

Obituaries

Ruby Freeze

Ruby Mundy Freeze, 79, of Mooresville died Saturday, Aug. 11, 2001 at Lake Norman Regional Medical Center.
Born Aug. 17, 1921 in Mecklenburg County to the late Oliver Dock and Addie Hager Mundy. Mrs. Freeze worked for Burlington Industries as a cloth inspector for 43 years. She was an active member of Southside Baptist Church where she was a Sunday school teacher, a member of the Prayer Group II, in the WMU, the Sunshine Club, and sang in the church choir.
She was married to Hillard Ray Freeze, who preceded her in death.

One son, Phillip Ray Freeze; one sister, Hattie Mundy Stilwell; and four brothers, Cpl. Craig L. Mundy, Grady W. Mundy, E.W. Mundy and O.D. Mundy, all preceded her in death.

Mrs. Freeze is survived by a son, Craig B. Freeze of Mooresville; a sister, Crosby Mundy Turner of Ypsilanti, Mich.; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Aug. 13, at Southside Baptist Church. Burial followed in Glenwood Memorial Park.
Memorials may be made to Southside Baptist Church, 525 S. Broad Street, Mooresville, N.C. 28115.

Jean Overcash

Gloria Jean Robinson Overcash, 51, of Mooresville died Sunday, Aug. 12, 2001 at Lake Norman Regional Medical Center.
Born July 17, 1950 in Iredell County to the late Jack and Mildred Cockrell Robinson. Mrs. Overcash was a hairdresser and the owner/operator of The Hair Event. She was a member of Knox Chapel United Methodist Church in Cleveland and attended Mt. Mourne Church of God in Mt. Mourne.

She was married on Feb. 7, 1969 to Gary Overcash, who survives.

Surviving in addition to her husband are a daughter, Tiffany O. Abernathy; a son, Gary Overcash, Jr., both of Mooresville; two sisters, Phyllis Deery of Charlotte, and Emma Rhyne of Lincolnton; and three grandchildren.

Private funeral services will be conducted today (Wednesday), Aug. 15, with the Rev. Lawrence Owenby officiating. Burial will be in Glenwood Memorial Park.

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

Sam Stapleton

Albert "Sam" Clark Stapleton, 70, of Mt. Ulla, died Friday, Aug. 10, 2001 at his residence.

Born on Aug. 1, 1931 in Webster County, Ga., he was the son of the late Albert C. and Mildred Denard Stapleton. Mr. Stapleton was a retired tool maker for General Time Corporation. He was a Korean War veteran having served as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. He was an active member of Cleveland First Baptist Church, Cleveland and a member of Smith Masonic Lodge 85 AF&AM of Georgia.

He was married on Sept. 8, 1956 to Mattie Jamieson Stapleton, who survives.

Two sisters, Sara S. Gunnels and Ruth S. Harmon, preceded him in death.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Stapleton is survived by three sons, S. Clark Stapleton of Davidson, Mike Stapleton of Statesville, and Greg Stapleton of Mt. Ulla; two sisters, Ruby S. Gunnels of Montgomery, Ala. and Joyce S. Daniel of Richland, Ga.; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Aug. 12 at Cleveland First Baptist Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.
Memorials may be made to Hospice of Iredell County, 403 E. Statesville Ave., Mooresville, N.C. 28115 and/or Cleveland First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 343, Cleveland, N.C. 27013.

Betty Newman

Betty Clara Newman, 68, of Mooresville died Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2001 at her home.

Born on March 12, 1933 in Rowan County, she was the daughter of Della Rasmussen Clary of Mooresville and the late William Graham Clary. She was a former office manager for Royal Typewriter in Charlotte and bookkeeper for the family business, Newman Building Co. Mrs. Newman was a member of Back Creek Presbyterian Church in Mt. Ulla. She was a volunteer at Park View Elementary School helping children with reading as well as serving as secretary/treasurer with the Band Boosters.

In addition to her mother, Mrs. Newman is survived by her husband, John Newman; two sons, John W. Newman of Bingen, Wash. and Jeff Newman of Mooresville; a brother, Joe Clary of Mooresville; three sisters, Joyce Weddington of China Grove, Iris Lowrance of Dert, Pat Jones of Mooresville; two grandchildren; two step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Joshua Trace Newman.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, Aug. 10 at the Cavin-Cook Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at Glenwood Memorial Park.

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

Annie Black

Annie M. Black, 68, of Mooresville died on Friday, Aug. 10, 2001 at Lake Norman Regional Medical Center.

Born on March 6, 1933 in Iredell County to Fred and Maggie Tucker White, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Black was a member of Antioch Baptist Church where she served on the Usher Board.

She was married to Bill Black, who preceded her in death.
In addition to her parents, Mrs. Black is survived by five sisters, Margaret W. Flowers of Laurens, N.Y., Mamie White of Portsmouth, Va., Katie White and Maggie O. White, both of Bronx, N.Y., Mary J. Venning of Charleston, S.C.; two brothers, John B. White of Statesville and Otis S. White of Mooresville.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Aug. 14 at Antioch Baptist Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mary Lentz

Mary Catherine Lentz, longtime North Carolina resident, died Saturday, July 7, 2001 in San Diego, Calif.

Born on May 20, 1939, she was the daughter of the late Beulah King of Salisbury.

She is survived by a brother, Jim Lentz of Arkansas and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, Aug. 25 at 2 p.m. at Carolina Memorial Park.

Oscar Harris

Oscar Lee Harris, 52, of Statesville, died Friday, Aug. 10, 2001 at his home following an extended illness.

Born on Jan. 29, 1949 in Iredell County, he was the son of Mildred Harris of Mooresville and the late Lewis Black.

Mr. Harris attended Dunbar High School in Mooresville and was employed by ASMO for a number of years.

He was married to Elizabeth Geneva Cornelius Harris, who survives.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by six children, Denita Cornelius of Italy, Jermaine Cornelius, Stacy Johnson, and Fred McDowell, all of Mooresville, Samarra Harris of New Jersey, Sandy Harris of Charlotte; a brother, James King of Nebraska; a sister, Maggie Tucker of Kannapolis; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted today (Wednesday), Aug. 15 at 2 p.m. at Watkins Chapel AME Zion Church. The family will receive friends 30 minutes prior to the service.

Tommy Christie

Thomas (Tommy) Alfred Christie, 60, of Claremont died Sunday, Aug. 12, 2001 at his home.

Born on Dec. 9, 1940, he was the son of the late Rome George and Rebecca Smith Christie.

A retired branch manager of AT&T, having 30 years of service, Mr. Christie was currently employed at Wal-Mart in Lincolnton. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, a Mason and a Shriner.

Mr. Christie is survived by a son, Thomas Alton Christie; a daughter, Leisha Lynn Christie Beard; two brothers, Rome Christie of Wilkesboro and William "Bill" Christie of Kannapolis; two sisters, Martha Woods and Betty Boone, both of Mooresville; two grandchildren; and former wife, Phyllis Heafner Christie.

Funeral services will be held today (Wednesday) Aug. 15 at 11 a.m. at the Cavin-Cook Funeral Home with the Rev. Jim Martin and Rev. Phillip DeBerry, Jr. officiating.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 434 Fayetteville Street Mall, Two Hanover Square, Suite 1600, Raleigh, N.C. 27601-1764.

Luke Simpson

James Luther "Luke" Simpson, 77, of Troutman died Friday, Aug. 10, 2001 at Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte.

Born Aug. 3, 1924 in Iredell County to the late David Pome Simpson and Carrie Babington Simpson, he was a retired vice president of the former Troutman Industries. Mr. Simpson was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II, a member of New Perth, ARP Church where he served as an elder, and a member of Campbell Masonic Lodge 374.

He was married on Dec. 27, 1956 in Elizabethtown, Penn. to Julia Boyce Miller, who preceded him in death on Jan. 17, 1997.

One brother, John B. Simpson, and two sisters, Catherine S. Jordan and Beth S. Englebert, also preceded him in death.

He is survived by a brother, David F. Simpson of Greensboro; one sister, Margaret S. Whitener of Troutman; nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Sunday, Aug. 12 at New Perth ARP Church. A graveside service was held prior to the memorial service at church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to New Perth ARP Church, P.O. Box 457, Troutman, N.C. 28166 or HELP Ministries of Troutman, P.O. Box 484, Troutman, N.C. 28166.

Ruth Ketchie

Ruth Heglar Ketchie, 86, of Gastonia, died Sunday, Aug. 12, 2001 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

Born April 21, 1915 in Rowan County to the late Conrad and Anna Bradshaw Heglar, she was a homemaker. Mrs. Ketchie was a member of First United Methodist Church, Gastonia and a former member of Jones Memorial United Methodist Church in Mooresville.

One son, Allen Ray Ketchie; brothers, Ray, Jay, Clyde, Ben, John and Carey "Kay" Heglar; sisters, Mae Corriher, Vera Koontz, and Mabel Quate, preceded her in death.

Mrs. Ketchie is survived by three daughters, Shirley K. Barlow of Gastonia, Carolyn K. Groom of Savannah, Ga., and Brenda K. King of Cornelius; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held today (Wednesday) Aug. 15 at 4 p.m. at Jones Memorial United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jack Kaylar officiating. Burial will follow at Centenary United Methodist Church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Jones Memorial United Methodist Church, 648 W. Park Ave., Mooresville, N.C. 28115 or First United Methodist Church, 190 East Franklin Boulevard, P.O. Box 218, Gastonia, N.C. 28053-0218.

Sarah McGuirt

Sarah Goodwin McGuirt, 67, of Charlotte, died Saturday, Aug. 11, 2001 at Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte.

Born on July 7, 1934 in Mecklenburg County to Ruth Martin and the late Wilson Goodwin, Mrs. McGuirt was a member of Green Memorial Baptist Church, a member of American Legion Post #380, Murrin Field Auxiliary, and a member of AARP. She retired from American Auto and Truck Electric after 40 years of service.

In addition to her mother, Mrs. McGuirt is survived by her son, Randy Simpson; and granddaughter, Alana Morton, of Mooresville.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 1229 Greenwood Cliff, Suite 109, Charlotte, N.C. 28204.

Drew Jones

Drew Samuel Jones, two months, died Monday, August 13, 2001 at Iredell Memorial Hospital. He was born June 15, 2001 in Iredell County, the son of Tamra "Tammy" Dawn Hardy and John Andrew "Andy" Jones of Statesville.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by one sister, Alison "Ali" Danielle Jones, maternal grandparents, Pat and Brent Hardy of Statesville, and paternal grandparents, Becky Waugh of Statesville and Johnnie Jones of Troutman.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 16 at Western Avenue Baptist Church with Dr. James P. Cartin officiating. Burial will follow in Fern Hill Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. today (Wednesday) at Troutman Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Western Avenue Baptist Church, Drew Samuel Jones Fund, 1206 Museum Road, Statesville, N.C. 28677.

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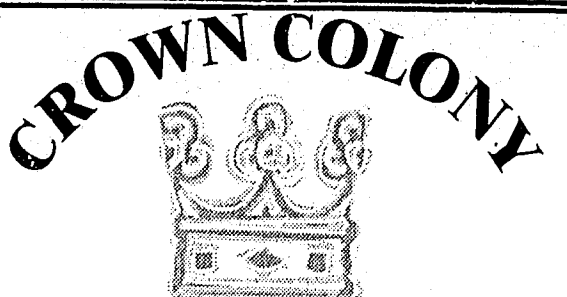
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Eye of the Tribune

By Juanita Davis

Meet friends at the park

What an entertaining idea for area folks and others to spend an evening in the park listening to music, keeping time with clapping and foot tapping while sitting in a favorite yard chair or on a blanket brought from home. You can also bring a snack if you desire. It all begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays in the park behind the War Memorial Building with a different entertainer each week. Pickers and Grinders, Chris Montgomery, and L. W. Lambert and The Blue Ridge Boys have already performed. On Aug. 21 Bobby Beale and others of Mooresville will be featured. To close the summer event on Aug. 28 will be the Cook Shack Band.

Be sure you practice setting up your folding chairs or you might end up in a crunch!

Junior Olympic winner

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Den Bleyker have returned to their Mooresville home after a trip to Virginia Beach, Va., where their 7-year-old grandson competed in the Junior Olympics. TJ Den Bleyker was awarded a gold medal for the tae kwon do in Olympic sparring and a bronze medal for sparring. TJ also received three silver medals at the AAU Nationals in Detroit, Mich. in July.

Niagara Falls

Mooresville area folks have been on a five-day tour through the Shenandoah Valley and into Canada. Enroute, Pennsylvania was a must stop at the Corning Glass Center and other points of interest and from there on north across the Canadian border where the ever-present mist rises from the thundering Horseshoe Falls and a delicious dinner and hilarity at "Oh Canada, EH!" In visiting Niagara Falls, the group learned some history about how the falls moved over the years and viewed the Floral Clock, Niagara Gorge, whirlpools, vineyards, and ate at Skylon Towers with an incredible view of the falls, and then boarded the "Maid of the Mist" which took the group to the base of the falls for a breath-taking view. They returned in the evening to also view the spectacular falls bathed in beautiful color from enormous spotlights on the side of the gorge. On the return trip home, the group enjoyed many other sites along with a Broadway show, good Amish food, as well as, the Amish Farmer's Market.

Making the trip with Steve Young as the guide were: Barbara and Dickie Whitlow, Nolan and Mildred Gardner, Joncie and Thomas Coley, E.N. and Cecile Sloan, Johnny and Nancy Barrier, Dwight and Joann Wallace, John, Mildred, Arnold and Emily Whiteside, Kat Wensil, Louise Everhardt, Shelby Malcolm, Dicky and Katcheta Batchelor, Elsie Wallace, Floyd and Jo Walchers, and Edna and Gib Stafford.

MHS Class of 1951

Graduates of the Mooresville Class of 1951 hold mini-reunions periodically and on July 31, fourteen classmates gathered at Mooresville's Side-Door Deli on North Main St. Pictures and videos of the class reunion held in June, 2001 were available for the classmates. Making up the group were Don and Frances Howie, Bill and Ann McConnell, Joe and Marie Murr, Bill and Jewel Brown, Billie Stutts, Mary Hinson, Pat Culberson, Dottie Mack, Helen Hambrick and Ray Brackett.

Temperature & Umbrellas

It is umbrella season at the Farmer's Market, not for rain but for the high temperatures provided by the sun. The market is open every Wednesday and Saturday and when you visit, be sure to stand back and take a look at the size and many colors of umbrellas. It's a colorful display.

To share your fun times, short interesting ideas or hints, reunions, and etc. call me at 704-664-5554, fax 664-3614 or write P.O. Box 300, Mooresville, N.C. 28115.



Caroline

Nine-year-old Caroline Harwell, daughter of Bruce and Lisa Harwell of Mooresville, has joined the Charlotte Children's Choir.

Caroline is a fourth grade student at Mooresville Intermediate School. She was chosen through individual auditions. The choir provides music education with the goal of attaining

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Esselman said her favorite part was sharing her testimony of Jesus Christ in her stage performance and in talking with the audience while her husband stated it was a spiritual dynamo and they will definitely go again.

Clint and LeeAnne

Brown, along with their four children, Tyson, C. J., Kaitlyn, and Andie were in the cast. They felt the pageant was an awesome experience to perform for more than 57,000 people in six performances. It was an arduous schedule with rehearsals starting at 8:30

a.m. and finishing after 11 p.m., but they unanimously voted to return in two years. They plan to go next year just to renew friendships.

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