

**Obituary Notices
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HELP

I am looking for documentation of the parents of Daniel Spangler and his wife Mary who settled in Franklin County, Virginia approximately 1773.

Family legend says Daniel and Mary came from Germany to the “vicinity of York County, PA” and later moved south to Virginia. Daniel was born about 1716 and died in Franklin County in 1787.

Mary’s tombstone says:

Mary Spangler
died 1820
Age 100 yr

Undocumented family legend also says Daniel father’s name was Jacob but I have never heard anyone mention his mother’s name.

Other undocumented genealogies show Mary’s maiden name as Noffsinger Naufsinger, Notsinger, etc. but where is the proof? If you have or know where I can find documentation please contact me?

THANKS for any help you can provide

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Obits for 1-4-07
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SYLVIA BOYD HATCHER

FLOYD-Sylvia Boyd Hatcher, 86, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, December 31, 2006. She was born February 16, 1920 in the Shooting Creek section of Floyd County and later moved to the farm on what is now Great Oaks Country Club.

Her parents were General W. Boyd and Eula Radford Boyd.

She was predeceased by her parents and her husband, Donald D. Hatcher. She was also predeceased by her brother, Wilson Boyd, and her sisters, Leila Hatcher, Pauline Brockwell, Tempsey Moran, Goldie Nolen, and her infant sister, Frances Evelyn Boyd.

She is survived by: her daughter, Diane Reynolds, and her sons, Ray Hatcher and companion, Bethel Reinhard, and Micky Hatcher and wife, Carolyn; her dear sisters, Ocie Weddle, Irene Spangler, and Lucy Harris. She leaves her grandchildren, Michael Holloway and husband, E.C., Renee Reynolds, Brenda Vest and husband Mike, Stephen Hatcher and wife, Loretta, and Elizabeth Hatcher; great-grandchildren, Megan Weeks, Brittney Hatcher, Travis Hatcher, Desiree Hatcher, Morgan Abe, Mickayelyn Hairston, Lexy Hairston, Micah Hairston, and Nathan Holloway; brother-in-law and spouse, W.W. and Lindell Hatcher. She also leaves her dear friends, Mrs. Geneva Simmons and Mrs. Minnie Board.

In addition to her immediate family, Sylvia had her Little River Baptist Church family, her Donkenney family, her Ray's Restaurant family, especially Agnes, Leman, and Joyce, and her Skyline Manor family, especially Mary, Valerie, and Clara.

Mom lived her life by three rules, Love the Lord. Follow the Golden Rule. and Work Hard. She could always find some good in everyone, and looked for it harder than most.

Funeral service was conducted 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 3, 2007 at Little River Baptist Church with the Reverend Allan Vass officiating. Interment followed at Jacksonville Cemetery. Following the burial, the family invited everyone to celebrate Granny's life at Ray's Restaurant.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Little River Baptist Church Building Fund.

The family would like to thank her saint, Dr. L.V. Marshall, and her angels, the staff at Skyline Manor Nursing Home.

STEVEN D. SMITH

AUGUSTA, GA-Steven D. Smith, 39, formerly of Fancy Gap, VA entered into rest on Wednesday, December 27, 2006 at University Hospital.

Mr. Smith was a native of Nashville, TN and lived most of his life in Fancy Gap, VA. He made Augusta, GA his home for the past 10 years. Steve graduated from VMI with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He was employed, as an engineer at Club Car, INC. Mr. Smith was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church in Evans, GA. He was preceded in death by his mother, Joan Smith and a daughter Sawyer Lynn Smith.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra B. "Sandi" Smith; two daughters, Sydney and Sloan Smith, both of Evans, GA; father, David Smith, Fancy Gap, VA; sister, Anne Paige Smith, Chicago, IL; father and mother-in-law, Skip and

Marty Bishop, Floyd. Graveside service was held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 30, 2006 at Good Hope Cemetery, Fancy Gap with Rev. David Taylor officiating.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society at Grayson National Bank, Hillsville, where an account has been established in Steven's memory. Arrangements handled by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

Obituaries for January 11, 2007
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Thursday, January 11, 2007

WALKER E. CAMPBELL, JR.

BRANDENTEN, FLORIDA-Walker E. Campbell, Jr., 65, departed this life suddenly on Saturday, December 23, 2006 at Lakewood Ranch Hospital, Brandenten, Florida. He was born and raised in Floyd, VA to the late Walker Campbell, Sr. and Arlean Akers Campbell. He was preceded in death by his brother Frank (Frankie) Campbell and nephew Frank Jr.

He is survived by: his wife Garnett Brown Campbell; daughter, Tracey C. Underwood; two granddaughters, Maya and Kayla; sister and brother-in-law, Phyllis Diane and Ray Cunningham; three sisters-in-law, Phyllis Harrison, Idella Brown, and Irie Jenkins; four aunts, Amelia A. Spencer, Adelaide Campbell, Catherine Moore, and Fannie Turner, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

In recognition and celebration of Walker's life a Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 13, at 1 p.m. at the Dulles Airport Hilton Hotel and Conference Center, 138969 Park Center Road, Herndon, Virginia, 20171.

MILDRED RUTH ALTIZER NOLEN

FLOYD-Mildred Ruth Altizer Nolen, 75, passed away Thursday, January 4, 2007.

Mildred touched everyone she knew with her gentleness and grace.

She will be remembered as a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother.

She loved reading, gardening, canning, quilting, and preparing special dishes for her family.

She was selfless in everything that she did and treated everyone with tenderness. Her grandchildren and great-grandchild gave her special joy.

Survivors include: her husband, Marvin V. Nolen, Floyd; sons and daughters-in-law, Darrell and Mary Nolen, Virginia Beach, VA, Julian Nolen, Floyd, VA, Layton and Kathryn Nolen, Fancy Gap, VA; Ron Nolen and Kathy O'Neill, Caldwell, WV; daughter and son-in-law, Myra and Kent Adams, Christiansburg, VA; sisters and brother-in-law, Alma and Jimmy Harrison, Fairlawn, VA, Myra Peters, Floyd, VA, Mary Vest, Copper Hill VA; grandchildren, Eric Nolen, Alison Payne, Bradley Nolen, Carly Nolen, Alex Adams, Samuel Nolen; great-grandchild, Brayden Payne.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 7, 2007 at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Eli Yoder and Glynn Greer officiating.

Interment followed at County Line Cemetery.

Serving as Pallbearers were; Charles Hall, David Yoder, Michael Brammer, Randall Nolen, Jason Payne and Wendell Peters.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

FRANK REEVES PETERS

FLOYD-Frank Reeves Peters, 91, passed away Saturday, January 6, 2007.

He was born in Franklin County on January 29, 1915 to Samuel Luther and Mary Kelly Peters.

Mr. Peters was preceded in death by his wife, Essie Epperly Peters, one brother, Coy Peters, and three sisters, Nora Marshall, Gracie Gilbreth, and Gladys Hardy.

He was a member of Harvestwood Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include: son, Ervin (Sonny) Peters, Lynchburg; two daughters and one son-in-law, Carol P. and Harold E. Vest, Copper Hill; Jeanne P. Dalton, Collinsville; three sisters, Tempest Reed, Christiansburg; Junne Virts, Lovettsville, VA; and Lucy Smith, Middletown, MD; four grandchildren Donna (Danny) Yeatts, Michael Conner, Gail (Mike) Minnix, and Sue (Jon) Waldron; three great-grandchildren, John (Ashlee) Weeks, Devyn Conner, and Gary Yeatts; one great-great grandchild, Peyton Weeks, several nieces and nephews, and a special friend, Myra Peters, Floyd.

Funeral service was conducted at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 10, at the Harvestwood Covenant Presbyterian Church with the Reverend Riley Ware officiating.

Interment was in Harvestwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Harvestwood Covenant Presbyterian Church. Arrangements were handled by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

ERSIE AKERS PHILLIPS

FLOYD-Ersie Akers Phillips, 92, passed away Saturday, January 6, 2007.

She is survived by: son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Gay Phillips; grandchildren, Sammy Phillips and wife Marsha, Tonya Hicks; great-grandchildren, Samantha Phillips, Brandon Reed, Randy Reed, Austin Reed, Destiny Hicks; sweet nieces, Ilectris Linkous, Goldie Sutton, several nieces and nephews

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 9, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Murrell Hedrick officiating.

Interment followed at Big Sand Cemetery.

TELLIE GARST (TED) SUTPHIN

DAWSONVILLE, GA- Tellie Garst (Ted) Sutphin, 93, formerly of Floyd, passed away Tuesday, January 2, 2007.

Mr. Sutphin was born in Floyd County, and ran Ted's Garage in Floyd for around 30 years.

He was a founding member of Slate Mountain Presbyterian Church, where he served as an Elder.

He moved to Homestead, FL where he worked in real estate.

Upon his retirement, he moved to Dawsonville, GA.

Surviving are: his wife of 68 years, Cecile DeHart Sutphin, Dawsonville, GA; one son and daughter-in-law, David and Bobbie Sutphin, Dawsonville, GA; three grandchildren and spouses, Kathy and Dr. Jim Crews, Snellville, GA; Robin and Benny McDonald; Lawrenceville, GA; Dawn and Mike Kenney; Athens, GA; three great-grandchildren; one sister, Goldie Montgomery, Roanoke.

Funeral service was conducted at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 6, at Slate Mountain Presbyterian Church with Dr. Jim Crews officiating. Interment followed at Slate Mountain Presbyterian Church Cemetery. The family requests that contributions be made to Slate Mountain Presbyterian Church.

Arrangements were handled by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

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JOSEPH NATHANIEL CARROLL

FLOYD-Joseph Nathaniel Carroll, 61, passed away Thursday, January 11, 2007 at New River Valley Medical Center in Radford. He was born in South Carolina to the late J.W. and Polly Sanders Carroll, who were formerly of Patrick County. He was a self-employed carpenter and of the Presbyterian faith.

He is survived by: his wife, Shirley Spittler Carroll of the home; three daughters, Janet Yarborough, Kim Carroll and Jennifer Carroll; sons, Danny Yarborough, Larry Carroll, David Carroll and Shannon Carroll; two step-children, Yolanda Ross and Billy Joe Westfall; 30 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jimmy and Julie Simmons of Williams, Arizona and Randy and Phyllis Simmons of Floyd; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Sherry and Ron Hinderliter of Williams, Arizona, Judy and Rob Baxter of Chandler, Arizona and Jackie and Paul Vargas of Phoenix, Arizona.

A graveside service was held Sunday, January 14, at 3 p.m. in the Puckett Family Cemetery.

Moody Funeral Home in Stuart handled arrangements.

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

JAMES WILLIAM (SONNY) CLAYTON

COPPER HILL-James William (Sonny) Clayton, 54, passed away Tuesday, January 2, 2007.

He is survived by: a son and two daughters, James M. Clayton, Kerri Clayton and Serissa Clayton, all of Rome, NY; three sisters, Beverley and Lenard Alessi and Christy Clayton, all of Albuquerque, NM, Dawn Lyn Malott of Roanoke and a brother, Michael and Gloria Clayton of Roanoke; ten grandchildren. Memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 13, at Wood Funeral Home with Mitchell Floyd officiating. Interment in the Puckett Cemetery, Copper Hill

AILEEN MAUREEN GREENWOOD

FLOYD-Aileen Maureen Greenwood passed away on January 11, 2007 at the age of 68.

She was born on May 7, 1938 to Lawrence and Augusta Pacetti.

She was an active member of Jehovah Witness Kingdom Hall in Floyd, VA.

Ms. Greenwood is survived by a daughter, Rosa Donahue, sons, Lewis Conner and wife Kelli, Jerry (Pete) Greenwood and wife Jamie. She was a grandmother to two grandsons, four granddaughters, with two great-grandsons. Also survived by sisters, Janie Richardson, Wanda Crowe and Josephine Carico and a brother Willard Pacetti Also a special friend Lillian Roland.

A memorial service will be conducted by the Kingdom Hall in Floyd, Virginia on Sunday, January 21, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.

MYRACLE JANARIA SAINEK HILL

ROANOKE-Myracle Janaria Sainek Hill, age 2½ months, passed away Thursday, January 11, 2007.

Survivors include: parents, Kimberly Webb, Steven Hill; brother, Xzavier Hill; sister, Tracy Williams, grandparents, Owen and Lenora Paige, Sandra Hill, Henry Coleman; and great-grandparents, Virginia Smith, Claris Webb

Funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, January 15, at Bent Mountain Baptist Church with Rev. Wallace Brown officiating. Interment followed at Webb Cemetery.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

VERSIE HOLLANDSWORTH PHILLIPS

INDIAN VALLEY-Versie Evaline Hollandsworth Phillips, 83, passed away Sunday, January 14, 2007.

She was born on June 12, 1923, the youngest child of Elder John C. and Amanda Gardner Hollandsworth. On December 21, 1940 she married the late Fletcher Odell Phillips.

She was also preceded in death by an infant son, Lancson Odell Phillips.

Survivors include: brothers-in-law, Gerald Phillips and wife, Lora May, Indian Valley, VA, Rhudy Phillips and wife, Jean, Fayetteville, NC, Olen Phillips and wife, Wilma, Boones Mill, VA; sisters-in-law, Connie Mooglian, Midlothian, VA, Gertha G. Hollandsworth, Radford, VA, Verlie Slusher, Radford; many beloved nieces and nephews and friends..

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 17, at Floyd Kingdom Hall of Jehovahs Witnesses, with William Fenwick and Fred Thomas officiating.

Interment followed at Hollandsworth Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

ELMA S. TURMAN

FLOYD-Elma S. Turman, 87, passed away Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at New River Valley Medical Center.

She was born on April 20, 1919 to Joshua and Ellen (Nichols) Thompson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Woodrow W. Turman.

“Ma” came from a large family and was no stranger to hard work.

She was well known as a very good cook and worked many years at the cafeteria of the Floyd Elementary School.

She also generously donated her efforts to various community groups.

She was a member of Floyd United Methodist Church, the Floyd Rebekahs Lodge, TOPS, and various other organizations over the years. She was very active up until her death and enjoyed getting out as much as possible, including working out at the fitness center.

She sincerely appreciated those that gave her rides to the activities and their friendship.

She was extremely dedicated to her children and she will be missed.

Survivors include: sons and daughters-in-law, Charles W. and Victoria Turman, Blacksburg, VA, Thornton L. and Linda Turman, Bogart, Georgia, Larry D. Turman, Floyd, VA; grandchildren, Chuck and Debbie Turman, Springboro, OH, Chris and Treva Turman, Blacksburg; VA, Craig Turman, Nashville, Tennessee, Lee Turman, Bogart, Georgia; great-grandchildren, Amber, McKenzie, Lucas, Logan, Courtney and Carly Turman; sisters, Aileen St. Clair, Roanoke, VA, Lois Hammond, Salem VA; numerous nephews and nieces; special family friend, LaVern Beaver and her daughter Alexis.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 12, at Floyd United Methodist Church, with Reverend Richard Gregory officiating.

Interment followed at Jacksonville Cemetery.

Donations in her memory may be made to either The Floyd County Fire Department, P.O. Box 33, Floyd, VA 24091 or The Floyd County Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 257, Floyd, VA 24091.

Arrangements were handled by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

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GENE CORDELL HARDISON

FLOYD-Gene Cordell Hardison, 83, formerly of Roanoke, passed away Monday, January 15, 2007 at the VA Medical Center in Salem.

He was born January 7, 1924 in Schoolfield, VA to Durham L. and Selma Yeatts Hardison.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Lloyd Hardison of Danville. Gene was a veteran of WWII and the Korean Conflict for a total of 13 years.

He was a Sgt. in the 157th Engineers Combat Battalion. He also tested equipment in extreme temperatures. He had two honorable discharges.

During his enlistment he served in Japan, Korea, Europe, and Germany. Among his medals he was awarded the European, African, Middle Eastern Croix De Guerre with Palm and Fourragere WWII Korean Service Medal with two bronze stars. After his time in service he ran a construction company in Roanoke, Cobblestone Builders.

From his teenage years on, Gene loved playing golf, and was a member of Blue Hills Golf Club in Hollins until 2005.

Surviving are: his wife, Nettie DeHart Hardison; daughter, Cynthia H. Moran; son, Richard Hardison, all of Floyd; step-daughter, Darlene Cockram and granddaughter, Teresa Belcher, both of Meadows of Dan; sister, Iris H. Doss, of Martinsville.

At his request there will be no visitation or funeral service.

A private memorial service for the family was held at Wood Funeral Home.

CURTIS JAMES HASSELL

COPPER HILL-Curtis James Hassell, 50, passed away January 18, 2007. He was preceded in death by his father, Harold Lewis Hassell, and infant brother, Mark Hassell.

He is survived by his wife of 16 years, Lisa C. Hassell; two sons, Timothy James Hassell and Louis Scott Hassell, all of Copper Hill. Also he is survived by his mother, Klemmtine Hammer and father and mother-in-law, James and Joyce Coates; two sisters-in-law, Kathy Coates and Cindy Sutphin, all of Copper Hill; two special nephews, Peter Bucklin and Chad Tankersley; four nieces, Stormy Tankersley, Melissa Sutphin, LeAnna Sutphin and Miranda Sutphin; eight brothers, David Harold Hassell, Russell Allan Hassell, Ronald Charles Hassell, Richard Francis Hassell, Clair Lee Hassell, Christopher Lou Hassell, Gale William Hassell and Dennis Lee Hassell and their spouses and four sisters, Joan Clementine Moder, Carol Mary Scharett, Lois Jean Bonnon, Diane Marie Bucklin and their spouses.

A memorial service was held Sunday, January 21 at 2 p.m.

TREVA MAE QUESENBERRY

WILLIS-Treva Mae Quesenberry,85, passed away Friday, January 19, 2007.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester V. Quesenberry daughter, Kathleen Quesenberry, and a son, Douglas J. Quesenberry.

Survivors include: daughter and son-in-law, Jackelene and Grover Martin, Willis; sons and daughters-in-law, Chester, Jr. and Linda Quesenberry, Woodlawn, Billy and Elaine Quesenberry, Floyd, Russell and Gay Quesenberry, Indian Valley, Phyllis Quesenberry, Willis; brothers, James C. Quesenberry, Willis, Dylie Quesenberry, Willis; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Monday January 22, at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Marvin Wade officiating.

Interment followed at Jacksonville Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home.

PAULINE QUESENBERRY SEIGO

BRISTOL, TENNESSEE-Pauline Quesenberry Seigo, 75, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, January 20, 2007 at her home. She was born on Tuesday, September 29, 1931, in Indian Valley, Virginia, a daughter of the late Freddie Royal Quesenberry and Tula Martha Phillips Quesenberry Hinkle. Mrs. Seigo was a very loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, angel to many, and the family historian. She was a member of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church for 48 years.

She was a former Sunday school, and Bible school teacher, and was very involved in the Lutheran Church Women. She had many friends in the morning body pump exercise group at the Wellmont Wellness Center. Mrs. Seigo worked as a clerk for the Falconer Check Printing Company, and she was a teacher's aide with St. Anne's Catholic School, and the Apple Institute Preschooler's. She was also a member of the Bristol Women's Club.

Mrs. Seigo was preceded in death by her brother Freddie Hinkle, her step-sisters Virginia Dalton and Mary Lou Delaura, and step brother Paul Hinkle.

Survivors include: her husband of 54 years, Bill Seigo; son, Jim Seigo, of Sterling, Virginia; daughter, Elizabeth "Liz" Wagers, of Bristol, Tennessee; former son-in-law, Denny Wagers, of Bristol, Tennessee; adopted daughter Cida Valente and her husband, Evandro, of Bristol, Tennessee; sister, Ethelene Quesenberry and her husband Coy, of Pulaski, Virginia; brother, William Hinkle and his wife Lida, of Dublin, Virginia; five grandchildren who she loved dearly Travis Wagers and his wife Jessica, Ana Louisa Valente, Thomas Valente, Isabella Valente, Sarah Facanha, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, January 23, at 11 a.m. in the Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2909 Waver Pike, Bristol, Tennessee with Pastor Tom Quickel officiating.

The committal and interment followed in the Glenwood Cemetery, Bristol, Tennessee. Pallbearers were Robbie Witcher, Bill Witcher, Michael DeBusk, John Paul Linke, Travis Wagers, Evandro Valente. Honorary Pallbearers were Troy Dale Cox, Dr. Harry Bachman, Denny Wagers, Thomas Valente, Dr. Ben Cowan, J.B. Shelton, and the Men's Breakfast Study group of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 2909 Weaver Pike Bristol, Tennessee, 37620 or to the Sarah Facanha education fund, c/o Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family by visiting www.oakley-cook.com or faxed to 423-764-3770. Mrs. Seigo and her family were in the care of Oakley-Cook Funeral Home, 2223 Volunteer Parkway, Bristol, Tennessee.

DALLAS PHILLIPS TURMAN

HILLSVILLE-Dallas Phillips Turman, age 86, formerly of Willis, passed away Thursday, January 18, 2007.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Roy Turman; brothers, Covie, Golden and Freeman Phillips. Mrs. Turman was a member of Mira Fork Baptist Church.

Survivors include: daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and Lonnie W. Ogle, Hillsville; son and daughter-in-law, J. Michael and Wanda Turman, Willis; sister, Manilla Phillips, Christiansburg; grandchildren, Jennifer Bayliss and husband Brian, Ryan Turman and wife Heather, Brandon Turman, Jeremy Ogle and wife Joi, Joshua Ogle and fiancée Danielle Nester; great-grandchild, Jenavieve Hoover; friend and caregiver, Irma Kendrick; many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 21, at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. S.G. Bolt officiating. Interment followed at Cox Cemetery, Dugspur.

The family would like to express thanks to the Pulaski Health and Rehab Center. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home.

Obituaries February 1, 2007
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VELVEEN "VAL" GALLIMORE LUNCEFORD

WARRENTON, VA-Velveen "Val" Gallimore Lunceford, 74, passed away on Friday, January 19, 2007 at Warrenton Overlook Nursing Home.

She is predeceased by husband, Clifton Lawrence, and two sons, Lawrence Lee and Bruce Philip, as well as her parents, Arie and Eddy Kline Gallimore, of Floyd, and one sister, Mrs. Ralph (Gloeda "Gub") Howell, of Christiansburg.

She is survived by: daughters, Brenda Lunceford of Reva, Jill Lunceford of Warrenton, Sandy Heher and husband Don of Chadds Ford, PA and their children, Danielle and Andrew, Shirley Smith and husband, David Smith, and their sons, Joey and Ryan Smith; sister, Mrs. James (Genell) Fisk, of Newport News.

A memorial service was held Saturday, January 27, 2007 at 1 p.m. at Moser Funeral Home, 233 Broadview Avenue, Warrenton.

Inurnment followed at Warrenton Cemetery.

ANNA DEAN MARTIN

WILLIS-Anna Dean Martin, 60, passed away Friday, January 26, 2007.

Survivors include: daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Dwayne Weddle, Willis; grandchildren, Jennifer Dale Weddle, Amanda Faye Weddle, both of Willis; brothers, Talmadge Martin, Martinsville, James Martin, Stanleytown, Nelson Ferman Martin, Willis; sister, Winnie Goad, Willis, Elrica Kate Dalton, Hillsville

Funeral services was held 11:00 a.m. Monday January 29, at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Allan Cherry officiating. Interment followed at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

DWIGHT ANTHONY SCOTT

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE-Dwight Anthony Scott, 74, passed away January 24, 2007 at Baptist Hospital in Davidson County. Dwight was born August 25, 1932 in Franklin County, VA of the late Garcie Kermit Scott and Bessie Brogan Scott. He was the second of nine children.

He was a graduate of Floyd County High School. He served in the United States Army from 1953 to 1955.

He married Charlotte Parrick Scott on July 30, 1955 and moved to Tennessee to attend Trevecca Nazarene College (University) from which he graduated in 1959 with a degree in Biology.

He was a charter member of Whispering Hills Church of the Nazarene where he faithfully served as Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School teacher and a member of the choir. He also served as church treasurer for 25 years.

Dwight worked at Ferro Corporation for 31 years. He was a multi-talented man and had many interests. He enjoyed traveling and meeting people. He enjoyed and collected "old" John Wayne movies (the ones they made before the language got ugly) and pocket knives.

The present day Whispering Hills Church named its student activity center the "Scott Activity Center" in honor of this most humble of men. He blessed the people he met with a contagious smile and a firm warm handshake.

Dwight was also preceded in death by two brothers, Garnet Scott and David Scott.

He is survived by: his wife of 51 years, Charlotte Scott; children, Tim Scott, Sharon Harper (Jimmy), Ruth Fugate (Brian); granddaughters, Brooke Parker and Courtney Scott; grandsons, Chris Harper, Jeremy Parker and Scott Parker; three great-grandchildren, Michael Harper, Memphis Harper and Star Harper; sisters, Janet DeHart (Caley) and Frances Allen (Marc); brothers, Wilfred Scott (Evelyn), Bobby Scott (Mildred), Danny Scott (Julie) and Larry Scott (Ruth). Funeral service was held Saturday, January 27.

PHYLLIS D. SLAUGHTER

WILLIS- Phyllis D. Slaughter, 67, passed away Thursday, January 25, 2007.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert "Bob" Slaughter; and grandson, Brandon M. Slaughter.

Survivors include: daughter, Pamela Jo Slaughter Howard, Willis; sons and daughters-in-law, Steven R. and Melody Slaughter, Willis, Daryl (Her Boy) and Holly Slaughter, Charlotte, NC; Dale and Sherry Slaughter, Willis; sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary Lee and Dean Stutzman, Port Charlotte, FL, Sally and Joe Russo, Naples, FL; grandchildren, Kayla M. Slaughter, Jessie Slaughter Howard, Haley J. Slaughter, Duncan I. Slaughter.

Funeral service was held 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 28, at Willis United Methodist Church, with Rev. Josh Kilbourne officiating.

Interment followed at Blue Ridge Cemetery, Willis.

The family requests that donations be made to Willis United Methodist Church, 5669 Floyd Highway South, Willis, VA 24380; or American Diabetes Association, 530 E. Main Street, Suite 200, Richmond, VA 23219.

Arrangements were handled by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

EARL M. THOMPSON

HUNTINGTOWN, MD-Earl M. Thompson, 81, formerly of Floyd, passed away January 24, 2007.

Earl was born on February 20, 1925 to the late J. Murphy and Annie May Hale Thompson. He was raised on his family's farm in Floyd. He married Eula Lee Walker on June 3, 1952 and they moved to Calvert County, Maryland in 1956.

He is survived by: his daughters, Gail T. Gibson and her husband Marshall of Solomons, MD; Diane T. Chaney and her husband Stephen of Huntingtown, MD; son E. Wayne Thompson also of Huntingtown, MD. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; his brothers Newell Thompson of King George, Dorsey Thompson of Floyd, Shirley Thompson of Chesapeake Beach, MD; and Gene Thompson of Floyd; and sister Louise Fentress of Christiansburg.

Earl was predeceased by his sister, Mary Williams.

Earl's sense of civic duty extended beyond his service in the US Army during World War II.

After moving to Calvert County, Earl became very active in community affairs and business.

In addition to establishing and running Thompson Lumber Co. with his brother Shirley,

Earl was an active member and trustee of Huntingtown United Methodist Church, a member of the Calvert County Lions Club; a former member of the Calvert Optimists Club; a founding member of The Calverton School; a member of American Legion Post 85 in Calvert County; a former board member of the Calvert Bank & Trust; and an active volunteer for the local Bloodmobile and Meals on Wheels programs.

Even with all of his volunteer, family and professional commitments, Earl was an avid outdoorsman who eagerly shared his love of nature with his cherished family.

Funeral services were held at Huntingtown United Methodist Church on Monday, January 29, at 11:00 am in the Church Sanctuary.

Interment followed at Miranda Cemetery, Huntingtown, MD.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude's Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or to Calvert Hospice, P.O. Box 838, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

NADINE SMITH TURNER

FLOYD-Nadine Smith Turner, 88, passed away Thursday, January 25, 2007.

She was preceded in by her husband, Fred E. Turner, and a son, Richard Turner.

She is survived by: daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Dennis Suite, Cary, NC; sister, Lorice O'Connor, Floyd; brother and sister-in-law, Harry and Kitty Smith, Beckley, WV; sister-in-law, Doris Smith, GA; six grandchildren,

Bryan Deweese, Tammy Giddings, Linwood Turner, Cheri Forster, Debbie Montgomery, Kim LeBlanc; numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held 2 p.m. on Sunday at Gardner Funeral Home with the Rev. Sheila Thomas officiating.

Interment followed in Williams Cemetery.

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MARIE VAUGHN GALLIMORE

WILLIS-Marie Vaughn Gallimore died Wednesday, January 31, 2007 following a decade long battle with cancer.

Marie was a musician and entertainer with a lifetime of experience in music and radio broadcasting.

Well known in the local old time and country music circles, Marie had been playing with the Mountain Ivy Band prior to the last round of illness.

Involved in broadcasting since 1961, she was one of the founders of Radio Station WGFC in Floyd. From her first professional performances singing as "Dixie Lee in the 1950's to playing doghouse and electric bass with her husband and several bands, she was a trooper.

She was born April 23rd, 1928 to Bethel Martin Vaughn and Laura Emma Harris Vaughn.

She was preceded in death by her husband of fifty years, radio personality "Farmer Dale", Dale Whittington Gallimore, and her siblings, Posey Vaughn, Howard Vaughn, Belva McGuire and Eva Lorton.

Surviving are: her two sons, Anthony (Tony) Gallimore and Gerald Gallimore, both of Willis. Nephews, Richard McGuire, William (Tom) Vaughn, and Posey (Frank) Vaughn; nieces, Barbara Harris, Catherine Pauley, Betty Perry, Carolyn Weddle and Linda Sauvageau.

A memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 3, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd.

Interment followed at the Hylton Vaughn Cemetery at 2912 Burks Fork Road in Willis.

Memorials are suggested to the Hylton Vaughn Cemetery Fund, c/o P.O. Box 70, Willis, VA 24380.

DEBORAH DIANE GARDNER

WILLIS-Deborah Diane Gardner, 47, passed away Monday, February 5, 2007 at her home after a courageous battle with cancer.

She is survived by: her husband, Johnnie Gardner, Willis; parents, Raymond and Betty Keith, Alum Ridge; sons, Donald (D.J.) Akers, Floyd, Walter Akers, Roanoke; daughter, Dorothy Akers, Willis; step-daughter, Lori Reed, Alum Ridge; sisters and brothers-in-law, Gail Keith, Indian Valley, Louise Thomas and David, Dugspur, Marie Keith, Shawsville. Amy and Harvey Reed, Alum Ridge; brother and sister-in-law, Danny and Jeannie Keith; seven grandchildren, Darion Akers, Katelyn, Amber Akers, Dakota, Tanner, Makenna and Braydon Reed all of Alum Ridge; numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews; very loved pets, Dino and Buddy.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, February 8, at Gardner Funeral Home, with the Rev. Ronnie Sutphin officiating.

Interment will follow in Bishop-Gardner Cemetery.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Carilion Hospice for their care. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family to assist in the funeral expenses.

Arrangements are being handled by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

DENNIS ALLAN HAMM

MEADOWS OF DAN-Dennis Allan Hamm, 55, passed away Tuesday, January 30, 2007 at his home.

He was born in Patrick County on July 13, 1951 and was preceded in death by his father, Dillard Hamm, and a brother, Gerald Hamm.

He was a member of Vesta Pentecostal Holiness Church.

He is survived by: his wife, Barbara Sutphin Hamm of the home; sons, Rodney Dwayne Hamm and Richard Dean Hamm, both of Meadows of Dan, and Robert David Hamm of Floyd; a daughter at heart, Britnea Leigh Burnette "Hamm"; granddaughter, Kimberly Hamm; grandson, Danny Hamm; mother, Ethelyne Boyd Hamm of Meadows of Dan; brothers, Danny Hamm of Meadows of Dan, Rodney Hamm of Grafton, VA and Jackie Hamm of Meadows of Dan; and sister, Mary Moles of Floyd.

Funeral service was held Saturday, February 3, at 2:00 p.m. at Moody Funeral Home in Stuart with Rodney Dwayne Hamm and Pastor Cecil Wayne Brown officiating.

Burial followed in the Hamm Family Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.moodyfuneralservices.com

ROBERT MATTHEW RATCLIFFE

COPPER HILL-Robert Matthew Ratcliffe, 42, went to be with the Lord January 31,2007.

He is survived by: son, Matthew Lee Ratcliffe; daughter, Amanda Renee Ratcliffe; grandson, Jeremiah Lee Ratcliffe who was the light of his life; mother, Ruby Dalton, all of Copper Hill; father and step-mother, Harless and Earlene Ratcliffe, step-father, Wayne Dalton; sister, Karen R. Huff; brothers, Danny and Cindy Vest, Walter Dalton, Jr. Curt Dalton; half brothers and sister, Junior Ratcliff, Kim Ratcliffe, Timmy Ratcliffe; special aunts, Sandra Tischler, Mildred Thompson, Juanita Thomas.

Funeral service was held Saturday, February 3, at 2:00 p.m. at Wood Funeral Home.

Reverend Clyde Bishop officiating with interment in the Wilson Cemetery.

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THURMAN (JACK) HUFF

FLOYD-Thurman (Jack) Huff, passed away Wednesday February 7, 2007, peacefully at home. He was born April 25, 1921.

A farmer all his life, Jack was also a logger and heavy equipment operator, and employed at Radford Arsenal and Bartlett Tree Experts.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert J. and Emma Zetta Huff, brothers, Oakley Huff and wife Reba, Esley Huff and wife Gertrude, Edmond Huff, and Curtis Huff, sister; Gatha Alderman and husband Arnold.

Survivors include: his wife of 65 years, Virgil Keith Huff, of Floyd; daughters, Janice Foro and husband Brad, Emma Jean Aldridge and husband Lowell, all of Bent Mountain; son, Marvin Huff and wife Becky, of Christiansburg; grandchildren, Kelly Lewis and husband Ken, of Charleston, SC, Craig Foro, Gwyn Foro, both of Phoenix, AZ, Vonda Dillon and husband Gary, Shana Roop and husband Richard, all of Christiansburg, Travis Aldridge and fiancée Lindsay Elkins, of Roanoke; great-grandchildren, Trey and Lacie Dillon, Nikki and Ricky Roop, all of Christiansburg, Jessica Lewis, of Charleston, SC; brother, Coolidge Huff and wife Lelia, of Floyd; sister, Alzora Wood, of Floyd; sisters-in-law, Ruby Huff, of Richmond, Laura Huff, of Christiansburg; numerous nieces and nephews; special friends and caregivers, Leasa Hickman and Jennifer Aldridge; beloved family and neighbors, David, Rhonda, Tonya and Brian Sowers.

Special thanks and appreciation to Dr. L.V. Marshall and staff and Sherry Reed and Alta Pickford of Carilion Hospice. He was greatly loved by his family and will be sadly missed.

Funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, February 10, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Gregg Mills, Rev. Glen Sage and Rev. Vinton Quesenberry officiating. Interment followed at Jacksonville Cemetery.

ARNOLD J. KELLEY

SUFFOLK-Arnold J. Kelly, 74, went to be with the Lord peacefully on Saturday, February 3, 2007.

He was a graduate of Floyd County High School.

He was an Army veteran serving as a medic in the Korean War.

He retired from Pet Dairy as production manager with 40 years of service.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marion and Stella Kelley, brother, John Kelley, and sister, Hilda Kelley.

He is survived by: his loving wife of 52 years, Marie; daughters, Lois Martin and her husband, Don, Doris Durick and her husband, Joe, and Sandy Byrum and her husband Lee; sister, Vera Mae Burnette; sister-in-law, Elva Kelley; eight grandchildren and spouses, Nicole and Josh Cox, Melanie and Jessie Hinton, Chris and Jenn Harrison, Jessica and Alejandro Gonzalez, Greg and Sarah Durick, Herb and Shayni Johnson, Jeremy Byrum and Casey Byrum; ten great-grandchildren, J.C., Brodie, Emily, Rachel, great-granddaughter-to-be Olivia, Alyssa, Cody, Nicolas, Reese and Sage.

Arnold was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather to his family. He was an avid NASCAR and Bill Elliott fan.

Besides work, his other hobbies were his grand and great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at Sturtevant Funeral Home, Bennetts Creek Chapel on Tuesday, February 6 at 2 p.m.

Entombment followed in Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens Mausoleum. Memorials may be made to Shiner's Hospitals or to Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters.

KENNETH KEITH "K.K." MILLS

ROANOKE- Kenneth Keith "K.K." Mills of Roanoke County passed away Sunday, February 11, 2007. He was the son of the late thomas Franklin Mills and Carrie Via Mills of Check. He was also preceded in death by his brother, W. H. (Harold) Mills, and sisters, Maxine Crantz and Juanita Shiling.

He is survived by: his wife of 52 years, Carol Gregson Mills; sons, Keith G. (Greg) Mills and wife, Joni, Thomas K. Mills, all of Roanoke; granddaughters, Jessi Whitenack and husband, Brian, Mindy Mills and Katie Mills; great grandson, Hayden Mills Whitenack; beloved sister, Nona Bowles and husband, Bill; sister-in-law, Naomi Ramsey and husband, Tommy, Fisherville; brother-in-law, Jeff Gregson and wife, Teresa, Richmond; five nephews and nine nieces.

Those who knew him well, will remember him as "KK". He was employed for many years by Bartlett Tree Experts, before forming his own business, K.K. Mills and Sons, which he ran for about 20 years.

In the years of his retirement, he made deliveries for Skyline Door and Hardware.

KK was a member of Cave Spring Masonic Lodge #230, Scottish Rite, and Kazim Temple.

He served as a deacon at Mt. Olivet Baptist, the church he loved and grew up in as a child.

He remained active until he was called home to be with the Lord early Sunday morning, February 11.

He liked to always be on the go, and had acquaintances spread far and wide. Funeral service will be conducted at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, U.S. Rt. 221 in Copper Hill at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 15.

His son, the Rev. Greg Mills will officiate. Interment will follow in Copper Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. Arrangements are being handled by Oakey's South Chapel.

THERAL JEAN COCHRAN STANLEY

MT. AIRY, NC-Theral Jean Cochran Stanley, 73, widow of Mr. Vance Leland Stanley, passed away Monday morning, February 12, 2007 at Forsyth Regional Medical Center in Winston-Salem, NC.

She was born April 30, 1933 in Patrick County, VA to the late Joseph Green and Reta Mae Cochran.

She was a member of Antioch Baptist Church and was a homemaker.

Surviving are: a daughter and son-in-law, Melinda Dawn and Patrick Smith, Winston-Salem, NC, two sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth Lee and Diane Stanley, Bellingham, WA, Rodney Del and Peggy Stanley, Easley, SC, four grandchildren, Whitney Alise Stanley, Myrtle Beach, SC, Richard Allen Stanley, Easley, SC, Kristy Leigh Stanley, Easley, SC and Nicole Dee Bellamy, Bellingham, WA, two sisters and a brother-in-law, Shirley Cochran and Coy Freeman Knoxville, TN and Sylvia Cochran Canada, Newport News, VA, two brothers and three sisters-in-law, Charlie Sherman and Shelby Cochran, Meadows of Dan, VA, Arnold Joseph and Mimi Cochran, Cape Coral, FL, and Elaine Bailey Cochran, Newport News, VA, In addition to Mrs. Stanley's husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Melvin Artis Cochran.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 15, at Antioch Baptist Church conducted by Mr. David Gant and Rev. Dale Wallace. Burial will follow in the Meadows of Dan Baptist Church in Meadows of Dan.

The family will receive friends 7-9 Wednesday night at Moody Funeral Home of Mt. Airy, where her body will remain until carried to the church for the service.

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REMON WEEKS ALDERMAN

WILLIS-Remon Weeks Alderman, 91, passed away Saturday, February 17, 2007. Mrs. Alderman was a member of Burks Fork Church of the Brethren since her early years. She was a teacher in the Floyd County Primary Schools for 17 years, and was retired from Floyd Garment Company after 17 years of service. Her musical family includes "The Good Intentions" gospel singers and "DecembeRadio" Christian Band. Mrs. Alderman was preceded in death by two infant sons and a son-in-law, Donald G. Sutphin.

Surviving are: her husband, H. Rush Alderman; son and daughter-in-law, Lonzie C. and Josephine H. Alderman; daughter, Evah Sutphin; five grandchildren and spouses, Sharon and Gary Reedy, Karen and Stanley Hawkins, Rhonda and Glenn Dixon, Becky and Terry Thompson, and Jerry and Carol Sutphin; 11 great-grandchildren Amy Jo Fletcher, Adam and Jacob Hawkins, Joshua and Carmen Reedy, Brittany, Hannah, Woody and Joseph Dixon, Benjamin and Emily Thompson; two step-great-grandchildren Jacob and Zachary Griffith, and three great-great grandchildren.

Funeral service was conducted 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 20, at Gardner Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Josh Kilbourne and the Reverend Stanley Hawkins officiating. Interment followed at Willis Cemetery.

FRANCES HARTER COCHRAN

TUCSON, AZ-Frances Harter Cochran passed away on January 16, 2007 after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born May 20, 1938 in Floyd County to the late James N. Harter and Nancy Annie B. Harter. Also she was preceded in death by a brother Freeman Harter.

She leaves to cherish her memory: daughters, Janet C. Warren of Chesapeake and Nancy C. Lipsy of Washington; step-son Joseph Cochran of Michigan; four granddaughters; one great-grandson; brothers: Billy Harter and Bobby Harter of Bassett; sister, Rachel Heffinger of Eden, NC; special friend Helena Chambers and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends, and her husband Edward.

A memorial service will be held at Bassett Funeral Service, in Bassett, on Friday, February 23, at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Roy McVey officiating with Inurnment following in Henry Memorial Park in Bassett. The family will receive friends an hour prior to service. Bassett Funeral Service is in charge of the arrangements.

KIRBY LAWRENCE MARSHALL

CHRISTIANSBURG-Kirby Lawrence Marshall, 79, passed away Tuesday February 20, 2007. He was born February 20, 1928 to the late Wyatt Marion and Ocie Marie Marshall. He was a beloved husband, father, Pa Paw and friend to many. Kirby ran a family dairy farm, worked for Landsales of Radford, and retired from Federal Mogul of Blacksburg.

Survivors include: wife, Erma Bishop Marshal, Christiansburg; daughter, Joann M. Smith, Tuba City, AZ; son and daughter-in-law, Carlie L. and Sherry Marshall, Christiansburg; grandchildren, Gregory Smith, Salt Lake City, UT, Jessica Smith, Flagstaff, AZ, Amanda Marshall, Roanoke, Justin Marshal, Christiansburg; sister, Verlie Slusher, Radford, VA

Funeral service will be 1:00 p.m. Friday February 23, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd. Interment will follow at Big Sand Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Maberry Funeral Home.

KENNETH HARRY (KEN) TURNER

BENT MOUNTAIN-Kenneth Harry (Ken) Turner, passed away February 13, 2007. He was preceded in death by his father, Harmon Declar Turner, mother, Olive Graham Turner, brother, Doyle Mead (Spike) Turner, brother, William Edward (Billy) Turner plus his cherished aunts and uncles on both maternal and paternal sides. Ken grew up a member of Lake Street United Methodist church of Woodland, PA.

He is survived by: son, Tracy Harmon Turner and his girlfriend, Kim Hart; daughter, Sherry Ratzlaff and her husband, Allen and grandchild, Chelsea Ratzlaff; daughter, Sandy Kelley and husband Sean, and his daughter Melanie Turner (Punkin) Gusler and her husband, Frederick; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was born on December 3, 1929 in a Woolridge Coal company Row House in the town of Woodland, in Bradford Township, Pennsylvania. Ken accompanied his father while digging coal (Mostly at night) and he attended Woodland Elementary School by day while his father drove a team of mules in the clay mines. He graduated from Clearfield High School where he was a champion wrestler. Upon graduation in 1947, he entered the United States Navy for the conclusion of World War II and served through the onset of the Korean War. Ken continued his competitive wrestling in the Navy at the Great Lakes Naval Station. While in the Navy, he furthered his education with technical training to become an electrician and then served as Electrician's Mate.

He was assigned to the United States Navy Amphibious Base at Little Creek in Norfolk. Positioned as a speedboat driver for Frogmen (predecessors to the Navy Seals) maneuvers, Ken first developed his interest and appreciation for the water and its' various crafts. Prior to Ken's time in the Navy, his brother "Spike" served valiantly for the Navy at the Normandy Beach invasion of D-Day during World War II.

After being honorably discharged from the Navy in 1951, Ken settled in Roanoke where, after a brief stint as an electrician for a shop on Campbell Avenue, he went to work for the C&P Telephone Company. After 33 years service and several company name changes, he retired from Verizon in 1984. He enjoyed many good years in the city after first coming to Roanoke, and then bought his first country home out on Bradshaw Road in the Shawsville/Elliston area. In January 1971 he moved to Bent Mountain. For over 35 years there he raised, broke, and rode many horses. In particular, his beloved "Duchess." Other loves beside all of the important people...racing stock cars and horses at the old Starkey race track, boating and water skiing on Smith Mountain Lake, ice skating and occasionally snowmobiling, playing canasta and poker, surfing fishing at Nags Head, creek and fond fishing all over Bent Mountain and the lake, wearing moccasins, cowboy hats and boots, reading Civil War History, taking trips to Gettysburg and Harper's Ferry, watching the Antique Roadshow, the Discover, Weather, and History Channels, giving long "lectures" at his kitchen table, going to the beach, socializing at Jim Pigg's milk house and Archie Horton's barn, and traveling to Pennsylvania to see family, attend the Clearfield County fair, and to visit and honor family members already in the cemeteries there.

He loved all animals (except for groundhogs because they endangered his horse) and over the years many "homeless" dogs found a home with food and shelter at his house on the mountain. He raised and gave away numerous Labrador puppies, offspring of the two black labs, "Mork and Mindy," that led the precedent for dogs to be forever present...preferably, black in color, like his most recent dog, "George."

On Saturday, February 17 at 2 p.m. there was a wake at Archie's Barn. Funeral service was held Tuesday, February 20, at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in South Roanoke. Following the service there was a procession to Pennsylvania where on Ash Wednesday, there was a graveside service and burial in the Bradford cemetery.

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JOSHUA ALAN CANTRELL

FLOYD-Joshua Alan Cantrell, 3, returned to the Lord on Monday, February 26, 2007, surrounded by the same love that welcomed him into this world.

He is survived by: his father and mother, Travis and Laura Pratt Cantrell; brother, A. J. Cantrell; maternal grandparents, Joel and Sandra Pratt; paternal grandparents, Alan and Gayle Cantrell; aunt, Melissa Cantrell; aunt

and uncle, Heidi and Jason Harman; great-grandparents, Margaret and Lewis Viars, Erma and Frank Cantrell, Ardena Pratt, Lou and Betty Lovitt, Barbara Lovitt; and cousins, Tori Pratt and Hunter Harman.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 1, 2007 in the gym of Floyd County High School.

The family received friends on Wednesday starting at 5 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church of Floyd.

Funeral services and interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the American Brain Tumor Association, 2720 River Road, Des Plaines, IL, 60018.

Arrangements are being handled by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

JOSEPH LEE (JOE) DUNCAN

WILLIS-Joseph Lee (Joe) Duncan, 56, passed away Thursday, February 22, 2007.

He is survived by: his mother, Uldine D. Duncan, Willis; one sister, Nancy Maxwell, Willis; one nephew and spouse, Joseph and Lawanna Maxwell, Fries. Many aunts, uncles, and cousins also survive.

Funeral service was conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 24, at Gardner Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Richard Thomas and the Reverend Marvin Wade officiating.

Interment followed at Greasy Creek Cemetery.

DOROTHY LORENE NICHOLS CARR

COPPER HILL-Dorothy Lorene Nichols Carr, 74, passed away Saturday, February 24, 2007 in UVA Hospital in Charlottesville. She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Roger Carr.

Surviving are: her husband, Bryon J. Carr of Copper Hill daughter and husband, Cathy and Larry Romagnolo of Roanoke; son and wife, David and Vicki Carr of Roanoke; grandchildren, Shawn Strang of Charleston, SC. and Heather Strang of Roanoke; sister, Irene DeWeese of Roanoke and sister-in-law, Marie Carr of Floyd.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, February 27, at 2 p.m. at Copper Hill Church of the Brethren with Reverend Maurice Wright officiating.

Interment followed in the church cemetery. Wood Funeral Home, Floyd, handled arrangements.

CARNICE ELGIN MANNON

FLOYD-Carnice Elgin Mannon was born August 29, 1930 to B. T. and Roxie Mannon in Floyd, Virginia. He died Friday, February 23, 2007, at the age of 76.

Carnice graduated from Floyd High School and then later earned his A. A. degree from Freed-Hardeman College (Henderson, Tennessee), his B. S. from Virginia Polytechnical Institute, and his M. A. in school counseling from East Carolina University.

He married his high school sweetheart, Betty Slusher, on December 26, 1950, and enjoyed a blessed marriage for more than 56 years.

They subsequently welcomed three sons and a daughter to their family.

He was able to harmonize his love for learning, his love for farming, and his love for God into parallel careers. He was a school guidance counselor for Carroll County schools for one year, and for Floyd County schools for more than 20 years. He raised cattle and labored on the farm since his youth.

He preached the good news of Jesus Christ for almost 60 years, starting churches in Greenville, North Carolina, and Floyd, Virginia. He preached for the Laurel Hill Church of Christ for more than 40 years in his two stints there.

He leaves behind, but waits in anticipation of: his wife, Betty; his sister Josephine Hundley of Knoxville Tennessee; his brother Howard and his wife Alma of Floyd; his three sons, Lester and his wife Barbara of Floyd, Larry and his wife Jamie of Radford, Dale and his wife Lauri of Lubbock Texas; his daughter Vicki and her husband Keith Morris of Florence Alabama; his eleven grandchildren: Misti and her husband Jared Gardner, Derek Mannon, Callie Morris, Jedidiah Mannon, Logan Morris, Sarah Mannon, Carly Mannon, Jared Mannon, Jordan Mannon, Lindsey Mannon, and Tate Mannon; his two great-grandchildren: Mallorie and Jonah Gardner; and other extended family and numerous friends.

Funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, February 26, at Floyd Church of Christ, with various friends and family members speaking briefly to honor him. Interment followed at the Mannon Cemetery.

The family asks that you send a living memorial to either the Floyd County Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 257, Floyd, VA 24091 or Mannon Cemetery Fund, 5304 Webbs Mill Road., Riner, VA 24149.

The family extends a very special "thank you" to Dr. L.V. Marshall who gave of himself and his time so graciously and selflessly to Carnice and his family, not just as a physician, but also as a friend. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

ARCHIE DARRELL MORAN

FLOYD-Archie Darrell Moran, 45, went to be with his Lord on Thursday, February 22, 2007 after a lengthy illness.

He was a member of Floyd Baptist Church. Darrell was a 1981 graduate of Floyd County High School. He was preceded in death by his father, Archie Moran, and his beloved grandparents, John and Rosa Plasters.

He is survived by: his mother and step-father, Lucille Moran and William Harris, Dublin, GA; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Theresa and Gary Smith, Cathy and Mark Banks, all of Floyd; special friend, Frances Williams, Critz, VA ; special niece, Jennifer Hopper; three nephews, Justin Hopper, Travis Pratt, Jonathan and Anna Pratt and family; several aunts and uncles.

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 24, at Floyd Baptist Church with Dr. Dave Holladay officiating. Interment followed in Plasters Cemetery, Vesta, VA.

Arrangements were handled by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

JOYCE VEST SOWDER

NEW PORT RITCHELY, FLORIDA-Joyce Vest Sowder passed away at her home in Floyd. Her funeral and burial were at Curlew Hills in Palm Harbor, Florida on February 19th.

A native of Floyd County, she had just recently retired and moved Florida to be near her daughters. She was a graduate of Check School and had attended classes at Roanoke Community College. She worked most of her life in retail including owning her own store for many years. She was always ready to travel and moved several times to be near her daughters or family members that might need her help. She had been working part-time for Bealls Outlet and had just accepted a managerial position with them. Joyce was a devoted Mom and Granny and will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Troy and Irene Vest, and her brother Aldo.

She is survived by her sisters, Ann Young of Floyd, Pat Scott of Monroe Ga., Cathy Yates of Clearwater Fl., her two daughters, Susan Gray of Moneta Virginia and Karan Moore of Palm Harbor, Florida. She had 5 grandchildren.

HERMAN BROOKER STOUT

FLOYD-Herman Booker Stout, 67, formerly of Premier, WV, went to be with his Heavenly Father on Thursday, February 22, 2007.

Born in Premier, WV, he was the son of the late Oda J. Stout and William and Lessie Dillon.

Beside his parents he was preceded in death by one son-in-law, James Mays of Floyd, VA.

To cherish his memory, he leaves: his loving wife of 46 years, Virginia (Betty) Roberts Stout, Floyd VA; his daughters, Janet Stout of the home; Tina Mays, Floyd, VA; Tammy Doyle and husband Ricky, Martinsville, VA; one son, Herman Stout II and wife, Lisa, Christiansburg, VA; his precious grandchildren, James and Holly Mays, Darren and Jasmine Doyle, and Nathan and William Stout; brothers, Oda Stout II, Ivan Stout, John Dillon, Everette Dillon, Jackie Dillon, and Michael Dillon; sisters, Mildred Walker, Ida Roberts, Judy Matney, and Charlotte Lester. Many nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral service was conducted at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, February 25, at Fanning Funeral Home Chapel in Welch, WV. Interment followed at Woodlawn Memorial Park. Local arrangements were handled by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

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ARTHUR LEE AUVILLE

COPPER HILL-Arthur Lee Auville, 92, passed away Thursday, March 1, 2007. He was born in McDowell County, WV.

Mr. Auville was a retired coal miner, and a member of United Mine Workers of America. He moved from Florida to stay with his daughter and son-in-law in Copper Hill

He also had a strong love for fishing.

He was preceded in death by his wife, two sons, five brothers, a sister, and a grandson.

Survivors include: son, James Berry, Richlands; daughters and sons-in-law, Alicia and Roger White, Copper Hill Linda and Marvin Pitcock, Indiana; six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, a special niece, Nina Mock, Brooksville, FL; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was conducted at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, March 4, at Gardner Funeral Home Chapel with the Dr. Graham Mitchell officiating.

A graveside service was conducted at 1:00 p.m. Monday, March 5, at Green Hill Memory Gardens in Cedar Bluff, VA with Dr. Graham Mitchell officiating.

Arrangements were handled by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

LEON WARREN BAKELY, II

COPPER HILL-Leon Warren Bakely II, 56, passed away Monday, March 5, 2007.

He is survived by: his wife, Peggy Bakely, two sons and daughters-in-law, Don and Stephanie Bakely, Lee and Hope Bakely; daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Jerry Cowell; mother, Charlotte Hamersly; brother and sister-in-law, Elwin and Margie Hamersly and family; several grandchildren.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 9, at Calvary Baptist Church with Dr. Graham Mitchell officiating.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, March 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

Arrangements are pending at Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

FREDA PHILLIPS BISHOP

INDIAN VALLEY-Freda Phillips Bishop, 90, passed away Sunday March 4, 2007. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jesse Lee Bishop, and daughter, Esther Irene Bishop.

Survivors include: daughters and sons-in-law, Rev. Jeanette Bishop, Radford, Elizabeth and Lewis Bane, Parrott, Pearlie and Wayne Taylor, Dugspur; sons and daughters-in-law, Rev. Granville and Jeaneal Bishop, Willis, Rev. Clyde and Lucille Bishop, Floyd, Rev. Richard and Pat Bishop, Willis, Gene and Diane Bishop, Willis; 21 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, at the Indian Valley Pentecostal Holiness Church, with Rev. Kenneth Fogus and family members officiating.

Interment followed at the church cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

PATTY SUTPHIN GIBBS

CHRISTIANSBURG-Patty Sutphin Gibbs, 66, ascended to Heaven after a long illness on Sunday, March 4, 2007.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Russell and Hallie Sutphin, and a brother, Elwin Sutphin.

She was a loving mother and sister that will be missed by those who survive her. She leaves to cherish her memory: her sons, Edward Allen Gibbs and Donald Wayne Gibbs; brothers and sisters and their spouses, Glendon and Ellen Sutphin, Lee and Harold Mullins, Shelbie and George Marenka, Gleoda and Ersell Alderman; grandchildren, Scarlett Gibbs, Candace Gibbs, Eric Gibbs and Angel Gibbs; two great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 8, at the Horne Funeral Home Chapel with Mr. Ersell Alderman officiating.

Interment will follow in Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Christiansburg. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to help offset funeal expenses.

On line condolences to the family can be made by visiting www.hornefuneralservice.com

JAMES ALEXANDER HANLEY

WILMINGTON, DE-James Alexander Hanley, 66, died Saturday, February 24, 2007 in hospice care at his home following his fight against metastasized lung cancer.

He was born in Norristown, PA, and was the son of the late John Hanley and Marjorie Enochs Hanley. Graduating second in his class from Drexel University (Philadelphia, PA), he earned his degree in Chemical Engineering. He was co-captain of the Drexel golf team and continued to play golf for recreation his whole life. He retired in 1998 from the Air Management Laboratory (Philadelphia, PA) where he worked as an environmental engineer. As a retiree, he volunteered at the First Unitarian Church working in the office or assisting with activities of the Caring Committee. He enjoyed birdwatching, cooking, watching good movies and being "Pop-Pop" to his grandchildren.

He is survived by: his wife of 21 years, Nancy Slusher Hanley, formerly of Floyd; daughter, Kara Taylor and Lauren Hanley; son and wife, Derek and Diane Taylor; five grandchildren, Heather Maldonado, Olivia Taylor, Amanda Taylor, Ava Taylor and Cineale Lavjonne; brother, John Hanley of Houston, TX; sister and husband, Sandy and Tony d'Ambrosio of Southhampton, PA; sister-in-law and husband, Janet and David Keith of Willis; brother-in-law and wife, F.M. and Donna Slusher of Floyd; nieces and nephews, Beth Smith, Barbara Gallier, Linda Pellegrino, John Hanley, Jr., Robert Hanley, David Keith, Jr., Jennifer Davis, Kevin Keith, Logan Slusher, and Joseph Slusher.

A memorial service will be held at the First Unitarian Church, 730 Halstead Rd, Wilmington, DE at 1 p.m. on March 24.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the First Unitarian Church at the above address.

A private graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 11, at Jacksonville Cemetery.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home,

NETTIE ALMEDA THOMAS JANNEY

ROANOKE-Nettie Almeda Thomas Janney went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 4, 2007 at the age of 69.

She was preceded in death by her father, Clyde W. Thomas, Sr. and her parents-in-law, Robert and Jewel Janney, and sister and brother-in-law, Ruby and Samuel Smith.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are: her husband of 50 years, James L. Janney, daughters, Janice L. Meador, Cloverdale, Betty Jo Gray and her husband, Ricky, Vinton, Carolyn Allen and husband, Jeff, Copper Hill son, James Arnold Janney, Roanoke. She had seven grandchildren who were the "Light of her life," Jessica Meador, Robert "Wayne" Janney, Rebecca Janney, Myranda Allen, Katie Jo Gray, Nathaniel Allen and Landon Gray. She is survived by her mother, Myrtle Thomas Weeks, brothers, Grover Thomas and Clyde W. Thomas, Jr., sisters, Lois Consider and Mary Smith, several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Nettie retired from Fred Whittaker Co. after 27 years of service.

She was a long time member of New Testament Baptist Church.

She had a long and courageous battle with cancer. The family would like to thank Carilion Hospice and nurses Alan and Susanne for their great care.

Funeral service was held at Oakey's South Chapel, at noon on Tuesday, March 6, with Reverend J.E. Edwards officiating.

Interment followed in the Vest Cemetery in Floyd County. Memorials may be made to Carilion Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

ELLA MARIE JONES

FLOYD-Ella Marie Jones, 79, died Wednesday, February 28, 2007.

She is survived by: daughter and son-in-law, Wanda and John Robertson, Pilot; sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Nelson Walters, Stuarts Draft, VA; sisters-in-law, Ann Jones, Floyd, VA, Josephine Jones, Roanoke, VA; brother-in-law, Stanley Simmons, Roanoke, VA; special niece and nephew, Stephanie Reed, Christiansburg, VA, Jacob Gilmore, Christiansburg, VA.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 2, at Maberry Funeral Home with Rev. Vinton Quesenberry and Rev. Richard Thomas officiating.

Interment followed in Beaver Creek Cemetery.

The family would like to express a special thanks to Skyline Manor Nursing Home, Floyd.

KENNETH LUTHER SCARBOROUGH, JR

WILLIS-Kenneth Luther Scarborough, Jr., 43, passed away Saturday, March 3, 2007.

Survivors include: daughter, Lee Ann Scarborough, Willis; sons, Austin Scarborough, Willis; fiancée, Karen Dickerson Willis; mother, Stella Scarborough, Floyd; step-father, Kenneth Phillips, Floyd; father and step-mother, Kenneth, Sr. and Joyce Scarborough, Orange City, FL; sister, Ruth Ann Anders, Floyd; nephews, Dylan and Cody Anders, Floyd

Funeral service will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 8, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Josh Kilbourne officiating.

Interment will follow at Jacksonville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the family to help with funeral expenses.

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Monday, March 19, 2007

NANCY LEE HALL

FLOYD-Nancy Lee Hall, 82, passed away Saturday, March 10, 2007 at Montgomery Regional Hospital.

She was a member of the Floyd United Methodist Church and Floyd Rebekah Lodge #77. She was preceded in death by her parents, Thurman Lee & Auprey Salmons Hall, and a brother, Arthur Hall.

Survivors include: sister, Ruth H. Higgins, Johnson City, TN; sister-in-law, Dorothy Hall, Anniston, Al; two nieces; two nephews; one great-niece; three great-nephews; one great-great-niece.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 14, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Richard Gregory officiating.

Interment followed at Jacksonville Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the Floyd County Humane Society, P.O. Box 862, Floyd, VA 24091. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

ALINA RACHUBIK-ORWICZ

PILOT-Alina Rachubik-Orwicz passed away Thursday, March 8, 2007, at the age of 83. Born Alina Zadarnowska in Pruzana, Poland (now Belarus) on June 2, 1923, she was the daughter of practicing Catholics Aleksander Zadarnowski and Aleksandra Janow.

Ms. Orwicz was among the generation of Poles to survive both the Soviet Gulag and years in exile. Caught in the first wave of Soviet-imposed deportations in 1940, she and her family were imprisoned in a forced labor camp in North Western Siberia for two years.

Surviving the hardship, hunger and despair of internment, she was released in January 1942.

Thus began an arduous journey of exile and wandering which took Ms. Orwicz and her family across Siberia, Central Asia, the Caspian Sea (Turkmenistan) and Iran.

After spending five months in a Polish Refugee Camp in Teheran, Ms. Orwicz was sent to East Africa, via Karachi (Pakistan). Crossing the Indian Ocean, she arrived at the port of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) in August 1942.

A month later, she was transferred to the Polish Refugee Camp in Ifunda (Tanzania) run by the British Government, where she lived, worked and taught elementary school for more than six years.

The War at an end, and unable to return to what was then Communist Poland, Ms. Orwicz was transported through Mombasa (Kenya) to England.

There, in 1948, she was reunited with the rest of her family and her childhood sweetheart, Mieczyslaw Rachubik-Orwicz, who had himself survived imprisonment in the Nazi Concentration Camp of Mauthausen (Austria).

They married in London in May 1948, where Ms.Orwicz gained employment as a seamstress, until moving to Bristol.

In 1956, she, her husband and their two children, Michael and Barbara, emigrated to the US, settling in Garden Grove, California.

Ms. Orwicz, who gave birth to her second daughter, Kris, in 1958, devoted her life to her family, repairing their experiences of the “forgotten” Holocaust and exile with her optimism, compassion and love.

On the passing of her husband, Ms. Orwicz resettled to Floyd County. Here, as everywhere else she’d lived, her warmth, combined with her incomparable talents for baking and cooking, brought her countless friends and admirers.

She is survived by: her three children, Michael Rachubik-Orwicz (and daughter-in-law Robin Adèle Greeley) of Cambridge, MA, Barbara Triplett of Pilot, VA, and Kris Colt (and son-in-law John) of Redmond, WA; her grandchildren Alex Triplett of Boston, MA, Stacy Noelle Triplett of Roanoke, VA, and Mark Colt of Redmond, WA; her sister Lucia Czekalska (and husband Marian), of Bristol, England, and two brothers Richard Zadarnowski (and wife Cynthia) and Roman Zadarnowski (and wife Danuta) also of Bristol; and her nieces Jadwiga Adessian (husband Kevork) of Westminster, CA, and Teresa Sempruch (and husband Marian) of Biala Podlaska, Poland.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 17 at Zion Lutheran Church. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Floyd County Rescue Squad, PO Box 257, Floyd, VA 24091 or Women of Zion, c/o Zion Lutheran Church, PO Box 37, Floyd, VA 24091.

Arrangements by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

T. WARD SPANGLER

FLOYD-T. Ward Spangler, Jr., 75, passed away Saturday, March 10, 2007.

Ward was a veteran of the Korean War. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 51 years, Sylvia Epperly Spangler, and was the son of the late Ward T. and Myrtle H. Spangler. Ward enjoyed taking walks, traveling, and detailing cars.

He was a man of integrity, kindness, and gentle strength who will be greatly missed by his loving family.

Surviving are: two sons and daughters-in-law, Tommy and Cappy Spangler and Kenneth and Donna Spangler; two daughters and sons-in-law, Vicky and Ron Shaffer and Rosemary and Michael Carr; his grandchildren, Daniel Cannaday, Hunter Cannaday, Christy Carr, Brittany Carr, Dakota Spangler, Austin Spangler, Sierra Spangler, and Sabrina Spangler; his step-grandchildren, Ben Johnson, Caleb Johnson, and Conner Johnson.

Funeral service was conducted 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 14, at Gardner Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Richard Thomas and Dr. Dave Holladay officiating.

Interment will follow at Jacksonville Cemetery.

The family requests that donations be made to Medical Charities of Floyd, 100 E. Main St. Room 108 Floyd, VA 24091.

Arrangements are being handled by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

ELIZABETH BLONDINE MARTIN VEST

PILOT-Elizabeth Blondine Martin Vest, 86, passed away Friday, March 9, 2007.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Warren Pierce Vest; and her siblings, J.T. Martin, Leroy Martin, Edmond Martin, Ervin Lewis, Betty Lou Carr, and Mary Ann Martin. Mrs. Vest was a member of Haven's Chapel Church.

She is survived by: two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Glenna Vest, and Kevin and Regina Vest, Check; four daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Gerald Smith and Kathy and Dale Lawrence, Pilot, Lois and Stephen Baker, Roanoke, and Sandra and Eddie Songer, Georgia; sisters and brothers-in-law, Lena and Archie McAlexander, Chlorine Clower, Ocie and Dalton Thompson, Earnestine Nichols, Donna and Junior King, Eloise Gearheart; brothers and sisters-in-law, Vernon and Sandra Martin, Earnest and Connie Martin; ten grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 12, at Gardner Funeral Home with Pastor Dan Walker and the Rev. Stanley Shake Smith officiating.

Interment followed at Wilson Cemetery.

MILDRED JUNE EARLES WEDDLE

FLOYD-Mildred June Earles Weddle, 86, widow of John Galen Weddle, went to be with the Lord on Sunday March 11, 2007.

Mrs. Weddle was born June 24, 1920 in Willis to the late Luther Earles & Ona Wade Earles.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Thelma Earles Larsen. She was always interested in local history and had articles featured on occasion in local newspapers. She was an extremely kind and gently loving person and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Survivors include: daughter, Joyce Cail, Mt. Airy, NC; son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Carolyn Weddle, Mt. Airy, NC; grandchildren and spouses, Kelly Cail, John Cail, Galen Cail, Lynn and Terri Weddle, Lee and Annette Weddle, all of Mt. Airy, NC; great-grandsons, Zack Weddle, Christian Cail, both of Mt. Airy, NC; niece, Linda Larsen Tavenner, Chevy Chase, MD; very special friend, Sue Poff Quesinberry, Floyd.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Philip Bouknight officiating.

Interment followed in Topeco Cemetery.

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Thursday, March 22, 2007

FRANCES MARIE ZAMPELLA DWYER

ROANOKE-Frances Marie Zampella Dwyer, 87, passed away Thursday, March 15, 2007.

She is survived by her daughter Dr. Mary Souder and husband Dennis, Roanoke.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 20, at the June Bug Center, Floyd with the Rev. Joseph Cobb officiating.

A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 22, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Jersey City, New Jersey.

Interment at Holy Name Cemetery.

Arrangements by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

ANNIE MARTIN REED

FLOYD-Annie Martin Reed, 101, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, March 13, 2007.

She was born Martha Anne Reed in Floyd County, Virginia on January 10, 1906.

She was predeceased by her husband, Arthur Raymond Reed and three brothers, Eldridge Martin, Luther Martin and Albert Martin.

She is survived by: her son, Raymond Odell Reed and his wife, Jean, of Roanoke; two granddaughters, Mary Reed Smith and her husband, Steven Smith of Bridgewater, New Jersey and Robin Anne Reed of Washington, DC; two great-grandsons, Matthew Steven Smith, 3, and Joshua Reed Smith, 2, and many neighbors and friends.

Annie Reed spent her entire life in Floyd County and lived most of her life in the house where she grew up. She was known as "Miss Annie" to her neighbors and friends. She was a life long member of the Primitive Baptist Church. Annie Reed had a strong faith and lived a long life. She was an inspiration to others through her devotion to her church and her love of family, neighbors and friends.

Funeral service was held Friday, March 16 at 11 a.m. at Salem Church (Head of the River) Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Larry Hollandsworth and Elder Junior Conner officiating. Interment was in the Restvale Cemetery. Wood Funeral Home, Floyd, handled arrangements.

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Thursday, March 29, 2007

MARY WELLS CRAWFORD

PILOT- MARY WELLS Crawford, 67, of passed away Sunday March 25, 2007 at New River Valley Medical Center.

She was born March 21, 1940 the daughter of the late Ed and Virgie Wells.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her husband, Arthur L. Crawford; son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Deanna Chandler of Floyd; daughter and son-in-law, Tanya and George Harman of Floyd; step daughter and her husband, Connie and Carl Miller of Roanoke; step son, Mike Crawford of Roanoke; grandchildren, Makayla Chandler, Cory Ratcliffe, Jenna Miller and Kevin Miller; brothers and sisters-in-law, Bobby and Betty Wells, Billy and Betty Wells and James Wells all of Ironto; sisters, Dorothy Oliver, Marie Caldwell, Edna Worrell all of Ironto; brothers-in-law and their wives, Pete and Betty Lou Crawford of Radford; Gary and Betty Crawford of Salem, Tom and Chris Crawford of Atlanta, GA and sister-in-law and her husband, Candy and Jim Brogden of Roanoke.

Funeral service was conducted at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, at Auburn Baptist Church with Pastor Shake Smith officiating.

Interment followed in Roselawn Memorial Gardens. Horne Funeral Service, Christiansburg, handled arrangements.

ELIZABETH MAE WARD GARDNER

MONTVALE-Elizabeth Mae Ward Gardner, 75, passed away Friday, March 23, 2007 at Bedford County Nursing Home.

She was born in Summersville, WV on February 14, 1932, and was married on February 6, 1954.

Mrs. Gardner was a member of Blue Ridge Church of the Brethren.

She is survived by: her husband, Paul E. Gardner, Montvale; daughter, Janet Brown, Richmond; sons, Rodney Gardner, Roanoke; Chris Gardner, Montvale; and Thomas Gardner, Roanoke; her siblings, Leotis Ward, Myrtle Chamberlain, Louise Justice, and Roberta Moore, all of the Summersville, WV area; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild also survive.

Funeral service was conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at Gardner Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Glen Stevens officiating.

Interment followed at the Gardner-Bishop Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

ESTHER YEAROUT MUNDY

EDEN, NORTH CAROLINA-Esther Yearout Mundy, 88, formerly of Ford Street, died Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at Morehead Nursing Center.

Funeral service was held Friday, March 23, at 2:00 p.m. at Draper Pentecostal Holiness Church. Burial followed in Danview Cemetery. Mrs. Mundy was born December 3, 1918 in Floyd, VA to the late Frank and Mattie Martin Yearout.

She was a member of Draper Pentecostal Holiness Church where she taught Sunday School for over 30 years, and was also a member of the Women's Ministry there.

During World War II, she worked for Red River Plant in Detroit, Michigan helping to build B-17 aircrafts. She was retired from the Draper Variety Store after 20 years of service and was also a volunteer at the hospital.

Surviving are: son, Russell L. Mundy, Jr. and wife, Ina Dell of Eden; daughters, Teresa Johnson and husband, Andy of Reidsville, Debbie Seawell and husband, Skipper of Greensboro; eight grandchildren, Natalie, Lee, Sarah, Blair, Libby, Lacy, Meredith, Diana; two great-grandchildren, Ryleigh and Austin; numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Russell L. Mundy, Sr. (1920-2002).

ANNIE GARTEN PACK

COLLINSVILLE-Annie Garten Pack, 93, died Wednesday, March 21, 2007.

She was born in Floyd, Virginia December 7, 1913 to John Hylton and Minnie Alexander, both deceased.

She was a retired pastor and was a member of Shady Grove Christian Church in Shady Spring, West Virginia.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husbands, Dorsie Cyrus Garten and C.M. Pack, a stepdaughter, Huddie Spade, a son, D.C. Garten, a stepson, Edward Garten, two sisters, Bertha Hylton and Ella Keith, four brothers, Walker, George, Jim, Walt Hylton and a grandson.

She is survived by: a daughter, Mary Hunter of Collinsville; sons, Robert Garten of Collinsville and Kenneth Garten of Bassett; brother, Doris Hylton of Willis; sisters, Beulah Spencer of Fieldale, Ethel Hooper of Ridgeway and Kathleen Mabry of Willis; 15 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, at Collins Funeral Services Chapel with Reverend Keith Spangenberg officiating. Burial followed at Mountainview Cemetery in Ridgeway.

DOLORES SYLVIA PETERS

MARTINSVILLE-Dolores Sylvia Peters, 95, formerly of Floyd, passed away Friday, March 23, 2007 in Martinsville, her home for the past four years.

She was born on November 7, 1911 in New Bedford, Massachusetts, the oldest daughter of Julius Vargus and Maria Moniz Sylvia.

She graduated from Framingham College, Massachusetts with a B.S. Degree in Education. Early in her career, she trained in nursing at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and did nursing in Massachusetts and Lewis Gale Hospital in Roanoke, Virginia. When the family moved to Roanoke in 1943, she began teaching at Back Creek Elementary School and retired thirty years later from the chemistry department of Cave Spring High School.

While teaching, she served as faculty representative for several years to the Virginia Education Association and on the School Superintendent's Advisory Council under Dr. Herman Horne.

She was named to Who's Who of American Women by Roanoke City teachers in 1972.

Throughout her life, she exhibited an artistic talent for painting, needlework and weaving as well as an avid interest in antiques.

On retirement, she taught handicraft classes at the Roanoke County Library. Among her projects was the designing of the Centennial Quilt for the library and supervising the class members in its making.

After moving to Floyd County, she worked with the Floyd County Women's club to establish a county public library, serving as its first volunteer librarian in a house behind the fire station and later when it was moved to the courthouse.

She was a member of the Montgomery-Floyd Library Board of Trustees for several years.

She was a charter member of the Lambda Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, the honorary teachers' sorority, serving in offices at both the local and state level and was a life member at the national level.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Belford E. Peters; daughter, Virginia Lee Peters; brother, Julius L. Sylvia; sister, Inez Burghart. Surviving are her son and daughter-in-law, Randolph B. and Mabel C. Peters, Martinsville, VA; grandchildren, Conrad Lewis Peters, Richmond, VA, Diane (Mrs. Matthew) Busch, Durham, NC; great-grandchildren, Celeste and Anton Busch. Other surviving relatives are Mary Ann (Mrs. Leeson) Peters, Alvis and Mary Lou Kelley, all of Floyd, Virginia (Mrs. Tracy) Peters, Roanoke, as well as a number of nieces and nephews.

Graveside service was held at 11:30 on Monday, March 26, at the Peters Family Cemetery, located on Silver Leaf Road in Floyd.

Memorials may be made to the Floyd County Rescue Squad. Arrangements by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

CLEMENT S. VAUGHAN

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA-Clement S. Vaughan, 84, passed away peacefully on March 10, 2007 in Scottsdale, Arizona after a prolonged battle with Parkinson's disease.

Clem was born May 11, 1922 in Floyd, VA, the third of six children to Archa and Beulah Vaughan.

He was born and raised on Ziona, the family farm in the Blue Ridge Mountains and later attended Lynchburg College.

After graduation he served as a Marine in WWII, seeing action in the Pacific and Japan. While hospitalized after the war, he met a Navy nurse named Kitty Jean Hartley and they were married in August of 1948.

Clem received his law degree from William and Mary, however his early family years were interrupted when he was recalled to active duty as a Marine Captain in Korea. After the war, Clem went to work for State Farm Insurance in their regional office in Birmingham, Alabama and Greeley, Colorado.

In 1971, he took the helm of the new Sunland office in Tempe, Arizona and directed State Farm operations in Arizona, Nevada, and New Mexico for over 15 years. Clem and Jean were active in the Paradise Valley United Methodist church.

He enjoyed spending time in his yard, traveling and on the golf course, and in retirement he served on numerous community boards including St. Luke's Healthcare and was active in Rotary, the Diplomats and the Military Affairs committee.

He was preceded in death by his wife Jean (2001). He is survived by his daughter Nancy of Phoenix; son, Howard and his wife Barbara of Parker, Colorado and their children, Lauren and Hanna and son Read and his wife Suzi of Kalispell, Montana and their children Kristen, Travis and Jordan.

Clem was a progressive business leader who had a great impact on those who worked with him. However, it was in his role as a devoted husband and wonderful loving father where he left his most enduring legacy.

He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix, AZ 85014-5656, whose nurses and staff provided unsurpassed compassionate care for both Clem and Jean in the last months of their lives.

Obits 4-5-2007

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Thursday, April 5, 2007

GEORGE KYLE COLE

PILOT-George Kyle Cole departed his earthly life Saturday night, March 31, 2007 at the age of 48.

He was born September 14, 1958 and was a tremendously unique individual.

He was preceded in death by his father, Marvin L. Cole, a brother, Darry Lee Cole. Also preceding him in death were his grandparents, J. Kyle and Mae S. Cole, and George and Allie J. Peters.

George Kyle experienced many passions in his life through farming, truck driving, real estate, auctioneering, fence building and logging timber.

He is survived by his loving mother, Clarice P. Cole of Pilot; sister, Durene C. Cupp, Christiansburg; daughter, Susan Dickerson; granddaughter, Ashlynn Jean Kemp, Colorado Springs, Colorado. He is also survived by a very special nephew and his wife, Darren and Tammy Keith; grandniece, Grace-Katherine Durene and three grandnephews, Joshua Dean, Cole Gabriel and Mason Kyle Keith, all of Pilot.

A special thanks for the kindness and care given to George Kyle goes to the New River Nephrology office, Drs. Travede and Baker, Carolyn and Denise, The New River Valley Dialysis Center and The New River Medical Center.

A memorial service was held at Wood Funeral Home on Tuesday at 7 p.m. with Reverend Leon Alley officiating. A private family interment will take place at the Cole Family Cemetery at a later date. Donations may be made to Floyd County Rescue Squad, Floyd, VA 24091.

ROBERT S. LANCASTER

TENNESSEE- Dean Robert “Red” Lancaster, a native of Floyd County, died February 21, 2007 at age 97.

His funeral was held at All Saints’ Chapel in Sewanee, Tennessee on Monday, February 26.

Professor Lancaster began teaching in Sewanee at the Sewanee Military Academy (SMA), at which he was a faculty member during the years 1931–38 and 1946–49, with those stints punctuated by his practicing law in Pulaski, Virginia, and then by his serving as a naval lieutenant during World War II. Later he renewed his ties with the U.S. Navy by being a member of the academic advisory board at Annapolis in the early 1970s.

In 1949 Red Lancaster began his thirty-year tenure at the University of the South by joining the department of political science, where he taught with distinction until his retirement.

During that period he held two Fulbright appointments: in Baghdad in 1955–56 and in Seoul in 1964–65. Soon after his return from Seoul he was urged to run the \$10 million campaign for the University, a campaign then foundering. Under his leadership it was successful, and the fundraising, accomplished by a staff of three, cost very little.

Among his many other contributions to the University, especially the College of Arts and Sciences, and to the town of Sewanee were his terms as dean of men (1951–56); dean of the faculty (1957–69); and his work on the boards of the Bank of Sewanee, Duck River Electric, and the Sewanee Civic Association. He saved Rebel’s Rest, which was scheduled to be demolished, and raised the money for its restoration. Mr. Lancaster, who already had earned a master’s degree in English at the University of the South in addition to his B.A. from Hampden-Sydney College and had read himself into a wide knowledge of the law sufficient enough for him to pass the Virginia bar examination on the first try, completed his Ph.D. in political science at the University of Michigan in 1952.

For his dissertation he wrote the first book-length study of the great jurist Learned Hand, then the most distinguished living judge and legal philosopher in the U.S. Some of this Ph.D. thesis was later published in law reviews as articles. He also edited and wrote a textbook.

Dean Lancaster’s other publications include prose and poetry published in the Sewanee Review from time to time.

He was an extraordinarily perspicacious and perspicuous man, whether as a speaker or conversationalist or writer. He was very widely read in many disciplines and had memorized hundreds of lines of poetry that retained well into his final years.

Red was an extraordinarily well-educated man with a capacious mind and a superb memory. His interests were by no means confined to the academy, for he was devoted to hunting (killing boar in Iraq and deer in Korea), was a great wing shot, and played poker superbly well.

Red (who was also known as Red Dog and the Red Dean) was a staunch friend and supporter of students at SMA and at the college-and of members of both faculties.

One of his most loyal friends, a federal judge for many years, was urged by Dean Lancaster to leave the college after his freshman year-and did. His many honors include an honorary degree from his alma mater, where he earned his Phi Beta Kappa key, and one from the University of the South, which he served faithfully and well for decades.

Robert Lancaster was born and raised in Floyd County. He was the son of Tazewell and Rachel Barnard Lancaster and was married twice-first to Ernestine DeSporte and then to Elizabeth Craig.

He is survived by one daughter, Ulysse; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; one brother, John Kyle Lancaster of La Grange, GA; three sisters, Mary Lancaster Harwood of Richmond, VA, Virginia Lancaster Shields of Athens, GA, and Helen Lancaster Manard of Floyd.

FRANK J. SHELOR

FLOYD-Frank J. Shelor, 75, passed away Wednesday, March 28, 2007.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bruster and Elizabeth Shelor, sister and brother-in-law, Mary Elizabeth and Gorden Pilson, sister, Virginia Smith, and brother, Charles Shelor.

He served in the Army from May 1952 to May 1954 during the Korean War.

He is survived by: his wife, Ileda Shelor; daughters, Belva Shelor, Melva Shelor; brother and sisters-in-law, Lewis and Isabel Shelor, Francis Shelor; brother-in-law, Jack Smith, mother-in-law, Eula W. Martin, sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Jane and Richard Shank, Louise and Thomas Hall, Mary and W.B. Nolen, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Robert and Pat Blackwell, Kenneth and Kathy Blackwell; step-brothers-in-law, Fred Quesenberry and Eugene Quesenberry; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, April 1, at Floyd United Methodist Church with Rev. Richard Gregory, Rev. Robert Blackwell, and Rev. Thomas Hall officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Floyd County Rescue P.O. Box 257 Floyd, VA 24091 or Red Oak Grove Cemetery c/o Grant Belcher 799 Huckleberry Ridge Road NE Floyd, VA 24091. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home.

HUGH FREDERICK VEST

CHECK-Hugh Frederick Vest passed from this world peacefully on March 30, 2007 at the age of 89. He was born September 30, 1917 in Floyd County, Virginia, to John Henry and Agranda Palentine "Pallie" (Tice) Vest.

In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by his brothers: Edgar, Letcher, Wade, Lewis and Ralph Vest; his sisters, Flossie Wright, Essie Sisson, and Susie Sweeney; his daughter, Margie L. Cahill, and his beloved wife of 69 years, Dorothy.

He is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Roger E. and Sharon Vest; one daughter and son-in-law, Peggy L. and J. C. Wimmer Jr.; grandchildren, Jonathan Vest and wife, Pamela, Amy Vest, Eric Vest and wife, Margie, Jessica Vest Lewis and husband, Michael, Travis Wimmer, and Jennifer Wimmer ; three great-grandchildren, Tristan, Paxton, and Jackson Vest; a brother, Horace D. Vest; three sisters: Audrey Lee, Allene Sweeney, and Allie Vest; three sisters-in-law: Irene Vest, Marie West, and Mae Dobbins and husband, Carl.

Funeral service was conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, at Gardner Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Dan Walker officiating. Interment followed in the Samuel L. Vest Family Cemetery, Check.

Those who prefer may make gifts to the Hugh and Dorothy Vest Scholarship Fund at the Bank of Floyd.

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THORNTON SCOTT GLASS

VINTON-Thornton (Tony) Scott Glass passed away Sunday, April 8, 2007, after an eight-month battle with leukemia.

He was 83 years old, born in Gladys, VA., on January 30, 1924.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 11 brothers and one sister.

He is survived by: his wife, Audrey Dillon Reese Glass, of Vinton; daughters and sons-in-law, Cecelia and Sherrel Mercer of Edna, Texas, Kathryn and Bobby Pearson of Alexandria, Alabama and Nancy and Roger Mannon of Floyd; son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Beth Glass of Vinton; foster daughter and her husband, Darlene and Paul Wiley of Salem. Also surviving are stepsons and step daughters-in-law, S. Pete and Genevieve Reese of Chesapeake and Charles and Linda Reese of Atlanta, GA.

He is also survived by ten grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, six step great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Also surviving is a sister, Virginia Glass Fore of Lynchburg as well as other family members and a host of friends.

He served in the U.S. Army, and was a World War II Veteran, awarded the Purple Heart.

He was also a Rural Mail Carrier for 24 years, carrying Routes 2 and 3 in Vinton, and also carrying Route 1 in Boones Mill.

He served as Elder for 12 years at the Lake Drive Church of Christ.

Funeral service was held at Lake Drive Church of Christ, Vinton, at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10 with Tommy Blewett, Minister, officiating.

Interment followed at Mountain View Cemetery, Vinton, with military honors.

Contributions may be made to the Leukemia Society or the Lake Drive Church of Christ in his memory. Arrangements by Oakey's Vinton Chapel.

ARNOLD SHERWOOD (JOHNNY) KINGREA
PILOT-Arnold Sherwood (Johnny) Kingrea, 70, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, April 5, 2007 at his home surrounded by his loved ones.

He was born November 28, 1936 in Montgomery County.

He was the son of the late Dewey S. and Emma Winfrey Kingrea.

He was a member of the Union Valley Lighthouse Family Ministries.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Katie D. Kingrea, of Pilot; son and daughter-in-law, James (Jimmy) and Susan L. Kingrea; daughter, Connie M. Kingrea; three grandchildren, Jessica D. Kingrea, A. J. M. Akers and William S. Akers; one brother, Albert Kingrea; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Hazel and John Frazier; Annie and Cecil Hatcher.

Funeral service was conducted at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 7 at the Light House Family Ministries on Union Valley Road .

Reverend Buford Linkous and Reverend Steve Akers officiated .

Interment followed in Huffville Cemetery.

The family was served by Horne Funeral Service, Christiansburg.

Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.hornefuneralservice.com

THELMA LEE CONNER POFF

SALEM-Thelma Lee Conner Poff, 75, departed this life on Monday, April 2, 2007, at her home in Salem.

Mrs. Poff was the widow of J. Lynwood Poff to whom she was married for 30 years.

Her parents, Dessie and Ennis Conner of Check, preceded her in death.

She was also predeceased by her grandson, Dennis Michael Poff, Jr., sisters, Mary Wimmer and Virginia Dinkins, and a brother, William Herman Conner.

She is survived by: sons, Mike and his wife, Arlene of Asheville, NC, Phillip and his wife Jane of Rocky Mount; daughter, Lisa Oliver and her husband David of Salem; brother, James (Buster) Wesley Conner and his wife Bonnie of Roanoke; three grandchildren, Clayton, Wesley and Hannah Lee Oliver, Salem; two great- grandchildren, Chad and Rachael Poff, Atlanta, Georgia; two step-grandchildren, Emily Pierce of Southeast Asia and Jennifer Little of Wayne, New Jersey adopted grandchildren, Elizabeth Craighead, Braden and Bryn Burns of Salem; also many beloved nieces and nephews.

Her care and concern for those experiencing distress in their lives were beyond comparison and she will be sorely missed, as well as her sense of humor.

Many lives have been touched by the generosity and graciousness of Mrs. Poff.

She was a beautician for several years and said she enjoyed her work because of the friendships formed, most of which lasted for the remainder of her life.

The love and dedication she displayed as a grandmother were immeasurable, no task, request or even crisis ever went unanswered. She was a member of Cave Springs United Methodist Church.

Art Wingfield, Pastor Emeritus of Cave Spring Methodist, conducted the graveside service at Sherwood Memorial Park on Thursday, April 5, at 11 a.m.

Contributions may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 3959 Electric Road, Roanoke, Virginia 24018.

Arrangements were handled by Oakey's South Chapel.

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DAVID HARRIS ERB

ROANOKE-David Harris Erb, 82, died Monday, April 9, 2007 after a seven-year battle with prostate cancer. He was born September 29, 1924 in Berkeley, CA, the second son of Paul Harris and Bernice Frye Erb.

He was preceded in death by: his first wife, A. Margaret Erb (1924-1991); daughter Anna Margaret Erb (1953-1992); and son Paul William Erb (1951-2005).

He is survived by: his second wife, Meta "Mimi" Hill Erb; brothers, George Curtis Erb (Marion) and John Alden Erb (Vonnice); sons, David Alden Erb (Beth) and Ralph Jacob Erb; "elective extra son", Steven Timothy Barber (Nancy); stepsons and stepdaughters, Bruce Ryland Boynton (Carole), Allen Christian Boynton, Hannah Boynton Holzer (Pete), Melissa Ashfield Boynton, and Abraham Douglas Boynton; grandsons and granddaughter, Paul Harris Erb, Brian Matthew Erb, Rachel Katheryn Erb, and Marshall Timothy Erb; eleven step-grandchildren; and other members of an extended family spanning four generations.

An outgoing man, Dave found his greatest joy in making new friends.

His booming bass voice and boisterous laugh resonated everywhere he went, most notably at Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church, where he sang in the choir and served as an elder and church treasurer. He played sousaphone in the University of California marching band and tuba in the Roanoke Valley Community band, and sang in the Roanoke Valley chorus and the Boar's Head Feast. He was an accomplished woodworker and an active member of Tin Can Sailors, an organization for destroyer veterans.

A lifelong outdoorsman and athlete, Dave hiked the John Muir Trail at age 16, played varsity baseball and rugby at Cal, and played racquetball and many other sports regularly until weakened by illness in 2006.

A 1947 Naval ROTC graduate of the University of California School of Forestry, he served during and after World War II on the USS Rowe and USS Stoddard.

While stationed in Philadelphia in 1946, he met Margaret Neimeyer. They married on January 1, 1949. Dave worked for the California Division of Forestry, then moved east to work for Westvaco.

Recalled for the Korean War, her served two years on the USS Laws, achieving the rank of Lieutenant before returning to civilian life.

While with Westvaco, Dave and Margaret lived in Tyrone, PA, Lynchburg, Covington, Charlottesville, and Crozet, VA, St. Louis, Mo, and New Orleans, LA. They particularly enjoyed Covington.

They moved to Roanoke in 1966 when Dave began selling logging equipment.

Dave later owned and managed a Dunkin' Donuts shop, worked in sales for the Niemeyer Corporation, and owned and managed the Country Store of Check before retiring in 1987.

One of Margaret's closest friends, Mimi Boynton, lost her husband Doug to cancer shortly after Margaret died of the same disease. Dave and Mimi began spending more time together, and married on June 27, 1992.

Together, they traveled extensively, remained active in the church, attended classes and Elderhostels, and otherwise expanded their already wide horizons.

A memorial service and celebration of Dave's life will be held at Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 22 at 3:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to the church's organ fund or Haiti Fund, or to the charity of one's choice.

CHRISTOPHER SEALE ESKEW

PILOT-CHRISTOPHER SEALE Eskew, 36, passed away Saturday, April 7, 2007.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Eva Lamb Woodward and Joe C. Eskew.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his parents, Joe C. and Peggy Woodward Eskew, Jr.; grandparents, James William Woodward and Mrs. Joe C. Eskew; brother and sister-in-law, B. J. and Mandy Eskew; sisters and brothers-in-law, Jennifer Eskew, Jill and Gerald Wingfield; Julie and P. C. Wells; Sasha Eskew; several aunts, uncles and cousins and his extended family at Abundant Life Fellowship.

A memorial service was conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 12 at Abundant Life Fellowship Church with Pastor Earl Hanks, Pastor Larry Meadow and Pastor R. D. Vaught officiating.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Music Ministries of Abundant Life Fellowship in memory of Chris.

The Eskew Family was served by Horne Funeral and Cremation Service, Christiansburg.

Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.hornefuneralservice.com

VIOLA STUART HUFF

FLOYD-Viola Stuart Huff, age 86, fell asleep in death Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at Grant Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

She was born November 19, 1920 in Floyd County, Virginia to the late Arch and Clella Turner Stuart.

She was also preceded in death by: her step-mother, Annie Mae Stuart; husband, Wheeler Huff; son, James Huff; sister, Ella Mae Taylor; and brother, Randolph Stuart.

Survivors include: children, Barbara Jean Hoover and friend Kenneth Bivens, Anna Louise Huff, Clella Jackson and husband Ronald. Cherished grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many close friends in Ohio & Virginia.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday April 14, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Pastor Steve Norman officiating. Interment followed at Price Cemetery.

MILDRED LEE DOBBINS LIGHT

PILOT-Mildred Lee Dobbins Light, 95, went to be with the Lord on April 12, 2007. She was born July 13, 1911 to the late Cabell and Mary Dobbins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Forrest Light; son, Ronald Light; sisters, Edith and Martha Shelton; brother, James Dobbins; grandson, Phillip Correll and daughter-in-law, Beverly Light.

She was a member of Red Oak Grove Church of the Brethren.

Mildred taught school in one-room schools at Rifton, Poff and Possum Hollow in Floyd and Montgomery Counties.

She will be greatly missed by all. Our loss is heaven's gain.

She is survived by: a daughter and son-in-law, Doris and Wayne Correll, Roanoke; sons and daughters-in-law, Melvin and Shirley Light, Troutville, Wendell and Dianne Light, Donald and Beverly Light, all of Pilot; daughter-in-law, Julia Light, Pilot; grandchildren, Joan (Mark) Kesterson, Jeff (Kim), Barry (Heather), Larry, Paul, Tammy, Brian (Teresa), Amanda (Steve), Jerry (Teresa), Jason (Alyssa) Light; great-grandchildren, John, Zach, Gabrielle, Brittany, Robert, Brandon and MacKenzie; sisters, Helen Dobbins, Virginia (Irvin) Yates of Christiansburg; sisters-in-law, Lucille Dobbins, Bertha Wimmer, both of Christiansburg.

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 15, at Gardner Funeral Home in Floyd with the Reverend Hebron Quesenberry, Reverend Jimmy Cannaday and Reverend Elbert Lee Naff officiating.

Interment followed at Iddings Cemetery.

RICHARD MILES SHANK

FLOYD-Richard Miles Shank, Jr. passed away on Sunday, April 15, 2007 at age 86. He was a member of the Stonewall United Methodist Church for many years.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Force, in the 506 Fighter Squadron during WW II in Europe.

He is survived by: his wife of 52 years, Nancy Jane Shank; sons and thier wives, Joel and Amanda Shank, Stewart and Tammy Shank; grandsons, Aaron, Micah and Christian Shank; granddaughters, Hannah, Elisabeth, Faith and Abigail Shank; sister, Manilla Cannaday; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Ileda Shelor, Louise and Thomas Hall, Robert and Patricia Blackwell, Mary and W.B, Nolen, Kenneth and Kathy Blackwell; mother-in-law, Eula Martin; step-brothers-in-law, Fred Quesenberry and Eugene Quesenberry; first cousins, Wanda and Bernard Vest, Mason Lee and Charlotte Whiteneck, Ruby Shank; many nieces and nephews and other cousins.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, April 17, at 2:00 p.m. at Wood Funeral Home in Floyd with Pastor Dan Walker officiating.

Interment was in the Stonewall Cemetery.

Military rites were by Floyd VFW Post #7854 and Floyd American Legion Post #127.

Donations may be made to the Stonewall United Methodist Church building fund in care of Mrs. Marie Thomas at the Bank of Floyd, 101 Jacksonville Circle, Floyd, VA 24091 or the Floyd Rescue Squad, Floyd.

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RUBY LEE YOPP WEEKS

FLOYD-Ruby Lee Yopp Weeks, 88, passed away Monday April 23, 2007.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Gilbert Weeks and daughter, Ethel May Casteel.

Clarence and Ruby were lifelong deacon and deaconess of Laurel Branch Church of the Brethren.

Ruby raised many children in Floyd County.

Survivors include: daughters and sons-in-law: Carol and G.W. Davis Goode, Leighton Casteel, Roanoke; sons and daughters-in-law, Paul and Mary Weeks, Robert and Dawn Weeks, both of Floyd; grandchildren, Sandra Arrington, Joyce Fincher, Barry and Phillip Casteel, John and Valerie Weeks, Morgan and Brittany Weeks; great-grandchildren, David and Kevin Arrington, Sarah and Ryan Fincher, Alan Edwards and Lyndsey Casteel, Phillip, Jr. and Kelsey Casteel and Gary Caldwell, Peyton Weeks; great-greatgrandchildren, Mackenzie and Logan Arrington; brothers, Bryce Yopp, Salem, Ralph Yopp, Christiansburg; sister, Virginia Atkins, Blacksburg.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at Laurel Branch Church of The Brethren, with Pastor Angela Carr officiating.

Interment followed at Laurel Branch Cemetery.

The family would like to especially thank Ruby Dickerson, who provided companionship and care the past three years.

Special thanks to the family of Laurel Branch Church of the Brethren, nursing staff of Skyline Manor Nursing Home and the staff of Medi Home Health and Hospice for their support during the past months.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Laurel Branch Church of the Brethren, c/o Robert Richards, P.O. Box 192, Floyd, VA 24091, or Medi Home Health and Hospice, 102 N. Washington Ave., Pulaski, VA 24301, or Floyd County Rescue Squad, c/o Ford Wirt, 120 West Oxford St., Floyd, VA 24091.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

MARY ELIZABETH KEITH BOOTHE WEIR

PULASKI-Mary Elizabeth Keith Boothe Weir, 91, a resident of Pulaski Retirement Community, departed this life on April 17, 2007.

She was born in Willis, VA on March 27, 1916, a daughter of the late Jabe and Melissa Hylton Keith

She attended Willis High School.

She was a member of Christiansburg Pentecostal Holiness Church.

She was preceded in death by her step-mother, Hattie Hylton Keith first husband, Tony Deware Boothe, second husband, Hugh Collins Weir, sisters, Nova Shelor and Ruby Reed, and brothers, Christopher Keith and Lois Keith.

Survivors include: four sisters, Margie Keith, Melva Largen, Katy Reed, Wilma Reed; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Graveside service was held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 19, 2007 at Keith Cemetery, Willis, with Reverend Richard Kingrea officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to Keith Cemetery Fund, c/o Wilma Reed, 372 Long Level Road, SW, Floyd, VA 24091.

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HAZEL IRENE REED AKERS

FLOYD-Hazel Irene Reed Akers, 85, passed away Thursday, May 10, 2007.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wilbert Clinton and Sarah Lizzie Reed, husband, Lanford C. Akers, and brothers Russell and Harry Reed.

Survivors include: daughter and son-in-law, Mae A. and Dexter Slusher, Floyd; son and fiance, Roy L. Akers and Debbie Johnson, Floyd; granddaughter and fiance, Tessa J. Akers and Brian G. Sutphin, Floyd; great-granddaughter, Brianna Jade Sutphin, Floyd; three step-grandchildren; five step-great grandchildren; twin brother and sister-in-law, Wilbert H. and Ila Reed, Willis; sister, Alma Reed Duncan, Rogersville, TN; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, May 14, at Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren, Floyd, with Reverend Richard Thomas, Reverend Roy Turpin and Reverend Marvin Wade officiating.

Interment followed at BeaverCreek Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

GEORGE WESLEY CARR

CHECK-George Wesley Carr, 71, passed away Wednesday, May 9, 2007. He was preceded in death by his parents, Posey Lee Carr and Lula Holland Carr. Being the last of ten sons, he was also preceded in death by nine brothers, Erby, Walter, Wayne, Alton, Raymond, Eugene, Elmer, Nelson and Glen Carr, a daughter, Shelia Elaine Carr and a granddaughter, Brittany Anne Hartberger.

He is survived by: daughter, Lee Anne Carr Hartberger and husband, Jamie Lee Hartberger; son, John Wesley Carr; grandchildren, Jamie Aaron Hartberger, Julia Anne Hartberger, and Jordan Carr; special sister-in-law, Pearl Carr; many special nieces and nephews including Jessie Carr and Troy Carr; special friends that were considered as family, Dalton and Joey Smallwood.

Funeral service was held at Oakey's South Chapel at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 12. Interment followed in Copper Hill Cemetery, Floyd County.

SHELBA FAY COX

WILLIS-Shelba Fay Cox, 87, passed away Tuesday May 8, 2007. He was preceded in death by his parents, Cicero and Bessie Gay Cox, brother, Brady Cox, and sisters, Hazel Scaggs and Izola Moye.

He is survived by: brothers, Elba Cox (twin), Archie Cox, Elwood Cox, all of Willis; sisters and brothers-in-law, Josephine Scaggs, Riner, Ovada and Marvie Weeks, Floyd, Agnes and Shelley Montgomery, Radford, special cousin, Bud Cox, Willis; special friends, Leslie Fisher, Riner, Paul Wade, Willis, Joe Reed, Willis.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday May 10, at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Dewayne Troutt, Rev. Harold Cox and Rev. Joe Cox officiating. Interment followed at Irenia Mayberry Cox Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Indian Valley Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 257, Floyd, VA 24091.

MAMIE C. CREWS

BASSETT-Mammie Carroll Crews, 84, formerly of Floyd, passed away Sunday, May 6, 2007 at her home in Bassett.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Crews, parents, Lindsey and Julie Clemons Carroll, sister, Ethel Compton, brothers, Nelson, Marshall Leslie and Lacy Carroll.

Surviving are: daughters, Betty Smith, Lori Kessinger and Nannie Crews; sons, Dawson, Philip and Michael Crews; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren. Also relatives in Floyd including Iva Carroll, niece, Ina C. Martin, nephew, Wayne Carroll and cousin Gracie Gibson.

The funeral was held Tuesday, May 8, at Collins Funeral Home with Pastor Marvin Wade and Reverend Barry Sink officiating. Burial followed in Sowers Cemetery in Floyd.

DOROTHY BAILEY HARMON

FLOYD-Dorothy Bailey Harmon, 73, passed away May 12, 2007.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, Frederick H. Harmon. She was a member of Fairview Church of the Brethren for 35 years.

Survivors include: son, Rufus Mark Harmon, Floyd; grandson, Daryl Lee Harmon, Floyd; great-grandchildren, Daryl Lee Harmon, Jr., Austin Taylor Harmon, Stuart; sister and brother-in-law, Neoma and Alvin Altizer, Christiansburg; fiance, Eugene Hylton, Floyd; three nieces.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, May 14, at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Glen Sage officiating. Interment followed at Topeco Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 2200 Lake Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30319, or Fairview Church of the Brethren, c/o Wayne Keith, 617 Fairview Church Road SW, Floyd, VA 24091.

O.B. (OREL) HOLLINS

HILLSBOROUGH, NC-O.B. (Orel) Hollins, 84, passed away peacefully on May 11, 2007, in the company of friends and family. He was born to Oakley and Maye Hollins on September 25, 1922, in Roanoke, and raised on a farm in the mountains of Floyd County.

He was point guard and captain of the Check High School basketball team. It was also in these mountains that he became an avid outdoorsman and learned his love of fishing, hunting, farming, and gardening.

He began a career in textiles with Burlington Industries in 1943. He relocated to Hillsborough, NC in 1968 to be Plant Manager of Hillsborough Textiles and was then selected as vice president of Fairy Stone Fabrics. After moving to Hillsborough he and his family became members of the First Baptist Church where he was a deacon and trustee. He also helped found and served on the Board of Directors for the Welcome Finance Company.

He was a lifelong member of the Burlington and Hillsborough Exchange Clubs and was recently awarded the Book of Golden Deeds for his many years of community service.

Through his community leadership he was able to organize the Orange County Family Medical Center and serve as one of its early presidents.

Surviving are: his wife, Ruby Hollins; daughter and son-in-law, Marcia and Robert Babb and grandchildren, Keaton, Jackson, and Lelia Babb; brother, Astor Hollins; sisters, Malicia Shaver and Elta Wilson; sister-in-law, Helen Sue Smith.

Gifts of remembrance can be made to the First Baptist Church of Hillsborough or choice of charity.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, May 15, at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Hillsborough and graveside service at 4:30 p.m. at Head of the River Church. Arrangements handled by Walker 's Funeral Home of Hillsborough.

C. CLAY VEST

FLOYD-On Sunday morning, May 13, 2007, Clay Vest peacefully passed away at the Cancer Treatment Center of America in Zion, Illinois in the presence of his family.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Aberdeen Vest.

Survivors include: his loving wife, Ellen Bennett Vest; daughter and son-in-law, Jessica and Chris Brevard; father, Horace Vest; sister and brother-in-law, Connie and Maurice Quesenberry; brothers and sisters-in-law, Tim and Gennell Vest, Doug and Angie Vest; mother-in-law, Thelma Lucas; father-in-law, William Bennett; aunts and uncles, Marshall and Judy McNeil, Alfred McNeil, Buddy and Vivian Dickerson, Allene Sweeney, Audrey Lee, Allie Vest, Bertha Sassaman; nephews, Marc Quesenberry Matthew Vest, Mitchell Nolen; nieces, Megan Quesenberry, Michelle Quesenberry, Charity Nolen, Hannah Vest; two life long friends, Wayne Goff, René Wimmer.

Clay loved the Lord and his church family at Floyd Baptist Church where he served as a deacon. He was a loving husband, father and friend. He enjoyed reading the Bible. He loved farming and the outdoors, with a passion for tractors and equipment.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 18, at Floyd Baptist Church with Dr. Dave Holladay, Pastor Dan Walker and Rev. Dan Agee officiating. Interment will follow at Samuel L. Vest Cemetery.

Friends may call after 8:30 a.m. on Thursday at Gardner Funeral Home, where the family will be from 6 until 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, Clay requested that donations be made to Floyd Baptist Church, PO Box 58, Floyd VA 24091, or to the Medical Charities of Floyd County for cancer patients and their families, 100 E. Main St. Room 108, Floyd, VA 24091. Arrangements are being handled by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

MARBRIE NESTER WORRELL

DUGSPUR-Marbrie Nester Worrell, 66, left this world for her eternal home on May 12, 2007. She was preceded in death by her husband Jack L. Worrell, her father and mother Sherman Troy Nester and Gladys Goad Nester, a grandson Robert Michael Adams, and a brother Joey Gray Nester.

She is survived by: daughters and sons-in-law, Marnita and David Hill, Stewartsville, Marlene and Chris Garber, Copper Hill; son, Tim L. Worrell, Bent Mountain; her constant companion, Bingo; brothers and sisters-in-law, Elwood and Vada Nester, Layman and Gladys Nester, Morristown, TN, Hillis and Melva Nester of Dugspur; sisters and brothers-in-law, Wavie Olean Dalton, Dugspur, Bettie Dean and Barry Southard, Dugspur, Treva and Chuck Denas, Fredericksburg; sisters-in-law and spouse, Maxine and Harrison Caudill, Rita Worrell; grandchildren Brittany, Zach, and Jeremy Worrell, and Ashley Hill.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at the Vaughan Guynn McGrady Chapel, with Pastor Greg Mills and Pastor Jimmy Marion officiating. Burial followed in Aaron Nester Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Bent Mountain Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad, P.O. Box Drawer D, Bent Mountain, VA 24059. A guestbook is available online at www.vaughanguynnandmcgrady.com. Vaughan Guynn McGrady Chapel of Hillsville is serving the family.

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WILLIAM FLOYD COX

PILOT-William Floyd Cox passed away suddenly on May 16, 2007.

William was born in Syracuse, New York on December 5, 1947. He attended the State University College at Buffalo, New York and the University of Mysore in India. He graduated with a degree in art and established a business in print making, specializing in copper plate etchings. William's whimsical personality was reflected in his art work which delighted many patrons and won many awards over the years.

He was also an accomplished guitar and recorder player.

He moved to an old farmhouse in Check in 1975 which he renovated for his growing family and business, then moved to Pilot in 1990. William's business "Green Man Graphics," originally known as Fantasy Etchings," enabled him to travel to art shows in many states, yet he was always joyful to return to these blue mountains where he found the inspiration he needed to create his art work, now his legacy.

He is survived by: two daughters, Molly Cox and Bronwen Cox; two sons, Jeremy Cox and Shawn Cox; daughter-in-law, Ashley Cox; son-in-law, Cael Croft; grandson, Aiden William Cox; step-daughter, Amelia Turney; step-son, Will Sawyer; sister, Sandra Micek; nieces and nephews, and many friends. William's loving personality, music making, kindness, and laughter will be remembered and missed by all who knew him.

SANDRA LEE HUFF

FLOYD-Sandra Lee Huff, 60, passed away Thursday, May 17, 2007 at her home. She was preceded in death by her sister, Wanda Guill.

Survivors include: her parents, Coolidge and Lelia Huff, Floyd; niece, Sherry Holland, Boones Mill; great-niece, Andrea Michelle Holland, Boones Mill; brother-in-law, Bobby Guill, Boones Mill; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were held at 4:00 p.m. Saturday May 19, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Roy Turpin officiating.

Interment followed at Jacksonville Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

CHRISTINE PAULEY PATTERSON

FLOYD-Christine Pauley Patterson went to be with the Lord on Friday, May 18, 2007.

She died peacefully at her home. She was predeceased in death by her husband, Leonard Mason Patterson, Sr., her parents, O.B. and Alice Cockram Pauley, brothers, William (Bud) Pauley and Norman Pauley, sisters, Aldene Pauley and Ercel P. Murray.

She is survived by: son, Leonard Patterson, Jr. and wife Ginny of Statesville, North Carolina; sisters, Mildred and Ed Lloyd, and Ruth and Bain Thompson; sisters-in-law, Belva Pauley and Mabel DeHart; grandchildren, Steven Troy Patterson and Karen Leigh Patterson of Biloxi, Mississippi and two great-grandchildren, T.J. and Hannah Patterson. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held at Floyd Baptist Church on Monday, May 21, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. with Dr. Dave Holladay and Reverend P.J. Hicks officiating. Interment followed at Danville Memorial Gardens in Danville at 2:30 p.m.

The family request that memorials be made to the Medical Charities of Floyd County, 100 E. Main Street, Room 108, Floyd, VA 24091.

Arrangements were handled by Wood Funeral Home in Floyd.

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MOYER AGEE BELL

COPPER HILL-Moyer Agee Bell , 74, passed away at his home Wednesday, May 23, 2007.

He was a veteran of the Korean War.

He is survived by: his wife, Jackie H. Bell, Copper Hill; sons and daughters-in-law, Tommy and Judy Bell, Floyd, Terry and Lesha Bell, Copper Hill; grandchild, Joseph Brian Bell.

Funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 26, at the Copper Hill Church of the Brethren with Reverend Maurice Wright and Reverend John Early officiating. Interment was in Restvale Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by Wood Funeral Home, Floyd.

DANIEL (DAN) BISHOP HODGES

FRANKLIN COUNTY-Daniel Bishop (Dan) Hodges went to be with his Lord and Savior and to fellowship with his father, mother, brother and mother-in-law on Sunday, May 27, 2007. He was born to the late Raymond Marshall and Addie Dickerson Hodges on May 21, 1929. Also preceding him in death is his twin brother, Donald Bernard Hodges and beloved mother-in-law, Margaret A. Creasy. Dan was a devoted husband, "the love of her life" to Delores Ann (Dee) Hodges for 57 years. He was a wonderful, loving father. A man of few words, a big heart and a lover of nature, he dearly loved his home, family, bird Petie and Jack the neighborhood dog. Dan worked for Merita Bakery for 20 years, until they closed the Roanoke plant. He was then employed at Save A Stop for another 20 years. He retired in 1994 from Advance Auto. In addition to his loving wife, he is survived by: his children, Sandee Schutts and husband, Don, Daniel Steven Hodges and wife, Liz and Douglas Earl Hodges and wife Charla. He was blessed with six grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and a great-grandson, Daniel Christian, due in September. Also surviving are his older brother, Raymond Marshall Hodges Jr. and wife Lois; sister-in-law, Betty Cormany East and many nieces, nephews and cousins, who all loved him dearly. Also left to cherish his memory are his church family from Franklin Memorial Baptist. A celebration of his life was held Tuesday, May 29 at noon at Oakey's Vinton Chapel with Pastor Jeff Richards officiating. Burial followed at Franklin Memorial Park, Rocky Mount.

EDITH ATTAWAY BOARD

FLOYD-Edith Attaway Board, age 95, passed away Tuesday, May 22, 2007. She was preceded in death by her parents, Horatio and Nancy Blackwell Board, brothers, Dewey, Herman and Parrot Board, sisters, Blanch Light, Hettie Conner, Leona Hess, Annie Lura Board and Margie Board.

Survivors include: beloved sister, Jettie Board, Floyd; nieces and nephews who loved her dearly, Nancy Hess Mottesheard, Charlotte, NC, Brenda Board Gearhart, Copper Hill, James Board, Florida, Wayne Board, Washington, Layne Board, Christiansburg, Daniel Board, Check, Allen Board, Roanoke

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, May 24, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Reverend Layne Board officiating.

Interment followed at Wilson Cemetery.

RUTH PANNILL OWEN BOND

BLUEFIELD, WV-Ruth Pannill Owen Bond, 100, passed away Saturday May 19, 2007 at Glenwood Methodist Retirement Home.

She was born March 6, 1907 in Henry County, Virginia. She was the daughter of the late Mr. And Mrs. William Thomas Owen, Jr. (Lena Rivers Mills). They moved to Bluefield in 1909. Her brothers and sisters were Ernest, Ruby, Avis, Elsie, Grace, Anna and Dick. Mr. Owen was a contractor and built their home on Mountain View Avenue (formerly Earl Street). It was the first home on the street. He built a number of houses in Bluefield; Wade School, the Peery Building, and Hamilton Hall in the old Bland Street Methodist Church.

Ruth attended Bluefield schools, graduating from Beaver High School in 1926. After receiving her teaching certificate from Concord State Normal College, she taught school at Newton School on Cumberland Road.

She married Cecil C. Bond April 2, 1928.

They had three daughters, Betty Watson (now deceased), Mary Berry and Sally Paige.

Ruth was a devoted mother who provided a loving home for their family. She was an excellent cook, especially yeast rolls, red meat, and her Christmas candies. She sewed for her girls; even embellishing the dresses with embroidery. She loved to read and would sing and recite poetry to her girls as she ironed.

One of her greatest loves was Bland Street United Methodist Church, where she became a member about 90 years ago. Ever faithful, she taught nursery children for 40 years with Mrs. A.C. Dilcher and served on many committees and was active in United Methodist Women. Ruth and Cecil had lived on Mountain View Avenue for 65 years when they moved to Glenwood Methodist Retirement Home.

Cecil died January 11, 2000. Ruth continued in good spirits to minister to staff, family and residents of the Home. Her children, eleven grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren share memories of a life well spent.

Funeral service was conducted on Wednesday, May 23, at 2:00 p.m. at Bland Street United Methodist Church with Reverend David L. Hall, Jr. officiating.

Burial followed at Monte Vista Park Cemetery in Green Valley.

Memorial contributions, if desired, may be made to Bland Street United Methodist Church, 2620 Bland Road, Bluefield, WV, 24701; or to The GlenWood Park Retirement Village Foundation, 1924 GlenWood Park Road, Princeton, WV 24740.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneral

Mercer Funeral Home and Crematory served the Bond family.

EMMA M. CANNADAY

ROANOKE-Emma M. Cannaday, 87, died Sunday, May 27, 2007.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Pete Martin and Julia Emaline Gillespie Martin, a sister Hannah Kelly and a special cousin, Frank Gillespie. Mrs. Cannaday was retired from Lazarus.

She is survived by: son, Curtis R. Cannaday and wife, Kathy, Troutville; sisters, Cassie Carr, Roanoke, Viola Fisher, Iron Gate; brother, Leroy Martin, Hollywood, Florida; several nieces and nephews.

Service was held at Oakey's South Chapel at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29. Pastor Ron Graham officiated. Interment followed in Restvale Cemetery, Floyd County. Memorial may be made to League of Older Americans or Hospice. Arrangements by Oakey's South Chapel.

VICKI COOK CARR

ROANOKE-Vicki Cook Carr, 59, passed away Sunday, May 27, 2007. She had been employed at Roanoke Electric Steel for 15 years and also with Nabisco for 10 years. Vicki was a member of the National Iris Society.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert F. Cook, and a sister, Linda Cook.

She is survived by: her husband, David A. Carr; daughter, Rebecca Beckner; mother, Ann Cook Cadd; brother, Bob Cook and wife, Betty; grandchildren, Leslie Clark and Joshua Beckner; two great-grandchildren, Tyler and Jaden Beckner; former husband and friend, C.J. Melvin; nieces, Jennifer Lively, Heather Strang, nephew, Brent Cook and wife, Amy, Shawn Strang; father-in-law, Byron Carr; sister-in-law and husband, Cathy and Larry Romagnolo; two beloved dogs, Gracie and Samantha.

Funeral service will be held at Oakey's South Chapel at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 31.

Graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. in Roselawn Cemetery in Princeton, West Virginia.

AVIS ILENE REED HOLSTEIN

CANTON, OH-Avis Ilene Reed Holstein, age 81, of formerly of Willis, passed away Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at her home.

Survivors include: her husband, John Q. Holstein, Canton, OH; sons, John Leo Holstein, Canton, OH, Dawson Crews, Roanoke; daughter, Marlene Low, Canton, OH; step-son, Wayne Allen Holstein, Savannah, GA; sister, Reva Alley, New Castle; 14 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, May 27, at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Craig Reed and Rev. Mike Price officiating.

Interment followed at Duncan 's Chapel Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

LULA IZOLA HOLLANDSWORTH SLAUGHTER

WILLIS-Lula Izola Hollandsworth Slaughter, 84 of Willis, passed away May 24, 2007.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cephas and Mettie Quesenberry Hollandsworth, sisters, Opal Hollandsworth Mitchell, Ocie Velma Hollandsworth, Ila Hollandsworth, brothers, Jett Hollandsworth, Gurlie Hollandsworth, Hurshel Hollandsworth, Cletus Hollandsworth.

She is survived by: her loving husband, Herman L. Slaughter of 66 years, Willis, daughter, Rachel Slaughter Marshall, Christiansburg; son and daughter-in-law, Donnie and Yvonne Slaughter, Willis; grandchildren, Tammy Costigan and husband Scott, Christiansburg, Sonya Gautier and husband Tony, Pembroke, Joshua Slaughter, Roanoke; great-grandchildren, Trista Costigan, Christiansburg, Seth Gautier, Pembroke; sisters and brother-in-law, Arlie and Cecil Phillip, Fairborn, OH, Virginia Phillips Wetzal, Kernersville, NC; several nieces and nephews

Funeral service was held 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 27, at Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church, with Elder Kenneth Hopkins and Elder Tommy Pegram officiating.

Interment followed in Captain George Quesenberry Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial donation may be made to Captain George Quesenberry Cemetery c/o Vera Hall 2128 Macks Mt. Road Indian Valley, VA 24105.

Arrangements were handled by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

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EULALA COX DICKERSON

NAPLES, FL-Eulala Cox Dickerson, 92, formerly of Floyd County, died Thursday May 31, 2007 at Lakewood Manor Care. She was born May 12, 1915 to Zack T. and Eliza Reed Cox. She lived most of her life in Willis, until she moved to Florida in 1993. She was preceded in death by her husband Edgar L. Dickerson, son Marlin L. Dickerson; sisters Ocie Dulaney, Pearl Reed, Rosie Clay, Ilene Hylton, Alda Cox; and brother, Hobert Cox.

Survivors are: her daughter Phyllis D. Liebing, Naples, FL; three sisters Clarice Smith, Indian Valley, Lois Jean Cox and Dorcas Elaine Cox, Floyd, several nieces and nephews. Funeral service was held at Gardner Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 5, at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Michael Varner officiating. Interment followed in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Willis.

NANNIE MARIE MYERS

WILLIS-Nannie Marie Myers, 82, passed away Sunday, June 3, 2007 at home. She was preceded in death by her parents, Recy and Effie Harris, and husband; Charles E. Myers.

Survivors include: son, Charles E. Myers, Jr., Willis; daughters and sons-in-law, Delores and Alfred Hylton, Meadows of Dan, Charlotte and Floyd Meeks, Ridgeway, Amanda and Arthur Clark, Morganton, NC; grandsons, Dwayne Howard Alderman, Meadows of Dan, Christopher Marc Boyd, Eden, NC, James Walter Hicks, Michael Allen Hicks, Paul Lynn Hicks and wife Melanie, all of Morganton, NC; granddaughters, Candace Lanette Lee, Eden, NC, Teri Joette Lewis and husband John, Jr., Meadows of Dan, NC, Pamela Marie Wright and husband David Charles (Bill), Morganton, NC; 13 great-grandchildren; sisters, Irene Marshall, Geneva Maxwell, both of Willis; brother, Leonard Harris, Salem.

Funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 6, at Maberry Funeral Home with Rev. Mike Varner and Rev. Richard Telling officiating. Interment at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

JOHN WILLIAM ROBERTSON

FLOYD-John William Robertson, Sr., 87, passed away Monday, June 4, 2007. He was born in Lawsonville, NC to the Walter and Virgie Spencer Robertson. He attended Little River Baptist Church. He was known for his love of God, family, gardening, birds and making cakes. He retired from Bassett Furniture Industries. He served in the Army during WW II. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, James and Sam Robertson and sister, Magdalene Tilley Compton.

He is survived by: his wife of 68 years, Nellie Thomas Robertson; children and spouses, John, Jr. and Wanda Robertson, Pilot, Anita Jean Robertson, Stuart, Joe and Linda Robertson, Floyd; granddaughter and spouse, Alicia and Doug Tiller, Stuart; sisters, Erna Jenkins, Greensboro, NC, Doris Kime, Climax, NC, Rachel Phillips, East Montpelier, VT, Deanne Dixon, Winston-Salem, NC, Opal Mabe, Asheboro, NC; special friends, Bob and Rosie Bishop, Bassett, Garfield Radford, Floyd. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Gardner Funeral Home with Rev. Allan Vass officiating. Interment at Jacksonville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

GEORGE DUDLEY SHELOR, III

ARKANSAS-George Dudley Shelor III, 55, formerly of Floyd, died Tuesday, May 29, 2007. He was the son of the late George D. Jr. and Martha Y. Shelor.

He is survived by: one brother and sister-in-law, Ronald W. and Darlene Shelor of Floyd; sisters and brothers-in-law, Jean and Carl Graham of Mechanicsville, Barbara and Ernie Lyon of Warrenton; several nieces and nephews.

George loved life and it was his wish to have his body donated to science. There will be no funeral arrangements.

LEVON HURST SMITH

FLOYD-Levon Hurst Smith, 68, passed away Thursday, May 31, 2007.

He is survived by: sisters-in-law, Pauline Epperly, Arlene Owen, and Hettie Allen; brother-in-law, J.J. Whitlock; several cousins, nieces, and nephews. A graveside service was conducted 2:00 p.m. Sunday, June 3, at Jacksonville Cemetery with the Rev. Richard Thomas officiating. Gardner Funeral Home handled arrangements.

NORMAN SOWERS

CHECK-Norman Sowers, 76, went to be with the Lord on Monday, June 4, 2007. He was preceded in death by his parents, V. T. & Grace Sowers, brothers, Marvin and Arnold Sowers, and sister, Lucille Coates

He is survived by: his wife of 56 years, Christine Light Sowers; sons and daughter-in-law, Harold Sowers, Roger and Margaret Sowers; daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Mike Wilson; grandsons, Brian Wilson, Sean Sowers, Matthew Sowers; sister-in-law, Dexter Sowers; great-granddaughter, Harley Wilson; nieces and nephews. Funeral service will be 3 p.m. Thursday, June 7, at Gardner Funeral Home with the Revs. Fred Austin and Elbert Lee Naff officiating. Interment at Wilson Cemetery. Friends may call after 3 p.m. Wednesday where the family will be from 6 until 8 p.m.

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CASSELL BOWMAN

MEADOWS OF DAN-Cassell Bowman, 84, passed away Wednesday, June 6, 2007.

Survivors include: niece, Lynda Bowman, Meadows of Dan; several cousins.

Graveside service was held at 3:00 p.m. Friday, June 8, at the Light Cemetery, Meadows of Dan, with Rev. Joe Quesenberry officiating.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

TREVA EDNA DEWEESE DILLARD

COPPER HILL-Treva Edna DeWeese Dillard, 81, formerly of Copper Hill, passed away Sunday, June 10, 2007.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cabell and Dovie DeWeese, husband, Floyd E. Dillard, sons, Floyd E. Dillard, Jr. and Carlton L. Dillard, brother, Wilbert DeWeese, sisters, Pauline Hoorelbek, Kathleen Poff and Aberdeen DeWeese.

She is survived by: daughters and sons-in-law, Betty Flora, Glenna and Wayne Minter, all of Roanoke, Vicky and Ricky Turman, Boones Mill; seven grandchildren, one step-grandchild, five great-grandchildren, two step-great-granddaughters; brothers, McKinley DeWeese, Cloverdale, Winston DeWeese, Southport, NC, Houston DeWeese, Winchester; sisters, Nannie King, Roanoke, Lela Mae Poff, Salem.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Pastor Olander "Red" English officiating.

Interment followed at Copper Hill Cemetery.

INDIA RUTH EPPERLY HARRIS

FLOYD-India Ruth Epperly Harris, 104, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, June 6, 2007.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Wesley and Iowa Epperly, husband, Jerry Harris, son and daughter-in-law, J.W. and June Harris, son-in-law; Edward Wilson, granddaughter; Dianna Drasher, and four brothers and a sister.

She leaves to cherish her memory: sons and daughters-in-law, Wilford and Mabel Harris of Roanoke, and Dillard and Estalene Harris of Glen Burnie, MD; daughter, Renva Wilson of Roanoke; eight grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren; sister, Ocie Ratliff of Salem, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 9, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Patrick Starkey and Mr. Randel Harris officiating.

Interment followed at Topeco Cemetery.

The family would like to express a special thanks to the staff of the Berkshire Health Care Center.

Donations may be made to Ninth Street Church of the Brethren, 1103 9th Street SE, Roanoke, VA, 24013 or Garden City Baptist Church, 3536 Garden City Blvd. SE, Roanoke, VA 24014.

ADA SALMONS HAZELWOOD

FLOYD-Ada Salmons Hazelwood, 92, loving mother and grandmother, went to her heavenly home on Sunday, June 10, 2007.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George W. Hazelwood; stepdaughter and spouse, Virginia H. and Olen Belcher; son-in-law, Edward Moran; grandson, Carlos S. Moran.

She is survived by: daughters and sons-in-law, Flora and John Phillips, of Bluefield, WV, Catherine Jean Moran and special friend, Willard Dulaney, of Floyd, Frances and Bob Thompson, of Deland, FL; son, Calvin Hazelwood, of Roanoke; grandchildren, Steve Phillips and wife Carrie, Darrell Phillips, Gerald Moran and wife Karen, Marc Moran and wife Robin, Robert Thompson and wife Vera, Robinette French and husband Jeff, Richard Thompson, Travis Thompson and wife Elizabeth, Brian Hazelwood and wife Carla; step-grandchildren, Patricia Mullins and husband Gerald, Michael Belcher, Ronald Belcher and wife Ada; thirteen great-grandchildren; eight step great-grandchildren; three step great-great-grandchildren; special caregivers, Cheryl Huff and Ada Belcher.

Funeral service was held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13, at Gardner Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy Turpin officiating.

Interment followed at Jacksonville Cemetery.

FRANCE RAY LESTER

CHRISTIANSBURG-France Ray Lester, 92, passed away Wednesday, June 6, 2007.

Survivors include: son and daughter-in-law, Joe France and Norma Jean Lester, Floyd; sisters, Gay Royal, Annie Bower, both of Christiansburg, Ada Altizer, Floyd.

Graveside service was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, June 8, at Sunset Cemetery, Christiansburg, with Pastor Curtis Ratcliff officiating.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

ALMA DOLORES MCNEIL

CHECK-Alma Dolores McNeil, 86, passed away Sunday, June 10, 2007.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul McNeil.

Survivors include: daughters and sons-in-law, Shelby Jean Scott, Kernersville, NC, Ruth Ann and Carl Lee Huff, Willis, Patsy and Gene Weddle, Floyd; sons and daughter-in-law, John Marshall and JoAnne McNeil, Callaway, Kevin McNeil, Check; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren, one step grandchild, one step great-grandchild, one step great-great-grandchild; brother-in-law, Johnny McNeil, Check; sister-in-law, Ida McNeil, Hopewell

Funeral service was held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 13, at the Maberry Funeral Home

Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Morris Fleischer officiating.
Interment followed at Restvale Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

CLARA ISABELLE "SALLY" PACKARD

COPPER HILL-Clara Isabelle "Sally" Packard, age 69, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, June 11, 2007.

She is survived by: her loving husband, Eddy Packard; sisters and brother-in-law, Lou Kennedy, Barbara and Tommy Sowder

Sally loved her church family at Stonewall Methodist Church.

A memorial service will be held at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at the Stonewall United Methodist Church with Pastor Dan Walker officiating. Family and friends are invited to gather and celebrate Sally's life. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made in Sally's name to Stonewall Methodist/ Brethren Church, c/o Debbie Collins, Treasurer, 1613 Kings Store Road NE, Check, VA 24072.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

JACQUELINE MAJORS STUART

COPPER HILL-Jacqueline Majors Stuart, 73, passed away Thursday, June 7, 2007.

Survivors include: her husband, Paul G. Stuart, Copper Hill ; sons, Dr. Dennis O. Stuart, Lumberton, NC, Tony D. Stuart, Cranberry, PA; daughters, Charlene S. Turner, Darlene S. Powell, Vonitta Stuart, all of Roanoke; grandchildren, Aaron, Justin, Lauren, Taylor, Joshua, Megan, Sophia, and Desmond; sister, Jeanette Spicer; brothers, William H. Majors, Don A. Majors; a host of friends and relatives.

Funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, June 11, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Clinton Crump officiating.

Interment followed at Stuart Cemetery.

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SHIRLEY KING

FLOYD-Shirley King departed from us on June 12, 2007 at Skyline Manor.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas (Tom) King, daughters, Janis Givens and Marcia Parker, and son, Steven King. She also leaves behind eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on June 15 at Zion Lutheran Church, Pastor Philip Bouknight presiding.

Music was provided by Vicki Sowers.

A buffet supper catered by Ray's followed the service in the parish hall.

Shirley was born on September 26, 1930 in Kansas City, Missouri.

She and Tom were married on June 18, 1948 in Palo Alto, California. She attended Western Virginia Community College and served as a Red Cross disaster volunteer while living in Roanoke. Her happiest times were spent traveling around the world as a military wife.

Arrangements were by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

GREGORY LANE QUESENBERRY

DUBLIN-Gregory Lane Quesenberry, 42, passed away Saturday, June 16, 2007. He was preceded in death by his father, Avis Quesenberry.

Survivors include: fiancée, Charlene Yancey, Dublin; mother, Joyce Quesenberry, Willis;

children, Matthew Quesenberry, Morgan Quesenberry, both of Pembroke, Brooke Quesenberry, Hillsville, Nathan Quesenberry, Shyla Quesenberry, Cordell Quesenberry, all of Narrows; brothers and sisters-in-law, Bruce and Sharon Quesenberry, Willis, Kent and Joni Quesenberry, Riner, Patrick and Sabrina Quesenberry, Willis; sisters and brothers-in-law, Loretta and Bob Templeton, Reidsville, NC, Karen and Robin Coleman, Riner, Juanita Quesenberry and friend Jimmy Linkous, Christiansburg; grandfather, Rev. Heath Goad, Willis; special friends, Shirley Yancey, Danny and Sherry Vaughn, Carman Marshall
Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 19, at the Indian Valley Church of God, with Rev. Kenneth Poston and Pastor Robert J. Templeton officiating.
Interment followed at Captain George Quesenberry Cemetery.
Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

LOIS RUTH SUTPHIN

ROBBINS,NC-Lois Ruth Sutphin, 72, passed away Monday, June 11, 2007.

She was a native of Carroll County, and was a former Supervisor of Robbins Rest Home.

She was Author of "Making Do 'How to Cook Like a Mountain 'MeMa", and was a cherished mother and friend.

She was also Church Treasurer at her church.

She was preceded in death by: her parents, Walter Sutphin and Nellie Sutphin Kimble; husband, Lesten Sutphin; brothers, Elmer and Junior Sutphin; sister; Ruby Edmonds; and son-in-law, Glen Bane.

Surviving are: daughters, Barbara Bane of Sophia, NC, Gina and husband Karl Farago of Greensboro, NC.; grandson, Tim and wife Terry Bane of Pleasant Garden, NC.; beloved brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews, and special friends, Pauline Williams and members of Bright Light Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, June 15, at Bright Light Baptist Church, with Rev. Ralph Voncannon officiating.

A graveside service was held at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at Sutphin Family Cemetery in Willis.

Local arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

MARY I. VEST

COPPER HILL-Mary I. Vest, 90, of Copper Hill departed this life on Monday, June 18, 2007.

Mrs. Vest was preceded in death by her husband, Carl L. Vest.

She is survived by one daughter, Nancy Poff, Copper Hill, VA; one son and daughter-in-law, Sheldon and Barbara Vest, Copper Hill, VA; two grandsons and wives, Michael and Carol Poff, Sterling, VA; Kevin and Christy Vest, Copper Hill, VA; one great-granddaughter, Kacie Vest, Roanoke, VA; two great-grandsons, Dylan Vest and Nicholas Vest, Copper Hill, VA; one sister, Myra Peters, Floyd, VA; one sister-in-law, Doris Ingram, Floyd, VA.

A private graveside service was conducted on Wednesday, June 20, with the Reverend Elbert Lee Naff and the Reverend Pete Bain officiating. There will be no visitation at the funeral home. Memorial contributions be made to Stonewall Cemetery in care of Mrs. Dorothy Janney, 719 River Ridge Road, S.E., Copper Hill, VA 24079.

Arrangements were handled by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

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HOWARD WELDON HYLTON

FAIRLAWN-Howard Weldon Hylton, 86, passed away Monday, June 11, 2007 at his home. He was a native of Floyd County, born August 11, 1920 in Willis.

He was a World War II veteran serving in the 258th Combat Engineers of the U.S. Army in Rhineland, Central Europe. He retired from Hercules following 28 years of dedicated service. He attended Fairlawn Presbyterian Church where he was a member and former deacon and elder, and a member of Virginia May Lodge #38 A.F. & A.M.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Ona Vaughn Hylton and three sisters, Munlia Hunter, Elsie Lee Slusher and Weeda Keith, two brothers, Otho and Harmon Hylton. Survivors include: his wife of 65 years, Opal Shelor Hylton of Fairlawn; daughters and son-in-law, Patricia Jo Boone of Roanoke and Robin Ann and Brian L. Crews of Ashburn; brother and sister-in-law, Maurice and Betty Hylton of Riner; grandchildren, Todd Boone of Charlotte, North Carolina and Cale Boone of Roanoke; four great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, June 13 at 11 a.m. at the Fairlawn Presbyterian Church with the Reverend Terry Woodard officiating. Entombment followed at Highland Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Dublin where Masonic graveside rites were conducted.

Contributions may be made to Fairlawn Presbyterian Church, 6900 Pulaski Avenue, Radford, Virginia 24141. Arrangements were handled by Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory in Radford.

ELBERT WINSTON WIMMER

PILOT-Elbert Winston Wimmer, age 83, passed away Saturday, June 30, 2007 at Roanoke Memorial Hospital. Mr. Wimmer was a lifelong farmer in the Huffville community of Floyd County. He was a WW II Army Veteran, having served in the China, Burma-India Operations. He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene McNeil Wimmer, a son, J.E. Wimmer; sister, Marie Wimmer and brothers, Lamer, Harless and Wesley Wimmer.

His surviving family include: daughter, Margaret Gearhart and her husband, Larry; son, Cline Wimmer and wife, Diane; grandchildren, Melissa Collins and husband, Neil, Chad Gearhart, Stacy Mann and husband, James, Jennifer Wimmer; great grandchildren, Torri Bower and Evan Mann; step grandchildren, B.J. Chafin and wife, Connie, Matthew Chafin; step great grandchildren, Drew Chafin and Caileigh Chafin; sisters, Daphne McNeil, Lois Epperly and Dorothy Meredith and husband, Lewis, brother, Ray Wimmer and wife, Marie June. Memorials be made to the Huffville United Methodist Church Building Fund or the Huffville Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Stan Clower, 1246 Huffville Road, Pilot, VA 24138. Funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 3, at the Huffville United Methodist Church, Floyd County, conducted by Pastor Dan Walker, Rev. Richard H. Horne and Rev. Leon Alley. Interment will follow in the Huffville Cemetery. The Wimmer family was served by Horne Funeral Service, Christiansburg. On line condolences may be sent by visiting .

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KASSIDY JORDAN FOSTER

CHECK-Kassidy Jordan Foster, 12, went to be with her Lord and Savior on July 16, 2007 at Roanoke Community Hospital.

Kassidy was a level 7 Gymnast at Virginia Techniques in Christiansburg and she attended Faith Fellowship Church in Wirtz. She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Ruby Lee Foster and great grandparents, Wiley and Wertie Marks.

She is survived by: her parents, Danny and Tammy Austin Foster; sister, Courtney Layne Foster; grandparents, Harold and Kitty Austin, of Check, Benjamin Foster of Rocky Mount; aunts and uncles, Dorn and Betty Marks; Cathy and Paul Howell, Kathy and Randy Young, Gary and Norma Foster, Debbie and Jeffrey Taylor, Mike and Kim Foster, Wanda Foster; cousins, Chad Marks, Sarah and Nichole Howell, Tonya, Keith, Kaden and Lacey Grantham, Ronald Foster, Morris Foster, Alisha and Lyndsey Foster, Stephanie, Shane, and Nate Bailey, Charles Foster, LeeAnn Foster, Felicia, Kameron, Manyah and Isaiah Foster, Warren and Gabriel Taylor; many nieces, nephews, other relatives in many states and special friends at Virginia Techniques Gymnastics.

The family would like to meet as many people as they can at the services to thank everyone for their support.

The family will receive friends from 5 until 7 p.m. on Thursday at Faith Fellowship Church, Wirtz with a memorial service starting at 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 21, at Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd with the Reverends Gary Hoffman, Gary Martin and Jackie Spence officiating.

Interment will follow at Wilson Cemetery, Check.

The family will also receive friends from 5 until 8 p.m. on Friday at Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

Arrangements are being handled by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

CALVIN COOLIDGE MANNING

ROANOKE-Calvin (Jim) Coolidge Manning, 83, formerly of Copper Hill, passed away July 16, 2007 after fighting a courageous battle with cancer. He was a retired employee of Jones Motor Lines, and also served in the US Army.

Jim was preceded in death by his father Oliver W. Manning, Sr., mother, Pearl Puckett Manning Craighead, step-mother, Nellie W. Manning, brothers, Herbert W. Manning, Cleveland Manning, Melvin H. Manning, Bobby H. Manning, Benny L. Manning, Terry L. Manning and David W. Manning, sisters, May Manning, Cammie Manning and Bondeen M. Barger.

He is survived by: special companion, June M. Graybill, Roanoke; brothers, Oliver W. Manning, Jr. Salem, Paul Manning, Larry and Rhonda Manning, both of Copper Hill, Henry Manning, Floyd, Rocky and Celeste Manning, Greensboro, NC, Michael Manning, Radford; sisters, Katherine M. and Junior Sowers, Floyd, Linda M. and Tom Iddings, Riner; special sisters-in-law, Julia Manning, Salem, Carmen Manning, Copper Hill; many nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank the doctors and nursing staff at Roanoke Memorial 8 West for all their loving care and support.

A service to celebrate his life was held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 18, at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Roy Turpin officiating. Interment followed at the Puckett Cemetery, Copper Hill.

ARNIE GALLIMORE SIMPKINS

FLOYD-Arnie Gallimore Simpkins, 91, went to her heavenly home on Tuesday July 10, 2007. She was preceded in death by her parents, C.L. and Stella Gallimore, husband, Orville Q. Simpkins, daughter, Janet S. Howell, and son, Clark Simpkins, three brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include: sons and daughters-in-law, Quinton and June Simpkins, Christiansburg, Paul and Marie Simpkins, Floyd; daughters and son-in-law, Betty and Jack Saul, Fancy Gap, Mary Akers, Floyd; brothers, Charles Gallimore, Floyd, Roger Gallimore, Christiansburg; sisters, Dovie Quesenberry, Riner, Isabell Shelor, Christiansburg; 18 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM Friday July 13, at Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren, Floyd, with Rev. Richard Thomas, Rev. Marvin Wade and Rev. Hebron Quesenberry officiating. Interment followed at Beaver Creek Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

PAUL GEORGE STUART

COPPER HILL-Paul George Stuart, 76, passed away Friday July 13, 2007.

Survivors include: sons, Dr. Dennis O. Stuart, Lumberton, NC, Tony D. Stuart, Cranberry, PA; daughters, Charlene S. Turner, Darlene S. Powell, Vonitta Stuart, all of Roanoke; grandchildren, Aaron, Justin, Lauren, Taylor, Joshua, Megan, Sophia, and Desmond; sisters, Irma Jean Hanson Floyd, Katie Mae Stuart, Copper Hill; a host of friends and relatives.

Funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. Monday July 16, at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Clinton Crump officiating. Interment followed at Stuart Cemetery

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OLLIE BEUSTER

MIDLAND, NC-Ollie Beuster 85, passed away on July 13, 2007 at her home. She was born January 29, 1922 in Floyd County.

A memorial service was held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 16 at Bethel United Methodist Church at 12700 Idlebrook Road in Midland, North Carolina. Reverend Mark Clontz officiated.

A private interment was held in the church cemetery.

She was a very active and beloved member of Bethel United Methodist Church. She was faithful in her service to various church committees and activities and was delighted to host meetings for her circle.

Her husband, Lorenz Beuster, her parents Early and Susan Quesenberry of Willis, and her brother, Merlin Quesenberry, who was lost in submarine action in the Pacific in WWII, preceded her in death.

Survivors include: her daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Carl Squires of Midland, North Carolina; son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Kathy Beuster of Rancho Mirage, California; and her many beloved relatives in Virginia and across the United States.

Memorials may be made to Hospice at Charlotte, 1420 E. 7th Street, Charlotte, NC 28204 or Bethel United Methodist Church Building Fund, 12700 Idlebrook Road, Midland, NC 28107.

Hartsell Funeral Home, Midland, NC handled arrangements.

ASA WYATT DUNCAN

CHRISTIANSBURG-Asa Wyatt Duncan, 90 years young, passed away peacefully Monday July 16, 2007 at CNRV Hospital after a long struggle with diabetes, with his family by his bedside.

He was a WWII Veteran, carrying him throughout the Pacific & earning rank of Master Sergeant. Returning home he became a farmer and a well known well driller. His love of fishing & coon hunting were on his mind throughout all his days of sickness & desire to become well again. He enjoyed his children & grandchildren and was proud to hear of them serving the Lord because he always took his family to church and to tent meetings. He never met a stranger and was willing to help anyone in need.

Preceding him in death were his parents: Wyatt Lynch and Maude Akers Duncan.

Survivors include: his wife, Carrie Showalter Duncan, Christiansburg; children, Robert Dale Duncan, Dennis Giles Duncan, Loretta Duncan Elkins, James Asa and wife Linda Akers Duncan, all of Christiansburg; six grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, ten step great-grandchildren; sisters,

Ethel Vaught Viers, Eula Viers Farmer and husband Bob, Danie Viers Mannon, Inez Vaught and husband Virgil, Roxie Martin and husband Roy; brother, Lawrence Duncan and wife Janice; caregiver, George Henry Lovins; many special friends.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday July 19 at the Indian Valley Church of God with Rev. James Walker, Rev. Ronald Duncan, Rev. Vinton Quesenberry and Rev. Kenneth Poston. Interment will follow at the Showalter Cemetery.

Special thanks to Dr. Trividi, Dr. Baker, Dr. Downing and the nursing staff and dialysis staff.

They have all become our extended family.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

RALPH MAYNARD STUMP

COPPER HILL-Ralph Maynard Stump, 76, passed away Wednesday, July 18, 2007. He was preceded in death by his wife, Eleanor "Tootsie" Stump, his father and mother, Issac Newton and Rosa Belle Wilson Stump and brother, Newton H. Stump.

He is survived by: son, Ralph Wayne Stump and wife Melissa; granddaughter, Samantha Stump; sisters, Irene Moran and Sylvia Yopp and friend Raymond, all of Copper Hill; nieces and nephews, Glenna and husband Tom Bell, Bobbie Jean Worrell, Wade Yopp and friend April Angell, Jeff and wife Michelle Yopp, Frank and wife, Maxine Moran, Terry and wife, Dreama Moran, Betty Moran, Michael Stump and friend Gail, all of Copper Hill, Charlotte Goodwin of Roanoke, Becky Sell of Charlottesville, Debbie Stump of Copper Hill; special cousins, Hilda Radford of Copper Hill; many cousins and friends. Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 21, 2007 at Wood Funeral Home with Reverend Maurice Wright officiating with interment in Restvale Cemetery.

LAWRENCE D. WEEKS

MANASSAS-Lawrence D. Weeks, age 79 of Manassas returned to be with the Lord on Friday July 20, 2007. He was born March 10, 1928 in Floyd, to Albert and Charlotte Weeks. He was a kind and gentle soul who will be deeply missed by all who came to know of his sense of humor, grace and care for others. He enjoyed playing horseshoes, watching NASCAR and baseball, and cheering for his favorite football team, the Washington Redskins.

Lawrence is survived by his cherished grandchildren, Billy Barr and Evelyn Weeks, both of Manassas. He was preceded in death by his beautiful wife of 29 years, Ruth Weeks and his brother, Adrian Weeks.

A memorial service to celebrate his life was held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday July 23 at the Faith Baptist Church in Bealeton. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday July 25 at the

Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Pastor Leo DeLorge officiating. Burial followed at Beaver Creek Cemetery, Floyd.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Grandpa Weeks Memorial Fund at Patriot Bank, Sudley Road in Manassas, VA.

Grandpa, we will miss you terribly, but we know you will always watch over us and we will be together with you again. We love you.

Local arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

TONY CLARENCE WOOD

FLOYD-Tony Clarence Wood, 43, passed away Tuesday July 17, 2007. He was preceded in death by his father, Kent E. Wood.

Survivors include: his mother, Oleda Phillips, Willis; sisters, Tina Moles, Rene' Moles, both of Willis; brother, Brandon Keith, Copper Hill; nephews, Kent Moles, Willis, Chase Keith, Copper Hill.

Graveside service was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 20, at Beaver Creek Cemetery, Floyd, with Rev. Mike Bond officiating. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

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ROY MATHEW BENTLEY

CHRISTIANSBURG-Roy Mathew Bentley, 85, passed away Thursday, August 16, 2007.

Survivors include: daughters and sons-in-law, Wilma and Lewis Cook, Pulaski. Shirley Dickerson, Radford, Darlene and Jackie Abshire, Patsy and Charlie Stump, Brenda Bentley, all of Christiansburg, Ruby and Fred Stone, Dublin; son and daughter-in-law, Roy Junior and Nora Bentley, Floyd; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 19, 2007 at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Sam Hancock & Rev. Roy Junior Bentley officiating. Interment followed at Sunset Cemetery, Christiansburg.

ALLIE WHITLOW CALDWELL

ROANOKE-Allie Whitlow Caldwell went to be with the Lord on Sunday, August 5, 2007.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard C. Caldwell.

She is survived by: son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Tracy Caldwell; granddaughter, Taylor Caldwell; sisters, Esther West and husband John, Vera Tolbert and husband, Glen; nieces and one nephew. Special thanks to Linda Harry and Julie Owen for their love and devotion. A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 7, at Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens with Pastor Mark Vaughan officiating. Oakey's North Chapel handled arrangements

JERRY MCKINLEY HARMAN, JR.

KING GEORGE COUNTY-Jerry McKinley Harman, Jr. of King George County died Sunday, August 19, 2007, at Ashland Convalescent Center. He was born in Floyd County on December 30, 1927.

He was a graduate of Willis High School and Virginia Southern College with a degree in business administration. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of Pi Rho Zeta Fraternity and Peace Lutheran Church of King George.

He was the owner and manager of J.M. Harman Lumber Co. at Owens and Mechanicsville, MD until his retirement.

He loved flying his own plane for many years, watching football games and being with his family.

He is survived by: his loving wife, Frances M. Harman of King George; daughter, Lynne H. Haskins; son-in-law, C.W. Haskins of Montpelier; son, Gregg M. Harman; daughter-in-law, Cathy S. Harman; grandson, Mac, all of King George; sisters, Marie Williams of Roanoke and Alva Mae Harman of Floyd; and many nieces and nephews. He will be missed and loved by all.

Funeral service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, August 23, at Peace Lutheran Church, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Reverend Terry Naumann, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Historyland Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to Peace Lutheran Church Building Fund, 10365 Lutheran Lane, King George, VA 22485.

MARY RUTH HURT HAYNES

CHRISTIANSBURG-Mary Ruth Hurt Haynes, 93, passed away Tuesday August 14, 2007. She was born October 24, 1913 in West Virginia. She was preceded in death by her parents, John Calvin and Sarah Hair Hurt, husband, Paul M. Haynes, son, John E. Haynes, daughter-in-law, Ruth Haynes, one sister and four brothers.

Survivors include: sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas Haynes, David and Helen Haynes, Paul and Betty Haynes, all of Christiansburg, Mark Haynes, Florida; brother and sister-in-law, Rufus and Ruby Hurt, North Carolina; 14 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Ruth was a member of Main Street Baptist Church for nearly 50 years and served on mission teams and was a Sunday School teacher. She was a member of VA and WV Daughters of American Revolution and served the Republican Party for 80 years.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, August 18, 2007 at Main Street Baptist Church, Christiansburg, with Dr. A. Timothy Hight and Rev. Gary Long officiating. Interment followed at Sunset Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

IDA HOYT STOTESBERRY MCNEIL

HOPEWELL- Ida Hoyt Stotesberry McNeil 94, a longtime resident of Hopewell, Virginia, died peacefully after a period of declining health on Sunday, August 12, 2007, surrounded by family and friends.

She was a faithful member of the Cawson Street Church of Christ in Hopewell, for over 65 years and a devoted Christian, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and homemaker.

She will be greatly missed by all those who lives she touched. She was the widow of James R. McNeil, of Floyd County, to whom she was married for 65 years. She was born in Pungo (Beaufort County) NC, on September 10, 1912, she was the daughter of Thomas Berkley and Mosella Elizabeth Gardner Stotesberry. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Nollie Adams and Nora Wade, and a brother, Thomas Bennie Stotesberry.

She leaves to cherish her memory: four children, Hazel Ray McNeil Miller and husband, Harry, James David McNeil, Velda Victoria McNeil and Daniel Ross McNeil and his wife Elaine; three grandchildren, Harry Arnold Miller III, Rebecca Jane Miller Stuckey and her husband, John, and

Tracey Jean McNeil Powell and her husband, Ricky; two step-grandchildren, Matthew Elam and Eric Elam; four great-grandchildren, Dana Leann Stuckey, Suzanne Michelle Stuckey, Kaitlyn Marie Miller and Karen Elizabeth Powell; two step-great-grandchildren, J.R. Powell and Brandon Powell; and a brother, Thomas Berkley Stotesberry, Jr. of California.

Funeral service was held on Wednesday, August 15 at 11 a.m. at Cawson Street Church of Christ with Mural Worthey and William Harper officiating. Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Park, Chester, VA.

Condolences may be registered with <http://www.jtmorriss.com>

EDWARD JAMES SPYHALSKI

RICHMOND-Edward James Spyhalski, 82, of Richmond, formerly of Floyd, died Saturday, August 18, 2007. He was born in Chase Township, Wis., one of nine children of Stanley and Petronella Spychalski.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the North Pacific theater. He was an entomologist, earning bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and a Ph.D. from North Carolina State University. His professional work involved laboratory and field research in insect and plant disease control. When his three sons were young, Ed was active in Boy Scouting as a scoutmaster, and he loved gardening and woodworking.

Ed was predeceased by his wife, Katherine Howard Spyhalski, and a son, William Joseph Spyhalski, as well as four sisters and two brothers. He is survived by: his sons, Edward Jr. and his wife, Cynthia Creasy, of Richmond; John Howard Spyhalski and his wife, Peggy, of Roanoke; his daughter-in-law Joan Spyhalski of Richmond; and four grandchildren, Jack, Katelyn, Anna and Leslie. Also surviving are two sisters, Carol and Dorothy Spychalski of Menomonee Falls, Wis., and a number of nieces and nephews.

A service celebrating Ed's life will be held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, August 25, at Forest Hill Presbyterian Church, 4401 Forest Hill Ave., in Richmond with the Rev. Dr. Stephen Price-Gibson officiating.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Richmond Chapter, 4600 Cox Road, Suite 130, Richmond, VA 23060, or to a favorite charity.

IRENE SPANGLER UNDERWOOD

CHESTERFIELD, MISSOURI-Irene Spangler Underwood 61, died at her home Saturday, August 18, 2007 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. She was born on July 31, 1946 in Fairborn, Ohio to 1st Lt. John D. Spangler and Ethel Irene Pugh. She was preceded in death by her father 1st Lt. John D. Spangler.

She is survived by: her husband of 39 years, J. Kent Underwood; son, Scott Preston Underwood of St. Louis, wife, Sarah F. Underwood; grandsons, William and Peter; son, Jeffrey Kent Underwood, wife, Kaye Underwood; grandsons, Lane and Tyler of Greeley Colorado; mother, Ethel Pugh Spangler Merritt; step-father, Lucius M. Merritt, Sr. of Roanoke, step-siblings, Lucius Merritt, Jr., wife, Brenda of Blacksburg, Mark Merritt, wife Ardis, Martha Gibbs, husband, Tom, and Sarah Lupton of Roanoke; uncle, Leslie C. Pugh; aunt Joyce B. Pugh of Floyd; cousins, John Pugh, wife, Sue of Herndon, Robert Pugh, wife, Theresa of Fredericksburg. Irene graduated from Patrick Henry High School and the Medical College of Virginia ('68) with a BSRN degree where she was a member of Sigma Zeta honor society. She was a nurse, homemaker, genealogist and accomplished author having published two family genealogical

studies and co-authored the book “Nothing to Fear, Nothing to Prove: Living an Aspiring Life” whose message of renewal and spiritual growth have inspired countless readers.

Visitation will be at Schrader Funeral Home, Ballwin, Missouri on Thursday, August 23, with services at St. John Lutheran Church, Ellisville, Missouri on Friday, August 24.

Visitation and services in Virginia will be Monday, August 27, at Mt. Elbert United Methodist Church. Visitation will be at 10 a.m. and the service will begin at 11 followed by internment at Sunset Cemetery in Christiansburg, where she will be buried beside her father. Services in Virginia will be handled by Horne Funeral Home, Christiansburg.

Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers may be sent to St. John Lutheran Church Next Generation Ministries, 15800 Manchester Road, Ellisville, MO 63011

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