Roger of Richmond, VA, and Craig Jonson and wife Nina of Raleigh; sisters, Suzanne Butler of Aurora, CO and Fay Morton and husband James of Lincoln, AL; and grandchildren, Daniel Fioramonti of Greensboro, David Fioramonti of Ellicott City, MD, Kiera Jonson of Raleigh, and Michael Koehnen of Yakima, WA.

A memorial service will be held Friday, February 16, at 11:00 a.m. in Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and will be conducted by The Rev. Robert W. Beauchamp. Inurnment will follow in the church cemetery. Friends may join the family in the parish hall of the church immediately following the service on Friday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her memory may be made to the choir fund of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 207 South Church St., Hertford, NC 27944 or to the Albemarle Chorale, 121 Windsor Lane, Edenton, NC 27932.

Miller & Van Essendelft, Funeral and Cremation Providers, 1125 Harvey Point Road, Hertford, is assisting the family with arrangements, and online condolences may be made by visiting www.millerfhc.com.



Norma Jean Godwin Jenkins

WINFALL - Norma Jean Godwin Jenkins, 84, of Ashburn, VA, returned to her Heavenly Father on Thursday, February 8, 2018. Her passing was unexpected.

Jean was born in Perquimans County, NC and was the daughter of the late Archie and Bessie Cartwright Godwin, formerly of Winfall. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Archie Godwin, Jr. and James Godwin.

A 1951 graduate of Perquimans County High School, she went on to become a devoted educator. First, she earned a B.A. in Education from East Carolina, and then went on to receive two Masters degrees; one in Elementary Guidance Counseling from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and one in Elementary Education from The University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Jean was a school teacher in Moore County, NC for thirty years, most of which she taught fourth grade in Southern Pines.

Jean retired to the coast of North Carolina and worked as a guide on Portsmouth Island on the Outer Banks. She loved the beach and could often be found boating, fishing, shell hunting or teaching her grandchildren how to water ski. She loved to travel and visited her daughter on her numerous assignments around the world including Paraguay, Brazil, Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Thailand, Hong Kong, England, Belgium, and Panama. Jean settled down on her beloved old family farm near Hertford in 2008 where she especially loved the now magnificent magnolia trees she had planted on the farm decades ago. After suffering a stroke in 2010, she moved to Ashburn.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Becky Bruton and her husband Brad of Ashburn; three grandchildren, Derek Bruton and wife Amy of Ashburn, Sarah Peterson and husband Ryan of Bucharest, Romania, and Eythan Bruton and wife Liz of Herndon, VA; and two great-grandchildren, James and Charlotte Peterson of Bucharest. Also surviving are three nieces, Suzette Romer and husband Rob of Alpharetta, GA, Tammy Gibbs and husband Dave of Ty Ty, GA, and Melanie Gibbs and husband Eddie of Tifton, GA; two nephews, Kevin Godwin and wife Christie of Enigma, GA; and Bill Godwin; and a sister-in-law, Katherine Godwin, both of Alapaha, GA.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, February 15, at 10:30 a.m. with visitation and viewing from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Ashburn.

Another service will be held on Saturday, February 17, at 10:00 am in the Miller and Van Essendelft Funeral Chapel, 1125 Harvey Point Road, Hertford. Burial will follow in Cedarwood Cemetery. Friends may join the family in the funeral home the half hour prior to the service on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made either to the Perquimans County Restoration Association, PO Box 103, Hertford, NC 27944, or to the ASPCA.

Online condolences may be made by visiting www.millerfhc.com.

MEETING

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for fictitious car tags as well as resisting, delaying or obstructing an officer.

The big agenda items Monday were utility bills and the lack of minorities on the Hertford Volunteer Fire Department, which Jackson has tried to join. His previous bushes with the law have ruled him ineligible based on the fire department's bylaws.

The meeting started over an argument between Jackson and Mayor Horace Reid over something as seemingly as simple as the agenda itself. Jackson wanted to amend it, and Reid said the agenda was already set. Jackson appeared to want more discussion on utilities.

"I want to give people what they want," Jackson said. Several people did talk about utilities during the public input section, and several others talked about Jackson and how since he's been elected town meetings have grown ugly and combative.

Jackson countered that people have disrespected him at meetings, alluding to a disagreement the week before with former Councilman Lane. Jackson claims Mayor Reid did not use his gavel to try and stop it, but Reid did use it to silence him. At one point at the Feb. 5 meeting Jackson told Lane to "sit down and shut up" and also pointed that Lane never graduated from high school.

Jackson also asked for the town attorney to be present at all town board meetings, something he said he's asked for in the past and it never happened.

When the audience got up, Danny Gregory said it troubles him when town board meetings have turned into the "Jackson Dog and Pony Show."

"You need to lead by example," Gregory said to Jackson.

William Eure, a local contractor, said Hertford is getting a bad reputation since the last election.

"I would love to build more homes left and right here, but for the last few weeks it's been an embarrassment. Enough is enough."

Tony Riddick, a business-

man said there has been disrespect "on both sides."

But Riddick, who is black and coaches a rec league team said when somebody told him "Hertford is going downhill," he questioned if he meant that was because for the first time ever, Hertford has a majority black town board. Sid Eley is the only white member on the board five members.

There was progress. Mayor Pro Tem Archie Aples said he'd offered to sit down with Jackson and talk about utility issues but Jackson didn't respond and when Jackson brought it up at the meeting, Aples was clear that wasn't right to throw it out into the audience if it wasn't exactly true.

"I called the next day and said let's try and fix it," Aples said.

Fire Chief Drew Woodard also said he was willing to sit down and talk about the fire department. Jackson said he's asked for records from the fire department that apparently aren't available.

Jackson claimed he's being made out to be the "bad guy" because he's trying to make Hertford's government more diverse. The town is half white and half black.

Eley spoke up in defense of the fire department. In addition to being a long-term council member, he's been on the fire department for 48 years and his father before him. He said even with a volunteer squad, at a Class 5 insurance rating, somebody with a \$100,000 home pays about \$500 a year in fire insurance. Without the fire department, the insurance would be \$1,700.

He said as to racial diversity, while Hertford may have one black firefighter, Elizabeth City has seven even though it's had a black fire chief and their department is paid. Edenton has two black firefighters.

Eley said he's sad to see the way the council works now since the election.

"I have to apologize more than I ever want to," Eley said.

Councilman Frank Norman said Hertford can use Edenton and Elizabeth City as guides, but he wants to see Hertford do better.

"We want to be better, to the best Hertford can be. We can and should address diversity," Norman said.

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said. "She was asking people to bring chili from home, an unapproved food source. Moving forward we decided they could do it legally."

Morgan said the health rules that govern food service at private venues like The Crawfish Shack are designed "to protect the public's health and protect the owners." The rules don't apply to churches and civic groups, he noted.

Hunter said the last thing she wanted to do was create a problem for The Crawfish

Shack.

"I said, 'Look if there is a problem with the path we're going on, I will cancel the damn thing right now,'" she said.

Morgan said the issue of Hunter's fundraiser came up during a meeting of regional health officials. He said after he mentioned that The Crawfish Shack was a nice place, one of his fellow health officials pulled the facility's website up on the internet. The discussion about Hunter's fundraiser started after officials saw the chili cook-off fundraiser being advertised on the site, he said.

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for the machines.

"We're at a standstill," Hunter said.

She said she enjoys working in the elections office.

"There is a lot to do and it can be stressful, but I like it," Hunter said.

Hunter got more time adjusting to life in the elections office than her predecessor did.

Banks was hired August 2014 in preparation for the retirement of Eula Mae Reid. When Reid retired the next month, Banks took over the job as director.

In her resignation letter, Banks recommended Hunter for the job.

"I would like to fully recommend that Holly Hunter be my replacement. She has been working with me for over a year and in preparation for my departure, I have already begun her training."

Banks also thanked the county for the opportunity.

"I have gained valuable knowledge, experience and several great relationships while I have been here," Banks wrote. "For that I could not be more grateful."

The first election this year is the primary set for May 8.




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PUBLIC NOTICE



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Property owners, residents and other interested parties may review this item during normal business hours before the public meeting at the Perquimans County Planning & Zoning Office, at 104 Dobbs Street, Hertford, NC, or call 252-426-2027 or email rhondamoney@perquimanscountync.gov for more information. You may make comments at the meeting and/or provide written comments. If you are unable to attend the meeting but wish to make comments for the Board's consideration, please do so in writing by 12 noon the day before the meeting.

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Please pay your taxes now to avoid additional interest and penalties.

Bill Jennings
Perquimans County Tax Administrator



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