

## OBITUARIES

### Jessie W. Williams

BELVIDERE - Jessie Mae Winslow Williams, 97, of 231 Ridge Road, Belvidere, died peacefully at her residence on Thursday, November 8, 2018.

A native of Perquimans County, she was born on November 6, 1921 and was the daughter of Jesse Thomas Winslow, Sr. and Mary Elizabeth Chappell Winslow.

A beloved wife & mother and a dotting grandmother & great-grandmother, Mrs. Williams leaves behind a legacy of deep love and devotion to her family. She was a dedicated farmer's wife, passionate homemaker, and loyal caregiver to many. A longtime member of Up River Friends Meeting, she served on several committees in her earlier years and especially enjoyed her time teaching children's Sunday school.

Mrs. Williams was preceded in death by four sisters: Allie Winslow, Clarine Winslow, Delsie White, and Millie Eder; a brother: Jesse Thomas (J.T.) Winslow, Jr.; two brothers-in-law: Dorus Copeland and Edmond White; a granddaughter: Staci Crain.

She is survived by her loving husband of 73 years, Herbert Lee Williams, Jr. They were married on March 17, 1945. She is also survived by a sister: Blannie Copeland of Tyner; a brother-in-law: Paul Eder of Winter Park, FL; two daughters: Phyllis Watts (Kenny) of Raleigh and Darlene Benton of Charleston, SC; two sons: David Williams (Annette) and Kelvin Williams of Belvidere; seven grandchildren: Thomas Crain (Angela) of Willow Spring and Amanda Thompson (Brad) of Wake Forest; Melanie Hebert of Augusta, GA and Trevor Benton (Ashley) of Greenville, SC; Lynette Sawyer (Kevin), Ashley Williams (Katie), and Tina Williams, all of Belvidere; fifteen great-grandchildren: Joseph, Wilson, and Griffin Crain of Willow Spring; Chase, Spencer, Blake, and Grant Thompson of Wake Forest; Ricky and Zach Hebert of Augusta, GA; Jackson and Molly Benton of Greenville, SC; and Jacob and Leah Sawyer, Nathan and Luke Williams, all of Belvidere.

A special thank you to Dr. Karl Brandspigel, for his many years of care and concern, and to Albemarle Home Care and Hospice, for their recent kindness and support.

A memorial service was held Monday, November 12, at 11:00am at Up River Friends Meeting by Pastor Chuck Hartman. Friends greeted the family in the church fellowship hall immediately following the service and all other times at the home. An inurnment will be scheduled in the Up River Cemetery at a later date when the love of her life joins her.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Children's and Youth Ministry of Up River Friends Meeting, in care of Julian Baker, 154 Community Bldg. Road, Belvidere, NC 27919.

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](http://www.millerfhc.com).

### Betty G. Matthews

HERTFORD - Alpha Betty Godfrey Matthews, 93, formerly of West Grubb Street, passed away on Friday, November 9, 2018, in Elizabeth City Health & Rehabilitation.

Mrs. Matthews was born in Perquimans County on October 10, 1925, and was the daughter of the late Abraham Lincoln "Abe" Godfrey, Sr. and Carra Ward Godfrey. A homemaker, she was a member of Cedar Grove United Methodist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Edward "Ned" Matthews, Jr.; sisters, Marie G. Deal, Agnes G. Ivey, Gezelda G. Gurkin, Katherine G. Byrum, Daphna G. Lane, and Frances G. Spivey, and a brother, Abe L. Godfrey, Jr.

Surviving are two daughters, Dianne M. McPherson and husband, Douglas, and Linda M. Bright and husband, William Douglas, all of Elizabeth City; a son, Walter Ken Matthews and wife, Cheryl, of Hertford; a sister, Jean G. Cartwright and husband, Edward Lee, of Elizabeth City; a sister-in-law, Doris Godfrey of Hertford; seven grandchildren, April Jones (Matt) of Apex, Joseph "Joey" Overman (Amanda) of Clayton, Dawn Overman-Beamon (Albert) of Holly Springs, Kimberly Powell (Lee) of South Mills, Craig Matthews (Jessica) of Hertford, Jason Matthews of Hertford, and Kaitlyn Birch of Hertford; and ten great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Monday at 2:00 p.m. in the Miller & Van Essendelft Funeral Chapel and was conducted by the Rev. Carroll Bundy. A private burial followed in Cedarwood Cemetery. Friends joined the family in the funeral home immediately following the chapel service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Cedar Grove U.M.C., in care of Monica Thornton, 418 Lake Road, Hertford, NC 27944, or to the Alzheimer's Association, Eastern NC Chapter, 5171 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27612.

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation to staff of Elizabeth City Health & Rehab, for the wonderful care and comfort given to their loved one during her period of declining health.

Online condolences may be made by visiting [www.millerfhc.com](http://www.millerfhc.com).



### Katherine O. Godfrey

HERTFORD - Katherine Ownley "Maw" Godfrey, 79, of 517 Castleton Drive, passed away on Thursday, November 8, 2018.

Mrs. Godfrey was born in Elizabeth City on October 9, 1939, and was the daughter of the late David Cain and Beatrice Dail Ownley. Formerly employed as a Case Worker with the Department of Social Services, she had also owned Memory Dolls in Elizabeth City, where she even enjoyed playing with the dolls in the shop, especially her favorite doll, Ruth. She was a longtime and faithful member of Berea Church of Christ.

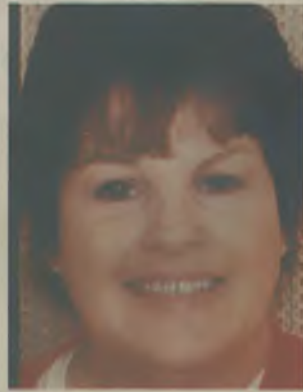
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, David "Pep" Godfrey.

Surviving are her husband and the love of her life for 62 years, Preston Godfrey; their children, Mickey Godfrey (wife Sharon), Kathy Fairfax (husband Doug), Angie Dawson (husband Randy), and Chris Godfrey; her brothers, Sam and Wesley Ownley and their families; her grandsons, Everett Meads (wife Cassie), Eric and Corey Midgett, Perry Dawson, and Christopher "Cain" Godfrey. Katherine also leaves six beautiful great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, November 18th, at 2:00 p.m. in Berea Church of Christ, and will be conducted by the Rev. Perry Dawson. A private family burial service will follow in the church cemetery. Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Saturday, November 17th, from 2 to 4 pm at Katherine and Preston's home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in her memory be directed to the Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) at Berea Church of Christ, 1664 New Hope Road, Hertford, NC 27944, to support their work in missions.

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### Denise W. Ellis

EDENTON - Denise Mann Winslow "Denney" Ellis, 56, passed away on Monday, November 5, 2018, in Vidant Chowan Hospital.

"Denney" was from Perquimans County, and was the daughter of Elva Mann Winslow of Hertford, and the late Cecil Edward Winslow. A graduate of Elizabeth City State University with a Bachelor's of Science in Education, she was a former teacher in the Edenton-Chowan School System, having taught kindergarten at both the White Oak and D.F. Walker schools. She was a member of Edenton Baptist Church.

In addition to her mother, survivors include two daughters, Kimberly Ann Skipper and husband, Chris, of Hertford, and Marisa Scott Ellis of Edenton; a brother, Buck Winslow of Raleigh; two sisters, Linda W. Speary and husband, Cabe, of Edenton, and Suzanne W. Phelps and husband, Mike, of Roper; four grandchildren, Landyn, Nathan, Brayden, and Grace; two nephews, Dylan Phelps and Jackson Speary; and all of her many special friends.

A memorial service was held Thursday at 4:00 p.m. in the chapel of Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, 735 Virginia Road, Edenton, and was officiated by the Revs. David Brooks, Gary Stanley, and Thomas Biggs. A private burial will be on the family plot in Cedarwood Cemetery in Hertford.

Friends joined the family Wednesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home, and all other times at her mother's home, 723 Gaston Drive, Hertford.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the National Ataxia Foundation, 600 Highway 169 South, Suite 1725, Minneapolis, MN 55426, or online at [www.ataxia.org](http://www.ataxia.org).

Online condolences may be made by visiting [www.millerfhc.com](http://www.millerfhc.com).



### Jacqueline Faye Bunch Ward

#### "Jackie"

TYNER - Jacqueline Faye Bunch "Jackie" Ward, 75, of 355 Ryland Road, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, November 11, 2018, from her home where she was surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Ward was born in Chowan County on November 8, 1943, and was the daughter of the late Otto Enmit Bunch and Novella Winslow Bunch Perry. A homemaker, she was a member of Happy Home Pentecostal Holiness Church, its Young at Heart group, had served as a teacher for Lifeliners and the Beginners Sunday School Class, and as long as her health permitted, she volunteered in the nursery where she especially loved rocking the little babies. In earlier years she had also served as a 4-H leader. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, H. Ivey Ward, Jr.; her step-father, James Lawrence Perry; and a brother, Horace McCoy Bunch.

Surviving are her daughter, Debbie Byrum and husband, Johnny; two sons, Ivey Ward, III and Jason Ward, all of Tyner; two sisters, Patricia Parks and husband, Eddie, of Belvidere, and Gail Copeland and husband, Don, of Tyner; a brother, Billy Bunch and wife, Barbara, of Granite City, IL; a sister-in-law, Yvonne Ward of Tyner; and five grandchildren, Kallie Byrum, Gabrielle Bunch and husband, Nick, Chase Ward, Hayden Ward, and Tylor Winslow.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in Happy Home Pentecostal Holiness Church, and will be conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Walter Byrum. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Friends may join the family at the residence.

Flowers are welcomed, or memorial contributions may be made to Albemarle Home Care & Hospice, 208 Hastings Lane, Elizabeth City, NC 27909.

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The Museum of The Albemarle will hold a workshop on decorating on Saturday.

## Museum to hold decorating workshop

**From Staff Reports** The Museum of the Albemarle will hold a workshop called "Deck Those Halls" on Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon.

Using metal containers of various styles and faux greenery, participants can create an arrangement that is both modern and vintage. Letters spelling out the word 'Joy' or words including 'Merry' and 'Peace' can be added as well. A selection of metal containers has been collected including farmhouse, vintage, and modern. Participants may choose from those as soon as their registration and payment are received. Each project will be individualized by choice of containers, letters, words, and ribbon if desired.

All supplies will be provided in the workshop fee. The price includes a catered lunch by Kathy's Creations.

No prior decorating experience is necessary. The workshop is designed for adults or teens and is suitable for club or groups on an alternate date.

Pre-registration and payment is required. Registration forms and container selection are available on our website [www.MuseumoftheAlbemarle.com](http://www.MuseumoftheAlbemarle.com) and at the museum. The fee is \$45 per person or \$40 for FOMOA members.

Space is limited. For more information call 335-1453.

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