

Obituaries

Cotton Stafford

Jimmy Rodger "Cotton" Stafford, 66, of Mooresville, died Saturday, Sept. 15, 2001 at his home following a five-week battle with bone cancer.

Born Oct. 15, 1934 in Alexander County to the late Sippy and Vera Ruffy Stafford, he was retired from the maintenance department of Brian Center.

Mr. Stafford was married to Dorothy Yost Stafford, who preceded him in death in July, 1993.

Two brothers, Will and Tom Stafford, and two sisters, Pauline Stowe and Louise Isenhour, also preceded him in death.

He is survived by a son, David Lee Stafford of Clemmons; a daughter, Pauline "Penny" Helen Stafford of Mooresville; four brothers, Gih, Rod and Bob Stafford, all of Mooresville and Ray Stafford of Statesville; three sisters, Betty Coggins and Lonnie Brotherton, both of Mooresville, and Shirley Jordan of Waxhaw; and a grandson.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 18 at Mooresville Church of God. Burial was in Glenwood Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Iredell County, 403 E. Statesville Ave., Mooresville, N.C., 28115.

Ann Judge

Ann Campana Judge, 49, of Great Falls, Va., manager of the National Geographic Society Travel Office, died Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001 on American Airlines Flight 77 while traveling on an NGS-sponsored educational field trip to the Channel Islands.

Born in New York City, Ms. Judge was a native of West Hempstead, N.Y., graduating from West Hempstead High School in 1969. She attended Ohio Wesleyan University where she served as president of Delta Delta Delta Sorority in 1972. Graduating in 1973 with a degree in fine arts, she turned to a career in travel, first with Sun Line Cruises and then with American Express, both headquartered in New York City.

Ms. Judge moved to Washington D.C. and began her career at the NGS's corporate travel office. During her 22 years at the National Geographic Society, educational trips such as this one supplemented her job of dispatching the society's photographers, writers and executives to all corners of the world.

She was married in 1978 to Geoffrey James Judge, who survives.

Surviving in addition to her husband are her mother, Ruth Campana of Mooresville; a sister, Ellen Campana Weaver of Chantilly, Va.; and a brother, Michael Campana of Albuquerque, N.M.

A celebration of her life was held at the Vienna Presbyterian Church in Vienna, Va., on Monday, Sept. 17.

Memorial donations may be made to the National Geographic Society's Geography Education Program or to the American Cancer Society.

Clara Burgess

Clara Greene Burgess, 90, of Mooresville, died Friday, Sept. 14, 2001 at her home.

Born Sept. 28, 1910 in Watauga County to the late Jeremy Hampton and Nellie Watson Greene, Mrs. Burgess was a retired employee of Burlington Mills in Mooresville and a longtime member of First Baptist Church and a member of the "XYZ" Club.

Mrs. Burgess was married to Olin Herbert Burgess, who preceded her in death.

Three brothers, Hamp, Grant and Neal Greene, also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Burgess is survived by nieces and nephews, Harris Greene of Mount Airy, Dr. Bob Greene of Winston-Salem, Linda Avery of Plumtree, Frances Bellew of Serma, S.C. and Neal Greene Jr. of Asheville.

Funeral services were held Monday, Sept. 17 at First Baptist Church, with burial in Iredell Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 150 S. Church St., Mooresville, N.C., 28115 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Rebecca Kistler

Rebecca Barber Kistler, 79, of Mooresville died Friday, Sept. 14, 2001 at Genesis ElderCare in Mooresville.

Born March 16, 1922 in Rowan County to the late Joseph Graham and Mary Elizabeth Turner Barber, Mrs. Kistler was a homemaker and a member of Thyatira Presbyterian Church in Salisbury where she was a Sunday School teacher. She was a graduate of China Grove High School.

Mrs. Kistler was married to William Herron Kistler Sr., who preceded her in death.

A sister, Margaret Barber, and two brother, Joe and Wilson Barber, also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Kistler is survived by two sons, Bill Kistler of Mooresville and Eddie Kistler of Statesville; two brothers, Bob Barber of Cleveland and Tom Barber of Jackson, Miss.; two sisters, Helen B. Chandler of Troutman and Mary Ruth Barber of Mooresville; and three step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Sept. 16 at the Cavin-Cook Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Glenwood Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Iredell County, 2347 Simonton Road, Statesville, N.C., 28625.

David Thompson

David Ward Thompson, 58, of Huntersville, died Friday, Sept. 15, 2001 at Lake Norman Regional Medical Center.

Born Dec. 19, 1942 in Athens County, Ohio, to Maxine Goldsberry Thompson Potter of Smithfield, Tenn., and the late William Henry Thompson, he was a member of Northside Baptist Church and was retired from Duke Power Company after 19 years of service.

Surviving, in addition to his mother, are a son, Jonathan Thompson of Huntersville; two daughters, Candace Thompson of Huntersville and Krislin Thompson of Charlotte; and three brothers, Dennis, Patrick and Dana Potter, all of Tennessee.

Funeral services were held Monday, Sept. 17, in the chapel at Northside Baptist Church. Burial followed in Gethsemane Memorial Gardens.

Melvin Johnson

Melvin Clement Johnson, 75, of Mooresville, died Thursday, Sept. 13, 2001.

Born Dec. 5, 1925 in Mecklenburg County to the late Charlie M. and Carrie Winecoff Johnson, he was a lifetime member of Shearer Presbyterian Church, where he served as elder and deacon. Mr. Johnson retired from Burlington Industries after 45 years of service. During his retirement, he mowed yards and delivered firewood. A Bronze Star recipient, Mr. Johnson served in World War II.

He was married for more than 40 years to Lucille "Boots" Nance Johnson, who preceded him in death.

He is survived by a son, Roger Johnson of Mooresville; a daughter, Peggy Meeks of Mooresville; three sisters, Rosie Lee Johnson of Davidson and Ruth Ervin and Susie Eagle, both of Mooresville; and a grandson.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 15, at Shearer Presbyterian Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to Shearer Presbyterian Church Board of Deacons, 684 Presbyterian Road, Mooresville, N.C., 28115.

Everett Benton

Everett Sewell Benton, 85, of Cornelius, died Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001 at Lake Norman Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Benton was a member of First Baptist Church in Estero, Fla. For 40 years, he lived in Fort Myers, Fla., then Lexington, Ky. and, over the past few years, in Mooresville. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge 357 in Fort Myers.

He is survived by a son, Hurl "Dean" Benton of Cornelius; a daughter, Joyce Ann White of Alva, Fla.; a brother, Gilbert Benton of Lexington, Ky.; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens.

Brenda Lightsey

Brenda Louise Lightsey, 53, of Huntersville, died Friday, Sept. 14, 2001 at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

Born Jan. 22, 1948 in Terre Haute, Ind. to Bob and Violet Duffee Adams of Virginia, Mrs. Lightsey was a graduate of Western High School Class of 1966 in Washington, D.C. and was employed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for 33 years.

She was married to Francis "Frank" Leroy Lightsey, who survives. Surviving in addition to her husband and her parents are a son, Francis L. Lightsey II of Charlotte; a daughter, Rebecca Reid of Mocksville; a brother, David Adams of Virginia; and a granddaughter.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 18 in the Raymer Funeral Home Chapel, with burial in Forest Lawn West Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Breast Cancer Research, 500 E. Morehead St., Suite 211, Charlotte, N.C., 28202.

Estelle Pope

Talice "Estelle" Duckworth Pope, 93, of Stanley died Friday, Sept. 14, 2001 at Presbyterian Wesley Care Center in Stanley.

Born March 4, 1908 in Lincoln County to the late Monroe Price and Carlisle Holsclaw Duckworth, Mrs. Pope was a homemaker and a lifelong member of Salem United Methodist Church.

She was married to Jesse A. Pope, who preceded her in death. Two sons also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Pope is survived by a son, Johnny G. Pope of Stanley; a daughter, Hazel P. Armstrong of Stanley; her stepmother, Louise Jones Duckworth of Denver; a sister, Gladys Duckworth Jackson of Gastonia; and a grandson.

Funeral services were held Monday, Sept. 17 at Raymer Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was at the Hills Chapel United Methodist Church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Salem United Methodist Church, 378 North Pilot Knob Road, Denver, N.C., 28037.

Zemerie Graham

Zemerie L. Graham, 80, of Cornelius, died Saturday, Sept. 15, 2001 at University Hospital in Charlotte.

Funeral services are planned for 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 at the Ebenezer United Methodist Church of Denver and burial will be in the National Cemetery in Salisbury.

A public viewing will be held today (Wednesday) from 1-9 p.m. at the Lake Norman Funeral Services in Huntersville. Bryant Lytle Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Margaret Goodrum

Margaret Lovenia Goodrum, 90, of Bradenton, Fla., formerly of Chapel Hill, died Friday, Sept. 7, 2001 in Bradenton, Fla.

Born Nov. 23, 1910 in Mecklenburg County to the late Phillip Kelly and Ella Jane Washam Goodrum, she grew up in Cornelius. She received her BS degree in nursing from Duke University. A major in the Army Nursing Corps and a veteran of World War II, she was a nurse for the Veterans Administration for 25 years. Miss Goodrum was a former charter member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Chapel Hill.

Miss Goodrum is survived by a sister, Addie Mae Summerville of Davidson; five nephews, Jeff Sharp, Philip Wally Kenneth and Kelly Summerville and Bill Caldwell; a niece, Lovenia Summerville of Davidson; great nieces and nephews and great-grand nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by sisters, Nita Caldwell, Elizabeth Sherrill, Grace Wally and Laura Sharp, and a niece, Jane Garner. A memorial graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 21 at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Zion United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, 19600 Zion St., Cornelius, N.C., 28031.

Leanna Pecorella

Leanna Iris Pecorella, infant daughter of Marc Alan and Christine Lee Pecorella of Huntersville, died Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2001 at Carolinas Medical Center.

Also surviving are a brother, Dominic Lee Pecorella of the home, paternal grandparents, Patricia Pecorella of Rochester, N.Y. and Alan Pecorella, residing overseas; and maternal grandmother, Louise Ann Lee of Williamsville, N.Y.

The family will receive friends today (Wednesday) Sept. 19, from 7-8:30 p.m. at Raymer Funeral Home in Huntersville. No service is scheduled.

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Eye of the Tribune

By Juanita Davis

Poetry update

In last week's Eye of the Tribune, a poem on a memorial marker in the cemetery of St. James Episcopal Church was used. It was that of John M. Gardner, born in 1835 and he was a private in the Confederate Army. He died on Feb. 28, 1864.

The poem was written by Pvt. Gardner's widow, Sarah Ann Mills Gardner, who Ruby Morrow of Mooresville identified as the great-grandmother of her mother, the late Sarah Margaret Westmoreland Crouch. Ruby was so excited about this that she immediately sent copies to other relatives.

Crossing the finish line

The committee members of the Mooresville Relay for Life are to be commended for doing a great job of coordinating the all-night Friday and Saturday morning event at the Mooresville Middle School Stadium. Many folks had set up tents for the 24-hour stay and others came to participate during the evening. Cancer survivors started the relay and the many supporters followed while various entertainment groups performed. Hundreds of luminarias in memory or in honor of persons outlined the track and other luminarias spelled out HOPE in the bleachers. It was an awesome sight and truly touched the hearts of those in attendance.

Church Football

Football season is underway and Mooresville folks truly are fantastic supporters of the local football program. This leads up to an item I received from a reader and it concerns Church Football which calls attention to various football plays within our spiritual life. I thought you might get a good lesson from it as well as a chuckle.

Bench warmer — Those who do not sing, pray, work or apparently do anything but sit. **Quarter sneak** — Church members quietly leaving during the invitation.

Draw play — What many children do with the bulletin during worship.

Half time — The period between Sunday School and Worship when many choose to leave.

Back field in motion — Making a trip to the back (restroom or water fountain) repeatedly during the service.

Staying in the pocket — What happens to a lot of money that should be given to the Lord's work.

Instant replay — The preacher loses his notes and falls back on last week's illustrations.

Trap — You're called on to pray and are asleep.

End run — Getting out quick, without speaking to any guest or fellow member.

Flex defense — The ability to allow absolutely nothing said during the service to affect your life.

Blitz — The rush for the restaurants following the closing prayer.

Two-minute warning — The point at which you realize the sermon is almost over and begin to gather up your children and belongings.

Half back option — The decision of 75 percent of the congregation not to return for the evening service.

Sudden death — What happens to the attention span of the congregation if the preacher goes "over time."

While I'm on the subject of church I had a card from a former Mooresville resident and one many of you know, Susie Barnett, now living in Greensboro, and a faithful reader of the Mooresville Tribune. She enclosed a booklet entitled "Forbidden Fruit Creates Many Jams — Roadside Church Signs Across America" by Mary Katherine and David Compton. I just want to share a sample or two:

"God's lease on life never expires"
"If you can't see the bright side, polish the dull side."

"Long-standing troubles? Try kneeling."
"A church alive is worth the drive."

To share your fun times, simple hobbies, quick ideas and recipes, call me at 704-664-5554; fax 664-3614 or write P.O. Box 300, Mooresville, N.C., 28115.

Making a joyful noise

The Joyful Hearts Trio, made up of (from left) David Martin, Carson Gore and Mike McDaniels, will sing praises for the Lord at Cascade Baptist Church on Sunday, Sept. 23, at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and worship through music.

Stork report

Travis and Regina Kutschenko Rominger, of East Bend, announce the birth of a daughter, Caitlin Madison, on June 1, 2001 at Forsyth Medical Center. She weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 20 inches in length.

Grandparents are Uwe and Anita Kutschenko of Mooresville and Barbara Coffey of Mulberry. Great-grandparents are David and Louise Belk and Margaret Kutschenko of Mooresville and great-great-grandfather Howard Bostian of Davidson.

Jason and Melissa Brandon of Mooresville announce the birth of a son, Justin Phillip, on July 30, 2001 at Lake Norman Regional Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds, 46 ounces and measured 21.5 inches in length.

Grandparents are Roger and Carolyn Sutherland and Steven and Donna Brandon.

Nathan Grissom of Salisbury and Cameron Richardson of China Grove announce the birth of a son, Nathan Devon Grissom, on Aug. 16, 2001 at Northeast Hospital in Concord. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 21.5 inches.

Grandparents are Tim and Gina Platt of China Grove, Michael and Debbie Grissom of Salisbury and Richie Richardson of Mooresville; great-grandparents Butch Overcash of Mooresville, Candace Manning of Myrtle Beach, S.C., Leeroy and Gaynelle Redwine Jr. of Rose M. Stewart and Arnold Burleson, all of Salisbury and great-grandparents Virgil and Martha Overcash of Mooresville.

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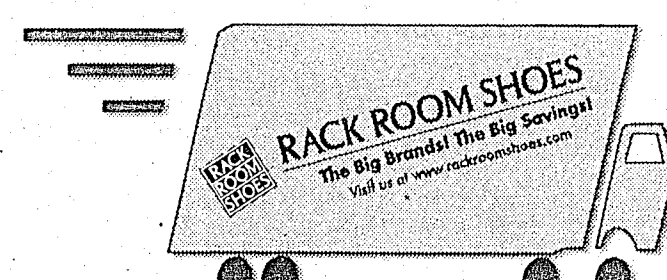
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