

OBITUARIES

Grover Franklin Morton, Sr.

HERTFORD - Grover Franklin Morton, Sr., 88, of 111 Skinner Road, passed away Saturday, May 23, 2020 in his home where he was surrounded by his family.



Mr. Morton was born in Onslow County on September 23, 1931, and was the son of the late Major Evans and Ada Dixon Morton. A retired supervisor from the Harvey Point Special Testing Activity Base, he was a member of Burgess Baptist Church, and enjoyed membership in both Lodge #463 of Woodmen of the World, and Gideons International.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wives, Ruth Davis Morton and Audrey Copeland Ayscue Morton; a daughter, JoAnn Bray; a grandson, Chris Morton; a great-grandson, Cary Noyes; and by numerous sisters and brothers.

Surviving are his two daughters, Rose Knight and Sarah Benge (Roy), both of Hertford; a son, Grover "Buck" Morton, Jr. (Robin) of Goldsboro; two sisters, Sherry Brown of Jacksonville and Mary Bonson of Idaho. Also surviving are Audrey's children, Audrey Jo Holland (Bobby) and Donald Ayscue (Debbie), both of Hertford. Together Grover and Audrey shared numerous grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in Burgess Baptist Church, and were conducted by Pastor Bill Thorn. Graveside services will be held Thursday at 3:00 p.m. in Onslow Memorial Park, 3280 Richlands Hwy., Jacksonville, NC. Friends may join the family at the residence.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made either to Gideons International, PO Box 772, Edenton, NC 27932 or to Woodmen of the World, in care of Ray Bowen, 1724 Barber Road, Jamesville, NC 27846.

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).

Margaret Lilly

ELIZABETH CITY - Margaret Ogle Huskey Lilly, 83, of W. Main Street, passed away Monday, May 18, 2020 in her home.



Mrs. Lilly was born in Sevier County, TN, on August 21, 1936, and was the daughter of the late Archie Nelson and Hattie Mae King Ogle. A loving mother and "Nanny" to her family, she attended Symons Creek Tabernacle, was active with Relay for Life, and also volunteered with Meals on Wheels. Other enjoyments included playing shuffleboard in which she was a multi-trophy winner.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William P. Lilly; a son-in-law, Edward Adkins; sisters, Helen Sawyer, and Christine Farr; and by brothers, Frank, Ralph, Ted, James, Ronnie, John, and Eugene Ogle.

Surviving are her three daughters Linda H. Denny (Robert), Brenda H. Davis (Tom) and Sandra H. Adkins; a sister, Barbara Burgess (David); a brother, Donnie Ogle (Marge); seven grandchildren, Kellie, Heather, Sommer, David Jr., Kaytee, Chris, and Kelsey; 18 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

A memorial service for immediate family was held Thursday, May 21, 2020 in the Miller & Van Essendelft Funeral Chapel, 1125 Harvey Point Road, Hertford. Inurnment followed in West Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends joined the family for a time of visitation Wednesday, May 20, 2020 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the home of her granddaughter, Sommer, 982 Chapanoke Road, Hertford.

Memorial contributions may be made to any chapter of Relay for Life.

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

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Beyond the Books: Splendid and Vile

BY MICHELE LAWRENCE  
Perquimans Librarian



MICHELE LAWRENCE

Our first week back to the library since our COVID-19 related closure has so far been successful.

Perquimans County Library staff and support are working to ensure the materials being checked out are handled according to the American Library Association recommendations to reduce any potential contamination from viruses. We are quarantining returned materials for longer

than the recommended 72 hours before being checked in.

As we actually start the curbside pickup service, small details may change but currently patrons are limited to five items available from Perquimans County Library per card and our staff members will call to set up a time for you to arrive at the

library. We are really happy to be back. We've missed our patrons.

We've had a couple people ask if we are getting new books. I am happy to say yes! This week, we received mostly children's books but there are many more headed our way.

If you have a computer, keep an eye on our online catalog (<http://www.pettigrew.lib.nc.us:8080/#>).

**New books:**  
Juvenile non-fiction:  
Explore the United States series  
The Big Book of Experi-

ments - Dr. Kate Biberdorf  
Picture books/early reader: Swim, Mo, Swim - David Adler

In My Garden - Charlotte Zolotow

Adult non-fiction: 999 : The Extraordinary Young Women of the First Official Jewish Transport to

Auschwitz - Heather Dune Macadam  
Splendid and the Vile - Erik Larson

Successful Aging - Daniel J. Levitin  
Adult fiction: It's Not All Downhill from Here - Terry McMillan

LAYTON

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30 participants in the Rotary Club's Zoom meeting this morning. The club's members were impressed with their perseverance and professionalism.

Per critters, eyewitness accounts from Sunday report that fire ants have set up shop again at Missing Mill Park among other places, so be careful. Last year, fire ants attacked a woman and her dog during a rabies vaccination clinic at the park. Woman was seriously injured and her dog died. Lawsuit? Watch where you step.

In other news, Perquimans Schools Director of Career Technical Education Jill and Larry Cohen traveled via sailboat to Manteo during the Memorial Day weekend. That's an amazing trip.

During long "reaches" in the Sound, you won't see many homes along the shorelines. And long spots in the Intercoastal Waterway between the Pungo and Alligator Rivers are totally isolated except for the occasional boater. Clears the mind's traffic. Sandy beaches abound in some shoreline spots in Sound. Depth can be a factor when approaching these coves. And it's always smart to pay attention to the wind.

Saw Albemarle Plantation Marina recently. Impressive. Gas is available there which is something when you are traveling out and about. The importance of mathematics comes into play when conjuring up equations to determine how much fuel is needed to travel from point A to point B when gas stations are few and far between



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Newly commissioner Army officer, Second Lt. Robert Beauchamp Jr., gives his first salute to his father, Reverend Robert Beauchamp Sr.

between the ports near the Sound.

About a year or so ago, Zeb Daneker of Daneker Marine of Harvey Point Road did some work on our sailboat. A top marine mechanic and hard worker, Daneker worked alongside his father to repair the boat where my sons and I sleep and fish from time to time. Thank-you!

When Ocracoke opens back up for real, I'm hoping to sail there with the family for a few days, perhaps kayak between the barrier islands, God willing.

Saturday, while my daughter and I found an isolated spot when deciding where to launch the kayaks near an abandoned bait shop in Snug Harbor by the Yeopim River, we didn't notice a long, very long, thick cottonmouth water moccasin sunning himself in the grass.

As soon as the coiled snake saw us, he quickly slithered into the muddy water. The jolt to my senses after seeing one of those snakes in the morning is equivalent to drinking three cups of coffee with a Red Bull chaser.

Deciding that we didn't want to tempt fate, we took our kayaks up to the Pasquotank River for a long trip. Saw two sailboats pass beneath the raised draw bridge crossing the river downtown Elizabeth City. Was a good weekend to be on the water. Hot dog place downtown is closed. That kitchen serves Mexican food now.

Last thing about Snug Harbor, there was a sailboat listed for sale (free) in that neck of the woods. I'm looking for a used sunfish or "beater" boat that I can sail in the Sound. Though I can fake my way

around navigating our sailboat, I'd rather learn "how to drive" in a "used car" where there is less stress about denting the fenders or scraping the paint. That way when I'm ready to sail to Bermuda, I'll know a little more about well... everything.

Anyway, while trying to relocate that sailboat's listing on social media, I met Kim Lindly Howell, president of the Snug Harbor Property Owner's Association. Good person to know so as to connect with news tips in that neck of the woods.

Longtime Perquimans Weekly columnist Claude Milot is working on his memoirs. Based on one chapter he shared, this may make for some interesting reading.

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FALLEN

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Harris - Rominger told the Perquimans Weekly that he struck up a conversation with the teen as he was walking by the courthouse Monday. Harris said he had been practicing Taps, which was fortuitous since the Memorial Day service

needed a bugler, albeit Pirates' saxophone star. Guided by God's hand, Harris played the somber tune that echoes an eternity.

Commander Caporale and Post 362 Commander Reggie White wish to express their appreciation for the support and help of Legion members, volunteers and the community.

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ty with distancing and cleaning requirements; personal care businesses, including salons and barbers, at 50% capacity with distancing and cleaning requirements; pools at 50% capacity with distancing and cleaning requirements. Employees of personal care businesses will be required to

wear face coverings. Childcare facilities, day camps and overnight camps will be open with enhanced cleaning and screening requirements. Retail businesses allowed to open in Phase 1 at 50% capacity will continue at that level. Public health recommendations are provided for worship services to practice enhanced social distancing and other cleaning and hygiene practices.

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