

**Obituary Notices
Appearing in the Floyd Press
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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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Obituaries for the week of January 6, 2005

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Thursday, January 6, 2005

CLESTER FLINCHUM DUNCAN

FLOYD-Clester Flinchum Duncan of 215 Penn Avenue departed for her heavenly home on Wednesday, December 29, 2004. She was born on February 2, 1922 to the late Hallie Mae Flinchum and the late Byrd Flinchum.

She was the founder of Schoolhouse Fabrics in Floyd where she worked until her retirement. She served as the first female elder for Indian Valley Presbyterian Church.

She was an influential civic and community leader and was active in establishing the local arts and crafts trade.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Hallie Mae and Byrd Flinchum; husband, Esley Duncan; daughter, Nelda Darlene; brother, Elever Flinchum, and brother; Dr. Darius Flinchum.

Immediate survivors include: her son, Jerry Duncan of Floyd; daughter, Dr. Rena Leith and husband Duane; granddaughter, Amy Noel Slater and husband Brad; and great-granddaughter, Nakira "Kia" Slater, all of North Carolina.

Additional survivors include: sister, Lora Phillips and husband Gerald of Indian Valley; sister, Gertrude Phillips and husband Flemon of Christiansburg; sister, Nelva Shelton and husband Dallas of Floyd; sister, Rachel Toy and husband Don of Pennsylvania; sister, Veta Taylor of North Carolina; brother, James Iford Flinchum and wife Nora of Riner; brother, Erban Flinchum of Nevada; brother, Lloyd Flinchum and wife Mildred of Indian Valley, and many nieces, nephews, friends, and relatives.

Funeral service was held at Gardner Funeral Home in Floyd on Sunday, January 2, at 2 p.m. Interment followed at Captain George Quesenberry Cemetery in Indian Valley.

WANDA JEWELL HYLTON

MEADOWS OF DAN-Wanda Jewell Hylton, 66, passed away Friday, December 31, 2004.

She was a former employee of Mabry Mill Restaurant and a member of Green Mountain Baptist Church.

Survivors include: her husband, Leonard "Mutt" Hylton, Meadows of Dan; daughters and sons-in-law; Sharon and James "Jolly" Webb, Ann and Harvey Alderman, Donna and Howard Nester, Meadows of Dan, mother, Edith Hubbard, Meadows of Dan; sister, Norma Jean Alderman, Greenville, TN; brothers and sisters-in-law, Fred and Joyce Hubbard, Meadows of Dan, Hubert and Jean Hubbard, Willis, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild; special friends, Becky and Jeff Shelor, Laurel Fork.

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, January 2, at Green Mountain Baptist Church with Reverend. Nathan Montgomery and Reverend. Jack Anderson officiating. Interment followed at Shelor Cemetery.

The family would like to express thanks to Carilion Hospice for their help and kindness. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

ROSS LINDBERGH WILLIAMS, SR.

FLOYD-Ross Lindbergh Williams, Sr. passed away on Sunday January 2, 2005 at the age of 77.

During his life, he served in the U.S. Navy, graduated from National Business College in Roanoke, and worked in the areas of banking and real estate.

He is survived by: his two sons and their wives, Ross and Julie Williams of Somerset and John and Susan Williams of Virginia Beach; two daughters and their husbands, Pam and Ray Adkins of Richmond and Lisa and Curtis Manchester also of Richmond. Mr. Williams had seven grandchildren and one great-grandson. He is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Don and Jackie Williams of Floyd, sisters-in-law Jane Williams of Floyd, Gerene Williams of Mason, Ohio, and Lakie Williams of Roanoke; brothers-in-law Charlie Wood of Floyd and Wilbur Gorenflo of Marion, Ohio; and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, January 5, at Maberry Funeral Home in Floyd with Rev. Elbert Lee Naff officiating. Interment followed at Jacksonville Cemetery.

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FLOYD EDMOND HUFF

FLOYD-Floyd Edmond Huff, 85, died January 4, 2005.

He was born in Floyd County on March 19, 1919, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert Huff. He was preceded in death by his sister, Mrs. Gatha Alderman, and three brothers; Oakley, Esley, and Curtis Huff.

Survivors include: his wife, Ruby Boyd Huff; two sons, Robert (Bobby) Huff and wife Janet of Rockville, Bernard Huff and wife Patty of Richmond; daughter, Shirley Phipps and husband Bob of Asheville, North Carolina; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brothers, Thurman (Jack) and Coolidge Huff; and sister, Alzora Wood.

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Friday, January 7, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd.
Pastor Ronnie Sutphin officiated.
Interment followed at Jacksonville Cemetery.

CARL NELSON POFF

WILLIS- Carl Nelson Poff, Sr., 67, passed away Wednesday January 5, 2005 at his home.
He was preceded in death by his son, Buddy Poff.

Survivors include: his wife, Lois Burks Poff, Willis; daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Jim Obert, Baltimore, MD; granddaughter, Emily Obert, Baltimore, MD; aunts, Eula Hurd Radford, Noreen Webb, Roanoke, Willie Farris, Salem, Kate and husband Robert Keffer, New Castle, Joanne and husband Bobby Britts, Salem, Rachel Howell, Greensboro, NC; uncle, Gibson and wife Virginia Weeks, Barstow, FL

Funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 8, at the Calvary Baptist Church, Floyd.
Reverend Graham Mitchell officiating. Interment followed at the Willis Cemetery with Military Honors by Floyd VFW Post # 7854 and American Legion Post # 127.

Donations may be made to the Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation at 9221 Ward Parkway, Suite 400, Kansas City, MO 64114 or the Calvary Baptist Church Building Fund.

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JULIA RICHARDS BARDIN

MEADOWS OF DAN-Julia Richards Bardin, age 86, died Wednesday, January 5, 2005.

A memorial service was conducted 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 8, at Joyner's Funeral Home, 4100 US 264-Alt. West, Wilson. Rev. Eddie Maynard officiated.

She was a past matron of Wilson, Chapter 145, Order of the Eastern Star, and also a member of Providence Baptist Church of Quincy FL.

She is survived by a son, L. W. "Bill" Bardin III of Meadows of Dan.
In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to Sudan Shriner Children's Hospital, P.O. Box 490, New Bern, NC, 28563.

LUCILLE W. BOWER

CHRISTIANSBURG-Lucille W. Bower, 80, passed away January 5 2005 at Roanoke Memorial Hospital. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams of Floyd. She was a faithful member of Red Oak Grove Church of the Brethren and Women's Fellowship Group. She was preceded in death by her husband, Oakley G. Bower; and two brothers, Ed and Oliver Williams.

She is survived by: one daughter, Connie Shrewsbury of Christiansburg; three grandchildren and their spouses, Linda Halket of Atlanta, GA, Jim and Debbie Akers of Chesterfield, Tonya and Robbie Pearce of Christiansburg; six great grandchildren, Chris Halket, Jessica and Leslie Akers, Cory Shrewsbury, Hunter and Amber Pearce; one brother and sister-in-law, Willie and Estelle Williams of Roanoke; one sister, Anna Hale of Floyd and two special nieces, Naomi Creed of Locust Grove, and Willa Dean Upshaw of Salem.

Funeral service was conducted at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 9, at the Red Oak Grove Church of the Brethren with Rev. Jimmy Cannady, Rev. Hebron Quesenberry and Rev. Elbert Lee Naff officiating.

Burial followed in Red Oak Grove Church of the Brethren Cemetery. Horne Funeral Service, Christiansburg, handled arrangements.

BERT CLINTON DIAMOND

FLOYD-Bert Clinton Diamond, 74, formerly of Pikeville, Kentucky passed away Sunday, January 9, 2005.

He served his country in the Army during the Korean War, and was a member of Floyd V.F.W. Post #7854. He was a professional artist and craftsman for over fifty years. He retired from being a self-employed welder.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Bertha Dials Diamond, Floyd; children, Linda Ray, Avon, OH, John Diamond, Floyd, George Diamond, Pikeville, KY, Addie Smith, Clayton, NC, David Diamond, Pikeville, KY, James

Diamond, Floyd, Ruth Collins, Crum, WV, Abraham Diamond, Floyd, Joe Diamond, Floyd; 15 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; brother, George Diamond, Hatfield, KY; many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, January 12, at Gardner Funeral Home with Mr. John Foster officiating. Interment followed at Lee Cemetery, Tuggles Gap, with military graveside rites by Floyd V.F.W. Post #7854 and American Legion #127.

Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd handled the arrangements.

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Survivors include: his wife, Ruby Boyd Huff; two sons, Robert (Bobby) Huff and wife Janet of Rockville, Bernard Huff and wife Patty of Richmond; daughter, Shirley Phipps and husband Bob of Asheville, North Carolina; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brothers, Thurman (Jack) and Coolidge Huff; and sister, Alzora Wood.

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Pastor Ronnie Sutphin officiated.

Interment followed at Jacksonville Cemetery.

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Survivors include: his wife, Lois Burks Poff, Willis; daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Jim Obert, Baltimore, MD; granddaughter, Emily Obert, Baltimore, MD; aunts, Eula Hurd. Radford, Noreen Webb, Roanoke, Willie Farris, Salem, Kate and husband Robert Keffer, New Castle, Joanne and husband Bobby Britts. Salem, Rachel Howell, Greensboro, NC; uncle, Gibson and wife Virginia Weeks, Barstow, FL

Funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 8, at the Calvary Baptist Church, Floyd.

Reverend Graham Mitchell officiating.

Interment followed at the Willis Cemetery with Military Honors by Floyd VFW Post # 7854 and American Legion Post # 127.

Donations may be made to the Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation at 9221 Ward Parkway, Suite 400, Kansas City, MO 64114 or the Calvary Baptist Church Building Fund.

Obituaries for the week of January 20, 2005

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Wednesday, January 19, 2005

PAUL HENRY BLAND

FLOYD-Paul Henry Bland, 58, passed away January 5, 2005 at the Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Laurel Fork.

He is survived by: two sisters, Jessica Earls of Sandy Level and Sandra Wright of Roanoke; brother, Jesse E. Lang, Jr. of Roanoke.

A memorial service was conducted at 3:00 p.m. January 7 at Zion Lutheran Church in Floyd with Pastor Philip Bouknight officiating.

Arrangements were handled by Wood Funeral Home in Floyd.

EULA WADE SIMPKINS

CHRISTIANSBURG-Eula Wade (Nanny) Simpkins, born January 5, 1923, went home to be with the Lord, Monday, January 10, 2005 at her home in Christiansburg.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil Wade Simpkins.

Survivors include: six children, Kenneth Simpkins of Christiansburg, Richard Simpkins of Christiansburg, Ita Bishop of Riner, Joe Simpkins of Snowville, Ruth Sutphin-Thomas of Christiansburg, Connie Moses of Radford; brother, Frank Wade of Hopewell; sisters, Helen and Ovela Wade of Radford; 14 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren. Funeral service was conducted at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 12, at the Home Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor T. Michael Bond officiating. Interment followed in Roselawn Memorial Gardens, where she was laid to rest with her husband. Special thanks to loving caregivers, Rita Simpkins, Millie Warden and Christine Wood and the Good Samaritan Hospice-What

she gave to many, you gave back to her. The Simpkins family was served by Horne Funeral Service, Christiansburg. On line condolences may be sent by visiting hornefuneralservice.com

Obituaries for the week of January 27, 2005

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Thursday, January 27, 2005

JOE RABY BEEGLE

LAWSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA-Joe Raby Beegle, 63, of 3288 Snow Hill Church Road, passed away Sunday evening, January 16, 2005, in the care of his loved ones.

He was born November 12, 1941 in Toney, Alabama to Albert "Fox" Beegle and Zela Smith Beegle. He was an US Army veteran and worked in Stokes County as a skilled craftsman. His moral compass guided his path through hills and valleys and ended as a treasure that was our eternal love for a man that made sure we enjoyed the journey.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Frye Beegle.

Survivors include: son, Jonathan Ray Beegle and wife Dana Kirley Beegle of Floyd; daughter, Darlene Kay Scott and husband Michael Walter Scott of Virginia Beach; best friend, Dorothy Hall Harris of Elkin, North Carolina; brothers, Ernie Hardin Beegle and wife Joyce, Thurman "Sonny" Beegle Williard and wife, Ilene, Rickey Beegle and wife Mitzi; sisters, Sherry Beegle Cantrell, Jane Beegle Williard and husband Jess; grandchildren, Kenneth Alan Jeffers, Olivia Lea Beegle, Forest Monroe Beegle, Ainsley Helene Bresnahan.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 22, at Colonial Funeral Home with the Reverend Evelyn Lemons and Reverend Melvin Shelton officiating. Burial followed in Hollywood Cemetery in Elkin, North Carolina with military rites provided.

Colonial Funeral Home of Madison North Carolina was in charge of arrangements.

THELMA FITZGERALD BURNS

ROANOKE-Thelma Fitzgerald Burns, "B", 92, a former long-time resident of Waynesboro, passed away on Thursday, January 13, 2005 at Our Lady of Valley Retirement Home, Roanoke.

She was a former member of Main Street United Methodist Church. She sold Tupperware for over 30 years in the Waynesboro area as a dealer and manager.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Katherine Fitzgerald, brothers, Richard and John Fitzgerald and her daughter, Anne Burns Vest.

Survivors include: son-in-law, David R. Vest; grandchildren, Danny Vest, Kathy Walters, Tim and Kim Turman; great-grandchildren, Randy Walters, Kelli Walters, Raven Vest, Samantha Turman, and Rebecca Turman, all of Floyd.

Funeral service was conducted at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 16, at the Waynesboro Chapel of Reynolds Funeral Service with Reverend Gary Milstead officiating. Burial followed in Riverview Cemetery.

Donations may be made in her memory, to the Juvenile Diabetes Association, Greater Blue Ridge Chapter, 3959 Electric Road #222, Roanoke, VA 24018 or the MS Society, Blue Ridge Chapter, 1 Morton Drive Suite #106, Charlottesville, VA 22903.

CHARLES GORDON JONES

WILLIS-Charles Gordon Jones, 72, passed away Thursday, January 20, 2005 at New River Valley Medical Center. Following a lengthy illness he went home to be with his Lord. He was born December 20, 1932 in Guilford County to the late Charlie Mack Jones and Thelma Elizabeth Gordon Jones. He was an Air Force Veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was self-employed in the Wholesale Produce Business. He was of the Baptist faith and was a member of Lighthouse Baptist Church in Willis.

He is survived by: his wife, Doris Marie Jones, of the home; six daughter, Cydnie Lynne Jones Bennett, Phoenix, AR, Kimberly Anne Jones Langford, Richmond, Karen Elizabeth Jones Simmons, Greensboro, NC, Linda Busick, McLeansville, NC, Teresa Rich, McLeansville, NC, Donna Bates, Summerfield, NC; ten grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was conducted on Tuesday, January 25 at Cox-Needham Funeral Home at 2:00 p.m. JC Willard, Jr. officiated. Interment followed at Pinnacle View Baptist Cemetery. Cox-Needham Funeral Home, Pilot Mountain, NC handled arrangements.

SIDNEY "SID" RAY TAYLOR

MINERAL-Sidney "Sid" Ray Taylor, age 65, of 4250 Hadensville Farm Road, went to be with the Lord Thursday, January 20, 2005.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Berman Harvey and Mayme Sue Taylor; two sisters, Mayme Sue Whittlock and Margaret Allen; two brothers, Robert Taylor and Berman Harvey Taylor.

He is survived by his wife, Lena Via Taylor, formerly of Floyd; three children, Anthony Ray Taylor of Fla., Debra R. Truslow and husband, Paul of Glen Allen and Timothy D. Taylor and his wife, Jaime of Midlothian; also six grandchildren, Adam, Kevin, Peter, Braeden, Sarah and Sydney; four brothers, Harry Taylor and wife, Mary, Kim Taylor and wife, Loraine, Frank Taylor and wife, Jo, and Addison Taylor and wife, Beverly; three brothers-in-law, Theodore Via, George Via and David Via; and one sister-in-law, Pearl Johnson; and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Taylor was retired from Lucent Technology and was a member of Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church. Funeral services were held 2 PM Tuesday at Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church, followed by entombment at Westhampton Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to Henrico Doctor's Transplant Program or to Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church.

Arrangements by Woody Funeral Home, Richmond.

ALVIN P. VEST

SALEM-Alvin P. Vest, 74, passed away peacefully at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 20, 2005 at Lewis Gale Hospital. He was a retired Tool and Die Maker and General Manager at Mechanical Development.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel P. and Alabama Lawrence Vest, and his stepmother, Madeline Nolley Vest.

He is survived by: his wife of 56 years, Helen Wimmer Vest; sons, Stephen C. Vest and wife Gale, David L. Vest and wife Gail; grandchildren, Amy Vest-Arnold and husband, Chris, Eric Vest and wife Sally, Madeline Walk and husband Brandon; one-great-granddaughter, Jillian Vest; sister-in-law, Lura Vest Stone and husband, Dillard; brothers-in-law, Hubert Averette, Tommy Ballard, Ronald Wimmer and wife, Louise; sister-in-law, Betty Wimmer; numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held at Oakey's South Chapel, at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 23. Pastor Doug Jones officiated. Interment followed in Sherwood Memorial Park at 3:00 p.m. Monday, January 24.

Memorials may be made to Green Hill Church of the Brethren, 2699 Harborwood Road, Salem, VA 24153, or the American Lung Association, 3512 Brambleton Avenue, Suite 3, Roanoke, VA 24018.

Arrangements were handled by Oakey's South Chapel.

Obituaries for the week of February 3, 2005

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Wednesday, February 2, 2005

KAY KOONTZ GILLETTE, 63, a resident of Suffolk for nearly 40 years, released her physical body and was born into the spiritual world Saturday, January 15th, 2005. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to all in the Tidewater community, Kay touched the lives of many with her enthusiasm for life. She was an outstanding musician and shared her gift of music with many at Suffolk Christian Church, Oakland Christian Church, and the wider community. In addition to her musical talents, she was gifted in teaching, tutoring, tennis and especially golf.

A native of Harrisonburg, VA, Kay was predeceased by her parents, Fred and Janet Koontz, and her aunt, Eleanor (Giggi) Bradford.

Kay is survived by her husband of 40 years, Robert E. Gillette, her three children, Jennifer Miller and husband, Brian of Greenville, NC, Jan Gillette of Witten, Germany, Greg Gillette of Ashland, Oregon, one brother, Don Koontz of Harrisonburg, VA and two grandchildren, Kate and Harrison Miller.

A 1963 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Westhampton College, Kay was first employed by the National Aeronautic and Space Administration at Langley, and later taught mathematics at Henrico County Public Schools, Suffolk Public Schools and Nansemond- Suffolk Academy. She was a member of both the Driver Book Club and the Tuesday Afternoon Book Club for many years. Kay possessed a true passion for the game of golf. She was a one-time president and long-term member of Cedar Point Ladies Golf Association, a member of Suffolk Ladies Golf Association, and a member of Tidewater Ladies Golf Association. She played in the Tidewater Team matches, the Virginia State team matches and was a multiple Club Champion at Cedar Point Country Club's Ladies Golf Association. Along with golf, Kay and her family spent cherished times at their retreat on Buffalo Mountain Road in Floyd, Virginia.

The family received friends both Monday, January 17th and Tuesday, January 18th at their home. A celebration of life followed on Wednesday, January 19th at 2pm at Oakland Christian Church in Suffolk, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to Accelerated Brain Cancer Cure (ABC2), a non-profit organization dedicated to research to find a cure for brain cancer) at P.O. Box 33172, Farragut Station,

Washington, DC 20033; or to make a contribution towards sponsoring the Kay Gillette Golf Classic, to be held April 29, 2005 at Nansemond-River Golf Club. The net proceeds from the tournament will be donated to ABC2. Contributions can be made to the Kay Gillette Golf Classic at 4949 Exeter Drive, Suffolk, VA 23434.

JUDITH C. EVERSEN

WILLIS-Judith C. Eversen, 66, formerly of Chicago, Illinois passed away Wednesday, January 26, 2005. She is survived by: four sons, Brian, Bryce, Randal and Jay Curry, nine grandchildren, two great grandchildren and a sister Corrine Catton of Hoffman Estates, Illinois.

There will be no services per her wishes. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home.

MARY ELSIE RADFORD

FLOYD-May Elsie Radford, 89, passed away Wednesday, January 26, 2005. She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Radford and a son, Buddy Radford.

She is survived by: her children and their spouses, Mildred Ferguson, Nancy and Larry Wade, Mary Grooms, William "Boe" and Earnestine Radford, Betty Jean and Richard Martin, David and Arlene Radford, Jimmy and Martha Radford; twenty-eight grandchildren; fifty-six great-grandchildren; seventeen great-great grandchildren; special friends, Mike Sizemore, Jimmy Mannon, Charles Grooms.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 28, 2005 at Gardner Funeral Home. Reverend S.G. Bolt officiated. Interment followed in Williams Cemetery. Donations may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Association. Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, handled arrangements.

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Obituaries for the week of February 10, 2005

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Thursday, February 10, 2005

IRENE PRICE WEBB DAY

FLOYD-Irene Price Webb Day, 88, passed away Friday, February 4, 2005. She was born Feb. 2, 1917 in Floyd, VA. She was the daughter of Mrs. Lee Price and married to John Webb who preceded her in death. She later moved to Columbus, Ohio and was married to Ralph Day. There she was an active and faithful member of the Refuge Baptist Church. She cooked at the Harris Hart School for eleven years and loved all the children, who she fondly called her "little darlings". In moving back to Roanoke she joined the Pilgrim Baptist Church. She leaves to cherish her memory several nieces and nephews, including the Days and Huffs, and a very special friend, Jo Ann Rogers. Funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday February 8, 2005 at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Dwight Steele officiating. Interment followed at the Stuart Cemetery in Floyd. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

MARIE ADKINS JONES

ROANOKE-Marie Adkins Jones, 74, passed away Friday, February 4, 2005.

She was predeceased by her husband, William B. Jones, and a son, Kevin Jones,

She is survived by: three daughters and their husbands, Rhonda and Wesley Artrip of Roanoke, Justine and Curtis Puckett of Check, Denise and Lee Farber of Vinton; one son and his wife, B.J. and Dixie Jones of Rapid City, South Dakota; six grandchildren.

A private graveside service was held Sunday, February 6, at 2:30 p.m. at Wilson Cemetery. Reverend Dusty Fielder officiated.

Arrangements were handled by Wood Funeral Home in Floyd.

ELREE IBRA DEHART SEXTON

RADFORD-Elree Ibra DeHart Sexton, 75, passed away Monday, February 7, 2005. She was a member of Carter Street United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathy Sexton. Survivors include her husband, James M. Sexton of Radford; a son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Julie Sexton of Radford; a daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Andrew Blake of Richmond; and four grandchildren, Jeremy Blake, and Zachary, Nathan and Bethany Sexton.

Funeral service will be held Thursday, February 10, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. at the Carter Street United Methodist Church with Rev. Kristie Banes officiating.

Interment will follow in the Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Carter Street UMC, P. O. Box 3296, Radford, VA 24143.

IRENE WALTERS VEST

FLOYD-Irene Walters Vest, 84, passed away Monday, February 8, 2005.

She is survived by: daughters and sons-in-law, Ann and James Young, Floyd, Pat and Jim Scott, Loganville, GA, Joyce Sowder, Loganville, GA, Cathy Yates, Clearwater, FL; brothers and daughters-in-law, George and Clare Walters, Salem, Buster and Mozelle Walters, Bent Mountain; sisters-in-law, Nellie Conner, Lillie Conner, Gladys Eanes, Evelyn Vest, all of Check; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be held Thursday, February 10, at 11:00 a.m. at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Jimmy Cannaday and Reverend Elbert Lee Naff officiating. Interment to follow at the Wilson Cemetery, Check. Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd, is in charge of arrangements.

Obituaries for the week of February 17, 2005

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Thursday, February 17, 2005

EARNEST G. BISHOP

BLUEFIELD, WV-Earnest G. Bishop, 79, died Tuesday, February 8, 2005 in a Princeton hospital. He was born September 7, 1925 in Floyd County.

He was a son of the late Clayton and Clara Reed Bishop. He was a retired agent with the Internal Revenue Service and after retirement worked as an accountant.

He was also a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Past-Present and Lt. Governor of the Kiwanis Club, and a member of the Riley-Vest Post #9 of the American Legion. He was a veteran of WWII having served with the U.S. Army Air Corps. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a son, Earnest G. Bishop, Jr., and a brother, James Bishop.

Survivors include: his wife, Virginia Rutter Bishop of the home; daughter, Patricia B. Herzog and husband Keith of Boston, MA; a brother, Eugene Bishop of Hixon, TN; sister, Vera Sale of Radford; three grandchildren, Hogan Herzog, Lianne Herzog, and Courtney "Cookie" Herzog; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was conducted Saturday, February 12, at 3:00 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, 401 College Avenue, Bluefield, WV 24701. Military graveside rites were conducted by Mercer County Veterans Council.

Mercer Funeral Home and Crematory of Bluefield, WV handled arrangements. E-mail of cards and condolences may be sent to Mercer@Mercerfuneral.com

MADLINE M. GEARHART

FLOYD-Madeline M. Gearhart, 83, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, February 12, 2005. She was a member of Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren. Madeline was a follower of the Lord and was a very kind and caring person. She enjoyed with her husband, John Gearhart, growing her beautiful flowers, dancing at the Friday Night jamboree, traveling, and most of all spending time with her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Rome and Mamie Memmitt, and a sister, Elizabeth Thomas. She leaves to cherish her memory: her loving husband, John C. Gearhart of 64 years; two daughters, Maxine Kelly and husband of Charleston, SC, Kathy Kidwell and husband of Cheasapeake Beach, MD; three sons, Earl Gearhart and wife of Atlanta, GA, Johnny Gearhart and wife of Dayton, OH, Gary Gearhart and wife of Dayton, OH; nine grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; two sisters Ruth Dowdy and husband, Mary Kipps and husband both of Blacksburg, VA; brother Will Memmitt and wife of Riner, VA; and numerous family and friends.

Funeral service was conducted at 11:00 a.m. Monday, February 14, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Richard Thomas and Rev. Hebron Quesenberry officiating. Interment followed at Beaver Creek Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in honor of Madeline Gearhart may be made to the Carilion Hospice Services New River Valley, 707 Randolph Street, Suite 251, Radford, VA 24141.

OCIE ELLAR PHILLIPS HOLLANDSWORTH

WILLIS-Ocie Ellar Phillips Hollandsworth, age 100, passed away peacefully Thursday, February 10, 2005 at Heritage Hall. She was born December 11, 1904 in Indian Valley, daughter of the late Elkana C. and Ruth Jane Phillips.

She was preceded in death by her husband; Burman T. Hollandsworth; three sons; Alpha, Theodore and Vernon Hollands-worth; and one daughter; Belva Hollandsworth.

Survivors include: daughters and sons-in-law, Lena and Vance Duncan, Lora and Sonny Gunter, Helen and David Haynes, Eloise Funkhouser, all of Christiansburg, Phyllis and Glen Boyd, Nakomis, FL; grandchildren, Patricia

Duncan, Kathy Duncan, Cindy Linkous, Debbie Hamilton, Jeff Funkhouser, Suzanne Barnett, April Williams, Shannon Boyd; great-grandchildren, Jessica and Jarred Linkous, Gabrielle and Sean Dunham, Kaitlyn Funkhouser, Logan Barnett, Ashton and Libby Williams; sister, Delilah Phillips, Pilot; sister-in-law and husband, Blanche and Fred Semones, Floyd; and several nieces and nephews.

She had been a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for 75 years. Funeral service was held Sunday February 13, at 2:00 p.m. at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd with Elder Hale Terry and Elder Larry Hollandsworth officiating.

Interment followed at Hollandsworth Cemetery, Willis.

ORA TURNER NICHOLS

ROANOKE-Ora Turner Nichols, 95, passed away Wednesday, February 9, 2005 at her home. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Lonzie William Nichols.

She is survived by: two daughters and their husbands, Venda and Bob Boothe, Audrey and Laurence Eugene Cahill, all of Roanoke; three grandchildren, Blaine Cahill and wife Vanessa, Timothy Cahill and wife Kim, Vickie Smith and husband Richard, five great-grandchildren, Pam Smith, Heather Cahill, Jennifer Smith, Brad Cahill and Brooke Cahill; two step great-grandchildren, Darrell Cox and Pam Burns; one brother, Sparrell Turner of Floyd; one sister, Venice Barton of Bassett; and three sisters-in-law, Arlene Turner of Floyd, Nola Fulcher, and Janice Fulp.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 11, at Wood Funeral Home with Elder Hale Terry and Elder Allen Terry officiating. Burial was in the Jacksonville Cemetery in Floyd.

Wood Funeral Home, Floyd, handled arrangements. Many thanks to Good Samaritan Hospice.

WADE HAMPTON SHANK JR.

FLOYD-Wade Hampton Shank, Jr., 84, passed away Monday February 14, 2005. He was a member of Harvestwood Covenant Presbyterian Church, Floyd, American Legion Post # 127, and Floyd Lodge #202 I.O.O.F.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wade and Lucy Shank, sister, Freeda Smith, and brothers, Perry, Rupert, Wayne, Thurman, and Oliver Shank.

Survivors include: his wife of 51 years, Ruby T. Shank, Floyd; son and daughter-in-law, Blaine and Brenda Shank, Roanoke; daughter and son-in-law, Ouida and Albert Poff, Pulaski; step-son and wife, Martin and Simone Gardner, Powell, TN; grandchildren, Leslie Shank, Stephanie Shank, Derek Poff; step-grandchildren, Ronnie Poff, Tonya Clark, Marie Murray; and four step-great-grandchildren.

"Many happy memories remain forever."

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, February 17, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Riley Ware officiating. Interment to follow at Jacksonville Cemetery with Military Presentation by Floyd American Legion Post #127 and Floyd V.F.W. Post #7854. Services by Floyd Lodge #202 I.O.O.F. were held at Maberry Funeral Home on Wednesday, February 16, at 7:30 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to Floyd Lodge #202 I.O.O.F. c/o Robert L. Allen, Sec., 4261 Franklin Pike, Floyd, VA 24091.

MARY MAGDELENE INGRAM WILLIAMS

COPPER HILL - Mary Magdelene Ingram Williams, age 78, passed away Thursday, February 10, 2005 at her home.

Survivors include: daughter, Lisa Williams, Copper Hill; sons, Timothy Williams, Floyd, Curtis Williams, Jr., Corona, CA; sisters, Mildred Alexander, Maryland, Yvone Ingram, Columbus, OH, Joan Jackson, Maryland; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; special people in her life, Tammy Anderson, Charles Allen, Irma Jean Hanson.

Funeral service will be at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, February 19, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Clinton Crump officiating. Interment will follow at Stuart Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral.

ERCELL ALDRIDGE WILLIS

ROANOKE-Ercell Aldridge Willis, 81, went home to be with her Lord Thursday morning, February 10, 2005.

Mrs. Willis was born April 12, 1923 in Floyd County and was a daughter to the late William G. and Artie Florence Hale Aldridge. She married Robert E. Willis. He preceded her in death. She was a member of Melrose Baptist church.

She leaves to cherish her memory: seven loving children, Edward Lee Willis of Salem, Eloise Green of Roanoke, Pauline Willis Stover of Roanoke, Kathleen Conner of Salem, Jack Willis and wife Dottie of Stanley, North Carolina, Gerald Willis of Roanoke, Richard Willis and wife Dana of Roanoke; 19 grandchildren, Marlene, Jonathan and Joann Willis, Carolyn Haga, Lois Edmonds, Regina Green, Robin Starnes, Calvin and Darrell Willis, Eric and Vernon Stover, Donna Stover, Robert and Angela Conner, Tonya and Lucas Willis, Tenita and Theresa Buchanan, Cheree

Shaffer; 19 great-grandchildren; and two loving sisters and two loving brothers, Gladys Perdue and Willis Aldridge of Raonoke, and Bure Aldridge of Salem and Versie Hall of Roanoke.

A service celebrating her life was held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 12, at Melrose Baptist Church officiated by Reverend Larry Sprouse. Interment followed in Old Dominion Memorial Park at Clover Hill. Memorial donations may be made to the Melrose Baptist Church Building Fund, 3520 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, VA. Lotz Roanoke Chapel handled arrangements.

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LUCILE "CRICKET" AKERS

FLOYD-Lucile "Cricket" Akers, age 90, formerly of New Market, passed away Sunday, February 20, 2005. She was pre-deceased by her husband, Elbert J. "Pap" Akers, her parents, Rufus and Bertie Akers, and three siblings, brothers, Ray and Fred Akers and sister, BeBe Showalter.

She is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Ada Lee and Harmon Williams of Floyd; three grandchildren and spouses: Sandra and Donny Thompson, of Roanoke, Larry and Cathy Williams, of Boones Mill, and Carol Ann and Tony Bowman, of Pembroke; five great-grandchildren and spouses: Donna and Charles Laurens, of Virginia Beach, Dwayne and Carol Thompson, of Floyd, Jason and Kim Hall, of Radford, Sebastian Brooks, of Blacksburg, and Lorne Bowman, of Pembroke; three great-great grandchildren, Chelsea, Charlie and Chandler Laurens, of Virginia Beach; three sisters-in-law, Janice May, of Shenandoah, Jeanette Akers, of Christiansburg; and Irene Vest, of Floyd; special friends, Sandy and Sandra Lucas, of Roanoke; and Willie and Janet Bowles, of Callaway; many nephews, nieces and friends.

Funeral service was held 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 23, 2005 at Pigg River Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Junior Conner officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery. Gardner Funeral Home, of Floyd, handled arrangements.

JOSEPH FRANCIS BOLDIN

FLOYD-Joseph Francis Boldin, 69, departed this life on February 17, 2005, at the McGuire Veteran's Hospital in Richmond. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lucy Plozner Boldin and Evon Joseph Boldin; brother, Vincent Boldin, and his son, Devin O'Donnell.

He is survived by : his devoted and loving wife, Lois Boldin; daughter, Kim O'Donnell, Richmond, and her partner Carol Ogburn and their daughter, Meghan Sanders; two brothers, Evon Boldin, of Bellefonte, PA, Rudy Boldin, Fairborn, Ohio; four sisters, Lucy Gearhart, of Lock Haven, PA, Katherine Grubb, of Bellefonte, PA, Rose "Til" Leacock, of Boalsburg, PA and Nancy Muthersbaugh, of Harrisburg, PA. He is also survived by his devoted goddaughter and niece, Mary Jo Boldin of Bellefonte, PA as well as numerous other aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews of whom he was extremely fond.

He was born on September 17, 1935 in Bellefonte, Pa. At the age of 18, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Two years later, he suffered a spinal cord injury in a stateside accident during the Korea War. Despite projections of a short life as a paraplegic, Joe spent the next 49 years inspiring all who knew him by demonstrating that a disability is only as limiting as you allow it to be. As a young man, his hobbies included bowling, swimming, fishing, wheelchair basketball and playing quarterback in his daughter's backyard football games.

Subsequent to careers in both watch and air conditioner repair, in 1973 Joe and his wife, Lois, moved from their home to Pompano Beach, Florida to Floyd County where they raised tobacco and livestock for a number of years before opening The Country Christmas House in 1984 in the old Possum Hollow School House.

In his "retirement" years, Joe loved watching the coming and goings of the many birds, rabbits, squirrels, deer and turkey around his house; talking NASCAR with his great friend, Garry Sowers, and learning how to navigate the laptop computer he got for his 68 birthday. In spite of enduring significant health challenges in the later years of his life, he continued to live every day with optimism, humor and a strength of spirit that gave life and hope to all who knew him.

A memorial service was held on Monday, February 21, at Wetzler's Funeral Home in Bellefonte, PA at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers or donations, his family requests that others honor his memory and his life by caring for the natural world around them.

RUFUS ARMOR (BROWN) CONNER

ROANOKE-Rufus Armor (Brown) Conner, age 87, formerly of Copper Hill went to be with the Lord Saturday February 19, 2005. He was a member of Laurel Ridge Primitive Baptist Church. He was a Veteran of World War II, serving as a Military Police in Sicily, Italy, Africa & France. He was preceded in death by his parents William A. & Cora Poff Conner, two brothers; Joseph & Ernest Conner & one sister; Edith Slone.

Survivors include: his wife, Newassa (Peggy) Conner, Roanoke; daughter and son-in-law, Dolores and Walter Thompson, Roanoke; grandsons, Brian and Joseph Scruggs, Roanoke; sister, Doris Gilliam, Kingsport, TN; sister-in-law, Evelyn Conner, Roanoke; five nephews and one niece.

Funeral service was held Tuesday February 22 at 2:00 p.m. at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Elder Leonard Brammer and Elder Thomas Mann officiating. Interment followed at Restvale Cemetery with Military Presentation by Floyd American Legion Post #127 and Floyd V.F.W. Post #7854.

CANARA HARMAN WILSON HYLTON

TROUTVILLE-Canara Harman Wilson Hylton, age 91, formerly of Floyd, died February 21, 2005 at a local nursing home. She was predeceased by her first husband of 34 years, Roy C. Wilson, and by her second husband of 29 years, Carmon F. Hylton; her son, Weyman F. Wilson; a grandson, Roy Chester Wilson; and a brother, Leston Harman. She is survived by her inclusive family: daughters and sons-in-law, Janet W. and Douglas Gibson, Peggy W. and David Dillow, Troutville, Jean H. and Dan Tuttle, Floyd, Dean H. and Ken VandenBerghe, Taylors, SC; daughter-in-law, Charlotte S. Wilson, Cloverdale; sister and brother-in-law, Freeda H. and William Akers, Halifax; sisters-in-law, Margaret S. Wilson Floyd, Edith H. Layman Willis; grandchildren, Fonda W. and husband David Wilson, Dale Wilson, Bryan and wife Marquita Gibson, Mark and wife Karen Gibson, Todd Dillow, David and wife Hilary Dillow, Daniel Dillow, Chris and wife Denise VandenBerghe, Ann VandenBerghe; eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

Graveside services will be at 2:00 p.m. Thursday February 24, at the Topeco Cemetery, Floyd, with Pastor J. Weldon Myers officiating. Visitation will be from 12:30 to 1:30 PM Thursday at the Maberry Funeral Home in Floyd. Those wishing to honor Canara please consider memorial donations to the Topeco Church of the Brethren, 3460 Floyd Highway S., Floyd, VA 24091 or the Troutville Church of the Brethren, P O Box 156, Troutville, VA 24175.

LESLIE KORINNE NEBLETT MICHAUD

FLOYD-Leslie Korinne Neblett Michaud, 46, passed away at her home, Saturday, February 19, 2005. She was preceded in death by a brother, Scott Neblett.

Surviving are: her husband, John M. Michaud; daughter, Melissa Miller, both of Floyd; two step-daughters, Hedi Lynn Michaud, Windsor, Conn., Simmone Weeks, Roanoke; step-son, Justin M. Michaud, Walla Walla, Washington; parents, Dr. Donald Neblett, Fairview, North Carolina and Reverend Dr. Lou Wallace of Elon, North Carolina; two brothers, Tom Neblett, Austin, Texas, Whit Neblett, Fletcher, North Carolina.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Wood Funeral Home.

DAISY WYVETTA REED SHORTT

ROANOKE- On February 20th, our beloved "ladybug" flew away home.

She was preceded in death by her son, Lloyd Odell Simmons, her parents, Elsie and Noah Reed, two sisters, Murlene Bryant and Imogene Brizendine.

She will be greatly missed by her four daughters: Brenda Bernard of Roanoke,

Pat Windham of Texas, Betty Woltz of Roanoke,

Cindy and (Jerry) Bailey of Roanoke. She had four Grandchildren, Rich (and Felicia) Klotz of TN, Zach (and Monika) Sizer of Culebra, PR,

Larry (and Lily) Simmons of TX, Tracy (and Erica) Windham of TX.

She had six great grandchildren, Larry, Drew, Kyle, Cameron, Bayleigh, Chase, and one "baby", Tiger Lee, who is still looking for the lap he slept on for the last 8 years. She is leaving behind three surviving sisters and their families, Ruby (and Gene) Lee of Troutville, Mary (and Ray) Weddle of Floyd, Velma Carroll of Roanoke and one brother, Norvell (and Frances) Reed of Roanoke.

She was a free spirit that loved adventure and challenges and her life was filled with them. She accepted each challenge with undeniable strength and courage. She loved family and made her children a priority in her life, teaching them to love and laugh often. She had many jobs along her journey, from working in sewing plants, to making biscuits to desk clerking. We hope on her new journey, she's able to eat what she wants and can find a bingo table with a nice person to tell her life story to sitting beside her.

Services were held Wednesday, February 23 at 9:00 a.m. at the Oakey's South Chapel.

Burial will be at Jacksonville Cemetery in Floyd.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of The Adult Care Center in Salem. They took wonderful care of her in the daytime and with their help, we were able to have many more years and memories with her at home like she wanted.

JACQUELINE SMITH (JACKIE) SPANGLER

BENT MOUNTAIN-Jacqueline Smith (Jackie) Spangler, 67, died Monday, February 21, 2005. She was the daughter of the late Charles J. and Beulah S. Smith and is also preceded in death by her sister, Betty Louise (Tootsie) Smith; nieces, Barbara Gay Spangler and Andrea Christine Smith; brothers-in-law, Calvin Lee Robertson and Bobby Donald Walters. She was a member of Poages Mill Church of the Brethren and retired from Shenandoah Life after 42 years and 8 months of service.

She is survived by: her husband of 47 years, Shelborn Landon (S.L.) Spangler; four sisters, Helen (Tommy) Roberson, Floyd, Margaret (Totsy) Walters, Bent Mountain; Brenda Reynolds and husband, Jack, and Patricia (Pat) Altis and husband, Wayne, Copper Hill; three brothers, Charles Smith and wife, Gracie, Copper Hill, Douglas (Doug) Smith and wife, Christine (Chris), Roanoke, Robert Steven (Steve) Smith, Copper Hill; sister-in-law, Juanita Spangler Overton, Roanoke; uncle and aunt, Tom and Juanita Sink, Santa Maria, California; 14 nephews and 12 nieces.

Funeral service was conducted at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 23 at Oakey's South Chapel with Reverend Pete Bain, Reverend Jimmy Robinson and Reverend Charlie Hoffler officiating. Interment followed in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens. Oakey's South Chapel handled arrangements.

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MARSHALL SHERWOOD CARROLL

BASSETT-Marshall Sherwood Carroll, 62, of 694 Hamilton Road, Bassett, died Friday, February 25, 2005, at Memorial Hospital of Martinsville and Henry County.

He was born August 9, 1942 in New Castle, a son of Ilene Reed Holstein of Canton, Ohio and the late Marshall Lindsey Carroll.

He served in the U.S. Air Force, he was retired from E.I. DuPont with 33 years service where he was Shift Supervisor of Power House, after retiring from DuPont he was employed by Fieldcrest Mills in Fieldale, Times Fiber in Chatham and Sara Lee Knitting in Martinsville as Maintenance Technician/Electrician in all the last three employments. He graduated from Patrick Henry College with a degree in electrical engineering. He was a member of Fairway Baptist Church.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Sherry Trail Carroll, of the home; two daughters, Vickie C. Morris, of Henry, and Hollie C. Price of Bassett; three sons, Marshall (Buster) Sherwood Carroll, of Henry, Brandon Tyler Carroll, of Collinsville, and Jesse L. Carroll, of the home; two sisters, Marlene Carroll Lowe of Canton, Ohio and Donna Kay Carroll of Bassett; two brothers, Dawson Crews of Roanoke, and John L. Holstein of Canton, Ohio and four grandchildren.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, March 1, at 11:00 a.m. at Fairway Baptist Church with Pastor Michael Montgomery officiating. Interment followed in Jacksonville Cemetery in Floyd with full military honors provided at the cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Fairway Baptist Church Building Fund, 9427 Fairystone Park Highway, Bassett, VA 24055.

Arrangements were handled by Collins Funeral Services in Bassett.

MAE GRAHAM CONNER

FLOYD-Mae Graham Conner, age 90, of Floyd, passed away Thursday Feb. 24, 2005. She was preceded in death by her husband Masten Conner, sisters, Iva Hodges, Mary Switzer, Edith McBride, Vera Eaves, brother Hanson Graham.

She is survived by: sisters and brother, Evangeline and Armdill Wickline, Radford, Atha Smith, Zephyrhills, FL, Harding and Lucille Graham, Radford, Lakie Williams, Roanoke; special sister-in-law and spouse: Arva and Bill Coleman.

Funeral services was held Saturday February 26, at 11:00 a.m. at Gardner Funeral Home with Reverend Roy Turpin officiating. Interment followed in Topeco Cemetery.

The family request donations be made to the Floyd Co. Rescue Squad, PO Box 257 Floyd, VA 24091. Gardner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

DESSIE SLOAN GREEN DICKERSON

FLOYD-Dessie Sloan Green Dickerson, 84, of Floyd passed away Wednesday, February 23, 2005 at Skyline Manor Nursing Home.

She was the daughter of the late Robert and Vinnie Slone. She was also preceded in death by her son, Harold Green.

Survivors include her sons, Roy Green, James Green, and David Green and wife, Betty; one daughter, Mrs. Franklin (Gladys) Nichols; daughter-in-law, Eloise Green; special friend, Lee Allen; one brother, Thomas Odell Slone; four sisters, Sadie Yopp, Daisy Thomas, Mazie Hicks, and Juanita

Whitaker. 15 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral service was conducted at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 26, 2005 at the Gardner Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Roy Turpin and Pastor Charles Spencer officiating.

Interment was held at the Monte Vista Cemetery in Callaway,

The family wishes to express special thanks to the staff of Skyline Manor Nursing Home and the staff of Adventa Hospice.

DOROTHY GREY WALTERS HARRIS

FLOYD-Dorothy Grey Walters Harris, age 80, passed away Sunday February 27, 2005. She was preceded in death by her parents; Jesse and Nellie Walters, husband; Ezra Harris, sisters; Kathleen Collins, Mary Lee Hedus, Betty Woolwine, and Barbara Walters.

Survivors include: son and daughter-in-law, Jerry Lawrence and Lyn Harris, Boones Mill; daughters and sons-in-law, Debra Grey and Michael Arsenault, Patricia Ann and Charles Pinney, both of Pilot; brothers and sisters-in-law, Dan and Helen Walters

El Cajon, CA, Don and Jane Walters, Floyd, Lonnie and Joyce Walters, Boones Mill, Dale and Polly Walters, Pahrump, NV; nine grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held Tuesday March 1, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Reverend Michael Collins officiating. Interment followed in the Indian Creek Cemetery, Indian Valley.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family, in care of; Jerry Harris, 230 Oak Garden Dr., Boones Mill, VA 24065.

SFC DAVID J. SALIE

FT. BENNING, GA-SFC David J. Salie, 34, died Monday, February 14, while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Salie was born June 12, 1970 in Columbus, son of James E. Salie of Columbus, and Patricia H. Miers of Phenix City. He was assigned to the Bravo Company, 2d Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 3d Brigade, 3d Infantry Division at Ft. Benning, receiving the following metals: The Purple Heart established by General George Washington at Newburgh, New York, August 7, 1782; The Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service from January 19, 2005 to February 14, 2005, while assigned to Bravo Company 2d Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 3d Infantry Division. He gave the ultimate sacrifice during combat operations supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Sergeant First Class Salie's duty, performance and selfless service are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the Multi-National Corps Iraq, and the United States Army. SFC Salie also received the Combat Infantryman Badge with Star, Meritorious Unit Citation, South West Asian Service Medal with two Bronze Star device, Saudi Kuwaiti Liberation Medal, Kuwaiti Liberation Medal, and Master Parachutist Badge with one Combat Jump and numerous other awards. SFC Salie was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Antionette and Harold Howard and his father-in-law, Charles Brown.

Survivors include: his wife, Deanna Salie of Ft. Benning, Georgia; mother, Patricia H. Miers and husband, Walter C. Miers of Phenix City, Ala; father, James E. Salie and wife, Peggy Salie of Columbus, Georgia; children, Chyna Salie, Lucas Salie, Hunter Salie and Haley Salie; two brothers, CPT. Brian J. Salie and wife, Elizabeth, of Maricopa, Arizona, and Danny Clark and wife, Daphane, of Valley, Ala; sister, Kimberly Galloway and husband, Mike, of Lakeland, Florida; paternal grandparents, Leonard and Klaasena Salie of Harris County, Georgia and Virginia Umfress of Bourbon, MO; mother-in-law, Tolona Brown of Ft. Benning, Georgia; one great-great aunt, Mills Onie Harris of Columbus.

Contributions may be made to the SFC David J. Salie Fund in care of Columbus Bank and Trust Company.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, February 23 at 2:00 p.m. at the Main Post Protestant Chapel, Ft. Benning, Georgia, with full military honors.

A private interment was held in Ft. Benning Main Post Cemetery. McMullen Funeral Home, 3874 Gentian Blvd, Columbus handled arrangements. Those who wish to sign the online guest registry at www.mcmullenfuneralhome.com

RASIE TILDON WALTERS

PILOT-Rasie Tildon Walters, 84, went to be with the Lord at his home on February 27, 2005. A veteran of World War II he served in the US Navy on the U.S.S. Brazier DE 345. Rasie was parts manager for many years for S.G. Wimmer and Son in Christiansburg. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Eta Walters; two sisters, Myrtle Duncan, Erma Nolley and their spouses; beloved nephew, Vernon Nolley, niece, Phyllis Nolley.

He is survived by: his wife of 63 years, Katie Walters; sister-in-law and husband, Ruby and Junior King; nephews and wives, Paul and Elfreeda Duncan, R.B. and Marilyn Duncan; niece, Wanda Nolley; special great-nephews, great-nieces and their spouses, Kimberly and Randall Nester, Corey and Susan Nolley, Shawnee and Terry Fenton, Lynette and Bryan Vest; other great-nephews, great-nieces and their spouses, Connie and Bob Walls, Gary and Rhonda Duncan, Gerald and Sharon Duncan, Martha and Gene Miller, David and Edith Anne Duncan; numerous great-great nieces and great-great nephews and many loving friends who cared for him during his time of healing and trial including his special friend, Jimmy Souther.

Funeral service was held on Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at Huffville United Methodist Church with Pastor Dan Walker and Reverend Leon Alley officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, handled arrangements.

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CLAYTON HERSEL BOND

WILLIS-Clayton Hersel Bond, 79, of 1120 Camp Five Road, went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Sunday, March 6, 2005 at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center.

Hersel was a member and Deacon of the Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

He retired from VDOT after 26 years as an equipment operator. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII in the 83rd Signal Corps, 4th Battalion from January 25, 1944 to April 27, 1946.

He was preceded in death by: his father, Aaron Clayton Bond; his mother, Mary Alice Que-senberry Bond; two brothers, Collins Bond, and Marlin Bond; and one sister, Oledith Denson.

He is survived by: his devoted and loving wife of 58 years, Lou Ona Bond. Hersel was blessed with: five sons and daughters-in-law, Lester and Nancy Bond of Hiwassee, Harold Bond of Roanoke, Foster and Sylvia Bond of Floyd, Charles "Turk" and Diane Bond of Sonoma, CA, Alex and Vicki Bond of Willis; three daughters and sons-in-law, Carol and John Boyd of Floyd, Susan and Michael Shaver of Indian Valley, Joy and Zachary Heekin of Riner. Surviving grandchildren include Christie and Will Jones, Eric Bond, Andrew and Shelley Bond, Donna and Ronnie Shelor, John and Tammy Boyd, Scott and Melissa Bond, Mark and Kim Bond, Patrick and Sandra Bond, Laura Bond, Marnie and Kurt Heitmeyer, Ken Huff, Samantha Shaver, Amy and Michael Ramey, Aaron Bond, Isaac Spence, Stevie Spence, Christopher Heekin, and Andrea Heekin. Also surviving are nine great-grandchildren. He is survived by one brother, Kenneth H. Bond of Blue Ridge; one sister, Lassie Weddle of Churchville, MD.

Funeral service was Tuesday, March 8, at 11:00 a.m. in the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Elder Kenneth Hopkins officiating. Interment followed at Beaver Creek Cemetery with graveside rites by Floyd V.F.W. Post #7854 and American Legion Post #127.

A special thanks to Dr. Joseph Baum, Dr. Praveen Kanaparti, and Dr. Allen Tauro and staff for their compassionate care during his illness. Donations may be made to Floyd County Rescue Squad Station #4.

BOBBY WILLIAM JONES

FLOYD-Bobby William Jones, Sr., 69, passed away Tuesday, March 1, 2005.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Josephine Lyons Jones and two children, L.C. Jones and Larry Lyons.

He is survived by: two daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce and James Farley, Christiansburg, Debbie J. and Jeff Reed, Floyd; son, Bobby William Jones, Jr., Riner; two sisters and brother-in-law, Jo Ann Britt, Christiansburg, Dolly and Ward Harman, Bassett; six grandchildren and their spouses, Travis and Carrie Lyons, Pilot, Kimberly Lyons, Shawsville, Justin and Deborah Farley, Shawsville, Chrissy and Brandon Corke, Ontario, Canada, J.J. Reed, Floyd, Kala Reed, Floyd; one great-grandchild, Madison Grace Farley; and two nieces, Patty Swain, Judy Franklin.

Funeral service was held Friday, March 4, at 11 a.m. at Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, with Reverend Richard Thomas officiating.

Interment followed in Roselawn Cemetery in Christiansburg.

GAYLON DONO NESTER

MEADOWS OF DAN-Gaylon Dono Nester, 64, passed away Saturday, March 5, 2005 at his home.

He is survived by: one daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Darrell Higgs, Meadows of Dan; one son, Gaylon Donnie Nester, Meadows of Dan; brother, Elmo Nester, Laurel Fork; special friends, Clara Pettry, Martinsville, Connie Nester, Laurel Fork; and three grandchildren.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, March 8, at 11:00 a.m. at the Vaughan-Guynn-McGrady, Chapel, Hillsville, with Pastor John Franklin officiating.

Interment followed at Laurel Fork Cemetery.

WILLIAM HENRY QUESENBERRY

MICHIGAN-William Henry Quesenberry, of Clare, Michigan, passed away Sunday, Feb. 27, 2005, at the age of 78, following a terminal illness. He was the son of the late James W. and Alcora (Spence) Quesenberry.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Brandi Sue Quesenberry, his sisters Mable Pond and Freeda Visel, and brothers Marvin H. and James M. Quesenberry.

He is survived by: his wife of 38 years, Linda Lee Handley Quesenberry; ten children, Alan, Marjorie Garrett, Tracy (Jeremy Eagle) Galatin, Edward Lovell, Joe (Kathy) Horton, John Horton, Julie Horton, April (Dennis) Quesenberry-Wardwell, Christopher, and Helen. Also surviving are a sister, Ida Goad, a special niece, Ellen Sutphin, and several other nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, March 1, at 1:00 p.m. at the family home.

Memorials may be made to Central Michigan Hospice, 401 S. Main Street, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858.

Arrangements were handled by Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home, Inc. of Clare, Michigan.

Please sign the Quesenberry family's on-line guest book at www.stephenson-wyman.com.

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KATE WEDDLE SMITH

FLOYD- Kate Weddle Smith, 92, passed away Sunday, February 27, 2005 at Brian Center Nursing Home in Fincastle.

She was a lifelong member of Topeco Church of the Brethren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John H. Smith, and a brother, Freeman C. Weddle.

She is survived by: two daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Wayne Underwood, Floyd, Bonnie and Bob Elliott, Fincastle; step-son and spouse, Charles and Sara Smith, Thomasville, North Carolina; step-daughter and spouse, Lena and Dale Vest, Roanoke; brother and sister-in-law, Wilber and Glenna Weddle, Floyd.

Funeral service was held Thursday, March 3, at 11 a.m. at Topeco Church of the Brethren with Reverend Michael Varner officiating. Interment followed in Topeco Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Floyd County Humane Society, P.O. Box 862, Floyd, VA 24091. Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, handled arrangements.

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FANNIE MAE TAYLOR

FLOYD-Fannie Mae Taylor, 81, passed away Tuesday, March 8, 2005.

Survivors include: her husband, Kyle R. Taylor, Sr., Floyd; daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Carroll Harvey, Washington DC; sons and daughters-in-law, Kyle Jr. and Brenda Taylor, Floyd, Paul and Adrienne Taylor, Atlanta, GA, Robert Taylor, Floyd, Fredric and Valerie Taylor, Rocky Mount; aunt, Rosa Lee Helm, Floyd; 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 12, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Clinton Crump officiating. Interment at Big Oak Cemetery, Floyd. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at Maberry Funeral Home.

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VIRGINIA CLEO REED ALTIZER

VINTON-Virginia Cleo Reed Altizer, (Grandma Jenny), 84, went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, March 9, 2005.

She was born May 9, 1920 in Aberdeen, Maryland a daughter of the late Dennis and Ollie Dulaney Reed of Riner.

She was also preceded in death by her brother, Dennis (Jr.) Reed, a sister, Leila Gearhart, and her husbands, Hester Clayton Altizer and Griffin W. Woods.

She was a 1939 graduate of Christiansburg High School and retired after 33 years of service with C&P Telephone Company. She was a longtime resident of Clearview Manor.

She was a member of Valley View Wesleyan Church and the Telephone Pioneers.

Surviving are: her son, Norman Allan Altizer and wife, Susan of Botetourt County; special grandson, Eric Allan Altizer; sisters, Mildred R. Light of Roanoke, Christine R. Bohon of California; brother, Jimmy Reed and wife, Ella of Roanoke; sister-in-law, Frances Reed; stepdaughter, Marie Thompson and husband, Fred of Riner; grandchildren, Darlene Fitting, Teresa Thompson, Randy Price, and Donna Slagle; special cousins, Orpha Lawrence, Rushie Hylton and Opal Dudley; and her best friend of many years, Ruth Clark.

Funeral service was conducted at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 12, at Simpson Funeral Home, 5160 Peters Creek Road by Pastor Arthur Good.

Graveside service was conducted at 2 p.m. in White Rock Church of the Brethren Church Cemetery.

The family would like to express their appreciation to Dr. Chapman and the caring nurses in the Coronary Care Unit at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital for their kind compassionate care during Mr. Altizer's brief illness.

The family requests that memorials be made to Valley View Wesleyan Church, 2302 Oakland Boulevard NW, Roanoke, VA 24012.

RHEBA T. BOWER

FLOYD-Rheba T. Bower, 84, passed away Friday, March 11, 2005.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elvin O. Bower.

She is survived by her two sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Elizabeth Bower, Lonnie R. and Dianne Bower; three grandchildren and their spouses, April and Chris White, Beth and Matt Helmintoller, Jessica Bower; three great grandchildren, Cheyenne Marie Wilson, Anna Nicole Bower, Andrew Christopher White; several nieces and nephews. Funeral service was held on Sunday, March 13, 2005 at 2 p.m. at Gardner Funeral Home with Rev. Roy Turpin officiating.

Interment followed in Jacksonville Cemetery.

Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, handled arrangements.

EDWARD CLABRON COMPTON

BASSETT-Edward Clabron Compton, 72, passed away Monday, March 14, 2005.

He was predeceased by his father George Washington Compton and his wife Geraldine Willard Compton.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army of the Korean War.

He is survived by: daughter, Wanda Hunley, Bassett; son, Barry Compton, Wake Forest, North Carolina; sisters, Cuma Inman, Danville, Ethel Harmon, Floyd, Ila Martin, Floyd, Shirley Compton, Floyd; brothers, Lawrence Compton, Bassett, William Compton, Bassett, Eliga Compton, Bassett; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and one step-great-granddaughter.

Funeral service will be held at Norris Funeral Services Chapel at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 17 with Reverend Philip Woods officiating.

Burial will be in Lee Cemetery in Floyd.

ANNIE DICKERSON

FLOYD-Annie Dickerson, 78, passed away Saturday, March 12, 2005. She was a member of New Haven Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, William H. (Buster) Dickerson; son, William G. Dickerson; and grandson, Matthew Phillips.

She is survived by: four children and spouses, Roger and Shelia Dickerson, Floyd, Lona and Michael Sowers, Floyd, Bruce and Becky Dickerson, Biscoe, North Carolina, Anna Matz, Salem; sister, Faye Bolt, Willis; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Dallas and Nelva Shelton, Floyd, Herb and Maggie Shelton, Salem, Roy and Jane Shelton, Floyd, Harold and Sheila Shelton, Roanoke; four grandchildren and spouses, David and Kristen Dickerson, Floyd, Katrina and Joshua Ferguson, Copper Hill, Joshua Dickerson, Brittany Dickerson, both of Biscoe, North Carolina; great-grandchild, Kaitlin Ferguson, Copper Hill; very special friend and neighbor, Jerry Long.

Funeral service was held on Monday, March 14, at 11 a.m. at Gardner Funeral Home with Reverend Leon Wood and Reverend Joseph Falls officiating.

Interment followed in Jacksonville Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the Floyd County Rescue Squad or to New Haven Baptist Church AWANAS.

CHARLES DAVID JANNEY

ROANOKE-Charles David "Chucky" Janney, 55, passed away Friday, March 11, 2005.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Linda Janney, and his parents, Charles J. and Anna Marie Janney. He was a U.S. Army Veteran.

Surviving are his sister, Carolyn Jean Huffman; brother, Donnie Janney; grandmother, Lida Cumbee; nieces and nephew, Cathy Huffman Burkett and husband Jay, Sammy Huffman, Melissa Janney Johnson and husband Jeremiah; two great-nieces, Chelsey Jeffries and Madison Johnson; aunt, Maybelle Dooley; uncles, Roy Cumbee, Richard Cumbee, Tommy Cumbee and David Cumbee; many cousins; special friends, Brenda Lehrer, Larry Wickline, Jeff Ferguson.

Funeral services were held at Oakey's South Chapel at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 14.

The Reverend Jerry Buckner officiated. Interment followed in Restvale Cemetery, in Floyd County. Military honors by Floyd V.F.W. Post 7854 and American Legion #127.

HARVEY DESKIN (TED) LEE

CHECK-Harvey Deskin (Ted) Lee, 91, passed away Friday, March 4, 2005.

He is survived by: his wife of seventy years, Audrey Vest Lee of Check; one daughter and her husband, Judy and Wayne Thomas of Copper Hill; one son H.D. Lee of Rising Sun, MD; two granddaughters, Robin Nichols and

Christy and Kevin Vest, all of Copper Hill, and four great-grandchildren, Keshia Nichols, and Kacie, Dylan, and Nicholas Vest.

Funeral service were held Monday, March 7, at 11 a.m. at Wood Funeral Home in Floyd with Reverend Dan Walker with interment in Cole Cemetery.

VERA ALTA WOOD POAGE

SALEM-VeraAlta Wood Poage, 85, died on Saturday, March 12, 2005 at Lewis-Gale Medical Center.

She formerly lived in the Terry's Fork community of Floyd County.

She was preceded in death by her best friend and husband, Clinton L. Poage, brother, Vernon G. Wood, and grandson, Matt Hancock.

She is survived by: a sister, Lois Wood DeVibiss (Dan) of Radford; daughters, Bunny Hancock of Roanoke and Vandy Kemp (David) of Alcoa, Tennessee; granddaughter, Janet Beard of Brooklyn, New York; grandson, Will Hancock (Angela) of Louisville, Kentucky; great-granddaughter, Sierra Hancock also of Louisville.

She was a graduate of Radford College and her career as a classroom teacher touched hundreds of lives and spanned five decades during which she taught at Rifton, Floyd, Terry's Fork, Check High, and Check Elementary Schools in Floyd County. She loved music, theater, gardening and traveling, but her greatest love was for the written word.

She was an avid reader, and she herself wrote poems, stories, plays, essays and countless journals of her experiences.

She and her husband were lifelong members of Havens Chapel United Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir and taught Sunday School.

Her faithful life was an inspiration to her loved ones. Funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15, at Havens Chapel United Methodist Church with Pastor Dan Walker officiating. Interment followed at Wilson Cemetery.

The family request that memorials be made to Havens Chapel United Methodist Church, Check, VA.

Arrangements were handled by Wood Funeral Home, Floyd.

ESTLE RAY QUESENBERRY

RADFORD-Estle Ray Quesenberry, age 76, passed away Saturday March 12, 2005.

He was preceded in death by his wife "Bea" Quesenberry, a brother Cecil Quesenberry, and a sister Goldie Quesenberry.

He is survived by: a daughter and son-in-law: Barbie and Billy Sanders, Floyd; son and daughter-in-law: Dale and Joan Quesenberry, Indian Valley; sister and brother-in-law, Virgie and Whitney Lundy, Independence; brother and sister-in-law, Elmer and Evelyn Quesenberry, Floyd; sister-in-law: Ailene Quesenberry, Floyd; six grandchildren and spouses: Susan and James Kingrea, Floyd, Amy and Jerry Keith, Floyd, Kim and Hank Gallimore, Floyd, Scotty and Laura Quesenberry, Floyd, Randy and Sherry Quesenberry, Floyd, Todd Quesenberry, Floyd; eight great-grandchildren.

Graveside service was held on Tuesday March 15, at 11:00 a.m. at Big Sands Cemetery with Rev. Justin Quesenberry officiating. Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, handled arrangements.

AMANDA KAITLYNE SIMPKINS

COPPER HILL- Amanda Kaitlyne Simpkins, 14, an eighth grade student at Floyd County High School, passed away Sunday March 13, 2005.

She is preceded in death by her grandfathers, Robert Surbaugh and Royster Simpkins.

Survivors include: her parents Chester and Kimberly Simpkins, Copper Hill; brother, Robert Simpkins, Copper Hill; grandparents, Ruby Boyd Simpkins Christiansburg, Ruth Surbaugh, Copper Hill; uncles,

J. B. Simpkins and wife Pam, Dwight Simpkins and wife Kathy, Hal Simpkins and wife Patricia, Stephen Surbaugh and wife Mitzi, Scott Surbaugh and wife DuAnn; aunt, Loretta Spangler; many cousins; special friends, Jean Murphy, Cody Murphy, Dakota McDowell, Jane Huffman, Tim and Barbara Worrell and family

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday March 16, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Roy Turpin officiating. Interment followed at Restvale Cemetery.

GOLDIE (JOANN) SMITH

WILLIS-Goldie (Joann) Smith, 70, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, March 13, 2005. She was a member of New Harvest Ministries Church in Willis. She was preceded in death by her parents, Benjamin Franklin and Mary Jane Dooley Hudgins, grandson, Dennis Smith, first husband, Albert Jenkins, six sisters, and four brothers.

She is survived by: her husband, David Smith; five children and their spouses, Rosa Lee and Doug Akers, Princeton, Ronald and Debi Smith, Elliston, Rene and Leonard Scarberry, Willis, Rosemary and Tom Parker, Elliston, Bobby and Robin Smith, Dublin; 12 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral service was held on Wednesday, March 16, at 2 p.m. at New Harvest Ministries with Pastor Roy J. Bentley and Reverend Arthur Harris officiating. Interment followed in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, handled arrangements.

WOODROW WILSON SUTPHIN

WILLIS- Woodrow Wilson Sutphin, 92, of 1988 Macks Mt. Rd., went to be with the Lord on March 8, 2005.

He was born on January 21, 1913 to the late John Owen and Laura Virginia Sutphin.

He was also preceded in death by two sons, Buford A. Sutphin and Darrel W. Sutphin, and a special granddaughter, Teresia Sutphin Young.

He is survived by his devoted and loving wife of 70 years, Claudia Elizabeth Sutphin. He was blessed with two sons and daughters-in-law, Aaron and Betty Sutphin, John and Joyce Sutphin, all of Willis; five daughters and sons-in-law, Mozell and Glen Quesenberry, Glenna and Joseph Cox, Kathryn and Fred Gerald, all of Willis; Vera and Troy Hall, Katie and Cecil Moore, all of Indian Valley. Surviving grandchildren include Donna and Charlie Smith, Randall and Priscilla Quesenberry, Trena Peak, Marietta and Mike Lawson, Anthony and Virginia Quesenberry, Patsy and Rudy Turman, Lloyd and Vicky Sutphin, Moe and Rhonda Sutphin, Michael and Michelle Lytton, Phillip and Myra Cox, Gary Cox, Greg and Melissa Cox, Kimberly and Bridgette Sutphin, Freddie and Lisa Gerald, Brent and Brandy Gerald, Phaedra and Justin Lewis, Tara E. Hall, Trey Moore, Natasha and Matthew Snare; twenty-five great-grandchildren; five step great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; six step great-great-grandchildren; a special niece, Shirley and Doug Phillips and son, David; one sister, Clarice Duncan, Blacksburg; two sisters-in-law, Ricie Quesenberry, Indian Valley; Nellie Phillips, Christiansburg; special friend, Raymond Flinchum, Dublin; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held on Friday, March 11, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. at the Indian Valley Church of God with Rev. Vinton Quesenberry, Rev. Joe Cox, and Rev. Kenneth Poston officiating.

Interment followed at Captain George Quesenberry Cemetery, Indian Valley.

A special thanks to Carilion Home Health Care (Angie Abel, Diania Harris, Terry Tilley), Cassie Crews, NRVA, Carilion Hospice Services of New River Valley.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

EVELYN SISSON VEST

CHECK-Evelyn Sisson Vest, 78, passed away Sunday, March 13, 2005.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Curtis Vest, and son, Sherrow Vest.

She is survived by: three sons and their wives, Glenn and Joan Vest of Crossville, Tennessee, Steven and Sue Vest of Check, and Charles and Kathy Vest of Pickerington, Ohio; eight grandchildren, Martha Vest, Kari Vest, Phil Meek, Nichole Vest, Jerry Hatcher, Jr., Caleb Vest, Lindsey Vest, Julie Anna Vest, Benjamin Vest; four great-grandchildren, Michael VanWinkle, Kristen VanWinkle, Samantha Hatcher and Sophie Meek.

Funeral service was conducted on Wednesday, March 16, at 11 a.m. at Wood Funeral Home in Floyd. Elder Hale Terry and Reverend Leon Wood officiated.

Interment was in Wilson Cemetery.

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VELMA SMITH HOLLANDSWORTH

WILLIS-Velma Smith Hollandsworth, age 93, passed away Monday March 21, 2005.

She was preceded in death by: her parents, Robie and Vinia Smith, and husband, Gurlie Hollandsworth.

Survivors include: son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Linda Hollandsworth, Floyd; daughters and sons-in-law, Bonnie and Lewis Smith, Willis, Blondene and Luther Woolwine, Christiansburg, Sandra and Fred Altizer, Roanoke; grandchildren, Rhonda and David Turpin, Michelle Hollandsworth, Darrell and Amanda Hollandsworth, Jason and

Gena Altizer, Jessica Altizer; step grandchildren, Eddie and Suzanne Woolwine, Marie and Mike Rorrer; three great-grandchildren and three step great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2005 at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd.

Elder Kenneth Hopkins officiated.

Interment followed at Captain George Quesenberry Cemetery in Indian Valley.

HERMAN TURNER PETERS

STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA-Herman Turner Peters, 88, formerly of Floyd, passed away Thursday, February 24, 2005.

Funeral service was held at Big Valley Bible Church on Wednesday, March 2, in Stockton, California.

Arrangements were by Cherokee Memorial Funeral Home.

CATHERINE MARIE RUSHON

FLOYD-Catherine Marie Rushon, 66, passed away Saturday, March 19, 2005. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Genevieve Keenan, and a son, James T. Ladely.

Survivors include: two daughters, Kay Chapin, Bensalen, PA, Bethann Gladu, Floyd; three sons, Robert Rushon, Philadelphia, PA, Randy Rushon, Freehold, NJ, Edward Ladely, Wilmington, DE; four sisters, two brothers, 11 grandchildren; one-great grandchild. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2005 at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd.

PAULINE HAIRSTON SAUNDERS

WILLIS-Pauline Hairston Saunders, age 72, passed away Monday March 21, 2005. She was the widow of Woodrow V. Saunders.

Survivors include: daughter, Evelyn Saunders, New York, NY; sons, Howard V. Saunders, Benjamin D. Saunders, Walter P. Saunders, Willis, Bruce L. Saunders, Mt. Airy, NC; sisters, Mary Ann Hairston, Fieldale, Margaret Hairston, Fieldale, Betty Ruth Chughtai, Riverdale, NY, Louise Gravely, Bassett, Jackie Hairston, Fieldale; brother, Reginald Hairston Bassett.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday March 24, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Allen Cherry officiating. Interment will follow at Captain George Quesenberry Cemetery, Indian Valley. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

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CHARLES KELLER AKERS

FLOYD-Charles Keller Akers, age 61, passed away Friday March 25, 2005.

Survivors include: his wife, Sally Akers; four sons, James Charles Akers, Corey Akers, Keller Akers, Rodney Akers; God daughter, Dionne Lee; grandsons, Jaylen Miller Akers, Jacari Akers; granddaughter, Maurena Lee; two brothers,

Rev. Dennis Akers, Bryant Akers, one sister, Constance Shelton; sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 27 at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Clinton Crump officiating. Interment followed at Big Oak Cemetery.

ERVIN KAVILLA HYLTON

ALUM RIDGE-Ervin Kavilla Hylton, 78, died Monday, March 28, 2005 at Montgomery Regional Hospital in Blacksburg. He was born February 11, 1927 in Floyd County to Jabe Harman and Carsie Ella Weeks Hylton. He was a 35 year employee of Reed Lumber Company in Christiansburg and a ten-year employee of Alum Ridge Auto Repair Inc. in Alum Ridge. He is preceded in death by: his wife, Jessaleen Amo Boothe Hylton.

He is survived by: a son and daughter-in-law, Daryl and Wilma Hylton of Christiansburg; two daughters and son-in-law, Sharon and Russell Stump of Alum Ridge and Amy Hylton Adkins of the home; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Clyde and Mona Hylton of Richmond, IN, Nelson and Nancy Hylton of Roanoke; sister and brother-in-law and spouses, Andy and Peggy Boothe, Bobby and Venda Boothe, both of Roanoke, Thurston Myers of Taneytown, MD; sister-in-law, Della Cooke, Lexington, North Carolina; five grandchildren, Tabbi Greenhalgh, Jason Stump, Jon Stump, Adam Stump and Elizabeth Roop; two great-grandchildren, Shane Roop and Jillian Greenhalgh; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was conducted at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, at Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren with Reverend Roy Turpin and Reverend Clyde Hylton officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery. Wood Funeral Home, Floyd, handled arrangements.

OCIE UNDERWOOD SUTPHIN

MEADOWS OF DAN-Ocie Underwood Sutphin, 92, passed away Friday, March 25, 2005. She was the widow of Kyle P. Sutphin.

Survivors include: sons, Everett Sutphin and friend Carolyn Spence, Laurel Fork, Glendal Sutphin and wife Cheryl, Collinsville, Jimmie Sutphin and wife Carol, Willis; daughter, Shirley Turner and husband Eldridge, Woodbridge; brother, Peerless Underwood, Fancy Gap; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 28, at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Reverend Harold Fenstermaker, Reverend Joe Quesenberry and Reverend S.G. Bolt officiating. Interment followed at Underwood Cemetery, Meadows of Dan.

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ELZADA WILLIAMS BOOTHE

FLOYD-Elzada Williams Boothe, 97, passed away, Tuesday, March 29, 2005.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, J. Lane Boothe, two daughters, Alice Boothe Conner and Norma Gene Boothe Vest, and one son, William Lemie Boothe.

She was a lifelong resident of Floyd, and a member of the Red Oak Grove Church of the Brethren.

She is survived by: one son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Vernice Boothe; two sisters, Arlene Blackwell and Eula Belle Martin; daughter-in-law, Judy Boothe; son-in-law and spouse, Sonny and Beulah Vest; grandchildren and spouses, Annette and Mike Battle, Darryl and Robin Vest, John Vest, Debbie and Jeff Guilliams, Karen Conner, Randal Boothe, Teresa and John Corollo, Gary and Marci Boothe, Sandra Boothe, Linda Boothe, and Nelson Lane Boothe; nine-great-

grandchildren, Cy Williams, Eric Janney, Kimberly Battle, Amanda Vest, Alexis Vest, Jacki Corollo, Tony Corollo, Lucian Boothe, and Veronica Boothe. Special friend, Christy Lancaster.

Funeral service was held Saturday, April 2, at 11:00 a.m. at Gardner Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Jimmy Cannaday, Reverend Hebron Quesenberry, and Reverend Robert Blackwell officiating.

Interment followed in Jacksonville Cemetery.

MARIE AUSTIN HOWELL

FLOYD-Marie Austin Howell, 73, passed away Wednesday, March 30, 2005.

She is survived by: her husband, Otis Howell, Floyd; one son and daughter-in-law, Calvin and Sandra Shortt, Floyd; one daughter and son-in-law, Vera and Robert Thompson, Deland, Florida; four grandchildren, John Shortt, Paul Shortt, Joshua Thompson, Caleb Thompson; two step-sons and spouses, Wayne and Teresa Howell, Floyd, Darrell and Tammy Howell, Rocky Mount; step-daughter and spouse, Kathy and Russell Cruz, Floyd; step-grandchildren, Sarah Keith, Jamie Howell, Amber Howell, Austin Howell; step-great grandchild, Serena Keith; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held on Friday, April 1, at 11 a.m. at Gardner Funeral Home with Reverend Roy Turpin and Reverend Michael Varner officiating. Interment followed in County Line Cemetery.

Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, handled arrangements.

ROBERT J. RATCLIFFE

SPOTSVANNIA- Robert James Ratcliffe, 57, passed away Friday, March 25, 2005 from a work-related accident. He was the husband of Cheryl G. Ratcliffe. He was a driver for Uphill Trucking Co.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Daniel and Alice Ratcliffe of Floyd, and a sister, Kathy Griffin, of Tennessee.

Along with his wife, Robert is survived by: his children, Robert J. Ratcliffe, Jr., Christina M. Ratcliffe, Charles K. Ratcliffe, and Brian L. Ratcliffe, all of Spotsylvania; stepchildren, Anthony M. Galyen of Waverly, Ga, Daniel W. Keene, Jr., of Spotsylvania and Samantha F. Keene of Ladysmith, three sisters, Carol Ratcliffe of Culpeper, Betty Boothe and her husband, James, and Rose Ratcliffe, all of Floyd; 14 grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, at Mullins and Thompson Funeral Service, Spotsylvania Chapel, followed by burial in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

W. SHERMAN SMITH

COPPER HILL-W. Sherman Smith, 92, passed away Saturday, April 2, 2005 at his home. He was a veteran of WWII. Sherman and his wife, Lorraine, founded Smith's store of Copper Hill in the 40's and operated it for 28 years. He then sold it to his brother Ray and Diann Smith who also operated it for 28 years. Ray then sold it to a cousin, Terry and Sarah Smith who are the present owners.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Lorraine Smith, his parents, Robert and Cassie Smith and a brother, Wilbert Smith.

Surviving are two daughters, Suzanne and Buck Yeatts of Copper Hill and Mary Smith of Midlothian; five brothers, Robert Smith, R. B. Smith and Ray Smith all of Copper Hill, Sam Smith and Herbert Smith of Roanoke; two sisters, Myrtle Curran of Clearwater, Florida and Ocie Smith of Titusville, Florida; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at Copper Hill Church of the Brethren at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 5 with Pastor Maurice Wright officiating.

Interment followed in Restvale Cemetery.

LUTHER ALVIN SOWERS

FLOYD- Luther Alvin Sowers, 82, passed away Saturday April 2, 2005 at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center. He was preceded in death by his parents Jab and Stella Sowers, a sister Winnie Bowers, Brother and sister-in-law Troy and Elizabeth Sowers and a nephew John Wayne Sowers.

He is survived by: his wife of 59 years, Laura Catherine Sowers, Floyd, two sisters, Rheba Vaughn, Willis, Jo Ann Hale, Salem; several loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, April 4, 2005 at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Ralph Duncan officiating. Interment followed at Topeco Cemetery. Special thanks to the surgical unit nurses at New River Valley Medical Center and Dr. Steve Siner.

CLAUDINE HARMAN WEDDLE

FLOYD-Claudine Harman Weddle, 83, passed away Wednesday, March 30, 2005. She was preceded in death by her parents; Olin and Harriett Harman, and brother; C.W. Harman.

Survivors include: her husband, Edmund Weddle, Floyd; sons and daughter-in-law, Gene H. and Pat Weddle, David Weddle, all of Floyd; grandchildren,

Monica and Tim Marchon, Donnie and Christy Sutphin, Wendy Weddle; grandchildren, Bryson Sutphin, Cayden Sutphin, Tanyan Sutphin; sister-in-law, Margaret Harman, Floyd.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, April 1, at Topeco Church of the Brethren, Floyd, with Reverend Mike Varner officiating. Interment followed at Topeco Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd

DONNA DARLENE ZEIGLER

FLOYD-Donna Darlene Zeigler, 31, passed away Sunday April 3, 2005. She was preceded in death by her brother, Tommy Zeigler and nephew, Zachary Zeigler.

Survivors include; her parents, Joyce and Roscoe Winters, Blacksburg, Barry Zeigler, Floyd; sister, Crystal Philipp, Floyd; brothers, Charles Zeigler and wife Lisa, Ferrum, David Zeigler and friend Karen Brown, Check; grandparents, Erma and Clinton Alley

Pilot; great-grandfather, Bill Lambert, Blacksburg; step-sister, Christina and Ricky O'Dell, Dublin; step-brother, Wesley Winters, Floyd; four nieces and one nephew.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday April 6, at Calvary Baptist Church, Floyd, with Dr. Graham Mitchell officiating. Graveside service was held at 2:00 p.m. at the Zeigler Cemetery in Union Hall. Memorial donations may be made to the Lupus Foundation. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home.

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CLIFTON WARD AGNEW

FLOYD-Clifton Ward Agnew, 85, went to Heaven on Thursday April 7, 2005. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dan and Effie Agnew, one brother D.J. Agnew, one sister Reba Hockett, and two grandchildren, Rhonda and Dan Agnew. He was a long time employee of Hercules (RAAP).

He is survived by: his loving wife of almost 66 years, Ruby Underwood Agnew; one son and daughter-in-law, Harold and Jeanette Agnew, Floyd; one granddaughter and husband, Gwen Agnew Hendrick and Brent, Roanoke; two great-granddaughters and

one spouse Jennifer Hendrick, Roanoke, Julie and Adam Harris, Floyd; one great-grandson, Kevin Hendrick, Roanoke; one great-great-grandson, Tyler Harris, Floyd; three sisters, Dorothy Belcher, Iris Yeatts, Barbara Nolen, all of Floyd; one brother, James Agnew, Floyd.

Funeral services was held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday April 9, 2005 at New Haven Baptist Church, where he has been a member since 1961, with Rev. Leon Wood, and Rev. Joseph Falls officiating. Interment will follow in Jacksonville Cemetery.

The family would like to thank Dr. L. V. Marshall and his staff for the years of care, and Dr. David Hartman and the staff of Lewis-Gale.

Gardner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

VERNA BOYD ALDERMAN

MEADOWS OF DAN-Verna Boyd Alderman, 91, passed away Thursday, April 7, 2005. She was preceded in death by her husband; Dock P. Alderman, and sons; Kenneth Alderman and Philip Alderman.

Survivors include; daughters, Elsie Alderman Quesenberry, Mechanicsville, MD, Bonnie Alderman Martin and husband Nelson, Willis;

sons, Wayne Alderman, Sparta, NC, Kelly Alderman

Falls Church; sister-in-law, Lura Hodges, Roanoke; 18 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at Green Mountain Baptist Church with Rev. Nathan Montgomery and Reverend J.C. Willard officiating. Interment followed in Goad Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

AUDREY GERTRUDE ALDRIDGE

VINTON-Audrey Gertrude Aldridge, 95, passed away Sunday, April 10, 2005.

She is survived by: sister, Kate A. Bowles of Vinton; sister-in-law, Virgie Aldridge of Salem, three nieces, Peggy Musselman of Blue Ridge, Helen Sue Smith of Copper Hill, Ruby and Orel Hollins of Hillsboro, NC; several great and great-great nieces and nephews. Graveside funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13 at the Salem Church Cemetery in Copper Hill with Reverend Richard Gregory officiating. Arrangements by Wood Funeral Home in Floyd.

CHIN, GABRIEL CHING (LIANG CHOU)

ANN ARBOR, MI-Gabriel Ching Chin died at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, March 31, 2005.

He was born in Shantung Province, China, September 28, 1920, the third child and first son of Chung Shu and Ching Cheng (Liu) Chin. He was raised and educated in Lin-yi, Shantung, China, where his mother was a mathematics teacher

and dean of a mission supported school. He received a B.S. in military science from the Central Military Academy of China, Nan Cheng, China, during the Japanese occupation. After accepting his commission in the Chinese Army (Kuo Ming Tang), he remained in the army for ten years, rising to the rank of battalion commander.

After leaving the army in 1952, he worked as teacher, translator and interpreter, at the Overseas Missionary Society Seminary in Taichung, Taiwan, and at T'ungshai University, also in Taichung, until 1968, after which he worked with Hai Yuan Trading Corp. in Taipei, Taiwan, until 1971, when he moved to Ann Arbor.

In 1970 he married Janet Allen, of Floyd, in Taipei, Taiwan.

She survives him, along with their children, Eleanor (Andrew Chang), of Cleveland Heights, OH, Peter (Cynthia Shaff Chin), of Portland, OR, Miriam, of Ypsilanti, MI, Harriet (Dominic) Held, of Ann Arbor, MI, and three granddaughters, Daille and Dorothy Held, and Sophie Chin. He is also survived by one sister, Anna (Andrew) Wang, of Portland, OR, adopted brother Hung-wen Hao, of Taiwan, and many nieces and nephews, in the US, Taiwan and China.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, one brother, and two siblings in infancy.

Gabriel's love of Chinese classical literature, was expressed in numerous poetic compositions and essays. His love of music led him to sing in the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club, the University of Michigan Choral Union, the choirs of Bethlehem United Church of Christ, and First Congregational Church in Ann Arbor. His lifelong devotion to the practice and teaching of tai chi and chi gung leaves numerous students all over the US and abroad. His love of cooking and his expertise made his catered banquets and his cooking classes memorable.

Gabriel's body has been donated to the University of Michigan Dept. of Anatomical Research, by his specific wish.

Donations and gifts in his honor and memory may be made to: Organ Fund, Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 423 S. Fourth Street, Ann Arbor, 48104, or to Ferrum College, Ferrum, VA, 24088.

A memorial was held at Bethlehem United Church of Christ, Saturday, April 9, at 3 p.m.

MARGARET ANN DUNCAN GUNTHER

FLOYD-Margaret Ann Duncan Gunther, age 63, passed away Sunday April 10, 2005 at a Roanoke nursing home. She was preceded in death by her parents, Tellie and Emma Alice Duncan.

Survivors include: daughter, Leasa Hickman, Dugspur; son, Dale Hickman, Prince Frederick, MD; grandchildren, Tamra Nicole Hickman, Jadelyn Grace Ball, Abigail Hickman, Aaron Hickman; brother, Louis Duncan; lifelong friend, Patricia (Trick) Stallings.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday April 14, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Ronnie Sutphin officiating. Interment followed in the Alderman Cemetery. Donations may be made to the family.

ROSCOE JOHN PRICE

FLOYD-Roscoe John Price, 82, passed away Monday April 11, 2005. He was a retired crane operator at N&W Railroad.

Survivors include: his wife, Geneva May Price, Floyd; sister, Arlease Roberts, Elliston; adopted spiritual daughter, Bertha Craggett, Blacksburg; brothers-in-law, Walter H. Price and wife Jerry, Roanoke, Franklin A. Jones and wife Anna, Greenwood, SC, Dotson Burks and wife Louise, Chicago, IL, Otis Stuart and wife Connie Marie, La Plata, MD; special friends, Benjamin and Katie Harris, Johnson City, TN; a host of nieces and nephews.

Memorial service will be held 2:00 PM Saturday April 16, 2005 at the Floyd Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, officiated by Marlan Morris. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd

SHELBY M. VEST

RINER-Shelby M. Vest, 73, went to be with his Lord on Wednesday, April 6, 2005.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lemuel G. and Maude Kingrea Vest and his grandson Warren H. "Little Buddy" Patrick IV.

He is survived by his children's mother, Virgie Ratcliffe; four children and spouse, Darryl Vest, Betty "Bet" and Howard Cockram, Karen "Kern" Vest, and Laurita "Reter" Vest; a son-in-law, Warren H. "Buddy" Patrick III; grandchildren and spouse, Scott "Scotty" and Shannon Patrick, Misty "Mitty" Vest, Nicole "Cole" Vest and , Maegan "Agan" Lytton; great-grandson, Brandon Cockram; brothers and spouses, Ellis and Ruth Vest and Nelson and Betty Vest; special friends, Beverly Siemann and Betty Mullins; his dog Poochie and all other animals.

Funeral service was held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday,

April 9, 2005 at Gardner Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Clarence Marshall and Reverend Dusty Etter officiating.

Interment followed at Huffville Cemetery.

Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, handled arrangements.

HENRY H. ZOOK

WILLIS-Henry H. Zook, 96, born January 19, 1909, went to be with his Lord April 10, 2005 in his home in Willis.

He is survived by his loving wife Iva, and their two children; Judi Martin of Nevada and Daniel Zook of Aroda.

He is also survived by his children; Caroline Sheets of Richmond, Sarah Miller of Beulaville, NC, Marvin Zook and David Zook of Chesapeake; his stepchildren, Rebecca Sauder of Meigs, GA, David Yoder of Floyd, Ruth Yoder of Floyd, Anna Marie Nissley of Meigs, GA, Esther Sommers of Floyd, Lois Neighbors of Meigs, GA, Mary Ellen Nissley of Floyd.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Erma, daughter Esther Myers of Pantego, NC, grandson Steven Sheets, and one infant great grandson.

He is also survived by 31 grandchildren, 38 step grandchildren, 83 great-grandchildren, 20 step great-grandchildren, and 26 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral service is to be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday April 14 at Topeco Church of the Brethren with Reverend Eli Yoder officiating. Graveside service follows at the Wills Ridge Mennonite Church Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home.

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RONALD DALE LA BELLE

WILLIS-Ronald Dale La Belle, 73, fell asleep in the Lord's Arms after a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer on Friday April 15, 2005.

He retired as a meat cutter for 43 years, and enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling, motorcycles and singing in the church choir when he was able.

He was born in Akron, OH and was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Myrtle La Belle.

He is survived by: his wife, Betty La Belle, Willis; daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Ronald Smith, Akron, OH; son and fiancée and her children; Shawn La Belle and Janeen McCurry, Ashley Hanson and Petey Koutris, Norton, OH; grandson, Craig Cook, Akron, OH; granddaughter, Nicole La Belle, Norton, OH; brother and sister-in-law, Edward and Shirley La Belle, Akron, OH; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins; many friends.

Memorial service was held 11:00 a.m. Monday, April 18, at the Willis United Methodist Church with Rev. Lawrence Nuckolls officiating.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Willis United Methodist Church, 5671 Floyd Highway South, Willis, VA 24380.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

LYNN RAE BOWER

SALEM-Lynn Rae Bower, 56, passed away Monday, April 11, 2005. She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Winnie Bower.

Survivors include: son, Michael Bower, Wesley Chapel, FL; daughter, Stacey McGinn, Batavia, IL; grandson, Aaron David Keith Snyder; Fostoria, OH; sisters, Joyce Daniels, Goldsboro, NC, Sheila Cooper; Roanoke; aunts, Jo Ann Hale, Salem, Rheba Vaughn, Willis; nephews, Glenn Dillard, Todd Dillard.

Funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, April 15, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Ralph Duncan officiating.

Interment followed at the Barringer Cemetery.

RICHARD W. BURNETTE

FLOYD-Richard W. Burnette, born in 1954, passed away Thursday, April 14, 2005 of lung cancer.

He is survived by his family in Lynchburg and his companion, Maggie Chabot, and his dog, Alice.

A memorial service will be held at New Beginnings Church, 948 Franklin Pike, Floyd, at the pavilion on Saturday, April 23 at 4:00 p.m. Donations may be made in his memory to Floyd County Rescue Squad.

HATTIE HUBBARD CONNER

MEADOWS OF DAN-Hattie Hubbard Conner, age 89, passed away Saturday, April 16, 2005. She was a charter member of Slate Mountain Presbyterian Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Everett Conner, one sister, and three brothers.

Survivors include: daughters and son-in-law, Reva and Harlie Harris, Martinsville, Clara Pettry, Martinsville; son, Roger Lee Conner, Meadows of Dan; sisters, Mary Lagen, Vesta, Meda McPeak, Floyd, Grace Falls, Montvale; brother, Gordon Hubbard, Stuart; six grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 19, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd. Interment followed at Slate Mountain Cemetery.

ERNEST HAMPTON GILLESPIE

FLOYD-Ernest Hampton Gillespie, 83, died Friday, April 15, 2005 at Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

He was retired from Montgomery County, where he was employed as a Building Inspector, and was well known in Floyd as a plumber. He was a WWII Veteran, where he served in the European Theater. He was a life long member of The Presbyterian Church of Floyd.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ernestine Nichols Gillespie, and son, Russell Wavell Gillespie

He is survived by: sons and daughters-in-law, Cecil and Ann Gillespie, Roanoke, Lloyd and Anna Gillespie, Fortville, IN; Gene and Lillian Gillespie Floyd, six grandsons, nine granddaughters; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 18, at Maberry Funeral Home with Pastor Joe McCoy officiating. Interment followed at Cannaday Cemetery with Military Rites by Floyd V.F.W. # 7854 and American Legion Post # 127.

Memorials may be made to The Presbyterian Church of Floyd, 169 Newton Road, Floyd, VA 24091.

DENNIS CLINTON JENNINGS

PILOT-Dennis Clinton Jennings left his early home to join the throne of his Heavenly Father on Monday, April 18, 2005 at the age of 51. He is preceded in death by his father, Estel Clinton Jennings.

He is survived by: his loving, faithful wife of 29 years, Joann Gearheart Jennings; daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Mark Linder, Pensacola, FL; precious granddaughter, Raegan Joy Linder; mother, Hazel W. Jennings, Radford; sister and brother-in-law, Nora Lee and William Saunders, Kill Devil Hills, NC; nieces, Deborah Anne Gagnani, her daughters, Lauren and Paige; nephew, John R. Saunders, his children, Christy and John Richard, all of Richmond. Dennis' extended families are Wayne, Eloise, Jerry, Charlotte, Mark, Tabitha, Angie, Haley, Amanda and Austin.

He worked for Wackenhut Corp. at Radford Army Ammunition Plant as Fire Chief from December 1999 to present. He also served as a member of the International Fire Chief Association since 1999. He started working for Radford Army Ammunition Plant in 1988. He volunteered his services to Floyd County Fire Department Station #3 as he rose through the ranks serving the Locust Grove community for approximately 27 years. He also served Christiansburg Rescue Squad in the mid 1970's, extending that service to Floyd's Locust Grove Rescue Squad after moving to Pilot in 1978.

In his free time he enjoyed working at Pilot Mountain Grocery, which was purchased by his cousin, the late Ronnie Wimmer. Meeting the public gave him joy.

Funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 21, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Main Street, Christiansburg, with Dennis' friend, Rev. Neal Turner, officiating. Interment will follow at Huffville Cemetery, Pilot. Donations may be made to the Floyd County Fire Station #3, 4170 Nectarine Drive, Pilot, 24138. Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, is in charge of the arrangements.

ALLIE JANE HUFF KINCAID

INDIAN VALLEY-Allie Jane Huff Kincaid, 88, passed away Saturday, April 16, 2005. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Alexander Kincaid, and brother, Lee Huff.

She is survived by: her daughters and sons-in-law, Nellie and Clayton Hubbard; Indian Valley, Nancy and Jim Van Albert, Media, PA; sons and daughter-in-law, Ronald Kincaid, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Robert and Rose Kincaid, Wilmington, DE; brothers, Gleave Huff, Pageton, WV, Erbie Huff, Indian Valley, Curtis Huff, Indian Valley, Zeb Huff, Willis; sisters, Ivalene Cox, Indian Valley, Ledlie Quesenberry, Indian Valley, ten grandchildren, six great grandchildren. Funeral service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday April 23, at the Indian Valley Presbyterian Church with Rev. Dale Bowman officiating. Interment to follow at Captain George Quesenberry Cemetery. Family will receive friends at Maberry Funeral Home Saturday, April 23, from 9 to 11 a.m. just prior to the funeral service.

WILLIAM ROBERT MUNZING, JR.

COPPER HILL-William Robert Munzing, Jr., born December 3, 1931, a resident of Copper Hill for 36 years, formerly of Harrington Park, NJ, passed away Thursday, April 14, 2005.

A Veteran of the Korean Conflict, he retired from New River Community College after 25 years as the Building & Grounds Supervisor. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edith and William Munzing, Sr., also of Copper Hill.

Survivors include: his wife of 51 years, Barbara Munzing; children, William and Deborah Munzing, Bonnie and Steve Edsall, Robert and Melody Munzing, Beth and Case Clinger; grandchildren, Karstena and Jon Groner, Nova and Nathan Willie, Candace Munzing, Derek Clinger, Billie Munzing, Joseph Munzing; great-grandson, Ryan Willie; and sister, Dorothy Gordon.

There was a private graveside service at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at the Munzing Family Cemetery with Rev. Philip Bouknight officiating.

Donations may be made to the Bent Mountain Rescue Squad. Arrangements were handled by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

ALICE A. SCULLA

CHECK-Alice A. Sculla, 70, passed away Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at New River Valley Medical Center.

She was born November 24, 1934 in Lawrence, KS to Ernest and Nora Harris. Alice, to all who knew her could tell that she was the most loving, heartfelt, caring, God believing wife, mother, grandmother and friend to all.

She is survived by: her husband, Robert E. Sculla of fifty loving years as of February 5, 2005; son, Robert J. Scullar of Floyd; daughter and son-in-law, Belinda A. and David Hahn of Pilot; five grandchildren, Ginny L. Sculla, Jacob H. Sculla of Floyd, Ashley A. Lawrence, Heather A. Lawrence and Ricky A. Lawrence of Pilot; two sisters, Sara Harris of Kansas, Betty Harris of Chicago; brother and sisters-in-law, John and Gloria Sculla, Mary Chinquina, all of Maryland; close friends, Imogene Kilgore, Iris and Melvin Miller and Jim Kilgore.

Funeral service was held Friday, April 15, at 1:00 p.m. at Haven's Chapel United Methodist Church with Rev. Dan Walker officiating. Interment in the Huffville Church Cemetery.

Wood Funeral Home, Floyd, handled arrangements.

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MARGIE DUNCAN DULANEY

FLOYD-Margie Duncan Dulaney, 83, born Oct. 19, 1921 passed away Monday April 25, 2005. She was preceded in death by her parents, Enoch and Leona Duncan, and grandson, Scotty Dulaney.

Survivors include: loving husband of 62 years,

Draper Dulaney, Floyd; sons and daughter-in-law,

Billy and Kim Dulaney, Roger Dulaney and fiancée Caroline Wallace, both of Floyd; daughters and sons-in-law, Corrine and Bud Reed, Christine and Maurice Simpkins, Shirley and Leon Belcher, all of Floyd; brothers, Marlie Duncan, Maryland, Edgar Duncan, Floyd; sister, Esther Griffith, Christiansburg, 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday April 28, at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Roy Turpin and Rev. Eli Yoder officiating. Interment will follow at the Dulaney Family Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home.

JEAN WADE HILL

FLOYD-Jean Wade Hill, 78, passed away peacefully Sunday April 24, 2005 at Skyline Manor Nursing Home with her family by her side. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lawton B. and Rosa Wade, brothers, Eustus Wade, Kenneth Wade, and L. B. Wade, Jr., and a grandson, Matthew Harris.

Survivors include; son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Audrey Hill, Blacksburg; daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Roger Harris, Floyd; sisters and brothers-in-law, Betty and Cabble Turman, Willis,

Polly Bishop, Christiansburg, Tabbie and David Swain, Salem; grandchildren, Cara Spicer and husband John, Jennifer Hill, Stephanie Hill, Adam Harris and wife Julie, Laura Miller and husband Wesley; great-grandchildren, Charles Spicer, Tyler Harris

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday April 26, at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Richard Thomas officiating. Interment followed at Willis Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home.

MONA IRVRAHIM MOHAMED

RADFORD-Mona Ibrahim Mohamed, 16, died Friday, April 22 at New River Valley Medical Center from injuries caused by a motor vehicle accident. She was a student at Auburn High School in Riner who was studying for a career in Early Childhood Development. She had recently moved from Maryland with her mother and younger brother. She was preceded in death by her father, Ibrahim Attia Mohamed.

She is survived by: her mother, Farzana Mohamed; younger brother, Attia, of Radford; elder brother Amir and sister-in-law, Michelle of Temple Hills, MD; uncles and aunts, Shafic and Zarina Bhimji, of Accokeek, MD, Robert and Rozmin Smith of Indian Valley, Ali and Julie Bhimji of Cape Coral, Florida, William and Shairoz Dillard of St. Paul, Minn., Ahmed and Maria Mohamed of Woodbridge, Mohamed and Sumeya Mohamed; Uncle Hussain, aunts, Horiya, Mona, and Shahira; grandmother, Nabawia Mohamed of Giza, Egypt; numerous cousins throughout the United States, Canada, Britain, India and Egypt.

Funeral service was held at the Masjid Il Ihsan Mosque in Blacksburg on April 22. Interment was at the I.S.N.R.V. Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Christiansburg Rescue Squad, Masjid Il Ihsan, or ER Department of NRV Medical Center.

Ina Lilahi Wa Ina Ihayhi Rajioon. We belong to God and to him we return.

MABEL HAMPTON VIA

FLOYD-Mabel Hampton Via, 83, passed away Saturday April 23, 2005. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred N. Via.

Survivors include; son, Fred Duane Via, Floyd; daughter, Ira Marie Wright, Roanoke; sister, Delilah H. Lavender, Roanoke; grandson, Brian Leflore, Roanoke; two great-grandchildren; four nephews, six nieces; a host of special friends.

Funeral service was held 2:00 p.m. Wednesday April 27, at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. J.W. Wimbush officiating. Interment followed at Little River Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home.

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JOE K. DICKERSON

FLOYD-Joe K. Dickerson, 61, passed away Saturday, April 30, 2005.

He is survived by: three uncles, Chris Dickerson, Charlie Dickerson, and Sparrel Turner; two aunts, Blanch Correll and Venice Barton; numerous cousins also survive.

A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 5, at Cannaday Cemetery with the Reverend Leon Wood officiating.

The family will receive friends from 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday at Gardner Funeral Home. Arrangements are being handled by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

ELISHA B. DUNCAN

FLOYD-Elisha B. Duncan, 87, passed away Thursday, April 28, 2005 at Skyline Manor Nursing Home.

Survivors include: his wife, Edathe Akers Duncan, Floyd; special friends, Butch and Marie Underwood, Floyd, John and Beverly Martinkosky, Riner.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Reverend Roy Turpin and Reverend Joe Quesenberry officiating. Interment followed at Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

JUNE WEST PRATT

DANVILLE-June West Pratt, 84, passed away Wednesday, April 27, 2005 at Riverside Health and Rehab Center.

Survivors include: daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and Elwood Handy, Danville; grandson, David Ray Handy, Danville; sisters and brothers-in-law, Ruby and Clayton Burnett, Danville, Iva and John Powell, Danville, Ilene and Lloyd Hooker, Vesta; brother and sister-in-law, Russell & Sharlene West, Poolesville, MD

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Pastor Leonard Martin officiating. Interment followed at the Pratt Cemetery.

CLIFFORD BAZIL WEBB, SR.

INDIAN VALLEY-Clifford Bazil Webb, Sr., age 75, passed away Friday, April 29, 2005.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alva Edison and Ada Marie Hall Webb, wife, Florence Ann Webb, and son, Michael Wayne Webb.

Survivors include: sons and daughters-in-law, Russell and Kala Webb, Indian Valley, Richard Webb, Bedford, OH, Clifford Jr. and Debbie Webb, Floyd; brothers and sisters-in-law, Bruce and Joyce Webb, Roanoke, Sherman and Madelyn Webb, Bedford, OH; grandchildren, Stephanie and Trey Weeks, Blacksburg, Eric and Diedra Webb, Floyd, Crystal and Christopher Saunders, Bedford, Jamie Ryan, Bedford, OH, Clifford Webb, III, Floyd, Richard Daryle and David Michard Webb, Bedford, OH; step grandchildren, Lesley, Justin, and Ashley Carr, Indian Valley; great grandchildren, Michael V. Webb, Floyd, Alissa Rose Saunders, Bedford, OH; numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Pastor Junior Underwood officiating. Interment followed at Greasy Creek Cemetery.

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DAVID CLEVELAND BOYD

FLOYD-David Cleveland Boyd, 57, passed away Tuesday, May 3, 2005.

He is survived by: his wife, Pamela Boyd; three children and two spouses, Samuel David and Melba Boyd, Shannon and Tony Parnell, and Chandler James Boyd; special children, B.J., Sassi and Peanut; three grandchildren, Brian Boyd, Matthew Parnell, and Dallas Boyd; two brothers, Pat Boyd and Ray Boyd; four sisters, Margaret Keith, Martha Turpin, Sue Howell, and Carol Setliff; numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral service was conducted at 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 6, at New Haven Baptist Church
Reverend Leon Wood officiating.
Interment followed in the Williams Cemetery.
Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, handled arrangements.

JUDY MAE QUESENBERRY CRAWFORD

CHRISTIANSBURG-Judy Mae Quesenberry Crawford, 40, passed away Friday, May 6, 2005. She was preceded in death by her mother, Rosie Quesenberry, and first husband, Tim Thurman.

She is survived by: her husband, Jerry Crawford, Christiansburg; seven children, Sheena Thurman, Kala Thurman, Alex J. Crawford, Courtney Crawford, Jerry Lee Crawford, Josh Crawford, Kendra Smith; father, Russell Quesenberry; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Curtis and Dolores Quesenberry, Steve and Kay Quesenberry; mother and father-in-law, Patricia and Samuel Crawford; two brothers-in-law and spouses, Thomas and Terry Crawford, Samuel and Maryland Crawford; sister-in-law, Eva Marie Crawford; many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 11, at Gardner Funeral Home with Reverend Ronnie Duncan officiating. Interment followed in Big Sands Cemetery. Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, handled arrangements.

IMA MAE COX DUNCAN

WILLIS-Ima Mae Cox Duncan, 84, passed away Friday, May 6, 2005 at the New River Valley Medical Center. She was preceded in death by her parents, Boss and Lettie Cox, daughter, Lois Elaine Duncan, and brother, Coy Cox.

Survivors include; daughters and sons-in-law, Vona and Tony Weddle, Willis, Cathy and Kenny Hunley, Hillsville, Brenda Robertson, Roanoke; sons and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Peggy Duncan, Willis, Dale Duncan, Santa Ana, CA; brother, Victor Cox, Radford; sister, Reva Quesenberry, Floyd; sister-in-law, Sylvia Cox, Indian Valley; nine grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; and very special caregiver, Sabrina Sowers.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday May 8, at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Roy Turpin officiating. Interment followed at Indian Creek Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

DOROTHY HARMAN SMITH

COLUMBIA, SC -Dorothy Harman Smith, 84, widow of Col. Cornelius M. Smith, died Thursday, May 5, 2005, at the Carroll Campbell Alzheimer's Facility of Lexington. A memorial service was held Monday, May 9, at noon at Dunbar Funeral Home, Devine Street Chapel. Officiating was Col. Clyde Aiken, chaplain, U.S. Army (Ret). Mrs. Smith will later be inurned in the columbarium alongside her husband in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington.

Born in Floyd, she was the daughter of the late Dr. Jabez M. Harman and Marcella Elgin Harman. She graduated from Roanoke College and attended Duke University Medical School, where she received a degree in Medical Technology. During World War II, she served with the U.S. Navy Wave corps as a medical technologist in the Naval Hospital in San Diego, California.

"Dottie" served as a devoted military wife to her husband of fifty-three years. One of her husband's last assignments before retirement was as the AFROTC Professor of Air Service at the University of South Carolina from 1962 to 1966.

Surviving are: daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Jerry Watson of Columbia, Candy and Chip Griffin of Yorktown; grandsons, Paul and Earle Watson and Chris and Colin Griffin. She is also survived by a brother, Dr. William E. Harman of Staunton. She was predeceased by her husband and a brother, Dr. Christopher C. Harman of Floyd.

Memorials may be made to Kilbourne Park Baptist Church, 4205 Kilbourne Road, Columbia, SC 29206 or to a charity of one's choice. The family expresses their appreciation to the staff of Atria Assisted Living for their care of Dottie for the past four years.

GEORGE EDWIN HUTCHINS

FLOYD-George Edwin Hutchins, 67, passed away Wednesday May 3, 2005. He was a 21-year Veteran of the United States Navy.

Survivors include: his wife, Edna Frances Hutchins, Floyd; sons, Kenneth Jay Hutchins, Gary Forrest Hutchins, both of Floyd; daughter and son-in-law, Penny Marlene and Tommy Earnest, Jr., Floyd, special grandson, Seth Cordell Earnest, Floyd, brothers and sisters-in-law, Clayton and Bonnie Hutchins, Pennsylvania, Glenn and Cynthia Hutchins, North Carolina, Edward and Tamae Hutchins, New Mexico, John

Hutchins, Vermont, James and Linda Hutchins, Virginia; sister and brother-in-law,; Ethel and Edward Doolittle, Massachusetts; numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 6, at Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren, with Rev. Roy Turpin and Rev. Olen Gardner officiating.

Interment will follow at Pleasant Valley Cemetery. Military rites by V.F.W Post #7854 & American Legion Post #127. Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd, handled arrangements.

BERTIE BOLT KEMP

FLOYD-Bertie Bolt Kemp, 94, of Floyd, passed away Saturday, May 7, 2005, in a Roanoke Nursing Home. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charlie Kemp.

Survivors include: daughter and son-in-law, Audrey and Wayne Simpson, Roanoke; granddaughter, Trina Simpson, Roanoke; sister and brother-in-law, Magda-lene and Hayden Slusher, Martinsville; brother, Elder Mason Bolt, Hillsville; sister-in-law, Georgia S. Kemp, Floyd; special niece, Linda Thomas and husband James, Floyd; numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday May 10, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bruce Tuttle and Rev. Art Wingfield officiating. Interment followed at Jacksonville Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

LARMIE SPENCE MITCHELL

FLOYD-Larmie Spence Mitchell, 94, passed away Friday, May 6, 2005 at the New River Valley Medical Center. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Thomas Mitchell, and great-great-grandson, Chase Mitchell Conner.

Survivors include: daughters and sons-in-law, Jo Ann and James Estes, Riner, Joyce Manson, Floyd, Linda and L.T. Nolen, Floyd; son, Bill Mit-chell, North Carolina; sisters and brother-in-law, Cova Quesenberry, Floyd, Lois and Delmar Alderman, Hillsville; brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Zelma Spence, Floyd; 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, May 9, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Roy Turpin officiating.

Interment followed at Thomas Cemetery.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

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THOMAS HUGH BUMPUS

MARTINSVILLE-Reverend Thomas Hugh Bumpus, 98, died Sunday, May 15, 2005 at his home. He has been a Baptist minister for 58 years.

He was born March 26, 1907, in Tennessee to Clayton Norwood Bumpus and Bessie Mae Bumpus. In addition to this parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Callie Estelle Bumpus, on August 13, 2004, son Norwood Bumpus, two sisters, Lilly Bell Beatty and Clarice Speatz, a brother, Albert Bumpus, and a grandson, Artie Prillaman, Jr.

He was pastor of White's Chapel Baptist Church in Martinsville from 1987 to 1995. He also was previous Pastor of Tuggle's Gap Baptist Church and Word of Truth Baptist Church, both in Floyd, and Emmanuel Baptist Church in Eden, North Carolina.

Rev. Bumpus worked for Bassett Furniture Co. as a lumber inspector. After retiring he was a home builder and built several homes in Martinsville. He also owned Bumpus and Sons Lumber Co. for many years. He was a member of Freedom Baptist Church.

Surviving are: daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and James Fink of the home; son and daughter-in-law, Pual and Berite Mills of Martinsville; daughter-in-law, Irene Owen of Collinsville; six grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren; and a special friend, Dwight Barbour. Funeral service was held on Tuesday, May 17, at 2:00 p.m. with Reverend Tim Whiteheart, Tracy Freeman and Jimmy Dillon officiating at Freedom Baptist Church. Burial followed in Roselawn Burial Park. Bassett Funeral Service handled arrangements.

IVA UNDERWOOD HANCOCK

MEADOWS OF DAN-On Friday, May 13, 2005, the Lord came and took our Mema home. Iva Underwood Hancock was born February 7, 1916 and lived much of her 89 years with her late husband, Elvin, on their beloved Floyd County farm. She was a member of the Parkway Church of the Brethren.

Those left to cherish her memory include: daughters and sons-in-law, Glynda and Glenn Bolt of Moneta, Hilda and Bill Collins of Salem; also her grandchildren whom she loved very much, Ellen and Travis Griffith of Roanoke, Alison and Brandon Semones of Christiansburg; great-grandchildren, Carly and Claire Griffith of Roanoke; step-grandson, spouse and great-granddaughter, Brett, Donna and Lexie Collins of North Carolina; three nephews, Jim Thomas of Radford, Roger Bolt of Missouri, Elwood Handy of Danville; two nieces, Colean Dickerson of Radford, Cova E. Wood of Dublin; sister-in-law, Elree Wood of Floyd.

Funeral service was held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 15, at Topeco Church of the Brethren with Rev. Roy Turpin officiating. Interment followed in the Topeco Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home of Floyd.

WILLIAM "BILL" DAVIS LARGEN

FLOYD-William "Bill" Davis Largen, 63, passed away Sunday, May 15, 2005. He was preceded in death by his father, Luther Davis Largen, Jr., and brother, Robert J. Largen. Bill was a beloved son, brother, father, grandfather and friend to all that knew him.

Survivors include: mother, Edna Banks Largen, Hillsville; sister, Elizabeth L. Huff, Mount Airy, NC; daughter and son-in-law, Madeline and Mike Meadows and son

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EULA R. BRAMMER

FLOYD-Eula R. Brammer, 73, passed into the presence of the Lord on Wednesday night, May 18, 2005. She was a member of New Haven Baptist Church.

She is survived by: her husband of 52 years, Clifton Brammer, Floyd. She is also survived by two daughters, Sharon Allred, Lancaster, PA, Jo Anne Brammer, Dinorwic, Ontario, Canada; two grandsons and wife, Billy and Priscilla Allred, Selinsgrove, PA, Jonathan Allred, Raleigh, North Carolina; four great-grandchildren, Gracelyne, Katherine, Aaron and Nathan Allred; half brother, Joe Akers, Christiansburg; aunt, Edith Webb.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 22, at New Haven Baptist Church with Reverend Leon Wood officiating. Interment followed in Jacksonville Cemetery.

Donations may be made to Beulah House, Inc., 3873 Dry Valley Road, Radford, VA 24141. Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, handled arrangements.

MARY EDWARDS JANNEY

COPPER HILL-Mary Edwards Janney, 84, passed away at the home of her daughter on Saturday, May 21, 2005.

She is survived by: one daughter and son-in-law, Hazel and Eugene Overfelt of Copper Hill; one grandson, Terry Lyn Overfelt of Roanoke; and one great-grandson, Terry Lynn Overfelt, Jr.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, May 24, at 11 a.m. at Wood Funeral Home in Floyd with Pastor Dan Walker officiating. Interment followed in Underwood Cemetery. Wood Funeral Home, Floyd, handled arrangements.

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CARRIE ARTIE BALLINGER

WILLIS-Carrie Artie Ballinger, 69, passed away Tuesday May 24, 2005. She was preceded in death by her parents, Sterlin Silas and Edith Spence Martin, and son, Ervin Toby Marshall.

Survivors include: her husband, Ward Walker Ballinger, Willis; daughter and son-in-law, Tina and Paul Mabry, Willis; granny's special granddaughter, Hailey Alina Ballinger, Willis; grandson, Eric Mabry, Dugspur; brother, Merl Martin, Check; special friend, Laura Mosley; special thanks, Charlene Sowers.

Funeral services was held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 27, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Reverend Roy Turpin officiating. Interment followed at Captain George Quesenberry Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home.

VERNEDITH GAY BOYD

FLOYD-Vernedith Gay Boyd, 82, passed away Sunday May 29, 2005. She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Lois Ann Radford; great-grandson, Kevin D. Conner; and sister, Geneva Jones.

Survivors include: sons and daughters-in-law, Richard Lane Boyd, Thomas and Sue Boyd, Glenn and Diana Moles; daughter and son-in-law, Ernestine and William Radford; grandchildren, Steven Boyd, Joann Harman, Jennifer Mcginnis; great-grandchild, Jaden Shane Mcginnis; brother,

C.D. Moles; sisters, Almeta Carson, Gaynor Goad, and Melva Stanley.

Funeral service was held 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, 2005 at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. S.G. Bolt officiating. Interment followed at Jacksonville Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home.

MAYE FERN CLOWER MCNEIL

CHECK-Maye Fern Clower McNeil went to be with the Lord on Sunday, May 29, 2005. She was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, Clarence William McNeil; four sisters, Rachel Lawrence, Edith Maxey, Lala Eanes and June Eanes; two brothers, Oliver Clower and Orville Clower. She was a life-long resident of the Terry's Fork Community in Floyd County. She was born May 11, 1914 to the late William and Annie Clower. She was an avid reader who also enjoyed tending her many flowers. She faithfully attended the Piedmont Pentecostal Holiness Church for over 40 years.

She is survived by: two sons, Wendell Clarence McNeil and his wife, Christine, Neville Winston McNeil and his wife Roxanne, all of Check; one daughter, Donna Jean McNeil Flinchum and her husband Jessie of Pilot; four grandchildren who knew her as "Ome," William Ross Flinchum and wife Judy, Jeffery Lynn Flinchum, Tammy McNeil Sapp and husband Greg, Christopher Scott McNeil and two great-granddaughters Lauren M. Sapp and Kelsey L. Sapp; sister, Hazel Graham; three sisters-in-law, Ida McNeil, Inez Clower and Dolores McNeil; brother-in-law, John T. McNeil.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, May 31, at 1:00 p.m. at Wood Funeral Home, Floyd, with Reverend Ed Richardson and Reverend David Goad officiating. Interment followed in Wilson Cemetery. Thanks to Heritage Hall staff and especially Ann, Roberta and Kaki. Arrangements by Wood Funeral Home.

DYER TAYLOR REED

WILLIS-Dyer Taylor Reed, 76, passed away Thursday May 25, 2005.

Survivors include: his wife, Ruby Keith Reed, Willis; son, Randy Reed, Canton, OH; daughter, Rhonda Reed, Floyd; grandchildren, Craig Reed and wife Sonja, Riner, Nicholas Reed, Canton, OH, Chrissy Reed, Nashville, TN; great-grandson, Josiah Reed, Riner; sisters and brother-in-law, Ilene and John Holstein, Canton, OH, Reva Alley, New Castle; a number of nieces and nephews.

Memorial service was held at 7:00 p.m. Friday May 27, at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Randy Lilly, Rev. Roy Turpin and Bro. Craig Reed officiating. Military rites by Floyd VFW Post #7854 & American Legion Post #127. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home.

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COBINA MARIE HALE

CHECK-Cobina Marie Hale, age 70, passed away Monday, June 6, 2005 at a Roanoke hospital.

Survivors include: husband, Ralph J. Hale, Check; daughters, Christina Ann Hale, Ginny Ann Hale, both of Check; grandsons, Jeffrey Dean Hale, Damian Nimmo, both of Check; granddaughter, Anna Marie Hale, Check.

Funeral service will be at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, June 9, at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Danny Whitlock and Bishop Jon Passic officiating. Interment will follow at Jacksonville Cemetery.

CLYDIE MAE HARRIS HENLEY

RADFORD-Clydie Mae Harris Henley, 86, passed away Tuesday June 7, 2005. She was preceded in death by her parents, Simon Madison and Rowena Smith Harris.

Survivors include; her husband, Estel William Henley, Radford; son and daughter-in-law, Estel Leo & Kiyoko Henley, Crossville, TN; granddaughter and husband, Major Kathy and Major Mike Laudon, Niceville, FL; grandson and wife, Mike and Louana Henley, Jefferson City, TN; brother, Thurman Harris, Roanoke; sisters, Treva Henley, Louise Lyle, both of Radford.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday June 9, at Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Willis, with Elders Paul Williams, Tim Witten and Jay Harris officiating.

Interment will follow in the Church Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

TROY ALVIS MANNON

FLOYD-Troy Alvis Mannon, 93, passed away Wednesday June 1, 2005.

He was born January 18, 1912 and raised in Floyd County. He was a long time member of the Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren.

He was a retired carpenter. He was preceded in death by his parents, David Lee and Linnie Boothe Mannon, two sisters and brothers-in-law, Edith M. and Homer Wheeling, Lena M. and Dalton Roop. He is survived by: his wife, Pauline Lester Mannon; one son and daughter-in-law, Dean and Mary Mannon of Salem; one daughter and son-in-law, Lavene M. and Olen Hylton of Salem; two grandsons, Adam and wife Christa D. Hylton of Salem, Todd Hylton of Floyd; two great-granddaughters, Haley and Hannah Hylton of Salem; nephew, Vernon Roop of Bristol, TN; three nieces, Betty R. and Jay Million of KY, Drema W. and Allen Southern of Radford, Elna W. and Alfred McClure of NC.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, June 3, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Roy Turpin officiating.

Interment followed in Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

REBA NOLEN SIMMONS

FLOYD-Reba Nolen Simmons, 88, passed away Sunday June 5, 2005.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lummon Simmons.

She was an employee of First National Bank, and she was the owner of Simmons Grocery for almost 40 years. In her later years, she served over 8,000 hours of volunteer service at Lewis-Gale Medical Center in Salem. She was a member of Mt. Elbert United Methodist Church.

She was also a long-time, active member of the Beaver Creek Homemakers' Club. She is survived by: a son and daughter-in-law, L.T. Jr. and Cheryll Simmons, Christiansburg; two sisters, Dorothy Fest, Pennsylvania, and Opal McPeak, Christiansburg.

Funeral service was conducted at noon on Tuesday, June 7, at Gardner Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Donna Sharp and the Reverend Stan Thompson officiating.

Interment followed at Hickman Cemetery in Pulaski County. Donations may be made to the Floyd County Volunteer Fire Department and The Floyd County Rescue Squad in memory of Mrs. Simmons.

VERA THOMAS

FLOYD-Vera Thomas, 84, passed away Monday, June 6, 2005. She was a member of Harvestwood Presbyterian Church. Vera was preceded in death by her husband, Simon Thomas.

She is survived by: son and daughter-in-law, G.W. and Lucille Thomas, Madison Heights; two granddaughters, Regina Routon and husband, Jeff, Forrest, Heather Thomas, Madison Heights; great-grandson, Tyler Routon; sisters and brothers-in-law, Lillian and Henry Laprade, Collinsville, Edna and James Seay, Sandy Level.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 8, at Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, with the Reverend Riley Ware officiating.

Interment followed in Jacksonville Cemetery.

Donations may be made to Harvestwood Presbyterian Church.

Appreciation was given to the staff of Skyline Manor Nursing Home and to the many friends who visited her in the nursing home.

LARRY WOODROW VEST

ROANOKE-Larry Woodrow Vest, 92, passed away Friday, June 3, 2005.

He was born at Pizarro, Floyd County on May 10, 1913.

He was the son of Eula and John Armistead Vest of Copper Hill.

This is a very old family that originated several centuries ago in England and Germany. The first member came to America in 1609. Sir John Payne came to James-town on that date.

Mr. Vest attended the National Business College, the University of Virginia, and George Washington University.

After completing school he was employed in Dallas until his retirement.

He also served five years in the U.S. Dallas until his retirement. He also served five years in the U.S. Army, much of it overseas.

He is survived by his devoted sister, Miram, and several wonderful nieces and nephews. Cremation and burial will be accomplished by Wood Funeral Home, Floyd. Burial will be in the Vest Cemetery at a later date.

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LYDIA CHRISTIAN HOUSTON

FLOYD-Lydia Christian Houston, infant daughter of John Paul and Lorraine Houston, passed away Friday, June 10, 2005.

Surviving are: her parents, John Paul and Lorraine Houston; four sisters, Ann Houston, Cora Houston, Mary Houston and Catherine Houston; three brothers, John William Houston, Thomas Houston and Henry Houston; maternal grandparents, William and Roberta Langston, all of Floyd. Also surviving are: paternal grandparents, John and Pat Houston, of Abingdon; and paternal great-grandmother, Hope Taylor, of Fries

RHEBA HARMAN HUFF

FLOYD-Rheba Harman Huff, 84, passed away Sunday, June 12, 2005. She attended Grace Baptist Church in Willis.

Rheba was preceded in death by her husband, Oakley Huff, two daughters, Neya Agee and Kathy Huff, and two sons, Wilford Huff and Wayman Huff.

She is survived by: sons and daughters-in-law, Calvin and Betty Huff, Galen and Frances Huff, Clifford and Ruby Huff, Mark and Cheryl Huff, Lawrence Huff, Darrell Huff; daughters and sons-in-law, Betty and Claude Wade, Connie Belcher, Margaret and Stephen Mende; brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Margaret Harman; sisters and brothers-in-law, Frances and Richard Leidy, Lily and Bob Keifer, Peggy Brown; twenty-one grandchildren; thirty great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild.

Funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 15, at Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, with the Rev. Stephen Lackey, Rev. Wayne Fulcher and Rev. Glen Sage officiating.

Interment followed at Huff Cemetery.

FLEMON PHILLIPS

CHRISTIANSBURG-Flemon Phillips, 78, went home to be with the Lord Saturday, June 11, 2005. He was loved by all who knew him and never met a stranger.

He was a great part of our hearts and will be greatly missed. He had compassion and a gift of sacrifice and always saw the best in everyone. He had faith and trust in the Lord as well as his fellowmen and lived his life in such a way that all should strive to follow.

He retired from Radford Arsenal, having worked as Material Management Specialist for 41 years. He had a love for electronics and owned his own Radio and Television shop. He was a member of the VFW and served multiple charitable organizations in the surrounding area.

He was a World War II Army Veteran, having served in Japan. He was a founder of the singing group "The Joymakers", who went to churches and nursing homes bringing much joy and cheer with their uplifting songs and music.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lura and Ben Phillips, and brothers, Archie, Stanley, Ray, and Clark Phillips.

Survivors include: his wife, Gertrude Phillips, Christiansburg; daughters, Phyllis Hall, Oviedo, FL; Carolyn Collins, Christiansburg; granddaughter, Kimberly Cooper; grandsons, Eric Furrow, James Hall, John Hall; great-granddaughters, Kayla Furrow, Anna Marie Hall; sisters, Hattie Wright, Clemmons, NC; Hazel Phillips, Fayetteville, NC; brother, Cecil Phillips, New Richmond, OH.

Graveside service was held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, June 13, at Big Sand Cemetery, Indian Valley, with Rev. Nathan Phillips officiating. Military rites by Floyd VFW Post #7854 and American Legion Post #127. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

ROBERT E. MANNON

SALEM-Robert E. Mannon, 95, died at Veterans Administration Hospital in Salem, June 11, 2005. He was born Sept. 29, 1909 in Floyd. He was a Veteran of World War II and the Korean War. While he was in the Army, he was awarded the Purple Heart and other metals.

At the request of Robert, his burial will be private. Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, is in charge of arrangements.

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BONNIE J. CONNER

COPPER HILL-Bonnie J. Conner, 77, passed away Tuesday, June 14, 2005.

Surviving are: her husband of 57 years, Arthur Conner; children, Brenda (Luther) Galyean, Katherine (Clay) Giles, Mickey Conner, Sandy (Richard) DeHart, Tommy (Brenda) Conner, Mary (Leon) Elkins, John Conner; grandchildren, Dixie, April, Dana, Jeaneen, Landon, Shannon, Zachary, Josh, Nathan, Abby, Casey, Meghann, Matthew; 13 great-grandchildren; sisters, Dexter Sowers, Velva Davis, Georgianna Link; sister-in-law, Emmie Conner; brother-in-law, Lemmie Conner; special niece, Frances Gardner.

Services were held at Oakey's South Chapel, at noon on Thursday, June 16. Elder W.T. Conner officiated. Interment followed in Restvale Cemetery.

LUCY ELLEN DULANEY

FLOYD-Lucy Ellen Dulaney, 62, passed away Monday June 20, 2005. She was preceded in death by her parents, Beckwith F. Sr. and Eleanor Louise (Nanny) Akers.

Survivors include: her husband of 44 years, Bobby L. Dulaney, Floyd; son and daughter-in-law, Timothy Allen and Angela Dulaney, Floyd; daughter and son-in-law, Becky Louise and Roy Smith, Floyd; grandchildren, Amber Nichole Smith, Bobby Lee Smith, Sydney Aubrey Dulaney, Landen Allen Dulaney; brother, Beckwith F. Akers Jr., Draper; sisters, Starr Akers, Riner, Melanie Moran, Denver, NC.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 22, at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Roy Turpin and Rev. Joe Cox officiating. Interment followed at Duncan Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home.

NELLIE WIMMER MANNING

FLOYD-Nellie Wimmer Manning, 84, formerly of Copper Hill, departed her earthly home to go to her heavenly home on Monday, June 20, 2005. She was a longtime member of the Copper Hill Church of the Brethren. She was born Sept. 7, 1920, the daughter of Daniel Moses and Cammie DeWeese Wimmer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oliver W. Manning; her sons, Benny L. Manning, Terry L. Manning and David Manning; her stepsons, Herbert W. Manning, Cleveland Manning, Melvin H. Manning; stepdaughters, Cammie Manning and Bondeen Barger. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Mamie W. Cox and her brother, Rev. Frank H. Wimmer.

Surviving to cherish her memory are: her two daughters and sons-in-law, Katherine M. and Junior Sowers, Floyd, Linda M. and Tom Iddings, Riner; sons and daughters-in-law, Oliver W. Manning Jr., Salem, Paul Manning, Bobby and Carmen Manning, Larry and Rhonda Manning, all of Copper Hill, Rocky and Celeste Manning, Summerfield, NC, Henry Manning, Floyd, Micheal Manning, Radford; daughter-in-law, Karen M. Jenkins; stepson, Calvin C. (Jim) Manning, Roanoke; sixteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; sisters, Hazel W. Wickham, Salem, Dorothy W. Tuck, Roanoke, Virgie W. Aldridge, Salem; brother and sister-in-law, Jackson L. (Jack) and Evelyn Wimmer, Roanoke; numerous nieces and nephews and her church family. She treasured her family and everyone that knew her was truly blessed by her love.

A service to celebrate her life was held at Copper Hill Church of the Brethren on Wednesday June 22, at 3:30 p.m. with Rev. Dale Bowman and Rev. Maurice Wright officiating. Interment service was held at Wimmer Cemetery. Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd, handled arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Copper Hill Church of the Brethren Building Fund. "Her children rise up and call her blessed."

AVA ELLEN SUMNER

CHRISTIANSBURG-Ava Ellen Sumner, 97, passed away Wednesday, June 15, 2005.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Thomas and Bertha Sumner Nixon, her husband, Fiege Tate Sumner, three brothers, Rex, George and Junior and sister-in-law, Ruth Nixon.

Survivors include her brothers and sisters-in-law, Harry and Pat Nixon of Salem, Eugene (Gene) and Evelyn Nixon of Christiansburg; sisters-in-law, Carlene Nixon of Salem, Irene Nixon of Christiansburg; special friends, Becky Gutshall and June Earles, and several nieces and nephews. Funeral service was

conducted at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 18, at the Horne Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Tom Bonn officiating. Interment followed in Sunset Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent by visiting hornefuneralservice.com

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LOUISE BOLES HUNTER

FLOYD-Louise Boles Hunter, born June 11, 1927, passed away on June 28, 2005 at Skyline Manor Nursing Home. Louise is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Bobby Hunter, two brothers, and one sister. She is survived by: one daughter, Maude "Molly" Hunter-Sloan; son-in-law, who remained faithful until the end, Fred Sloan, both of Floyd; brother, William "Bill" Boles of Tobaccoville, North Carolina.

The family wishes to extend their thanks to the staff of Skyline Manor Nursing Home, Adventa Hospice, and Dr. Susan Osborne, for their care. The family will receive friends on Friday, July 1, from 5 to 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Clifford (Amherst County,) VA. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, July 2, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Interment will follow in Amherst Cemetery. Lotz Funeral Home in Roanoke is in charge of the arrangements.

HARLESS LANE VIA

FLOYD-Harless Lane Via, 81, passed away Monday June 27, 2005.

Survivors include: his wife, Eva Alderman Via, Floyd; daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Joseph Reynolds, Floyd; granddaughters, Kristen Dickerson and husband David, Floyd, Raven Vest, Floyd; sisters-in-law, Joanne Via, Floyd, Vera Moles and husband Junior, Willis; brother-in-law, Winston Alderman, Floyd.

Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Thursday June 30, at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Stephen Lackey officiating. Interment will follow at Jacksonville Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home.

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ETHEL M. QUESENBERRY COX

BLACKSBURG-Ethel M. Quesenberry Cox, 90, of Prices Fork, went to her heavenly home July 2, 2005. Mom was so happy to be in her home with her family by her side for her last days on earth.

She was an inspiration to her family. Her conversations were always positive and uplifting. Her vision of heaven was such a comfort to her family before she departed this life.

Her life was a testimony of the love she had for others, as she prayed with the "Ladies Tuesday Morning Prayer Group," and was a prayer warrior for the "Women's Ministry Prayer Chain."

She loved the "Women's Ministry Monday Night Quilting Group" as she was an accomplished quilter and seamstress.

Mom faithfully supported and worked beside her late husband, Reverend Otis Cox, as he pastored many churches of the Appalachian conference of the I.P.H.C. She was a faithful member of the Merrimac Pentecostal Holiness Church for many years. She loved and supported her pastor Reverend Jerry Sloss and all her church family.

She was born in Floyd County to the late Jim and Amanda Quesenberry. She was preceded in death by four sisters, Josie Quesenberry, Maretha Marshall, Cardova Phillips, and Nonnie Cox, four brothers, Chris, Norman, Arthur, and Kermit Quesenberry, and also a loving grandson, Thom Proco.

She is survived by: three sons and daughters-in-law, Lowell and Alta Cox of Lexington, North Carolina, David and Betty Cox of Seymour, Tennessee, Carlos and Kathy Cox of Blacksburg; four daughters and sons-in-law, Rachel and John Myers of Prices Fork, Connie and Garland Proco of Suwanee, Georgia; grandchildren, Darrell, Karan, Martha, Rebecca, Melissa, Derrick, Emily, Dennis, Elaine, Carissa, Beth, David, Daniel, and Aaron; 14 great-grandchildren, Braxton, Mary, Cara, Thomas, Ian, Tarah, Tyler, Hunter, Chloe, Kevin, Daniel, Alex, Matthew, and Spencer; also extended family, nieces, nephews, and friends. Mom's presence will be missed by all who loved her, but our hope and strength is in the Lord Jesus Christ. Her memory was honored on Tuesday, July 5, at 11:00 a.m. at the Merrimac Pentecostal Holiness Church with Reverend Jerry Sloss and Reverend Glenard Quesenberry officiating.

Interment followed in the Appalachian Conference Headquarters Cemetery in Dublin. McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg, handled arrangements. The family sincerely thanks Pastor Jerry Sloss and the church family, friends, and neighbors for all their kind deeds and prayers. Thank you Carilion Hospice for your loving care and compassion. Special thanks to our sister Rachel for being a loving, dedicated care-giver to our precious mother.

THELMA JANNEY NASH

PROVIDENCE, NORTH CAROLINA-Thelma Janney Nash, 93, passed away, Monday, July 4, 2005 at her residence. She was born April 29, 1912 in Floyd County.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Garvin Nash, parents Luther Janney and Mincie West Janney, brother, C. Raye Janney, and sisters, Marie J. Murphy and Alma J. Shank.

She was a member of Providence Baptist Church where she had been active serving as a Sunday School teacher and a member of WMU. Before moving to North Carolina she had been a longtime member of Moffett Memorial Baptist Church in Danville. She had worked as a sales clerk for Sears, Roebuck Company before retiring.

She is survived by: daughter and son-in-law, Virginia Hodges and Wayne Hodges, Providence, North Carolina; grandson, Thomas E. Hodges, Cary, North Carolina; granddaughter, Kimberly Ann Hodges, Providence, North Carolina; sister, Lelia J. Huff, Floyd; brothers, Thurman W. Janney, Copper Hill, and Chester E. Janney, Floyd.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 6, at Providence Baptist Church with Reverend John Martin and Reverend Cleveland Duke officiating. Baker Funeral Home, Inc. handled arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Alamance/Caswell County, 914 Chapel Hill Road, Burlington, North Carolina, 27215 or The Providence Fire and Rescue, P.O. Box 93, Providence, North Caor

OLLIE MAE WIMMER NICHOLS

COPPER HILL-Ollie Mae Wimmer Nichols, 93, departed this earth for her Heavenly home on Wednesday, June 29, 2005. She was a long-time member of the Copper Hill Church of the Brethren. She retired from Kenrose Manufacturing Co. after 25 years of service.

Ollie Mae was born on May 1, 1912 to Thomas and Hattie Wimmer of Copper Hill. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard "Rich" Ira Nichols. They will once again celebrate their wedding anniversary together in Heaven on July 1.

She was also preceded in death by: her sons, James Thomas Nichols, Carl Edward Nichols, and Marshall Everett Nichols; her grandsons, Thomas Wayne Smith and James Martin, Jr., an infant great-granddaughter, Kelsea Jade Nichols, brothers, Wendall Wimmer, Dennis Wimmer and "Dink" Wimmer, and a sister, Marry Hundley.

Surviving to cherish her memory are: her sons, Wesley (Marian) Nichols, Johnny Nichols, Fred (Patricia) Nichols, and Raymond Nichols; daughters, Ina Morgan, Lena Faye (Norman) Hoback, Pearl Ann Sowers, Betty Jane Martin and Lillian Sue (Barry) Smith; brother, Carl (Claudine) Wimmer; sisters, Mabel Manning, Thelma Ramsey and Reba (Warren) Richards; 35 grandchildren, 59 great-grandchildren, and 19

great-great grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Ernestine Nichols, Arnetta Nichols, Louise Nichols and Betty Lee Nichols, also Kim Smith and Karen Martin; numerous nieces and nephews, friends and neighbors. A special thanks is extended to her loving and faithful caregivers, Jeanne Duncan and Christy. Ollie Mae was an inspiration to everyone that knew her, especially her family. She will be greatly missed by all.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Wood Funeral Home, Floyd. Funeral service was conducted at 2:00 p.m. at Copper Hill Church of the Brethren with Reverend Maurice Wright and Reverend Dale Bowman officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

DR. NORMAN P. SHOLAR

MOORESVILLE, NC-Dr. Norman P. Sholar, 89, died Tuesday, June 28, 2005 in Mooresville. He was born March 19, 1916 in Bessemer City, N. C., the youngest child of the late Merrimon I. and Annie Wootten Sholar. Dr. Sholar attended Charlotte schools and graduated from Mooresville High School in 1934. He attended Wake Forest College and graduated from Atlanta Southern Dental College with a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 1942.

He entered the U. S. Navy during WWII and served as a dentist in the Navy for 4 years achieving the rank of Lt. Commander. He practiced dentistry in the town of Mooresville for 30 years.

He served on the board of directors of the First National Bank for 25 years. He was a member of the Mooresville Kiwanis Club, serving as president and lieutenant governor.

His love of raising birds started in elementary school in Charlotte and lasted his whole life bringing him friendships throughout the world.

He received the medal for being the first person in North America to raise Port Lincoln parrots. He was on the N. C. Zoo Site Selection Committee.

Dr. Sholar was a member of Centre Presbyterian Church in Mt. Mourne, where he served as an elder and Sunday school teacher for many years.

He is survived by: his wife of 60 years, Louisa Williams Templeton Sholar, daughter, Lynda Williams Sholar of Mooresville, sons: John Young Templeton Sholar & wife, Joanne of Floyd, Thomas Merrimon Sholar and wife, Deborah, Clay Warren Sholar and wife, Jane, daughter-in-law, Pam Westmoreland Sholar, all of Mooresville; grandchildren, all under age 8, Louisa Marie Sholar, Matthew Templeton Sholar, Patrick Brian Sholar, Sarah Elizabeth Sholar, Claire Elizabeth Sholar, and sister-in-law, Kathleen Deal Sholar of Myrtle Beach, S.C.

He was preceded in death by his son, Norman P. Sholar, Jr., and an infant granddaughter, Jackie Elizabeth Sholar.

He was also preceded in death by nine brothers and sisters: Nell, Robert, Ruth, Mary Pegram Cloninger, Sara Umstead, Merrimon, William, Lillian Yoos and Paul.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, July 1, at Centre Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Robert M. Howard, officiating. Burial will follow in Glenwood Memorial Park. The family received friends Thursday evening, from 6:30 – 8:00 P.M. at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Centre Presbyterian Church, P. O. Box 100, Mt. Mourne, N. C. 28123 and Hospice of Iredell County, 2347 Simonton Road, Statesville, N.C. 28625. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home served the family of Dr. Sholar.

ARVIN HUNTLEY SUTPHIN

WILLIS-Arvin Huntley Sutphin, 80, passed away Wednesday June 29, 2005.

Survivors include: brothers, Winford Sutphin, Wayne Sutphin, Nulan Sutphin, Ronnie Sutphin; sisters, Bernice Kimble, Jean Poff, Gwyna Hylton, Patty Stanley; sister-in-law, Lois Sutphin; dear friends, Rhonda Reef and daughter Jennifer.

Graveside service was held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, July 1, at the Sutphin Family Cemetery, with Reverend Joe Quesenberry officiating.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

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RALPH EDWARD CUMMINGS SR.

PILOT-Ralph Edward Cummings Sr., 64, passed away at his home Monday, July 11, 2005. He served four years in the Air Force and worked as a State Farm Insurance Agent for forty years. He was also a member of MacDaniel Masonic Lodge #86 AF&AM.

He is survived by: his wife, LaRae W. Cummings; sons and daughter-in-law, Ralph Jr. and Katherine Cummings, Chris W. Cummings; granddaughter, Victoria A. Cummings; brother and sister-in-law, Paul L. and Nancy Cummings, father and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Wilborn; niece, Amy Murray, husband Brian and daughter Briana.

Graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, July 14, at Sunset Cemetery, Christiansburg, with Reverend William Hungate officiating and Masonic service by McDaniel Masonic Lodge #86 AF&AM. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

RICHARD GARTH DILLON

FLORIDA-Richard Garth Dillon, 91, passed away at his home in Florida. He was preceded in death by his wife, Denette Akers Dillon.

He is survived by: two sons, Joseph Dillon, Floyd, Max Dillon, Pulaski; grandchildren, Elaine Weaver, Roanoke, Carolyn Jackson, South Carolina, Jo Ellen Brock, Illinois, Richard Dillon, Roanoke; several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Dillon was retired from the Soil Conservation Service in Floyd. His wife taught school in Floyd County for many years.

AUTUMN LEA HUDLER GRIFFITH

FLOYD-Autumn Lea Hudler Griffith, 22, passed away Thursday, July 7, 2005 as the result of an automobile accident.

Surviving are: her parents, Kerry and Gail Hudler of Elkin, North Carolina; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sherry and Miquel Lozana of Floyd, Brandy and Bob Moss of Lincolnton, North Carolina; two nephews and one niece, Hunter Franklin, Dakota Edwares, and Hollie Franklin.

Funeral service was held Monday, July 11, at 11 a.m. at Wood Funeral Home, Floyd, with Reverend Robert Roseberry officiating. Interment followed in Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the Autumn Hudler Griffith Fund - Mrs. Tony Hylton, 309 Hudson Drive, Dublin, VA 24084.

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SAMUEL GARLIN BLANKENSHIP

MARTINSVILLE-Samuel Garlin Blankenship, 85, died at the Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center at Oak Summit, Winston-Salem, North Carolina on Thursday, July 14, 2005. He was born in Floyd County on May 12, 1920. He was the son of the late Giles Elery Blankenship and Trudy Conner Blankenship. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by sisters, Fannie Conner, Theodra Conner and Rlee Houchins; brother, Odell Blankenship and granddaughter, Rebecca Lynn Blankenship.

Mr. Blankenship retired after forty years as an optician having co-founded Martinsville Optical Co., Inc. in 1951. He was a member of Martinsville Primitive Baptist Church on Rives Road and served as deacon.

He was in the U.S. Army during WWII, serving in the European Theater at Anzio Landing. Also, Mr. Blankenship was a recipient of the Purple Heart with Cluster.

Survivors include: his wife of sixty years, Claudine Agee Blankenship of the residence; sons and daughters-in-law, James E. and June B. Blankenship of Martinsville, Herbert R. and Linda A. Blankenship of Winston-Salem, North Carolina and Samuel L. and Betty F. Blankenship of Charlotte, North Carolina; grandchildren, Giles E. Blankenship, Kirk M. Blankenship, Mark D. Blankenship, David R. Blankenship, Michael G. Blankenship, James R. Blankenship and Cynthia L. Blankenship and great-grandchildren, Kenneth G. Blankenship, Naomi G. Blankenship and Davis G. Blankenship.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 18, at Norris Funeral Services Chapel, Martinsville, with Elder Clarence Stone officiating. Interment followed at Roselawn Burial Park in Martinsville.

Memorials may be made to the American Red Cross, 1081 Spruce Street, Martinsville, VA 24112 or to the charity of your choice.

Norris Funeral Services, Inc. and Crematory, Martinsville, handled arrangements.

JOHN (CECIL) CRAIGHEAD

ROANOKE-John Cecil Craighead, 78, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, July 12, 2005. He was a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran of WWII, and he was a member of Poages Mill Church of the Brethren for over 50 years. He was a retired mechanic and service manager at Rutrough Mack for over 40 years. He was an avid fisherman and outdoorsman. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend to all who knew him. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Mae Craighead; brothers and sisters, Winfred Craighead, Hub Craighead, Gladys DeWeese, and Hettie Poff.

Surviving are: his wife of 60 years, Mildred L. Craighead; children, Lauraine "Sissy" Broadwater, Pat Driver, Ray "Dinky" Craighead and wife, Lisa, Debbie Tavenner and husband, Rob; grandchildren, Amy Broadwater Akers and husband, Scott, Angie Broadwater Wasyiak and husband, Greg, Shawn Driver, Jason Craighead, Stacey Craighead, Shannon Craighead, Ryan Tavenner, Brandon Tavenner, Austin Tavanner; brothers and sisters, Audry Woods, Nelson Craighead and wife, Mary Reba, Earlean Shortt and husband, Bal, Joyce Bays and husband, Jewell, Lorraine Sowder and husband, Johnnie, Irvin Craighead and wife, Cindy, Linda Dalton, Harry Craighead and wife, Greta.

Funeral service was conducted at Poages Mill Church of the Brethren at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 16. Reverend Jimmy Robinson and Reverend Maurice Wright officiated. Memorials may be made to Poages Mill Church of the Brethren, 6550 Bent Mountain Road in Roanoke, 24018 or Habitat for Humanity, in care of the church. Arrangements were handled by Oakey's South Chapel.

SETH "JOE" POFF

COPPER HILL-Seth "Joe" Poff, 82, passed away Sunday, July 17, 2005 at The New River Valley Medical Center.

He is survived by: one daughter, Rosalie and Steven Moran of Copper Hill; daughter-in-law, Faye King of Copper Hill; four grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren; two brothers, John and Tootsie Poff of Copper Hill, David and Patsy Poff of Check; sister, Connie and Lewis Custer of Wilson; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, July 20, at 11 a.m. at Wood Funeral Home in Floyd with Reverend Roy Turpin. Interment followed in Copper Hill Church of the Brethren Cemetery. Wood Funeral Home, Floyd, handled arrangements.

BESSIE OLA MANNON REED

GLASGOW-Bessie Ola Mannon Reed, 103, went home to live with our Heavenly Father on Monday, July 4, 2005. She was born in Floyd County and was the daughter of James Fleming Mannon and Polly Ann Hurt. Mrs. Reed graduated from Radford College, taught school in a one-room schoolhouse in Floyd County, and retired from James Lees Carpets in Glasgow after 31 years of dedicated service.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Enoch, her son James Darwin Reed, Sr. and her daughter-in-law, Carol D. Reed.

She is survived by: her son Cline Elvin (Seaweed) Reed and daughter-in-law, Yvonne of Glasgow; sister, Elsie M. Graham of Floyd; grandchildren, Kenneth W. Reed, Debbie R. Wagaman, James D. Reed, Jr., Kelvin D. Reed, Monica R. Snow and Julia R. Snow; six great-grandchildren and numerous relatives and friends. Mrs. Reed loved the Lord. She live a full and blessed life as a faithful member of the Glasgow Baptist Church and an active member in Rockbridge County's Senior Citizen Center. You could always find her sewing, gardening, canning, and caring for her stray cats. We are truly blessed for our time with her on earth and will hold her in our hearts until we meet again Heaven. May we all meet again in Heaven by accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

Funeral service was conducted at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 8, 2005 at the Glasgow Baptist Church with Reverend William Thomas officiating. Burial followed in Glasgow Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Glasgow First Aid Crew or Glasgow Fire Department. Harrison Funeral Home and Crematory, Lexington, handled arrangements.

LARRY WOODROW VEST

ROANOKE-Larry Woodrow Vest, 92, passed away June 3, 2005.

He is survived by: sister, Mirian Vest of Roanoke; several wonderful nieces and nephews.

Graveside memorial service will be held Friday, July 22, at 2:00 p.m. in the Vest Cemetery with Floyd County minister Carolyn Kristie officiating.

Arrangements by Wood Funeral Home, Floyd.

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EFFIE BISHOP DULANEY

FLOYD-Effie Bishop Dulaney, 89, passed away Thursday July 21, 2005.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Benjamin Harrison and Hettie Bishop, and husband Thurlie Dulaney.

Survivors include sisters, Cora Smith, Erma Marshall, Anna Dean Clark; several nieces and nephews. Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, July 22, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Reverend Eli Yoder and Reverend Clyde Bishop officiating.

Interment followed at Big Sand Cemetery, Indian Valley.

HAZEL MAE WIMMER JENNINGS

CHRISTIANSBURG-Hazel Mae Wimmer Jennings, 86, died Friday, July 22, 2005 surrounded by her family at the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City, N.C.

Mrs. Jennings was born February 24, 1919, in Floyd County and was the daughter of the late Ezra Parlee and Launah Rose Wimmer.

She was a devoted wife and mother, and her joy in life came from caring for her home and family.

Mrs. Jennings was preceded in death by her husband, Estel Clinton Jennings, and her son, Dennis Clinton Jennings.

Survivors include: her daughter; Nora Lee Jennings Saunders and her husband William A. Saunders of Kill Devil Hills, N.C.; daughter-in-law; Jo Ann Jennings of Pilot; grandchildren, Deborah Anne Deringer, John R. Saunders and Jennifer J. Linder; great-grandchildren; Lauren Elizabeth Deringer, Paige Marie Deringer, John R. Saunders, IV, Christine Elizabeth Saunders, Raegan Joy Linder and Dakota Holland.

A graveside funeral service will be held Tuesday, July 26, at 11:00 a.m. at Sunset Cemetery in Christiansburg with the Rev. Layne Board officiating.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be directed to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 554, Roanoke, VA 24003 or to the American Parkinson's Disease Association, 60 Bay St. Suite 401, Staten Island, N.Y. 10301.

Horne Funeral Service, Christiansburg, 24073, handled arrangements.
Online condolences may be sent to hornefuneralsevice.com.

TORA JAY QUESENBERRY

WILLIS-Tora Jay Quesenberry 90, passed away Friday, July 22, 2005 at Twin County Regional Hospital. She is survived by: brother-in-law, Carlie Hoover Quesenberry, Willis; sisters-in-law, Violetta Quesenberry, Dugspur, Ivory Combs, Vinton; nephews, Dennis Quesenberry, Hirma Cox, Leonard Cox, Bill Cox, Richard Quesenberry, Russell Quesenberry; nieces, Shelby Jean Hall, Maxie Layman.

Graveside service was held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, July 25, at the Quesenberry Cemetery with Rev. Kenneth Poston officiating.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

JANE BELL ROZELL

FLOYD-Jane Bell Rozell died at her home on Wednesday, July 20, 2005. She formerly resided in Wingdale and Brewster for over 50 years.

She was born September 24, 1927 in Manhattan, and was the daughter of the late Herbert and Alice Bell.

She attended school in Brewster, NY. On December 5, 1944, she married Russell Rozell, who died December 23, 1979.

She worked as a psychiatric aide at the Harlem Valley Psychiatric Hospital, where she went on to earn her Registered Nursing degree. She retired from Harlem Valley in 1980.

Survivors include: her daughter, Cherie Rozell Breeden and son-in-law, Rodney Breeden of Fredericksburg; sons Duane Rozell of Floyd, Royal Rozell and daughter-in-law, Debbie Rozell of Floyd, and Harry Rozell of Floyd; granddaughters, Kristalyn Rozell Harris of Floyd and her husband Michael Harris, Stacey Breeden of Fredericksburg; grandson, Benjamin Rozell of Williamsburg; two great granddaughters, Alexys and Alyssa.

Burial will be at the convenience of the family in Pawling, New York.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Floyd County Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 257, Floyd, VA 24091.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

VINNIE VAUGHN TURMAN

DUGSPUR-Vinnie Vaughn Turman, 97, passed away Wednesday, July 20, 2005 at Laurel Meadows Nursing Home.

She was the widow of Rush Turman and the daughter of the late John E. and Arlena Vaughn. Survivors include: brothers, John L. Vaughn, Roy A. Vaughn, both of Newark, OH; sister, Arbutus Sykora, Willis; ten nephews, ten nieces; several great-nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 23, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Norman Goad officiating. Interment at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Willis.

SHIRLEY DUNCAN WEDDLE

LAUREL FORK-Shirley Duncan Weddle, 69, our precious wife, mom and granny, went home to be with our Heavenly Father Thursday, July 21, 2005, surrounded by her family, pastor and his wife.

Waiting in Heaven to meet her are her parents, Harvey and Della Duncan, and sister and brother-in-law, Lucille and Alton Lester.

Grieving their loss are: her husband of 50 years, Freddie Weddle Jr., Laurel Fork; son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Trina Weddle, Laurel Fork; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sue and Mike Spangler, Carol and Jerry Sutphin, all of Floyd; her cherished grandchildren, Travis and Alyssa Weddle, Laurel Fork, Vanessa and

Valerie Spangler, Floyd, Jacob and Zachary Griffith, Floyd; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Wayne and Faye Duncan, Herbert and Phyliss Duncan.

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 24, at Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, with Reverend Clyde Bishop officiating.

Interment followed in Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

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ELEANOR MARY BAUER

FLOYD-Eleanor Mary Bauer, 80, passed away Wednesday, July 27, 2005.

She is survived by: her husband of 53 years, Woody Bauer; two sons, Bob Bauer, Don Bauer; granddaughter, Jessica Ann Bauer.

Funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 30 at Gardener Funeral Home with the Reverend Richard Gregory officiating. Interment followed in Lee Cemetery, Tuggles Gap.

RICHARD DAILEY HOLLANDSWORTH

PEARISBURG-Richard Dailey Hollandsworth, 53, passed away Thursday, July 28, 2005 in a Roanoke hospital. He was preceded in death by his mother, Carleen Roop Hollandsworth.

He is survived by: his father, Herbert C. Hollandsworth, Willis; wife, Betty Hollandsworth; brothers and sisters-in-law, Ralph and Alice Hollandsworth, Bobby and Leslie Hollandsworth, Dennis Hollandsworth, Glenn Hollandsworth, all of Willis, Benny and Rebecca Hollandsworth of Floyd; sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Donnie Bolt, Willis; nieces and nephews, Mark Hollandsworth, Telena Hollandsworth, Jennifer Hicks, Kayla Hollandsworth, Olivia Hollandsworth, Mitch Neece and Brad Neece.

Funeral service was held 2:00 p.m. Sunday, July 31 at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel with Elder Larry Hollandsworth officiating. Burial followed in Hollandsworth Cemetery, Willis.

RAYMOND P. LARSSON

DENVILLE, NEW JERSEY-Raymond P. Larsson passed away Tuesday July 5th at his home. He was born December 14, 1938 in Teaneck, NJ.

He is survived by: his brother and sister-in-law Ivar and Audrey Larsson of Stockton Springs ME; sons, Gregory of Denville and Michael of Atlanta GA; daughter and son-in-law, Laura and Tom Vangunten of Floyd; grandsons, Henry and Bobby Vangunten of Floyd.

He was a retired research chemist, holding many patents in the biomedical field.

Funeral mass was held in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Denville NJ. Burial service was held at Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Floyd.

He devoted his retirement years to caring for the dogs he adopted from various animal shelters, Maizie, Rocky, Bandit and Ernie.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Floyd County Humane Society.

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Thursday, August 11, 2005

LAVINIA P. ANDERSON

RICHMOND-Lavinia P. Anderson died August 3, 2005 in Richmond. Born in 1910 in Lakefield, MINN. "Vinnie," as she was fondly known, was a graduate of the University of Minnesota, lived in many areas of the United States, and traveled extensively throughout the world. She and her husband, Rex Anderson, lived in Ethiopia, India and New Zealand on international assignment. Since the 1970's Mrs. Anderson lived in Floyd and Richmond.

She is being remembered by her children, Sally Johnson of Floyd, Dave Anderson of Austin, Texas, and Peggy Dail of Hartfield; special niece, Sue Clarke of Virginia Beach. There are also numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral service was held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 6 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Road in Richmond. Burial was in the church cemetery alongside her husband Rex Anderson.

OLA MAY ALDERMAN BOLT

SOLOMONS, MD-The beloved Ola May Alderman Bolt was born May 27, 1911 to James Madison Alderman and Lucy Addie McPeak. She passed away on August 6, 2005 at Solomons Nursing Center in Solomons, MD at the age of 94. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Elmer Bolt, a son, William Elmer Bolt, Jr., brothers, John Ewald Alderman and Willie Horace Alderman, sisters, Alma Bolt and Treva Alderman.

She is also preceded in death by her beloved step-children, Winston Bolt, Austin Bolt, Bill Bolt and Eula Brown.

She is survived by: a daughter, Sandra Faye Helms; step-daughters, Inda Foust, Ava Dowd, Zell Kemp, June Wroton, Joy Marshall; son-in-law, Frank Wendell Helms; grandson, Robert Wendell Helms; also many beloved nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held on Wednesday, August 10 at Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd, at 2:00 p.m. Burial followed at Harris Cemetery in the Buffalo Mountain Community in Willis.

ALGER MARSHALL HOLT

CALLAWAY-Alger Marshall (A.M.) Holt, 83, passed away at the Veteran's Hospital in Salem on Thursday, August 4, 2005. He was a World War II veteran, having served with the field artillery of the 89th Infantry Division (ETO). He continued his service to his country by remaining in the U.S. Army Reserve for 33 years until retirement in 1980. He was proud to be a member of the Army Reserve Rifle Team and was recognized for his marksmanship. He was also a long time member of the Bent Mountain Hunt Club. Mr. Holt was known to many as "the potato man" from Bent Mountain and as a produce vendor at the Blue Ridge Folklife Festival since its beginning at Ferrum College. Mr. Holt was also well known locally for his skill and hard work as a logger and sawmill. Many a fence and barn still stand that were built with boards he cut and delivered. Mr. Holt was preceded in death by his wife, Muriel Meador Holt, and his parents, Dewey and Betsy Holt.

Left behind to cherish the memory of a loving father and strong, kind man are his nine children. His son, Johnny Holt, of the home in Callaway, is greatly appreciated for his constant care and attention to Mr. Holt. Other children include Jane and her husband, Bobby Williams of Galax, Marshall Holt and his wife, Brenda of Rocky Mount, Joanne and husband, Marshall McNeil of Richmond, Susan and husband Wyatt Wimmer of Callaway, Libby and husband Anthony Wimmer of Callaway, and Henry Holt and wife April of Copper Hill. Mr. Holt will also be remembered by his brothers and sisters, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and friends and neighbors.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 7, at the Piedmont Presbyterian Church in Callaway. Interment followed at Algoma Cemetery.

The Veterans Affairs Medical Center is appreciated for the kind, caring attention provided to Mr. Holt.

Oakey's South Chapel handled arrangements.

WALTER LEE TURMAN

CHRISTIANSBURG-Walter Lee Turman, 92, passed away Wednesday, August 3, 2005 at New River Valley Medical Center.

He was born and raised in Floyd. He was a retired Roanoke City Police officer having spent twenty-five years of service as a patrolman. He then served as warehouse foreman for the Roanoke County School System. He was a loyal member of the Fraternal Order of Police and Mountain Dale Lodge #49 Independent Order of Oddfellows. He was an avid Harley Davidson enthusiast and admirer and expert of Steam Engines. In addition he had a love for clocks, which he collected and repaired for many years. He was a long time member of Shenandoah Baptist Church and most recently Faith Missionary Baptist Church. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend to many and will surely be graciously missed by all.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Alice Turman and two brothers, Woodrow and Doris Turman.

Survivors include: his wife of 65 years, Addie Mae Turman, Christiansburg; son and daughter-in-law, Donald Lee and Romona T. Turman, Salem, granddaughter and husband, Leigh Ann and David Foster, Roanoke; great-grandchild on the way, Taylor Foster; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 6, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd with Rev. Michael Vest and Rev. Alvin Crutchfield officiating. Interment followed in Jacksonville Cemetery, Floyd.

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POLLY ANN CONNER

ROANOKE-Polly Ann Conner, 64, went to be with the Lord Friday, August 12, 2005. She was a member of the Poages Mill Church of the Brethren for 45 years. Through the years, she was a babysitter having kept over 70 children. She was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, Orville Henry Conner and a son, Andrew Hank Conner.

She is survived by: children and spouses, Basil and Stephanie Conner, Lola and David Bush, John Bush, Emily Conner, Hank Conner and Bailey Conner; sisters and brothers-in-law, Jean and Hayward Mattox, Peggy and Claude Meeks, Irene Shively, Nancy and Buford Mullins, Gail and Arnold Pigg; brothers and sister-in-laws, Bill and Sylvia Young, Frank and Linda Young, Daniel and Sissy Young, Richard and Marlene Young, Gerald and Diane Young; uncle and his wife, Luther and Lillian Greer; special friends, Jackie, Jennifer and Hayleigh Wolfe and Juanita Altice.

Funeral service was conducted at 11:00 a.m., Monday, August 15, at Poages Mill Church of the Brethren with the Reverend Maurice Wright and Reverend Jimmy Robinson officiating. Burial followed in Copper Hill

Church of the Brethren Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or to Poages Mill Church of the Brethren.

Oakey's South Chapel, Brambleton Avenue, handled arrangements.

KATHERINE R. BELCHER

TRENTON , NJ-Katherine R. Belcher, 79, died Saturday, July 30 , 2005 at The Compassionate Care Hospice in Trenton, NJ. Born in Floyd, she was the daughter of Payton Raleigh and Ida Fisher Williams.

Mrs. Belcher was predeceased by her husband, Algernon P. Belcher, SGM US Army (retired).

She is survived by two daughters and son-in-law, Paula S. Belcher, and Patricia K. Belcher and Thomas J. Krisak; sister, Dean Harris; brother and sister-in-law, Pete and Virginia Williams; two sisters-in-law, Mary Williams and Ethel Williams; three Godchildren Devin Matticks, Gabrielle Atkins and Lisa Walker.

Relatives and friends shared their condolences with the family on Friday, August 5 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Kutch Funeral Home, 215 Grand Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

Funeral service will be conducted Friday, August 26th at noon at Luther Place Memorial Church, 1226 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC (www.lutherplace.org), Phone: 202-667-1377 (directions available at web site). Flowers for the Washington, DC service may be delivered to Luther Place Memorial Church on Thursday, August 25 between 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Interment will be held on Friday, August 26 th at 2:00 p.m. in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Memorial Contributions may be made to The Compassionate Care Hospice, 601 Hamilton Avenue, 6 th Floor, Trenton, NJ 08629 (please specify Trenton Inpatient Unit for donations).

MARY MAGDALEAN CHILDRESS NEWMAN

HARDY-Mary Magdalean Childress Newman, 84, formerly of Bent Mountain passed away Sunday, August 14, 2005. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 56 years Alfred Odell Newman, father and mother David Arthur and Charity Victoria Craighead Childress, brother; David Martin Childress, sister Sarah Jane Cash.

Survived by: children and spouses: Sandra K. Newman- Carr and Reid, A. Russell, Newman and Linda, Norris Wayne Newman and Vickie, Tony

Curtis Newman, Carla Y. Nunley and Rick, Kenneth Ray Newman and Louise; twelve grandchildren, Robin Markham and R.G., Holly Perdue and Ty, Chris Newman and Leslie, Niki Pritchard and Matt,

Ryan Newman and Cassie, Michael Rakes and Rose, Simon Thomas, Casey Newman, D. J. Newman, Devin Newman, Bradley Newman; ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held on Wednesday August 17, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at Gardner Funeral Home with Rev. Roy Turpin officiating. Interment followed in Restvale Cemetery. Gardner Funeral Home handled arrangements .

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Thursday, August 25, 2005

RICHARD EDWARD BEALL

FLOYD-Richard Edward Beall, Sr., 87, departed this life Tuesday, August 16, 2005 under the watchful eyes of his loving family, Carilion Hospice and Laurel Meadows Nursing Home. The family is grateful for their professional and loving care. Dick served as a fireman with the Washington, D.C. Fire Department for a period of 20 years and retired in 1971. He was a charter member of the Floyd County Rescue Squad.

Surviving are: his wife, Phyllis Mahaffey Beall of Floyd; three sons, Richard and Susan Beall of Maryland, Jeffery and Renee Beall of Accamack, John Beall and April Caldwell of Floyd; three grandchildren, Thomas Beall, Lucas Beall and Levi Caldwell; four step-grandchildren and other loving family members.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, September 10, at 4:00 p.m. with Reverend Steve Lackey officiating at the Floyd County Rescue Squad Building #1. A covered dish will be appreciated at the memorial.

In lieu of flowers donations will be appreciated to National Foundation for Transplants, P.O. Box 6333 Christiansburg, VA 24073 for the benefit of April Caldwell. Donations maybe made at www.transplants.org

CLEO FAYE SOWERS HARRIS

FLOYD- Cleo Faye Sowers Harris, 78, of Floyd went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on August 20, 2005 after a long-term illness with leukemia. She was a loving Christian mother and will be sadly missed by her family and friends. Her love was always the guiding light for her children and grandchildren. We know Mom was truly an angel on earth. She was preceded in death by her husband, Haskett Harris; son, Willard Harris, Jr.; sister, Izola Lytton; brothers, Jack and Eugene Sowers.

Survivors include: son and daughter-in-law, David and Yvonne Harris; daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Curtis Huff, Barbara and Jim Yates, Beverly and Frank Dowell; grandchildren, David Harris, Jr., Mark Harris, Ann Harris, Jason Harris, Anthony Huff, Christina Nolen, Carmen Nolen, Kimberly Bosquet, Diana Yates; seven great-grandchildren; sisters and brother-in-law, Bonnie Rickey, Connie and Pete Sale; brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Virginia Sowers; sisters-in-law, Dot Sowers, Betty Sowers.

Funeral services were held 2:00 p.m. Monday August 22, at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Jimmy Cannaday and Rev. Hebron Quesenberry officiating. Interment followed at Beaver Creek Cemetery. The family would like to thank Gentle Shepherd Hospice, Dr. Rosenoff and staff at Roanoke Oncology Center, and Dr. Kuiken and staff of Floyd.

WAITMAN OSCAR SUTPHIN

WILLIS-Waitman Oscar Sutphin, 64, passed away Thursday August 18, 2005.

He is survived by: his mother, Arlie G. Moles, Willis; Sister, Janie Weddle, Floyd; brother, Glenn Moles, Willis; Niece, Julie Kay Weddle, Floyd.

Funeral service was held 2:00 p.m. Sunday August 21, 2 at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. J.C. Willard officiating. Interment followed at the Harris Cemetery.

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THOMAS HANSEL BANKS

MEADOWS OF DAN-Thomas Hansel Banks, 93, passed away Tuesday, August 23, 2005 at the Blue Ridge Nursing Center in Stuart. He was born in Grayson County on March 31, 1912 to the late William J. Banks, Sr. and the late Bessie Reynolds Banks. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife of 72 years, Oneida Olive Dunn Banks; son, Lowell Thomas Banks; three grandsons, Larry Wood, Eddie Kipple and Kenneth Banks; one great-granddaughter, Kendra Shelor; two sister, Eunice Nagal and Christine Cockram; three brothers, Wayne, Elroy and Roland Banks. He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Stuart, and was a charter member of the Ruritan Club in Meadows of Dan. He was retired as owner and operator of Banks Lumber and Building Supply, and was a long-time sawmill operator in Patrick and surrounding counties.

He is survived by: five daughters and sons-in-law, Annalee and Dwight Shelor of Meadows of Dan, Bernice and John Puckett of Stuart, Bonnie and Jack Kipple of Colfax, North Carolina, Jeanette and Wallace Barton of Roanoke and Patricia and Richard Knipple of Greensboro, North Carolina; one son and two daughters-in-law, Donald William "Bill" and Jean Banks of Meadows of Dan and Emma Banks of Ooltewah, Tennessee, 20 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren, brother, William J. Banks, Jr. of Kernersville, North Carolina; three sisters, Pauline Banks of Meadows of Dan and Edith Hutcherson and Junanita Cochran, both of Danville.

Funeral service was held Saturday, August 27, at 2.00 p.m. at Moody Funeral Home Chapel in Stuart with Pastor Kevin Powell officiating. Burial followed in the John Puckett Family Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Vesta Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 238, Vesta, Virginia 24177 or to the Meadows of Dan Volunteer Department, P.O. Box 830, Meadows of Dan, Virginia 24120.

DREAMER LYNN HALE

CHECK-Dreamer Lynn Hale, 63, died at her home.

She was preceded in death by her father, Lynwood C. Hale, and grandparents, Caleb and Clara Hale.

She is survived by: her mother, Martha Blount Hale, and sister Majorie Dawn Hale, both of Vinton; special friend, Peter Egan of Lorton; and her many beloved cats.

A private burial was held on Wednesday, August 24, at Mountain View Cemetery in Vinton.

Oakeys Funeral Home handled arrangements.

WILLIAM H. "BILL" HESS

ATLANTA, GEORGIA-William H. "Bill" Hess, 56, formerly of Canada, Kentucky, passed away Monday, August 22, 2005 from a sudden illness.

He was born September 20, 1948, in Ragland, West Virginia. He was an employee of Bright Beginnings in Atlanta. He graduated from Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College with a degree in mining supervision. He was also an Army veteran.

Surviving are: his mother, Betty Davis, Floyd; children, Melissa Webb and husband Shannon, South Williamson, KY, Kristie Hess, Turkey Creek, KY; grandchildren, Lindsey, Ethan and Wyatt Webb and Hannah Justice; brother, Gene Hess and wife Irene, Matewan, WV; sisters, Carolyn Sue Lott, Belfry, KY, Teresa Lynn Lewis, Atlanta, GA, Judy Durham, Floyd; a host of nieces, nephews, and friends; former wife, Sandra Hess Damron; long time friend, Michael George, Atlanta, GA.

A private service was held at Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd. Mr. Hess was cremated.

IRIS LOUISE BOLT SPANGLER

HILLSVILLE-Iris Louise Bolt Spangler, 59, passed away Saturday, August 27, 2005.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dellas Lee and Alma Lee Alderman Bolt, brothers, Dell McCoy Bolt and Alton Junior Bolt, and a sister, Carol Lou Goad.

She is survived by: her husband, Victor L. Spangler; son and daughter-in-law, Barry Allen and Jennifer Spangler; daughters and son-in-law, Donna L. Murphy, Karen and Jeff Dalton; nine grandchildren; one great grandson; brothers, Douglas Lee Bolt, Nelson Ray Bolt, James George Bolt, Maynard Eugene Bolt, William Lance Bolt, and Michael Wayne Bolt; sisters, Nelda Sue Baker, Alma Faye Dalton, Gloria Jean Branscome; mother-in-law, Lucille Spangler; brother-in-law, Jim and Ruth Bowman; brother-in-law, Steve Spangler; sister-in-law, Joyce and Troy Daniels.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 30, at Little Flock Fellowship Church with Rev. Joe Quesenberry officiating. Interment followed at the Harris Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

STEVE ALLEN WEBB

BENT MOUNTAIN-Steve Allen Webb, 50, of Bent Mountain, entered into eternal rest at home on August 23, 2005 after a valiant fight with cancer. He was a child of God and a member of the Bent Mountain Baptist Church. He was born April 22, 1955.

Steve's father, John Henry Webb, preceded him in death.

Surviving are: two daughters, LaTonya (James Campbell) Webb, Lauri Webb; son, Steve Robertson; grandchildren, TeShawn Webb, Cierra Webb, Kierra Webb and Quazmean Jones; mother Mrs. Fannie P. Webb; devoted-friend, LaContiss Haskins; brothers, Manuel (Clarise) Webb, Lonnie Webb and Richard Webb; sisters, Martha Whorley, Joann (Harold) Hamlett, Jeanette Webb, Alice Hunt, and Rowena Reddicks; mother of his daughters Mildred P. Webb; mother-in-law, Dorothy Penn; sister-in-laws Martha Penn, Mary (Danny) Campbell, Mary Webb; uncle, Otis Paige; aunts Virginia Whorley, Alice Claxton, Lenora Paige; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The family deeply appreciates the care provided by the Roanoke Carilion Cancer Center doctors and staff on the third floor, Carilion Hospice nurse Larry, and especially cousins who provided care.

Funeral service was held Saturday, August 27, at 2 p.m. at Bent Mountain Baptist Church with the Rev. Wallace Brown officiating. Interment followed in the Webb Family Cemetery in Bent Mountain.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

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SUE ALDERMAN

CHRISTIANSBURG-Sue Alderman, 76, passed away Monday, September 5, 2005 in the presence of her loving family.

She is survived by: two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Payton Cox, Christiansburg, and Reva and Jerry Huff, Culpeper; two sons, Nathan Alderman and Mike Alderman, both of Christiansburg; four sisters and brother-in-law, Ruth and Bill Austin, Radford, Clara Williams, Stuart, Ruby Sloan, Christiansburg, and Judy Reynolds, Meadows of Dan; one half-sister, Loula Mae Cockram, Stuart; two brothers, Frank Alderman, Bassett, and Joseph Alderman Jr., Vesta. Five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral service was conducted at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 7, at Gardner Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Dennis Hutchinson and the Reverend Pete Flinchum officiating.

Interment followed at the Conner Cemetery.

RICHARD EDWARD BEALL, SR.

FLOYD-Richard Edward Beall, Sr. passed away August 16, 2005.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, September 10, at 4:00 p.m. at the Floyd County Rescue Squad Building number one on U.S. 221 with Pastor Steve Lackey officiating.

Arrangements are being handled by Wood Funeral Home, Floyd.

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WILLIAM CARL CRAIGHEAD

GLADE SPRING-William Carl Craighead, 93, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, went to be with the Lord on Friday, September 9, 2005. He was a native of Floyd, youngest son of the late Charles Otey and Mary Ann Reanne Simpson Craighead.

He is survived by: loving wife, Reba Hundley Craighead, and his four children. The family includes son, Bill Craighead, with wife Murlene and daughter, Cari and husband, Neil Headley, of Meadowview. The second son, Steve Craighead, resides in Galloway, Ohio with wife Patricia and children, Samuel, Michelle, Bradley, Evan and Carl. Daughter, Janet Peak, lives in Floyd with husband, Bob. The Peaks' son, Chris and wife Lori also live in Floyd. His loving daughter, Sue, resides in Blue Ridge. Her husband, Robert Bryant, is deceased. Her children, Robert Daniel Bryant, Beth Lisk and Dawn Whitcomb reside in the Roanoke Valley. Beth and husband, Nick, blessed Mr. Craighead with his first great-grandchild, Mikael. Dawn and husband,

John Whitcomb III, further blessed the family with great-granddaughter, Brayley. Other surviving family includes brother and sister-in-law, Keith and Opal Young of Check

Carl worked 40 years for the Norfolk & Western Railroad. On retirement, he and wife Reba, spent over twenty years pursuing their hobby of purchasing and selling antiques at Abingdon Flea Market. His thriving garden and family were the joys of his life. He served his church, Glade Spring Presbyterian Church, as elder and deacon.

Funeral service was held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, September 11, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Mr. Larry Phillips presiding. Interment followed at Head of the River Cemetery in Check. The family requests donations be made to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (800) 872-3283, www.pcusa.org or any Presbyterian church for survivors of hurricane Katrina.

V. IRIS DEWILDE

EUREKA, ILL.-V. Iris DeWilde, 75, died at 1.33 a.m. on Wednesday, August 31, 2005 at the Apostolic Christian Home of Eureka.

She was born April 17, 1930, in Roanoke, ILL. to Raymond and Laola Dickerson Maxey. She married Eugene J. DeWilde Sr. Sept. 6, 1953 in Greenville, Miss. He died on August 6, 2001.

She is survived: by two sons, Eugene J. (Jeannie) DeWilde, Jr. of Winona Lake, Ind., and Michael (Kim) DeWilde of Lafayette, Ind; two grandchildren, Angela (Ben) Carnahan of Indianapolis, Ind., Christopher DeWilde of Chicago, ILL; and two great-granddaughters, Raynn and Autumn DeWilde.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Clyde Maxey. A registered nurse, she worked for the United States Air force at various military hospitals throughout the country for 30 years.

An active servant of the community, Iris was a member of the Eureka Women's Club, the Twentieth Century Club, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Eureka Community Hospital Service League, and the P.E.O.

She was a member of the Eureka United Methodist church, where she was a member of the United Methodist Women.

Funeral service was held at 1 p.m. on Friday, September 2, at her church. The Reverend Ronald Martz officiated. Burial followed at Roanoke Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church or Methodist Hospice. PHILIP E. GETTEL FLOYD-Philip E. Gettel, 63, passed away Sunday, September 4, 2005 at his home. He was the owner of Pine Creek Mill. Mr. Gettel worked 20 years with Virginia Tech Alumni Association, and he was a life member of the York Grotto of Pennsylvania. He was preceded in death by his wife, Silvia Beyen Gettel. He is survived by: his daughter, Sara Gettel, Carlisle, PA, sister, Molly Marlow, Dover, PA, and companion, Carol E. Highlands.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, September 18, at Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, with Reverend Jim Wilson officiating. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Society for the Preservation of Old Mills (SPOOM), C/O Lyn Fosler, 6824 St. Lawrence, Beloit, WI 53522-9276.

ANDREW C. HARRELL

COLONIAL HEIGHTS-Andrew Curtis Harrell, 16, died Saturday, September 3, 2005. Andrew would have been a junior this year at the Colonial Heights High School.

He is survived by: his parents Jeffery N. Sr. and Karen D. Harrell; brother and sister, Jeffery N. Harrell Jr. and Amanda Diane Harrell, all of Colonial Heights; grandparents, Albert C. and Emma L. Harrell of Floyd; aunt and uncle, Ike and Louann Eishenbrown of Floyd; special cousin and her husband, Erin Eisenbrown Hester and Paul Hester of Christiansburg; cousin, Craig Eisenbrown of Christiansburg; and various family members throughout the state.

A graveside funeral service was held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, September 8, at the Providence Baptist Church Cemetery in Gloucester. E. Alvin Small Funeral Home and Crematory handled arrangements.

PATTIE DUNCAN HARRIS

FLOYD-Pattie Duncan Harris, 77, passed away Sunday September 11, 2005.

Survivors include: husband, Carlon Harris, Floyd; daughters and sons-in-law, Katherine and Butch Tanner, Copper Hill, Becky and Mike Cockram, Floyd; sister, Freeda Harris, Floyd; brother and sister-in-law, Milton and Ethelene Duncan, Floyd; grandchildren, Michelle Lytton, Shalena Conner, Aleesha Cockerham, Shawn Tanner, Shane Tanner; ten great-grandchildren; special nieces, Linda Gayle Sheppard and Sheila Janney. Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 13, at Topeco Church of the Brethren with Rev. Mike Varner officiating. Interment followed at Topeco Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

RUSSELL QUESENBERRY

WILLIS-Russell Quesenberry, 84, went to be with the Lord on Friday, September 9, 2005.

He was an Army veteran of WWII. Russell retired after over 21 years of service as a Floyd County School bus driver and housekeeper at Skyline Manor Nursing Home. He was preceded in death by: his wife, Rosie Ellen Cox Quesenberry; daughter, Judy Mae Crawford, parents, Jonah and Cora Ousley Quesenberry; son-in-law, Timothy Thurman; three brothers, Ernest Quesenberry, Cassell Quesenberry, Isaiah Queenberry; and two sisters-in-law, Delois Quesenberry and Sylvia Quesenberry.

He is survived by: two sons and daughters-in-law, Curtis and Dolores Quesenberry, Willis, Steve and Kay Quesenberry, Dublin; son-in-law, Jerry Crawford, Christiansburg, 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Chester and Mattie Quesenberry, Danville; sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and David Stilwell, Willis; sisters-in-law and spouse, Alma Quesenberry, Radford, Blanche Quesenberry, Indian Valley, Esther Cox, Radford, Lettie Dickerson, Radford, Madeline and Guy Hogan, Madison Heights; brother-in-law, Victor Cox, Radford; many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held Monday, September 12, at 11 a.m. at Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Kenneth Hopkins officiating. Interment followed in Big Sand Cemetery, Indian Valley. Military graveside rites by V.F.W. Grover King Post #1115 Hillsville. Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, handled arrangements.

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ROMEO FONTAINE

FLOYD-Memorial service for Romeo Fontaine will be held Thursday, September 22, 2005 at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Floyd at 1:00 p.m.

Fontaine, 87, of Floyd passed away on Saturday, September 17, 2005 after a long, full and properous life. He was born in New Bedford, Mass. and raised in Fall River, Mass and served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1944 during WWII. After returning from service he was employed by Pratt and Whiteny Aircraft and retired some 40 years later. After retirement he and his wife Florette moved to Floyd to enjoy the peace and quiet of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, is handling arrangements

CURTIS RAY GRAHAM

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS-Curtis Ray Graham, 68, formerly of Floyd, passed away Saturday September 17, 2005 in Hut-chinson, Kansas. He was preceded in death by his parents, Reva and Branson Graham, and sister-in-law, Margie Graham.

Survivors include: his wife, Nancy Graham, Hutchinson, Kansas; son, Curtis Ray Graham, Jr.; daughters, Debbie Graham, Keyna Graham, all of Hutchinson, Kansas; brothers and sister-in-law, Ralph Graham, Salem, Bill and Betty Graham, Roanoke, sisters and brothers-in-law, Margie and J.T. Morris, Shawsville, Catherine and Harless Sutphin, Bassett, Elaine and Billy Quesenberry, Floyd, and six grandchildren.

Funeral service was Monday, September 19, in Hutchinson, KS, with military graveside rites. A memorial service will be held Thursday, September 22, at 7:00 p.m. at Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren, Floyd,

conducted by Pastor Richard W. Thomas, Sr., and Bro. Dean Graham. Obituary courtesy of Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

V. IRIS GROSS NICKEL

LOS BANOS, CALIFORNIA-V. Iris Grossnickel, 82, formerly of Salem passed away Wednesday September 14, 2005. She was preceded in death by her parents, Brown C. and Donia V. Mabery, Salem, her grandparents, George and Dove Mabery, Floyd, and a brother, B.C. Junior Mabery, Salem. Surviving are: three daughters, two sons, and grandchildren in California, and two brothers, Larry Mabery, Salem, and Daniel Mabery, Floyd, and a special cousin, Cletes Mynes, Roanoke.

GOLDIE HURT

CLINTOWOOD-Goldie Hurt, 81, formerly of Floyd, passed away Thursday, September 15, 2005 in Dickerson Community Hospital, Clintowood.

Surviving are several cousins including, Gracie Gibson and Pearl Clermons, both of Floyd, and Harless Clemons.

Graveside funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, September 18, in the Sowers Cemetery with Mr. Mitchell Floyd officiating. Arrangements by Wood Funeral Home, Floyd.

WINSTON WILLIAM POFF

COPPER HILL-Winston William Poff, 89, passed away September 8, 2005 at the Lewis Gale Medical Center. He was a veteran of World War II.

He is survived by: his wife, Hilda U. Poff; son, Robert F. Poff and his wife, Brenda B. Poff, of Copper Hill; two grandchildren, Robb E. Poff II and wife Melissa of Copper Hill, Tracy Marie Poff of Chesterfield; two great-grandchildren, Austin Ryan Poff and Megan Elizabeth Poff; sisters, Edith Pearl Thomas of Floyd, Augustine Walton of Silver Spring, Maryland.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 10, at Wood Funeral Home, Floyd, with Reverend Burwell Baker officiating.

Interment followed in Restvale Cemetery.

BILLY LANE SPANGLER

FLOYD-Billy Lane Spangler, age 73, passed away Wednesday September 14, 2005.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Samuel W. and Hattie Harmon Spangler, and brothers, G.D., Velvo, and Dayton.

Survivors include: a brother and sister-in-law, Samuel W. Jr. and Regina Spangler, Roanoke; sisters, Juanita June Earles, Christiansburg, Annie L. Overby, Danville, Betty L. Keith, Floyd; sisters-in-law, Opal Britt, Floyd, Elsie Spangler, Floyd; many devoted nieces and a nephew.

Billy retired from the United States Air Force after many years of service and was later employed at the Radford Arsenal.

A private graveside service was held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday September 17, 2005 at Topeco Cemetery with Roy Turpin officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Floyd County Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 257, Floyd, VA 24091, or to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

DARLENE SAUNDERS STUART

CHECK-Darlene Saunders Stuart, 50 of Check passed away Friday September 16, 2005.

Survivors include: husband, William L. Stuart, Check; daughter, Lisa J. Saunders, Salem; son, Tony Saunders, Salem; sister, Irene Dunnville, Roanoke; brothers, James W. Saunders, Willis, John R. Saunders, Floyd; half-brother, Joseph Pack, Riner; half sister, Rebecca Whorley, Roanoke; step-daughters, Margo Stuart, Roanoke, Dawn Stuart, Serena Reed, both of Dumfries; step-son, Russell Stuart, Roanoke; eight grandchildren, Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, September 19, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Clinton Crump officiating.

Interment followed at Saunders Cemetery, Willis.

CAMEY P. WADE

WILLIS-Camey P. Wade, 83, passed away Friday, September 16, 2005. He was an Army Veteran of World War II. He was employed by Wills Ridge Supply of Floyd for over 40 years.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lola Bishop Wade, second wife, Gaye Buckner Wade, parents, Harvey and Dora Showalter Wade, and three brothers, Dan, Rommie and Ota Wade.

Survivors include: sons and daughters-in-law, Paul Wade, Sam and Pat Wade, Willis, Joe and Judy Wade, Christiansburg; step-son and wife, Paul and Peggy Buckner, Maryland; brothers and sister-in-law, Colen Wade, Indian Valley, Esker and Reba Wade, Copper Valley; sister, Lola Roy, Christiansburg; grandchildren, Travis Wade, Brittany Wade, Debra and Jeff Compton, Steve and Kim Wade, David and Julie Wade; great-grandchildren, Alex Compton, Camey Compton, and Morgan Wade.

Funeral service was held 2:00 p.m. Sunday, September 18, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. James Walker and Rev. Harold Cox officiating. Interment followed in Big Sand Cemetery. Flag presentation by Floyd VFW Post #7854 & American Legion Post #127.

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CLARYCE "JOHNNIE" CASH

FLOYD-Mrs. Claryce "Johnnie" Cash, 80, passed away at her home on Saturday, September 24, 2005.

She was born July 19, 1925 in Clifton Forge, the daughter of the late Morris and Lelia Faber.

She is survived by: her husband of 63 years, Frank Cash; son, Frank Cash Jr., of Lehigh Acres, Florida; daughters, Judy Batton of LaBelle, Florida and Sue Bankston of Charlotte, North Carolina; brother, Morris Faber, Jr., of Alexandria; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother, Calvin "Bo" Faber.

There will be no public service. Mrs. Cash's remains will be inurned at Arlington National Cemetery.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Floyd United Methodist Church or to the Floyd Lions Club, Floyd, VA 24091.

Arrangements by Wood Funeral Home in Floyd.

ROMEO FONTAINE

FLOYD-After a long, full and prosperous life, Romeo Fontaine died on September 17, 2005 at the age of 87.

Memorial service was held at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Floyd at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 22, 2005 with Reverend Philip Bouknight officiating.

He was predeceased by his brother Normand.

He is survived by: his loving wife of 65 years, Florette and five children, Romeo JR. and Wanda Fontaine of Apex, North Carolina, Jacqueline and David Doyle of South Windson, CT, Paul and Linda Fontaine of Floyd, Diane and Roy Sullivan of Tolland, CT and Florette and Guy Mozzicato of Ashford, CT. In addition he leaves behind three sisters, Juliette Gonsalves of Acushnet, MA, Doris Moore of Floyd, and Pauline DeFrancesco of Middleton, CT. His legacy lives on through 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grand children.

Born in New Bedford, MA and raised in Fall River, MA he served in the US Army from 1942 to 1944 in North Africa and Italy during World War II receiving a Bronze star for valor. Upon returning after the war was

over he moved his family to East Hartford, CT where he became employed by Pratt & Whitney Aircraft retiring some forty years later. Shortly after retirement he and Florette moved to Floyd to enjoy the peace and quiet and the picturesque setting of the Blue Ridge Mountains.
Born under the cloud of World War I, growing up during the Great Depression and serving his country during America's greatest conflict, he was truly a member of "The Greatest Generation."
Arrangements by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

SWANSON CLAUDE RADFORD

FLOYD-Swanson Claude Radford, 94, passed away Monday, September 26, 2005 at his home. He was preceded in death by a son, Harry Lee Radford, four grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. He is survived by: his wife, Ethel Radford; three sons and daughters-in-law, James Marvin and Carol Jean Radford, Leonard Paul and Sadie Radford, Roger and Sally Radford; daughter and son-in-law, Doris and Chris Dickerson; brother and sister-in-law, Brown and Verna Radford; eight grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral service was held 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 28, at Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, with Reverend Murray Agee officiating. Interment followed in Williams Cemetery.

MILDRED PAULINE THOMAS TURNER

WOOLWINE-Mildred Pauline Thomas Turner, 79, passed away Monday, September 26, 2005 at R.J. Reynolds Patrick County Memorial Hospital in Stuart.

She was born in Patrick County on February 3, 1936 to the late Carl Edmund and Pearl May Boyd Thomas. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Turner was preceded in death by her husband, Chester Turner, and one son, Stephen William Turner.

She was retired from R.J. Reynolds Patrick County Memorial Hospital, and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW and American Legion.

She is survived by: four sons, Aldred Turner and wife, Aylees, Albert Lane Turner, Oscar Turner and wife, Joan, and Mitchell Turner and wife, Shelly, all of Woolwine; eleven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and one aunt, Fannie Turner, of Woolwine.

Funeral service will be held Thursday, September 29, at 2:00 at Moody Funeral Home in Stuart with Reverend Luther Hopkins and Reverend Dewayne Troutt officiating. Burial will follow in the Turner Family Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Smith River Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 122, Woolwine, Va 24185.

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ALTON RAY BOYD

BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA-Alton Ray Boyd, 51, formerly of Floyd, passed away Saturday, October 1, 2005.

He is survived by: son, Shawn Boyd; daughter, Heather Boyd; brothers and sisters-in-law, Thomas Pat and Sylvia Boyd; sisters and brothers-in-law, Margaret and Fred Keith, Martha and Larry Turpin, Carol Setliff; Sue and Richard Howell; many nieces and nephews; and special child, Tracie.

A graveside service was held on Tuesday, October 4, at 2:00 p.m. at Williams Cemetery with Reverend S.G. Bolt officiating.

Mr. Boyd was cremated, and there was no visitation at the funeral home. Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, handled arrangements.

DANNY LEE KING

RADFORD-Danny Lee King, 57, died Tuesday, September 27, 2005 in a Winston-Salem North Carolina hospital after a courageous battle with Mantle Cell Lymphoma.

He was an employee of the Radford City Schools and a veteran of the Viet Nam conflict.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Kathleen Wright Childress.

Surviving are: his wife, Brenda Tolbert King, Radford; two children, Jared King and Kelly King, of the home; his sons, Frank King and his son, Brandon, Radford and Gregory (Jennifer) King and their children, Erika, Lacey, Emily and Sara, all of Stuarts Draft; his father, Frank (Edna) King, Bedford; brother, Eddie (Nancy) King, Radford; two sisters, Lela Gayle (Dean) Hogan, Christiansburg, Deborah King, Radford; two half brothers, Ricky Childress, Christiansburg and Benny Childress, Shawsville; half sister, Rita Faye (Doug) Carter, Christiansburg.

Funeral service was held 11 a.m. Saturday, October 1, at The First Baptist Church with Dr. Paul Lane, Reverend Tom McCue and Mr. Hosea Blankenship officiating. Interment followed in Hickman Cemetery with military graveside services by V.F.W. Post #776. Memorials may be made to the Danny King Memorial Fund for Jared and Kelly King, at any office of Blue Ridge Bank or Wachovia Bank.

Mullins Funeral Home, Radford, handled arrangements. Condolences may be sent online at dannys3kings@yahoo.com

ROLLIE CLINTON MARSHALL

INDIAN VALLEY-Rollie Clinton Marshall, 70, passed away Sunday, October 2, 2005 at Skyline Manor Nursing Home, Floyd.

Survivors include: son and daughter-in-law, William and Lisa Marshall, Myrtle Beach, SC; sisters and brothers-in-law, Leora and Orland Phillips, Eunice Phillips, Oleda and Robert Kenley; brother and sister-in-law, Marvin and Virginia Marshall; sisters-in-law, Sylvia and Mary Marshall; special friend, Anita Coleman; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday October 5, at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Vinton Quesenberry officiating. Interment followed at Captain George Quesenberry Cemetery.

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HAZEL JAMES SUTPHIN MOORE

HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS- On September 27, 2005, Hazel James Sutphin Moore (Mrs. Ernest Clifford Moore) passed away peacefully in her sleep after 97 excellent years.

She was born in Floyd County, at Narrowdale Farm, the eighth of nine children of Eliza Ann Hylton Sutphin and James Abraham Lincoln Sutphin, on March 17, 1908.

She took advantage of every learning opportunity and graduated from high school with honors. The poetry she learned as a child was with her 90 years later, and she could recite without error such classics as "We'll go no more a'roving by the light of the moon..." Hazel worked crossword puzzles in pen, and treasured her vocabulary.

In the 1920's, she met the love of her life, and she and Ernest began nearly 70 years of married devotion. Together they hiked, hunted, learned to bird as near-professionals, enjoyed their extended families, and ventured on some exciting trecks.

Purchasing a new Nash Rambler in the early '50's, they headed to the West Coast, telling their families that they'd not be getting mail, so any news, bad or good, would have to wait until they returned, and they ventured across country for a season's adventure.

She and Ernest were dedicated members of the First Christian Church in Roanoke. She voted in every election from the time she was 21, and her first Presidential vote (for Herbert Hoover) to her last (for George W. Bush) were all cast for GOP candidates.

Hazel was a major force in Republican organizations in Virginia until a tragic auto accident affected her vision and her health. While she could no longer participate as before, she supported the party throughout her life in many ways.

Her life spanned the century, from farm to city, and her passing is the passing of an era. Hazel's book, "The Hylton Genealogy: From Castle to Cottage" was begun in 1946 and completed in 1978, and has enjoyed two private printings.

Genealogy was one of her great passions, and she enjoyed the interest of "family" all over the county as well as that of other genealogists around the world.

Her love for her extended family led to her creation of a chain letter with all her sisters and brothers, which continues today with great-grandchildren as writers, keeping the family linked together.

Hazel was a talented writer, enjoying the written word and either typing on her old Underwood or writing in the elegant hand she had learned in childhood, throughout her life.

After Ernest's death, Hazel relocated to Texas, to live in Huntsville near her family.

Governor George Bush appointed her a "Yellow Rose of Texas" with a lovely plaque.

Those who bear witness to that life well lived are her nephew, David Weeks, who was her dear son throughout her life, his wife Kelly Weeks, and her grand-nephews, ZZ and Dylan, her niece, Ann N. James and her husband, Donald Holmquest, their daughter and her family, her many other nieces and nephews, friends and loved ones across the country.

Special thanks from all the family are extended to Robert Fernandez, Pat Oliphant, the Reverends Bruce A. Hay and Mark Pickett, the staffs of Huntsville Health Care Center, Odyssey Healthcare and the Carriage Inn for their many kindnesses and care for Hazel.

A celebration of her life was held at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home 1700 Normal Park, Huntsville, Texas, at 1 p.m. Monday, October 3, 2005, under the direction of Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, and her ashes will be interred in Virginia, next to her beloved Ernest, in July, 2006.

Anyone wishing to make a donation please do so either to the Huntsville Humane Society (Rita B. Huff Animal Shelter 418 Bearkat Blvd. Huntsville, Tx. 77340) or to the North American Butterfly Association (4 Delaware Road, Morristown, NJ 07960 or www.naba.org).

Memorial condolences to the family may be made on line at www.shmfh.com.

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ROGER DALE HARRIS

GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA-Roger Dale Harris, 66, passed away Sunday, October 16, 2005.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harles and Kate Harris.

Survivors include: his wife, Violet Hall Harris, Gainesville, FL; two sons and daughter-in-law, Alan Harris, Ashburn, Gary and Janet Harris, Roanoke; three step-sons and wives, Jamie Fisher, Gainesville, FL, David and Brenda Fisher, Christiansburg; Tony and Melissa Fisher, Defiance, OH; brother and sister-in-law, Phillip and Debbie Harris, Ashburn; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Katherine and Larry Zehner, Winder, GA, Brenda and Douglas Higgs, Christiansburg; seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, October 20, at Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Willis, with Elder Jay Harris, Elder Paul Williams and Dan Hall officiating. Interment will follow in the Church Cemetery. Visitation will be 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM Thursday at the Church. There will be no visitation at the Funeral Home. Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd, is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers the family wishes donations be made to any Hospice.

HAM C. QUESENBERRY

WILLIS-Ham C. Quesenberry, 87, passed away Thursday October 13, 2005. He was preceded in death by his parents; Chris and Mattie Quesenberry, and a sister, Dallas Dalton.

Survivors include: brothers and sisters-in-law; J. C. and Fay Quesenberry, Dylie and Virginia Quesenberry, all of Willis; sister, Treva Quesenberry Willis; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday October 16, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Norman Goad officiating. Interment followed at Turman Cemetery, Willis. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home.

JEFF J. RADFORD

LULA, GEORGIA-Jeff J. Radford, 67, died October 15, 2005. A native of Sophia, he was preceded in death by his father, Amos J. Radford.

Survivors include: his wife, Marthine Radford; son and daughter-in-law, David Jeff and Kerstin Radford, Oakwood, Georgia; daughter, Cammie Page, Lula, Georgia; stepson, Keith and Vanessa Sharpe, Statesville, North Carolina; mother, Lorene Radford, Floyd; brothers, Harry Radford, Willis, Jimmy Radford, Floyd; sisters, Betty Dickerson and Judy Bell, both of Floyd; grandchildren, Marshall Page, Jeffery Page, Samantha Radford, Kurt Radford, Nicklas Radford, Jan Radford.

A celebration of Mr. Radfords' life was held Saturday, October, 22 at 2 p.m. at the Gainesville Seventh Day Adventist Church. Pastor Maurice Witt officiated. Mason-Ward-Rogers Funeral Home handled arrangements.

CATHERINE F. TOLMAN

DAVIE, FLORIDA-Catherine F. Tolman, 70, died Wednesday, September 14, 2005 at the Florida Medical Center after a short battle with cancer.

She was born March 18, 1935 in Bangor, Maine, the daughter of the late George H. Tolman (Herbie) and Elizabeth Baron of Bangor.

Catherine was retired from Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and worked part-time at the Publix Supermarket in Davie, Florida and was well known there as the "Ever Ready Bunny". She enjoyed crossword puzzles, knitting, and spending time with her grandson. Catherine graduated from Scarborough High School in 1953.

Catherine is survived by: her sons Stephen Furbush and wife Rene of Selingsgrove, PA, Guy Furbush of San Jose, Costa Rica; daughter, Diann Diaz (Furbush) and husband Joe of Floyd. She also leaves behind her three grandchildren, Tina in Germany, Kurt in Florida, and Stephen in Indiana, her childhood friend Louise Durgin of Scarborough, Maine, as well as five sisters, and many nieces and nephews.

There was no public service at Ms. Tolmans' request.

The family requests that donations may be made in her honor to "The Women's Resource Center", PO Box 477, Radford, VA 24143

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ELVIN M. MARTIN

FLOYD-Elvin M. Martin passed away Wednesday, October 19, 2005 at Lewis Gale Hospital. He was born January 10, 1917 and resided in Floyd all his 88 years of life. Mr. Martin was the former owner of Martin's Heating and Refrigeration in Floyd for many years.

Elvin had a caring heart and desire to help others. He was the type of man who would get out of his warm bed to come fix your furnace at 2:00 a.m. with 4 inches of snow outside and a temperature of zero. Mr. Martin is survived by: his loving wife of 66 years, Frances P. Martin; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Paul and Barbara Martin, Floyd, Glenwood and Donna Martin, Christiansburg, Frank Martin, Floyd; one daughter and son-in-law, Norma and Edwin Conner, Copper Hill; two sisters and three brothers-in-law, Chlonetia and Arlie Thompson, Floyd, Mavin and Jack Steele, Greensboro, NC, Elmer Webb, Floyd; sister-in-law, Coreen Martin, Christiansburg; seven grandchildren, Sandy Huff, Teresa Martin, Stacy Martin, Tammy Martin-Whorley, Cindy Weaver, Cecil Martin, and Leisa Martin; seven great-grandchildren, Brandon, Rusty, Jackson, Robert, Courtney, Joshua and Chase; many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held Saturday, October 22, at 2:00 p.m. at Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, with Dr. Graham Mitchell officiating. Interment followed in Jacksonville Cemetery.

FRANCES S. WEEKS

BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA-Frances S. Weeks, 74, formerly a resident of Floyd, passed away Saturday, October 22, 2005 in Bainbridge, Georgia. She was the daughter of the late Clayton and Louannie Smith. She was preceded in death by one brother, Harry Smith.

She is survived by: three sons, Robert Weeks of Brinson, GA, Allen Weeks of Parker, AZ, James Weeks of Woodbridge; three sisters, Catherine Yopp of Shawsville, Mary Vest of Roanoke, Mildred Flinchum of Indian Valley; and brother, Howard Smith of Roanoke.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, October 27, in the chapel at Cox Funeral Home, Bainbride, Georgia.

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ALBERTA HALL AGEE

FLOYD-Alberta Hall Agee, 86, beloved mother and grandmother passed away Thursday, October 27, 2005 at her home. She was a member of Laurel Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Alvin Agee; parents, Alfred and Lillian Hall; sister, Emma Bowers; and brothers, Roy Hall, Martin Hall, Lewis Hall and Ernest Hall.

She is survived by: two daughters and son-in-law, Nancy and Randall Nolen, Floyd, Becky McBroom, Floyd; two grandchildren, Emily June and Sam Stephens, Floyd, Michael Agee McBroom, Floyd; sisters and brother-in-law, Lyndall and Billy Cole, Pilot; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Jack and Ruth Hall, Riner, Roscoe Hall, Pilot, Thomas and Louise Hall, Christiansburg.

Funeral service was held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, October 30, at Gardner Funeral Home with Elder Larry Hollandsworth officiating. Interment followed in Williams Cemetery.

Donations may be may to Williams Cemetery Fund in her memory at Williams Cemetery Fund, 931 Starbuck Road, Floyd, VA 24091.

JUANITA CASEY LAMPEY

FLOYD-Juanita Casey Lampey, 73, passed away Tuesday October 25, 2005 at the New River Valley Medical Center. She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard T. Lampey.

Survivors include: sons and daughter-in-law, Roger D. Lampey, Robert and Sharon Lampey, Lowell T. Lampey, William H. Lampey; daughters and sons-in-law, Sylvia and Benjamin Argabright, Wilma and Darrell Quesenberry; brothers, Sydney Casey, Earl Casey, Leonard Casey; sisters, Mary Pratt, Lena Posey; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, October 28, at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Robert Blackwell officiating.

Interment followed at the Spangler Cemetery.

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Friday, November 11, 2005

RALPH DEWARD TURNER

RICHMOND-Ralph Deward Turner,92, formerly of Roanoke and Floyd, passed away peacefully on Friday, November 4, 2005 in Richmond.

He is survived by; his loving and devoted wife of 58 years, Martha Lacy Turner; his son and daughter-in-law, Roland and Brenda Turner, of Richmond; his granddaughter, Jenny Hall and husband Andrew and a soon to be born great-granddaughter Zoe, of Brooklyn,N.Y.; his grandson and fiance Matt Turner and Jen Paszkiewicz, of Richmond.

Ralph was born July 31,1913 on a farm in Floyd County, a son of the late Cameron and Dora Wood Turner.He served his country during WW II as a staff sergeant in the US Army 29th division from 1941-1945 earning a number of commendations including the bronze star for heroism. Ralph was stationed for one year at Fort Meade, MD., then two years in England before commanding an amphibious vehicle (duck)landing on Omaha Beach during the D-Day invasion of Normandy, France.

He then went through France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany to the Elbe River where he met the Russians just outside Berlin.

After the war, Ralph returned to Virginia residing in Roanoke and working for Appalachian Electric Power Company (where he was affectionately known as "Big Wheel ")for 30 years retiring in 1975."Papa " was not only a devoted husband and father, but was instrumental in helping to raise and instill values in his two grandchildren.

Ralph loved gardening, hunting, fishing, watching stock car racing and telling a good joke. He was also generous with his time and always willing to help out a friend or neighbor in need. Ralph was a member of Windsor Hills Baptist Church.

Funeral service was held at Oakey 's South Chapel,4257 Brambleton Avenue, Monday, November 7, at 10 a.m. with the Rev. C. Lawrence Dodson officiating.

Interment with military honors by Floyd VFW Post 7854 and American Legion Post 127 will be in Harvestwood Cemetery, off Franklin Pike in Floyd County.

In lieu of flowers, Ralph requested that donations be made to the national D-Day Memorial Foundation,
PO Box 77,Bedford,Va. 24523.

LEONA FAYE BLAKE

With pix

FLOYD-Leona Faye Blake "Sis" Mamaw"-on November 2, 2005 God needed a special angel; more time on Earth was not to be; so God gently whispered, "My daughter...come unto me."

She was preceded in death by a son, Danny Joe Blake, daughters, Linda Carol, Faith Ann, and Vickie Gay.

Left clinging to cherish memories are: her children, Ronald Lee and Marcella Blake, Danville, WV, Sandra Kaye and the late Sidney "Wootsie" Hager, Madison, WV, Emma Jean and Roger Mills, Madison, WV, Jackie Glenn Blake, Floyd, Deborah Mae and Robert Reed, Floyd, Ricky Ray and Kim Blake, Huntington, WV; 13 grandchildren, Teresa Ann Cox, Jerry Dale Hager, Roger Dale Mills, Jr., Terri Lynn and Brian Dolin, Harold Keith and Christie Mills, Jodie Faye and Darrell Slusher, Sidney Thomas Agosti, Michael Shane Mills, Lynda Carol and Ed Snavely, Christina Faye Blake, Danny Joe Blake, Jr., Patricia Joe and Chad May and Aaron Wesley Shawyer and 13 great-grandchildren. She was a member of Floyd Church of God in Floyd.

Funeral service was held November 5, at 2:00 p.m. with Reverend Clyde Bishop at the Stevens Funeral Home in Madison, West Virginia. Burial followed in Family Gardens.

GORDON ANDREW DALTON

RINER-Gordon Andrew Dalton, 83, passed away Sunday November 6, 2005.

Survivors include: sons and daughters-in-law, Venston and Rhonda Dalton, Floyd, Norman Dalton, Christiansburg, William and Glenda Dalton, Indian Valley, Franklin and Shirley Dalton, Willis, Earl Dalton, Riner; daughters and sons-in-law, Mavis (Rean) and Warren (Bud) Cox, Willis, Mabel Boyd, Willis, Lareda Gay and Russell Quesenberry, Indian Valley, Wanda Jean and Ben Linkous, Dublin; sisters and brother-in-

law, Cassie Wise, Pocahontas, Minnie and Wilford Hensley, Ararat; 15 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren; several step grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday November 9, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Roy Turpin and Rev. Ronnie Sutphin officiating. Interment followed at Alderman Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home.

CONSTIENE LEWIS HORTON

PHILADELPHIA, PA-Constiene Lewis Horton, was born in Pulaski on June 21, 1921."Connie" as she was affectionately known was a member of New Century United Methodist Church. She was a graduate of Christiansburg Institute in Christiansburg she moved to Philadelphia in 1939. Connie married Charles Horton, Sr., to this union two sons were born, Charles Horton, Jr. and Woodruff Horton. Later on Connie joined Cornerstone Baptist Church and was a faithful and dedicated member, faithful to whatever she was called upon to do. She served as supervisor to the young adult choir and the Memorial Auxiliary. She was also a member of The Eastern Star. Another soldier of God has gone home.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Solomon Lewis and Ida Deskins Lewis; two sisters, Alfreda Wilson of Philadelphia, PA and Maria Penn of Pulaski; brother, Lewis of Philadelphia, PA. She leaves to cherish one sister, Lelia King and one brother, Walter Lewis of Pulaski; daughter-in-law, Dorothy Horton; cousin Berline Payton, Pulaski and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends; devoted friend, Gertrude Clinkscales and others.

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SAMUEL RANDOLPH (JUNE) CONNER

FLOYD-Samuel Randolph (June) Conner, Jr., 85, passed away Tuesday, November 22, 2005. He served in WWII with most of his tour in Burma. Mr. Conner was a dairy farmer all of his life.

He is survived by: wife of 58 years Rosalie T. Conner; son and daughter-in-Law, Jimmy and Virginia Conner; grandson Sammy Conner; brother and sister-in-law, Arnold and Lorna Conner; four nieces and nephews, Wayne Lipscomb, Sam Lipscomb, Pasty Watson, Margaret Morris.

Funeral service will be Saturday, November 26, at 11:00 a.m. at Gardner Funeral Home.

Interment will follow in Jacksonville Cemetery with graveside military rites by Floyd VFW Post #7854 and American Legion Post #127. Friends may call after noon Friday at Gardner Funeral Home where the family will be from 7 until 9 p.m. Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, is in charge of arrangements. Donations may be made to the Floyd County Rescue Squad.

ELLIOT DABINSKY

FLOYD-Elliot Dabinsky, 62, poet, photographer, and teacher, died Thursday, November 17, in Floyd.

He was born in Bronx, NY, and was predeceased by his parents, Eva and David Jacob Dabinsky, and a brother, Alvin.

After graduating from Rutgers University, he taught photography at Douglass College. Elliot delighted in the written word, enjoyed engaging conversation, and gave time and support to several community arts organizations.

He grooved on journal writing at Bollo's Café, as well as the Blue Ridge Country Dancers' Floyd contra dance and the Floyd Writers' Circle, c/o P.O. Box 81, Floyd, VA.

A poetry prize memorial fund is being established in his name, and a contra dance memorial is planned for Saturday, December 10, from 6 to 11 p.m. at Winter Sun in Floyd.

RICHARD IVAN "RICK" NOLEN

FLOYD-Richard Ivan "Rick" Nolen, was born September 15, 1958. He passed away at the age of 47 at his home on November 18, 2005. Rick was a member of Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren, and he was employed for several years by Valley Express Trucking Company.

He is survived by his wife, Melissa (Sherry) Nolen; three children, Christina Dawn Nolen, Carmen Danielle Nolen, and Lori Nicole Lyons; his father and mother, Ivan and Betty Nolen; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Michael Douglas Nolen and Sandra, and Darrell Kenneth Nolen and Kathy; special friends, Dan and Pam Wirt; five nieces and nephews; one great-niece and one great-nephew. Several aunts and uncles and numerous cousins also survive.

Funeral service was conducted at 11:00 a.m. Monday, November 21, at Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren with the Rev. Richard Thomas officiating. Interment followed in Beaver Creek Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

SADIE PHILLIPS MARSHALL

RADFORD-Sadie Phillips Marshall, 85, of Radford, passed away Saturday, November 19, 2005 at the Carilion New River Valley Medical Center.

She was a member of the Fairlawn Presbyterian Church. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother to her family.

She was a professional seamstress for 40 years and was very active in her church and volunteer work. She was preceded in death by her parents, Orbie S. and Elizabeth Phillips, and an infant son, Perry Lee Marshall.

Survivors include: her husband of 58 years, Quinton Ray Marshall of Radford; son and daughter-in-law, Ernie and Jackie Marshall, of Christiansburg; daughter and son-in-law, Angia and Wayne Hall of Radford; four grandchildren, Luke Brandon Marshall, Lance Ryan Marshall, Kayleigh Elizabeth Hall and Kameron Ray Hall; a special brother and sister-in-law, Kirby and Edna Phillips of New River; special sister, Okie McGuire of Radford; and many other family members.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, November 22, at 1:00 p.m. at the Fairlawn Presbyterian Church with Rev. Terry Woodard officiating. Interment followed in the Sunrise Burial Park in Fairlawn. The family requests that contributions be made to the Fairlawn Presbyterian Church Capital Improvement Fund. Mullins Funeral Home in Radford handled arrangements.

CHARLOTTE ANN MORRISSEY REID

COPPER HILL-Charlotte Ann Morrissey Reid, 92, died Saturday, November 19, 2005. She was known and loved by many as Nancy. Before moving to Roanoke Valley she lived most of her life in Dayton, Ohio and was the last living of 16 children. She was a longtime member of Our Lady of Nazareth Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herald Reid.

She is survived by: daughter and son-in-law, Barbara J. and Richard Holman; son, Roy Reid and his friend Nela, of Anderson, Indiana; thirteen grandchildren and many great and great-great grandchildren.

A funeral mass was conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, November 22, at Our Lady of Nazareth Catholic Church with the Rev. Msgr. Joseph P. Leham officiating.

Burial followed in St. Andres Diocesan Cemetery. Oakey's South Chapel, Roanoke, handled arrangements.

FRANCIS SINER SHOCKEY

COPPER HILL-Francis Siner Shockey, Sr., 86, passed away on Thursday, November 17, 2005 at Roanoke Memorial Hospital. He was born to Herman Clinton and Ethel Siner Shockey on August, 14, 1919 and was preceded by his parents, wife, Margaret Slaydon Shockey, and brother, Herman Clinton Shockey, Jr.

He was a member of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. He was a life member of the Floyd Masonic Lodge #329.

He assisted in the chartering of the Check Ruritan Club, of which he was a member and which was later incorporated into the Floyd Ruritan Club. He attended Virginia Tech, and during summer breaks worked at the Newport News Shipyard.

After leaving college he worked as Postmaster at the Copper Hill Post Office. He was employed by Sealtest and was a Dairy Farm Specialist for 35 years working from the Christiansburg plant. He was also employed in the same capacity by Kraft Foods in Independence. After working for 20 years, he retired in 1982.

He was instrumental in developing the first operator assisted telephone service in Floyd County and Bent Mountain. He surveyed, helped build and develop electrical service to rural customers in Copper Hill and Bent Mountain.

Survivors include: sons and daughters-in-law, Frances Jr. and Donna Shockey and Harold and Loretta Shockey, both of Copper Hill, Gary and Judy Shockey of Roanoke; eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law and nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 19, at Wood Funeral Home in Floyd with Rev. Greg Mills officiating. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery in Roanoke. A Masonic Service was conducted by Masonic Lodge #329 at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Wood Funeral Home.

Donations may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, C/O Kazim Temple, 628 Campbell Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24016.

ETHEL MAY SPENCE TURMAN

WOODLAWN-Ethel May Spence Turman, 85, passed away Saturday, November 19, 2005 at Forsyth Medical Center.

Surviving are: four sons and daughters-in-law, Junior and Mildred Turman, Dugspur, Dean and Hazel Turman, Mt. Airy, NC, David Turman, Willis, Elmer Turman, Riner; sister and brother-in-law, Nova and Hurley Turman, Willis; three grandchildren, one great-grandchildren and three step-great grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 22. Pastor Joe Quesenberry officiated. Burial was in Monta Vista Memory Gardens.

Vaughan-Guynn-McGrady, Hillsville, handled arrangements.

MARY LENA ADAMS WYCOFF

FLOYD-Our beloved mother Mary Lena Adams Wycoff, 78, passed away Tuesday November 15, 2005.

She was preceded in death by her parents George Burgeet Adams and Oradell Wash-burn Adams Arnold, brothers Wallace Adams, George Adams, all of Martinsville, husband, Wesley Arnold Wycoff, and son, Curtis Arnold Wycoff, both of Miami, Florida.

Mary Adams is survived by: son, Victor Adams Wycoff; daughters, Kalinda Wycoff, Katherine Wycoff Verity, Karen Wycoff Alen, Mary Jane Wycoff Morton, Melissa Wycoff, Wessena Wycoff Nock. Her family has expanded to include twenty-one grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Rev. Jyotic Minnich will preside at a celebration of her life by family and friends at the Sun Theater in Floyd, at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 26. Pot luck to follow.

Arrangements were handled by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

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Tuesday, November 29, 2005

MARY ANN SISSION

FLOYD-Mary Ann Sisson, 62, went to be with the Lord November 25, 2005. She was the daughter of Raymond and Sarah Frances Douthat of Roanoke. She was preceded in death by her father, Raymond Douthat, and by her youngest son, Lucien Ray Sisson.

She is survived by: her mother, Sarah Frances Douthat of Roanoke; husband, C. Reginal (Reggie) Sisson, Jr. of Floyd; son, Staff Sergeant C.R. Sisson III and his wife, Diana Cook Sisson of Salem, daughter,

Sonya Clay Sisson, St. Jacques of Richmond; granddaughter, Rosemary Ann St. Jacques and Rosemary's father, Steven R. St. Jacques, both of Roanoke.

She was born in Newport News and grew up in Salem. She graduated from Andrew Lewis High School and attended Roanoke College. She and her husband of 42 years operated a dairy and beef cattle farm in Floyd during the early years of marriage. She began kidney dialysis in 1979. Despite her illness, she continued to work as a personal consultant until 1982 when she established Sisson and Company, Inc. Personnel Consultants, which she operated until 2003. She was a devout and sincere Christian. Her faith, courage, strength, perseverance, and resilience inspired business and personal acquaintances alike.

We remand the custody of our friend, wife, mother and Nana to our Heavenly Father. May she rest there in His care. The family wishes to thank the American Red Cross, the 7th Brigade of the 80th Division of the U.S. Army Reserve, and the officers and enlisted personnel of the Virginia Defense Force.

Funeral service was held Monday, November 28, at 11 a.m. at the Red Oak Grove Church of the Brethren with Reverend Elbert Lee Naff and Reverend Jimmy Cannaday officiating. Interment followed in the Red Oak Grove Cemetery. A memorial service was held Monday, November 28, at the Convenant Reformed Episcopal Church on Merriaman Road, S.W. Roanoke with Reverend Rodney Longmire officiating. Arrangements by Wood Funeral Home, Floyd.

ETHEL MAY SPENCE TURMAN

WOODLAWN-Ethel May Spence Turman, 85, passed away Saturday, November 19, 2005 at Forsyth Medical Center.

Surviving are: daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Bob Hunley, Hillsville; four sons and daughters-in-law, Junior and Mildred Turman, Dugspur, Dean and Hazel Turman, Mt. Airy, NC, David Turman, Willis, Elmer Turman, Riner; sister and brother-in-law, Nova and Hurley Turman, Willis; three grandchildren, one great-grandchildren and three step-great grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 22. Pastor Joe Quesenberry officiated. Burial was in Monta Vista Memory Gardens.

Vaughan-Guynn-McGrady, Hillsville, handled arrangement

ELREE HANCOCK WOOD

FLOYD-Elree Hancock Wood, 92, passed away Tuesday, November 29, 2005.

She was born June 30, 1913, to the late Simon Thomas and Lillie Burgess Hancock. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for 74 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur B. Wood, in 1981. She was also preceded in death by her seven brothers and sisters.

She is survived by: three daughters and two sons-in-law, Ardena Pratt, Floyd, Gertrude and Coy Vipperman, Meadows of Dan, Geneva and Carl Belcher, Meadows of Dan; son and daughter-in-law, Dwight and Sarah Wood, Floyd; thirteen grandchildren, Joan Starkey, Joel Pratt, Jewel Phillips, Gail Vipperman, Ellen Poling, Rosemary Inman, Anita Epperly, Alicia Boyd, Alan Belcher, David Belcher, John Wood, Samuel Wood and Joseph Wood; 16 great-grandchildren, five great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, December 3, at Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, with Elder Edward Bowman, Elder Donnie Conner and Elder Tim McGrady officiating. Interment will follow at the Wood Family Cemetery.

Friends may call Friday at Gardner Funeral Home where the family will be from 6 until 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Floyd County Rescue Squad, P O Box 257, Floyd, VA 24091.

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Thursday, December 8, 2005

ARNOLD CONNER

MEADOWS OF DAN-Arnold Conner, 89, formerly of Floyd, passed away Sunday, December 4, 2005. Mr. Conner was a veteran of World War II, where he served in the Phillipines and Japan.

He is survived by: his wife, Lorna Conner; one step-son, Michael Belcher; one step-daughter, Rita K. Wood; three step- grandchildren, Jodi Hayes, Marcus Wood, and Jason Belcher; one step- great-grandson, Luke Hayes; five nephews and nieces, Jimmy Conner, Sam Lipscomb, Wayne Lipscomb, Patsy Watson, and Margaret Morris; two sisters-in-law, Rosalie Conner and Orlean Corbitt.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7, at Gardner Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with the Reverend J.C. Willard, Jr. officiating.

Interment followed at Jacksonville Cemetery with military graveside rites conducted by Floyd V.F.W. Post # 7854 and Floyd American Legion Post # # 127.

CLINTON EDWARD (BEAVER) GOAD

MARYLAND-Clinton Edward (Beaver) Goad, 61, passed away Friday, November 18, 2005 as a result of a logging accident.

He is survived by: his wife, Carolyn Parks, Goad; brother and sister-in-law, Roy and Ivadell Goad, Millington, Maryland; sisters and brother-in-law, Geneva Walker, Mt. Airy, North Carolina, Susie and James Overstreet, Willis.

GENTRIL LEE HIGGS

COPPER VALLEY-Gentril Lee Higgs, 75, passed away Tuesday December 6, 2005. He was an Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Shelton Higgs, and a sister, Lucille McDaniel.

Survivors include: son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Susan Higgs, Blacksburg; daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Sam Wade, Willis,Debbie Higgs, Christiansburg, Wanda and Terry Phillips, Eggleston; brothers and sister-in-law, Troy & Effie Higgs, Erbie Higgs, all of Copper Valley; sister, Margaret Lindsey, Houston, TX; grandchildren, Gregory Higgs, Jamie Higgs, Travis Wade, Brittany Wade, Laura Phillips, Corey Phillips.

Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, December 8, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. William Farmer officiating.

Interment will follow at Highland Memory Gardens, Dublin. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

MORRIS LENOX NOLEN

FLOYD-Morris Lenox Nolen, 87, passed away Sunday, December 4, 2005.

Mr. Nolen served in the military in World War II from November 2, 1942 to October 16, 1945. He was in five major battles as a medic and ambulance driver.

Mr. Nolen was preceded in death by his parents, Amos Cabel "Cab" Nolen and Sally Huff Nolen, and three brothers, Artice Nolen, Lewis Nolen, and Ed Nolen.

Surviving are: his wife, Lena Mae Nolen; two daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Jesse Atkins, and Betty Nolen-Cox and Lakewood Cox; two sons and daughter-in-law, Robbie and Wanda Nolen, and Mike Nolen; four grandchildren, Scotty Atkins, Jamie Atkins, Nick Nolen, and Wes Nolen; two step-grandchildren, Regina Webb and Justin Cox; four great-grandchildren, Shawn Atkins, Brady Atkins, Haley Atkins, and Evan Atkins; two step-great-grandchildren, Cole Webb and Caleb Webb; one sister, Marie Rakes.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 7, at Gardner Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with the Reverend Robert Blackwell and the Reverend Murray Agee officiating.

Interment followed at Jacksonville Cemetery with military graveside rites conducted by Floyd V.F.W. Post # 7854 and Floyd American Legion Post # 127.

MARY PERKINS RISACHER

WILLIS-Mary Perkins Risacher, 61, entered the masterpiece December 5, 2005.

She was born in Detroit, MI, July 8, 1944, grew up in Arlington. She attended Webster University, St Louis MO.

She was a member and co-member of the Sisters of Loretto since 1962.

She is survived by: her mother, Elizabeth Risacher of Morristown, TN, sister Linda Copp of Elora, Canada, brother Paul Risacher of Montreal Canada, and spouse Tony Equale of Willis.

Mary worked in Chile from 1970 to 1973 and in Honduras and Nicaragua 1981 to 1988. She worked as a home health nurse in Blacksburg and then as a social worker in Tekoa in Floyd Co. She was an instructor-administrator in the School of Social Work at Radford University from 1999 to 2005. She will be waked at Gardner Funderal Home in Floyd Wednesday, December 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. and at her home, 414 Riggins Rd, NW, Willis on Thursday, December 8, all afternoon and evening until 9 p.m. She will be buried in Big Sand Cemetery, Indian Valley, on Friday with a funeral service held in her home at 9 a.m. offered by the sisters of her community. Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, is in charge of the arrangements.

ROBERT NEAL SHELOR

FLOYD-Robert Neal Shelor, 80, passed away Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at his home.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 10, at the Presbyterian Church of Floyd, with Reverend David Taylor officiating.

Interment will follow at Jacksonville Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Maberry Funeral Home.

JUSTIN EMMANUEL SHOWALTER

FLOYD-Justin Emmanuel Showalter, 22, went home to be with the Lord on December 1, 2005 as a result of an automobile accident.

Survivors include: his parents, Jesse and Wanda Showalter, Floyd; mother, Delsie Christian and husband Jerry, Blacksburg; sisters, Linda Smith, Radford, Brenda Showalter, Indian Valley; brothers, Jesse Showalter Jr., Indian Valley, Lenny Keith Showalter, Woolwine; many beloved cousins, nieces and nephews; special great-nephews, David Micah ShowalterII, Jared Mahala.

Funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, December 4, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Ronald Lilly officiating. Interment followed at Capt. George Quesenberry Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home.

MARY ALICE WOOD

ROANOKE-Mary Alice Wood, 73, went to her reward on Sunday, December 4, 2005.

She was a member of West Side Church of Christ in Salem.

Surviving are: her husband of 50 years, W.J. Wood; son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Bonnie Sue Wood; daughter, Martha Wood, all of Roanoke; brother and sister-in-law, D. Worth and Mary Lucas, Floyd; sister, Virginia Dell DeHart, Christiansburg; grandchildren, Michael Davidson, Tammy Blankenship; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held at Oakey's South Chapel, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7. Eddy Gilpin officiated. Interment followed in Jacksonville Cemetery in Floyd. Memorials may be made to West Side Church of Christ, 1705 Starview Drive, Salem, VA 24153.

The family would like to thank Dr. Compton and nurses Beth and Theresa in the emergency room at Lewis Gale Hospital and also Roanoke Lifesaving Crew #4.

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The Floyd Press
Tuesday, December 20, 2005

DELPHIA FAYE KEITH

FLOYD-Delphia Faye Keith, 73, passed away Thursday, December 8, 2005.

She is survived by: her husband of 55 years, Elmer A. Keith; two sons and daughter-in-law, Howard Keith, Larry and Susan Keith, all of Floyd; daughter, Lisa Keith, Floyd; two grandchildren, Amanda and Matthew Hamlett, Altavista, Albert and Sarah Keith, Floyd; great-granddaughter, Serena Michelle Keith; two sisters and brother-in-law, Frances Harris, Stuart, Phyllis and Ellis Mann, East Bend, North Carolina; two brothers and sister-in-law, Dennis Alderman, Floyd, Gary and Carol Alderman, Glendale, Kentucky; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 11, at Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, with Reverend Ralph Duncan and Reverend Roy Turpin officiating.

Interment followed in Topeco Cemetery.

IRENE PETERS POFF

CHECK- Irene Peters Poff, age 95, passed away Wednesday, December 7, 2005.

She was a retired elementary school teacher.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alvin J. Poff, and daughter, Cheryle Reed.

Survivors include: son and daughter-in-law, Jake and Barbara Poff, Check; grandchildren, Michael Poff, Sterling, Misty Griffin, Floyd, Todd Reed, Roanoke, Scott Reed, Salem; great-grandchildren, Reed and Addie Griffin, Floyd, Alex and Jayna Reed, Roanoke, Justin Smith, Radford; sister-in-law, Hazel Peters; son-in-law, Menis Reed.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 11, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Pete Bain officiating.

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

NANCY LINKOUS RITTER

FLOYD-Nancy Linkous Ritter, 71, passed away Monday, December 12, 2005.

She was preceded in death by her precious son, Robert L. (Robby) Ritter.

Surviving are her husband of 53 years, Robert C. Ritter; her children and spouses, Debora and Derwood Agee, and Jennifer and Danny Henderson; her siblings, Mary Ann Largen, and Robert Linkous; her grandchildren and spouses, Stacey and JoAnn Mullins, Missy and Darrell Keith, Tenia and David Salmons, Travis and Stacy Mullins, Brad Mullins, and Ryan and Courtney Delaney; great-grandchildren, Dillon Keith, Austin Keith, Katrina Salmons, Daniel Mullins, Kimberly Mullins, Britny Mullins, Rheannon Mullins, Ryan Delaney, Jr., Jackson Delaney, Caelen Delaney, Christopher Ramey, and Katelynn Housely.

Funeral service was conducted at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 14, at Gardner Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with the Reverend Robert Blackwell officiating.

Interment followed at Jacksonville Cemetery.

ROBERT NEAL (BOB) SHELOR, SR.

FLOYD-Robert Neal (Bob) Shelor, Sr., beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away peacefully in his home on December 6, 2005.

He was born April 26, 1925 in Floyd to the late Pelham and Ada Nolen Shelor.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Floyd.

After serving in the Navy during World War II, he married the late Mary Lou Slusher Shelor.

He is predeceased by brothers P.L. and Dawson Shelor, and sister, Irma Jean Pickeral.

He is survived by: three children: Robert Shelor, Jr. and wife Beth of Floyd, Ellen Arndt and husband Wolfgang of Marshall, NC, Susan Williams and husband Paul of Roxboro, NC.; sister Betty Rae Shelor of Salem; five grandchildren, Holly Williams Petrilli, Nathan Williams, Suta Schramm, Adam Arndt, Katherine Shelor Ferguson; four great-grandchildren, Elizabeth and Maggie Ferguson, Mark Petrilli, and Sheila Williams.

He will be missed by his long-time friend and business partner, Jim Casteel, and all of Mary Lou's siblings, who were like brothers and sisters to him.

He was known from his youth for his mechanical ability. In the Navy, he received training as an electronic technician.

He was stationed in Norfolk, where he refurbished combat-damaged aircraft.

He started his business, Bob's Radio and TV, with one television set to sell.

Over the years he visited almost every home in Floyd County and was friends with all his customers. He earned many awards from RCA including trips to Italy and the Caribbean and was recognized twice for having the greatest sales per capita in the state of Virginia. He retired from his business in 1990 with the death of his beloved wife.

He continued to travel and spent his winters in Fort Meyers, Florida until the past few years.

Bob loved his family and friends and they in turn loved him and will always miss his wit and warmth. He was a gentleman to all who know him.

The funeral was held at The Presbyterian Church of Floyd on Saturday, December 10, at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. David Taylor officiating.

Interment followed at Jacksonville Cemetery .

Full military rites were conducted by Floyd VFW Post # 7854 and the American Legion Post #127.

NANNIE HYLTON WADE

WILLIS-Nannie Hylton Wade, age 95, passed away Tuesday, December 6, 2005.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon Wade, and five sisters.

Survivors include: son, Melvin L. Wade, Willis; grandson, Wayne Shockley and wife Kim, Lewisburg, WV; great-grandson, Marcus Shockley, West Virginia; several nieces, nephews and special friends.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, December 9, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Norman Goad officiating.

Interment followed at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

LOUIS ALBERT WARNER, JR.

FLOYD-Louis Albert Warner, Jr. 73, passed away Friday, December 9, 2005 at Montgomery Regional Hospital.

Mr. Warner retired from the Baltimore City Fire Department after thirty years of service.

Survivors include: two sisters, Helen Virginia Cruise, Check, Sylvia Heidelbach, Waynesboro.

A memorial service was held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 13, at The Maberry Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dave Holiday officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family suggested donations be made to the Floyd County Volunteer Fire Department PO Box 33, Floyd, VA 24091.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

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The Floyd Press

Thursday, December 22, 2005

ETHELIN SUMPTER AKERS

GALAX-Etheline Sumpter Akers (Mrs. Alonzo Akers), 80, passed away Sunday, December 4, at the Waddell Nursing Center of Galax.

She was the only child of the late William R. Sumpter (Willy) and Lillie Reed Sumpter, born January 17, 1925, in Floyd County. Etheline had lived all of her life on the Sumpter Farm at the junction of Dodd's Creek and Little River where the first Sumpters settled in Floyd County.

Mrs. Akers was a loving daughter, wife, mother and grandmother. She was a graduate of Floyd High School but spent her life as a homemaker.

She is survived by: her husband, Alonzo Akers, daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Jassen Jones, Galax; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Ethelene is survived by several Sumpter first cousins,

one being Geraldine Dickerson Larson of Arlington, formerly of Floyd. She was also the first cousin of the late Curtis Sumpter, Floyd County Commonwealth Attorney.

The funeral service was conducted by Reverend Richard W. Thomas of The Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren at Vaughn-Quinn Funeral Home, Galax, with interment in the family plot at Jacksonville Cemetery in Floyd.

KYLE VENSON BOLT

WILLIS-Kyle Venson Bolt, age 80, of Willis passed away Wednesday, December 14, 2005. He was a retired lumberman and farmer.

He is survived by: his wife of 57 years, Beulah W. Bolt, Willis; son, Mark V. Bolt, Willis; daughter, Rebekah Bolt, Rocky Mount; granddaughter, Nikki Bolt, Floyd; sister and brother-in-law, Betty Jean and Melvin Alderman, Narrows; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 17, at Topeco Church of the Brethren, Floyd, with Rev. Mike Varner officiating. Interment followed at Topeco Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

DONNIE COMBS

SPARTA, NC - Donnie O. Combs, 51, passed away Thursday, December 15, 2005.

As a boy Donnie lived at Joy Ranch Children's Home, as did several of his sisters and brothers, including Bobby Combs of Floyd. Donnie is also survived by: three other brothers, James, Donald and Joe; three sisters, Jessie Hill, Lita Faye Sawyers, and Darlene Baker; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, December 17, at 2:00 p.m. at the Vaughn-Guynn-McGrady Funeral Home Chapel in Hillsville. Rev. Dustin Montgomery officiated. Interment was in the Smith Cemetery.

SYLVIA KATHLEEN THOMPSON COX

INDIAN VALLEY-Sylvia Kathleen Thompson Cox, 83, passed away Friday, December 16, 2005. She was a member of the Indian Valley Church of God, where she not only served the Lord, but she served the people of the church and community with her kindness and generosity. She was preceded in death by her husband, Coy Cecil Cox, four sisters, Daphnia Turman, Ocie Moore, Odell Phillips and Bertie Huff, two brothers; Ernest and Baxter Thompson.

She is survived by: five children; Alfred Cox and wife Madeline, Willis, Reneda Shelton and husband Arthur, Christiansburg, Mary Helen Bolt and husband Jennings, Floyd, Vada Sarsfield of Roanoke, Bobby Cox and wife Peggy, Floyd. Also surviving are eleven grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren and two sisters, Vivian Goad of Indian Valley and Ivory Dalton of Radford.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 18, at Indian Valley Church of God with Rev. Kenneth Poston and Rev. James Walker officiating. Interment followed at Captain George Quesenberry Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

THOMAS LANDON PETERSON

BELLA VISTA, ARKANSAS-Thomas Landon Peterson, Sr., 47, of Bella Vista, Arkansas, and formerly of Willis, passed away Wednesday, December 14, 2005 in Springdale. Mr. Peterson was born November 2, 1958 in Dolton, IL. He was the son of Ernest Landon and Violet Lee Ballinger Peterson. Mr. Peterson was employed by Aflac Insurance Company in Springdale, Arkansas. He earned his B.S. in Business Administration in 1985 at Evansville University in Evansville, IN. He attended John Brown University in Siloam Springs from 1976-79. In 2003 Mr. Peterson ran as the Republican candidate for the 20th State Senate District in Virginia. He previously worked for the Illinois Farm Bureau Co-op; he was a top producing Financial Services Planner for American Express, and a National Account Manager for AT&T. He was also a business consultant for PepsiCo., Lutheran Brotherhood, and Disney/ABC on sales, training and telecommunications. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Bentonville-Bella Vista Chamber of Commerce, Republican Party, Arkansas Insurance Dept.; the Methodist Church and the North American Fishing Club.

He is preceded in death by his father, Ernest Landon Peterson, who passed away in 1975, and his maternal grandmother, Bessie Ballinger, who passed away in 2004.

He is survived by: children Thomas Landon Peterson, Jr. of Bella Vista; Stephen Peterson of Overland Park, KS and Stephanie Peterson of Overland Park, KS; mother, Violet Lee Peterson Cropper of Bella Vista; brothers, Melvin Peterson of Monee, IL; Bill Peterson of Fairbury, IL; sister Laura Cousins of Bella Vista, AR.

Funeral service was conducted at 2:00 p.m. Monday, December 19 at Benton County Funeral Home with Pastor David Hadsell officiating. Interment followed in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Chicago, IL. Arrangements by Benton County Funeral Home, Rogers, AR.

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The Floyd Press
Thursday, December 29, 2005

GORDON F. OGRAM SR.

FLOYD - Dr. Gordon F. Ogram MD, 84, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, December 24, 2005, at Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Melvin Ogram, of Youngstown, Ohio.

Dr. Ogram was born March 14, 1921, in Youngtown, Ohio.

He was a graduate of Wittenburg University and the Ohio State University School of Medicine.

Dr. Ogram served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Following the war he served in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Dr. Ogram retired as Ohio Commissioner of Mental Health and as a Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve.

He was a longtime volunteer at Floyd Elementary School.

Surviving are: his wife of 61 years, Doris Ogram; daughter, Beverley (John) Martinkosky, Floyd; granddaughter, Jessica Martinkosky, Goucheater Point; grandson, Luke Martinkosky, Richmond; son, Jeffrey (Victoria) Ogram, Key West, Fla.; grandson, Garrett Ogram; daughter, Carolyn (David) Gerdeman, Oriental, N.C.; granddaughters, Carly Gerdeman, Columbus, Ohio; and Paula Gerdeman, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; daughter, Hallie (Pete) Bispo, Madera, Calif.; grandson, Martin Bispo; brothers, Robert Ogram, San Diego, Calif.; and James Ogram, Poland, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.

Funeral service will be private.

Arrangements were handled by Simpson Funeral Home & Crematory, 540-366-0707.

THERON ARSTON PHILLIPS

FLOYD - Theron Arston Phillips, 83, passed away Friday December 23, 2005.

He was a World War II Veteran with the 80th Infantry Division and held detach service to 12 corp HQ, War Room Guard. He served as M.P., chauffeur, barber & whatever was needed. He was a Lifetime member of the Hillsville VFW Post 1115. He was a lifelong truck driver, self employed for the most part. He began driving at 15 years old in WV. His most important jobs were son, brother, husband, daddy & papa.

He was preceded in death by his parents John S. & Sarah "Dolly" T. Phillips; and siblings, Cecil Astor Phillips, Clinton F. Phillips, Ina P. Harris, Zola P. Duncan, Essie Bea Phillips, Reva Phillips, Rheda Phillips & Ruth Phillips.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Martha Agnes Phillips; daughters and sons-in-law, Patsy Phillips & Jack Whitacre; Peggy P. & Joseph Quesenberry; Dolly P. Conner; and Nancy P. & Kenny Page; grandchildren, Kristen Howell; Emily Q. Kaylor & husband Joey; Zachary Conner; Joshua Conner; and Jacob Phillips; great-grandchildren, Mikey Howell and Brittney Howell; sisters, Olivia Gardner and Trudy Slaughter and numerous beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Monday December 26, 2005 at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Michael Pugh & Rev. Garry Rapp officiating & Military Rites by Hillsville VFW Post 1115. Interment followed at White Rock Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the White Rock Church of the Brethren Building Fund or the charity of your choice.

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Thursday, January 5, 2006

VIVIAN VIRGINIA THOMPSON GOAD

WILLIS-Vivian Virginia Thompson Goad, 87, passed away Friday, December 30, 2005 at her home. She was preceded in death by her father, Greenville Carell Thompson, mother, Inez Graham Thompson, son, Wayne Conley Goad, brothers, Ernest Thompson, Baxter Thompson, sisters, Daphna Turman, Sylvia Cox, Bertie Huff, Odell Phillips, and Ocie Moore.

Vivian was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister.

She is survived by: husband, Nellis Heath Goad, daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce Quesenberry, Willis, Maybellene and Clinton Smythers, Hillsville, Linda and Frank Stanley, Bluefield; sons and daughter-in-law, Harlan and Corrine Goad, Roanoke, Leonard Goad, Willis; daughter-in-law, Virginia Goad, Radford; sister, Ivory Dalton, Radford; 24 grandchildren; 66 great grandchildren; 17 great-great grandchildren; two step grandchildren, six step great grandchildren and one step great-great grandchild.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m.. Monday, January 2, at the Indian Valley Church of God.

Reverend Kenneth Poston and Reverend Joe Cox officiated.

Interment followed at the Captain George Quesenberry Cemetery.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

MILDRED HOBACK GERBERICH

CHRISTIANSBURG-Mildred Hoback Gerberich, 79, passed away Friday, December 30, 2005.

She was born in Floyd County and married her high school sweetheart, George Gerberich, who preceded her in death.

With her beloved George's help with the home and three girls, she earned her undergraduate degree from Radford College and continued with a graduate degree from the University of Virginia.

She worked as an educator in various roles and locations before retiring as principal of Floyd Elementary School.

After her retirement, Mildred spent most of her days tending to her expansive rose garden at her home on South Franklin Street. She was an American Rose Society Consulting Rosarian and greatly enjoyed sharing her beautiful roses with friends and family.

Mildred also loved the annual family beach vacations and collecting Santa Claus replicas and antique baskets. She was a long time member of Christiansburg Presbyterian Church and enjoyed her participation with the Stephens Ministry.

Although her life was altered by dementia during her later years, she will always be remembered for her vibrancy and zest for life.

Survivors include: three daughters and son-in-law, Suzanne and Dan Hamrick, Ellen Altizer and Debbie Gerberich, all of Christiansburg; four grandchildren and their spouses, Jocelyn and Scott Sanders of Christiansburg, Clay and Courtney Altizer of Starkville, MS, Ryan Hamrick of Farmville, and Whitt Hamrick of Christiansburg; a great-grandson, Mason Sanders; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Nancy and Charles Flippo of Floyd and Jane and Slim Crawford of Scruggs; and special friends Doris and Bob Abraham.

Memorial service was held Tuesday, January 3, at 1:00 p.m. at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford with Rev. Jerry Whitt officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to either the American Rose Society, P. O. Box 30,000, Shreveport, LA 71130-0030 or the Boy Scouts of America, Blue Ridge Mtns. Council, 2131 Valley View Blvd., Roanoke, VA 24019-0606.
Mullins Funeral Home in Radford handled arrangements.

RALPH ALLEN YOUNG

RADFORD-Ralph Allen Young, 72, passed away Saturday, December 31, 2005.

He was a retired Fireman from Radford Arsenal where he worked for 28 years.
He was an avid foxhunter for most of his life and will be missed more than words can say.

He was preceded in death by his son, Dale Allen Young, parents, James and Mattie Young, three brothers, Kenneth Young, James Young, and Ray Young, and three sisters, Mae Willard, Alice Whitworth and Nettie Dowdy.

Survivors include: his wife of 51 years, Edna Q. Young; daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Raymond Epperly; grandchildren, Travis Young and Amanda Epperly; four sisters, Pearl Simmons, Lake Bishop, Mary Akers and Ruby Epperly. Many nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 3, at Gardner Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Michael Pugh and Reverend Roy Turpin officiating.

Interment followed at Captain George Quesenberry Cemetery.
Arrangements are being handled by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

HOPE MICHELLE VEST

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C.-

Hope Michelle Vest, 28, formerly of Pilot, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, December 24, 2005. She was born December 30, 1976.

Her family includes: her father and mother, Sammy and Carolyn Vest, Myrtle Beach, S.C.; her brother and his wife, Michael and Brenda Vest, Floyd; her grandparents, Dolly Vest and the late Otha Dean Vest, Pilot; L.C. and the late Ethelene Vest, Floyd; a late step-grandmother Gladys Vest; her aunts and uncles, Clinton and Diann Conner, Danny and Cindy Vest, Dave and Cindy Robertson and Tim Vest; her step-aunt and uncles, Ray and Linda Turpin and Donnie Cromer; niece Megan Weeks; nephew Morgan Abe; and lots of cousins and extended family members. Two favorite pets, Millie and Tiger, also survive.

Hope was raised in Virginia, and moved to Myrtle Beach with her parents 10 years ago. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

A memorial service was conducted 8 p.m. Tuesday, December 27, 2005, at Gardner Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Richard Gregory officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Diabetes Association. Arrangements were handled by Gardner Funeral Home.

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MARTHA HARDY DIXON BOVINET

FLOYD-Martha Hardy Dixon Bovinet, 83, passed away on January 6, 2006 in her home at Oak Haven in Floyd, following a long illness.

Originally from North Carolina, she graduated with her Master's in Social Work from UNC-Chapel Hill. She served the community of Lenoir County for 35 years in the Department of Social Services, and retired as its Director. She moved to Floyd four years ago to be near family.

She is survived by: two daughters and son-in-law, Alta Pickford of Floyd and Ed and Leigh Kramer of Blairstown, New Jersey; five grandchildren, Asa Pickford and partner Emily Williamson, Zach Pickford and

partner, Erin Coffin of Floyd, Edward Erik, and Caroline Kramer of Blainstown, New Jersey; three great-grandchildren, Isaiah, Ethan and Indigo Pickford of Floyd.

A memorial service was held at Oak Haven on Tuesday, January 10, with Reverend Tom Rice, hospice Chaplain, and Reverend Phyllis Spiegel of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Christiansburg attending. A memorial service at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Kinston, North Carolina is planned for the spring. The family would like to thank all the staff at Oak Haven Assisted Living as well as the special friends in the community that have helped so much in giving care and service.

Arrangements by Wood Funeral Home, Floyd.

WALTER SHELTON GILLESPIE

FLOYD-Walter Shelton Gillespie, 96, died December 31, 2005, at Skyline Manor in Floyd. He was preceded in death by: his first wife, Nancy Harman Gillespie (1987); his second wife, Toye Hale Gillespie (2000); and his son, Wayne Gillespie (2004).

Survivors include: one daughter, Margaret Murphy, Lake Forest, California; a daughter-in-law, Kam Gillespie, Oakland, Maryland; five grandchildren: Kristy Murphy Kenneth and spouse David Kenneth, Redondo Beach, California; Shane Murphy, Santa Barbara, California; Haley Gillespie, Oakland, Maryland; and Patricia Gillespie and Gordon Gillespie, Udenheim, Germany; and two stepsons, David Hale and spouse Dot of Riner, and Paul Hale and spouse Susan of Radford.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 5, at Maberry Funeral Home, with the Rev. Jimmy Cannaday officiating.

Burial followed in the Topeco Cemetery. A resident of Floyd since 1945, he worked for many years at Hercules Powder Plant in Radford while continuing to maintain his farm on Route 221. He was known by friends and neighbors for: his love of fishing; his delight in giving away his home-grown melons; his devotion to Bible study and teaching; and his unquenchable spirit. Special recognition and gratitude go to Diane Wimmer, who has been his helper and caregiver for the past ten years. Acknowledged also are the following for their invaluable friendship and assistance: Kermit Grim, David Hale, Grant Belcher, Rosemary Wyman, Dr. Susan Osborne, and the staff at Skyline Manor.

In lieu of flowers, donations in the memory of Walter Gillespie may be made to the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library.

TERESA ANN HOLMAN HAJEK

COPPER HILL-Teresa Ann Holman Hajek, 45, is now resting with her Granddaddy Reid and Grandmother "Big." She was the "Middle Twin" of six siblings, and a 1980 graduate of Floyd County High School.

She was married to David Hajek for 22 years, and was employed at Kroger on Brambleton Avenue for five years. She will be greatly missed by her co-workers and many friends.

She coached volleyball with the Floyd County Rec. League. Teresa was a member of Our Lady of Nazareth Catholic Church.

She is survived by: her sons, John Wayne Hajek and friend, Ashley Neighbors, and James Reid Hajek; parents, Richard and Barbara Holman; brothers, Mark Holman, Tommy Holman and wife, Lisa; sisters, Debra K. Holman; twin sister, Tina Holman Ferguson, Linda Morris, and husband, Sam; many close nieces and nephews; great-nieces and great-nephews; very special extended family in Texas, Annie Mae and Ernest Hajek and family.

The Mass of the Resurrection was at Our Lady of Nazareth Catholic Church at 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 10, 2006. The Rev. Msgr. Joseph Lehman officiated. Interment followed in St. Andrew's Diocesan Cemetery. The family received friends at Oakey's South Chapel from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2006. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Arrangements by Oakey's South Chapel.

GLEVE GENERAL HUFF

PAGETON, W. VA.-Gleve General Huff, 92, went to be with his Lord and Savior Dec. 21, 2005, with his family by his side, at the UVA Hospital in Charlottesville.

Mr. Huff was born April 29, 1913, in Carroll County, a son of the late John Daniel and Vercie Phillips Huff. Glevé was a gentle, caring and loving man who worked hard all his life to see that others were taken care of. More important, he was a child of God who loved to witness and talk about the Lord. Glevé had been a resident of Pageton for 57 years and was a retired coal-miner, retiring from Consol Coal Co. with 26 years of service in the mining industry, and was a member of the U.M.W.A. He loved his family and loved to tell stories to them. He was loved and respected by all his children and grandchildren and was a good daddy to them all. He was a member of the Conklintown Church of God. Glevé is now safe in the arms of Jesus, and now with his loving wife of 63 years, Ibra Edna Mitchell Huff, his parents and several brothers and sisters, who preceded him in death. Left behind to cherish his memories are: his children, Dexter (Selma) Huff, David (Mary) Huff, Patricia "Trish" (Charlie) Muncy, all of Pageton, W. Va., Tommy Huff, Sadie Moore, Betty (Leonard) Branscome, all of Hillsville, Lucille "Cleo" (Clyde) Bishop and Peggy (Bobby) Cox, all of Floyd; 17 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; four step-great-grandchildren; sisters, Ledlie Quesenberry and Ivalene Cox of Indian Valley; brothers, Zeb Huff of Willis, Curtis Huff of Christiansburg, and Erbie Huff of Indian Valley; and a host of family and friends. Funeral service was conducted on Saturday, December 24, 2005, at 11 a.m. at Craven-Shires Funeral Home in Bluewell, W. Va., with Rev. Kenneth Poston, Rev. James Walker, Rev. Clyde Bishop and Rev. Charlie Muncy officiating. Grandsons served as pallbearers. Burial followed in Woodlawn Memorial Park in Bluewell, W. Va. Craven-Shires Funeral Home in Bluewell, W. Va., served the Huff family.

JESSE ARTHUR REED

CHRISTIANSBURG-Jesse Arthur Reed, 75, of Christiansburg passed away Tuesday, January 3, 2006. He was preceded in death by: his wife, Essie Mae Jones Reed; and son, Stephen Ray Reed. Survivors include: sister, Vergie Weeks, Roanoke; granddaughter, Stephanie Reed, Christiansburg; step-grandson, Jacob Gilmore, Christiansburg; daughter-in-law, Karen Gilmore and husband Doug, Christiansburg special nephew, Michael Week, Danville. Funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 6, at Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren, Floyd with Reverend Richard Thomas and Reverend Jimmy Cannaday officiating. Interment followed at Beaver Creek Cemetery with full Military Rites by Floyd VFW Post # 7854 and American Legion Post # 127. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

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INDIA MORAN DEHART-CREASEY

WOOLWINE-India Moran DeHart-Creasey, 84, went to be with our Lord on Monday, January 23, 2006.

She was a member of Woolwine United Methodist Church, and she was a retired employee of R.J. Reynolds Memorial Hospital in Stuart.

She was preceded in death by her late husband, Carl Raymond DeHart, and her son, Henry Elvin DeHart.

She is survived by: her children and their spouses, Lawrence Melvin and Dee DeHart, Carl Eugene and Joyce Ann DeHart, Elizabeth and John Johnson, and Ruth and Larry Scott; her daughter-in-law, Jeannie Martin; five grandchildren, Booie DeHart, Hank DeHart, Marlin DeHart, John T. Johnson, and Tim Johnson; six great-grandchildren; one brother, Charlie Moran; and husband, William Creasey.

Funeral service was conducted at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 25, at Woolwine United Methodist Church with the Reverend Patricia Stover, the Reverend Bucky Hunsicker, and the Reverend Graham Mitchell officiating.

Interment followed in the Woolwine United Methodist Church Cemetery.

The family requests that donations be made in Mrs. Creasey's memory to the Smith River Rescue Squad, Woolwine, VA 24185.

Arrangements were handled by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

FRANCES YEATTS EVANS

FLOYD-Frances Yeatts Evans, 86, passed away Sunday, January 22, 2006.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Evans.

Mrs. Evans is survived by: several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was conducted at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 24, at Gardner Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Richard Thomas officiating.

Interment followed in Jacksonville Cemetery.

Arrangements are being handled by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

ELENA PENN

WILLIS-Elena Penn, age 91, passed away Thursday, January 19, 2006.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Penn, and her son, Joseph Penn.

She is survived by: a son and two daughters-in-law, Ronald W. and Nora Penn, Darlene Penn; five grandchildren and spouses: Ronald and Shelly Penn, Amy Penn, Melanie and Shawn Carter, Nathan Penn, Tiffany Penn; five great-grandchildren, Ronald Penn, Joshua Penn, Nicholas Grabar, Molly Grabar, and Logan Carter.

The family will have a private memorial service at a later date.

Arrangements by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

HESTER WEBB SAUNDERS

COPPER HILL-Hester Webb Saunders, 86, of Copper Hill passed away Saturday, January 21, 2006.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fendell M. Saunders.

Survivors include: a niece, Christeen S. Lewis, Roanoke; nephew, Sherley Stuart and wife Virginia B., Roanoke; sisters-in-law, Mabel Lester, Christiansburg, Pauline Young and husband Joseph, Elliston, Viola Claxton, Brooklyn, NY, Marie Wallace and husband Al, Columbia, SC, Augustine Saunders, Willis; brothers-in-law, Eugene Saunders and wife Susie, Bassett, James H. Saunders and wife Lucille, Willis.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 25, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Clinton Crump officiating.

Interment followed at Saunders Cemetery, Willis.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home.

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JAMES ERVIN DICKERSON

FLOYD-James Ervin Dickerson, 81, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, January 24, 2006.

James had been a longtime member of Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren.

He is survived by: three sisters, Essie and husband Branard Goad, Henry, Rosie Akers, Floyd, and Lula Reed, Bassett; brother, Roy Dickerson, Willis. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral service was held 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 27, at Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren with Reverend Richard Thomas officiating. Interment followed in Beaver Creek Cemetery.

The family would like to thank Skyline Manor Nursing Home and Hospice for their special care and kindness.

Arrangements were handled by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

ORBY LEWIS HUBBARD

HACKER VALLEY, WEST VIRGINIA-Orby Lewis Hubbard, age 90, formerly of Patrick County, passed away Saturday, January 28, 2006. He was born September 13, 1915, son of the late Thomas Alvis (Al) and Mary Etta Cockram Hubbard.

He was also preceded in death by: his first wife, Carrie Hubbard; brothers, Frank Hubbard, Luther Hubbard, and Earnest Hubbard; sisters, Ruth Hubbard and Anna Mae Burnette; and great-grandson, Joshua.

Survivors include: his wife, Ruth Hubbard; ex-wife, Violet Hubbard; sons, Coy Hubbard, Jackie Hubbard; daughters, Alreda Harvey, Geneva Huff, Sylvia Radozycki. Frances Hollandsworth, Mabel Agee; step sons, Lonnie Lake, Charlie Lake; step-daughters, India Mae Berkley, Zelma Fisher, Reta Brown; twelve grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren and oone great-great-grandchild; sister, Irene Marsiglia

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 31, at Skyline Pentecostal Holiness Church, Meadows of Dan, with Rev. Mac Cassell officiating. Interment followed at Mountain View Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

DOROTHY GAYE UNDERWOOD

MEADOWS OF DAN-Dorothy Gaye Underwood, 65, passed away Thursday, January 26, 2006.

Survivors include: parents, Buren and Treva Underwood, Meadows of Dan; brother and sister-in-law, Noel & Hilda Underwood, Willis; sisters and brother-in-law, Nelva Underwood, Floyd, Reva and Paul Shough,

Stuart; special friend, James Huff, Indian Valley; nieces, Regina Dalton, Tammy Eames, Angela Dulaney; nephews, Duane Underwood, Steve VanSutphin; six great- nieces, and four great-nephews.

Funeral service was held 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 29, at Slate Mountain Presbyterian Church, Meadows of Dan, with Rev. Mac Cassell and Rev. Kenneth Poston officiating. Interment followed at Slate Mountain Cemetery.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

ANNA BERTHA WILLIAMS

FLOYD-Anna Bertha Williams, 94, born August 27, 1911, passed away on Thursday, January 26, 2006.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Franklin W. Williams and sister, Margaret Spotts.

Those left to cherish her memories are: her only daughter, Carolyn M. Townsend, Floyd; sister, Eileen Westerfield, White Marsh, Maryland; brother, Pat Daily, Pennsylvania; six grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; ten great-great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The family of Anna Williams wishes to thank the nurses of intrepid, especially Cathy Weaver for her extra loving and caring that she gave Anna, and to the third floor at Montgomery Regional Hospital for their help and loving support. Also a special thank you to Dr. Jon M. Payne for his support and love shown to Anna and her family in her last days. A special thanks to Father Jim from Saint Mary's Church of Blacksburg for his warm prayers.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd is in charge of the arrangements.

MARY LORINE WOODS

BASSETT-Mary Lorine DeHart Woods, 74, passed away Friday, January 27, 2006. She was a native of Floyd and the daughter of the late James Mallie and Effie Belcher DeHart.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, William "Ed" Woods.

She is survived by: a daughter and son-in-law, Effie Woods and Douglas Lee Fain, Sr., grandson, Douglas Lee Fain, Jr.; sister and brothers-in-law, Lois DeHart and Marvin Spencer, Nerene DeHart and Ward Tolbert, Irene DeHart Duncan; brothers and sister-in-law, Delmer F. DeHart, Howard E. and Lily DeHart Sr.; sister-in-law, Pat DeHart, Dorothy DeHart and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 29, at Bassett Funeral Service Chapel with Pastor Bobby Rakes officiating.

Interment in the Jacksonville Cemetery in Floyd.

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MARTHA HARDY DIXON BOVINET

FLOYD-Martha Hardy Dixon Bovinet, 83, passed away on January 6, 2006 in her home at Oak Haven in Floyd, following a long illness.

Originally from North Carolina, she graduated with her Master's in Social Work from UNC-Chapel Hill. She served the community of Lenoir County for 35 years in the Department of Social Services, and retired as its Director. She moved to Floyd four years ago to be near family.

She is survived by: two daughters and son-in-law, Alta Pickford of Floyd and Ed and Leigh Kramer of Blairstown, New Jersey; five grandchildren, Asa Pickford and partner Emily Williamson, Zach Pickford and partner, Erin Coffin of Floyd, Edward Erik, and Caroline Kramer of Blairstown, New Jersey; three great-grandchildren, Isaiah, Ethan and Indigo Pickford of Floyd.

A memorial service was held at Oak Haven on Tuesday, January 10, with Reverend Tom Rice, hospice Chaplain, and Reverend Phyllis Spiegel of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Christiansburg attending. A memorial service at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Kinston, North Carolina is planned for the spring.

The family would like to thank all the staff at Oak Haven Assisted Living as well as the special friends in the community that have helped so much in giving care and service.

Arrangements by Wood Funeral Home, Floyd.

WALTER SHELTON GILLESPIE

FLOYD-Walter Shelton Gillespie, 96, died December 31, 2005, at Skyline Manor in Floyd. He was preceded in death by: his first wife, Nancy Harman Gillespie (1987); his second wife, Toye Hale Gillespie (2000); and his son, Wayne Gillespie (2004).

Survivors include: one daughter, Margaret Murphy, Lake Forest, California; a daughter-in-law, Kam Gillespie, Oakland, Maryland; five grandchildren: Kristy Murphy Kenneth and spouse David Kenneth, Redondo Beach, California; Shane Murphy, Santa Barbara, California; Haley Gillespie, Oakland, Maryland; and Patricia Gillespie and Gordon Gillespie, Udenheim, Germany; and two stepsons, David Hale and spouse Dot of Riner, and Paul Hale and spouse Susan of Radford.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 5, at Maberry Funeral Home, with the Rev. Jimmy Cannaday officiating.

Burial followed in the Topeco Cemetery. A resident of Floyd since 1945, he worked for many years at Hercules Powder Plant in Radford while continuing to maintain his farm on Route 221. He was known by friends and neighbors for: his love of fishing; his delight in giving away his home-grown melons; his devotion to Bible study and teaching; and his unquenchable spirit. Special recognition and gratitude go to Diane Wimmer, who has been his helper and caregiver for the past ten years. Acknowledged also are the following for their invaluable friendship and assistance: Kermit Grim, David Hale, Grant Belcher, Rosemary Wyman, Dr. Susan Osborne, and the staff at Skyline Manor.

In lieu of flowers, donations in the memory of Walter Gillespie may be made to the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library.

TERESA ANN HOLMAN HAJEK

COPPER HILL-Teresa Ann Holman Hajek, 45, is now resting with her Granddaddy Reid and Grandmother "Big." She was the "Middle Twin" of six siblings, and a 1980 graduate of Floyd County High School.

She was married to David Hajek for 22 years, and was employed at Kroger on Brambleton Avenue for five years. She will be greatly missed by her co-workers and many friends.

She coached volleyball with the Floyd County Rec. League. Teresa was a member of Our Lady of Nazareth Catholic Church.

She is survived by: her sons, John Wayne Hajek and friend, Ashley Neighbors, and James Reid Hajek; parents, Richard and Barbara Holman; brothers, Mark Holman, Tommy Holman and wife, Lisa; sisters, Debra K. Holman; twin sister, Tina Holman Ferguson, Linda Morris, and husband, Sam; many close nieces and nephews; great-nieces and great-nephews; very special extended family in Texas, Annie Mae and Ernest Hajek and family.

The Mass of the Resurrection was at Our Lady of Nazareth Catholic Church at 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 10, 2006. The Rev. Msgr. Joseph Lehman officiated. Interment followed in St. Andrew's Diocesan Cemetery. The family received friends at Oakey's South Chapel from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2006. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Arrangements by Oakey's South Chapel.

GLEVE GENERAL HUFF

PAGETON, W. VA.-Gleve General Huff, 92, went to be with his Lord and Savior Dec. 21, 2005, with his family by his side, at the UVA Hospital in Charlottesville.

Mr. Huff was born April 29, 1913, in Carroll County, a son of the late John Daniel and Vercie Phillips Huff. Gleve was a gentle, caring and loving man who worked hard all his life to see that others were taken care of. More important, he was a child of God who loved to witness and talk about the Lord.

Gleve had been a resident of Pageton for 57 years and was a retired coal-miner, retiring from Consol Coal Co. with 26 years of service in the mining industry, and was a member of the U.M.W.A.

He loved his family and loved to tell stories to them. He was loved and respected by all his children and grandchildren and was a good daddy to them all. He was a member of the Conklintown Church of God. Gleve is now safe in the arms of Jesus, and now with his loving wife of 63 years, Ibra Edna Mitchell Huff, his parents and several brothers and sisters, who preceded him in death.

Left behind to cherish his memories are: his children, Dexter (Selma) Huff, David (Mary) Huff, Patricia "Trish" (Charlie) Muncy, all of Pageton, W.Va., Tommy Huff, Sadie Moore, Betty (Leonard) Branscome, all of Hillsville, Lucille "Cleo" (Clyde) Bishop and Peggy (Bobby) Cox, all of Floyd; 17 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; four step-great-grandchildren; sisters, Ledlie Quesenberry and Ivalene Cox of Indian Valley; brothers, Zeb Huff of Willis, Curtis Huff of Christiansburg, and Erbie Huff of Indian Valley; and a host of family and friends.

Funeral service was conducted on Saturday, December 24, 2005, at 11 a.m. at Craven-Shires Funeral Home in Bluewell, W.Va., with Rev. Kenneth Poston, Rev. James Walker, Rev. Clyde Bishop and Rev. Charlie Muncy officiating. Grandsons served as pallbearers. Burial followed in Woodlawn Memorial Park in Bluewell, W.Va.

Craven-Shires Funeral Home in Bluewell, W.Va., served the Huff family.

JESSE ARTHUR REED

CHRISTIANSBURG-Jesse Arthur Reed, 75, of Christiansburg passed away Tuesday, January 3, 2006. He was preceded in death by: his wife, Essie Mae Jones Reed; and son, Stephen Ray Reed.

Survivors include: sister, Vergie Weeks, Roanoke; granddaughter, Stephanie Reed, Christiansburg; step-grandson, Jacob Gilmore, Christiansburg; daughter-in-law, Karen Gilmore and husband Doug, Christiansburg special nephew, Michael Week, Danville.

Funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 6, at Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren, Floyd with Reverend Richard Thomas and Reverend Jimmy Cannaday officiating. Interment followed at Beaver Creek Cemetery with full Military Rites by Floyd VFW Post # 7854 and American Legion Post # 127.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

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LANFORD (L.C.) AKERS

FLOYD-Lanford C. (L.C.) Akers, 81, passed away Saturday, February 18, 2006 at his home.

Survivors include: Hazel R. Akers, Floyd, daughter and son-in-law, Mae & Dexter Slusher, Floyd, son, Roy L. Akers and friend Debbie Johnson, Floyd, granddaughter, Tessa J. Akers, Floyd, great-granddaughter, Brianna J. Sutphin, Floyd; three step grandchildren and five step great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, February 20, at the Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren, Floyd, with Reverend Richard Thomas and Reverend Roy Turpin officiating. Interment followed at Beaver Creek Cemetery with Flag Folding Ceremony by Floyd VFW Post #7854 & American Legion Post #127.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

JAMES WILLIAM FRALIN, SR.

BENT MOUNTAIN-James William (Bill) Fralin, Sr., 71, passed away Friday, February 17, 2006. He was preceded in death by his parents, Byrd and Effie Fralin, brother, Ernest O. Fralin, and granddaughter, Jenna Lane Bunn. He was a member of Mount Olivet Baptist Church. He was a charter member of the Bent Mountain Rescue Squad. He was owner of Fralin Oil Company and Bill's Quick Stop and co-owner of Fralin's Produce of Bent Mountain.

He is survived by: his wife of 44 years, Rosalind H. Fralin; daughter and son-in-law, Dana Fralin Bunn and husband, John David Bunn of Newsome; son and daughter-in-law, James W. (Jim) Fralin, Jr. and wife, Ashley C. Fralin of Bent Mountain; brothers, Dwight L. Fralin and wife, Coco Fralin of Dublin, Alan Fralin and wife Ruth Fralin of Copper Hill; grandchildren, Peyton, Jamey, and Jacey Bunn, Rielly Fralin; special cousin, Eunice Hundly; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held at Chapel of Light in Evergreen Burial Park at 11 a.m. on Monday, February 20. Rev. Greg Fleshman officiated. Memorials may be made to the Bent Mountain Rescue Squad. Arrangements by Oakey's South Chapel.

COLEN CULBERT WADE

INDIAN VALLEY-Colen Culbert Wade, 91, of Indian Valley passed away Tuesday February 14, 2006. He was the Caretaker of Big Sand Cemetery in excess of 60 years and a retired Insurance Agent for Floyd County Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Survivors include: sons and daughters-in-law, Clinton C. and Brenda Wade, Christiansburg, Earnest and Pam Wade, Christiansburg, Jimmie and Ellen Wade, Roanoke; brother and sister-in-law, Esker & Reva Wade, Radford; sister, Lola Roy, Christiansburg; grandchildren, Melissa Weeks, Matthew Wade, Jennifer Wade, Amanda Wade; great-grandchildren, Branson Weeks, Chandler Weeks.

Funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, February 17, with Elder Larry Hollandsworth and Reverend James Walker officiating. Interment followed at Big Sand Cemetery. Donations can be made to Big Sand Cemetery c/o Clinton C. Wade, 2095 Geneva St., Christiansburg, VA 24073.

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MELVIN WAYNE ROY
CHRISTIANSBURG-Melvin Wayne Roy, 62, passed away Thursday February 23, 2006.

Survivors include: sons and daughters-in-law, Wayne K. and Janet Roy, Fieldale, Bobby L. and Casey Roy, Fieldale; daughter, Linda G. Roy, Bristol, TN; mother, Lola Wade Roy, Christiansburg; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, February 27, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Clyde Bishop officiating. Interment followed at Big Sand Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home.

WALTER ARNOLD REED
FLOYD-On Friday, February 24, 2006, Walter Arnold Reed gave up his fourteen-year battle with thyroid cancer and when the Lord called "Come on home", he answered his call. He put aside his fiddle and bow along with the other instruments he so enjoyed, to be passed on to his children to carry on our musical heritage.

His loving care and support of his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandson was above measure. His love and care for his pets and all animals gave him great comfort, and study of wildlife was also a favorite task in his everyday life. He has passed on his Christian love for others, his musical talents and love for life and family and friends.

Music was a driving force in his life and his family. It was enjoyment and fun, but also praise through the many wonderful songs of love. It was therapy for us and others who were musician friends. The ones we played for in the nursing homes always were so appreciative and loving.

A legacy of love, caring, music, giving and wonderful memories sustain us now. A vicious killer crept in our lives, but he fought a good fight with the help of so many others.

Now with aching hearts, this agonizing battle is finished, but we will go on knowing everything is in God's hands and in his time. His care is now committed to his loving Lord, where he awaits us to follow. God gave us so much for which we all are so thankful.

We want to thank so many who have helped us through this. There are so many friends, family, healthcare professionals, and many others much too numerous to name. They are all so precious to us, and know who they are.

Walter was born on January 18, 1930 to Homer and Ollie Duncan Reed, who had gone on to await him. He was preceded in death by his great-granddaughter, Ava Noel Conner, brothers Robert Reed and Paul Reed, and sister Amanda Reed.

He is survived by: his wife of 51 years, Erma Phillips Reed; son, Phillip Reed and wife Susan of Catawba; daughters Sharon and Donnie Cox of Willis, Donna and John Wikstrom of Christiansburg; granddaughters Amanda and Greg Conner of Willis, Alicia and Jason Slaughter of Radford; step-grandson Chris Wikstrom of Christiansburg; great-grandson Luke Conner of Willis; two Sisters, Pattie and Edsel Duncan and Virgie Sutphin all of Floyd. Many nieces and nephews who loved their uncle very much, and will miss him, also.

Funeral service were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, February 27, at Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren with Rev. Roy Turpin officiating. Interment followed in Pleasant Valley Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

This tribute was written by his son:

Our Father spent his entire life thinking only of how he could help his family and friends. He always put others first, with no regard for himself or his own comfort. He was the most selfless person I have ever known-Phillip Reed 2/24/2006.

LILLIAN EDITH GRAHAM REED

FLOYD-Lillian Edith Graham Reed, 82, was received fully into the arms of the gracious and loving Lord Jesus Christ on Thursday, February 23, 2006. Lillian passed with her husband by her side. A woman of gentle laughter and warmth, Lillian will be missed by her family and friends. She played the accordion and sang with her husband at many churches and on Floyd radio station WGFC for one-half hour programs on Sunday afternoon for many years.

She was born June 29, 1923 to the late William and Meda Graham. Lillian was also preceded in death by her sisters, Edna Alderman and Ibra Harris, and brothers, and Ed, Branson, Curtis and James Graham.

She is survived by: her husband of sixty-four years, Ola Peyton Reed; sister, Helen G. Altizer; many nieces and nephews; two special nieces, Frances Bishop, Judy Nichols, who helped with her care; special friend and caregiver, Catherine Pauley.

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 26, at Gardner Funeral Home with Rev. Dale Akers and Rev. J.C. Holden officiating. Interment followed in Jacksonville Cemetery.

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DR. ALBERT LEROY BAKER

ZIONSVILLE, IN-Dr. Albert LeRoy Baker, 66, passed away Tuesday, February 28, 2006.

Survivors include: his wife, Wanda Harmon Baker, Zionsville, IN; daughters and son-in-law, Carol JoLee Baker, Reston, Cheryl Lyn Baker Hayes and Alvin Hayes, Manassas; brother, Joseph Marston Baker, Hagerstown, MD; a host of loving family and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 6, at Topeco Church of the Brethren, Floyd, with Rev. Mike Varner officiating. Interment followed at Topeco Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

Memorial donations may be made to The Salvation Army or Topeco Church of the Brethren.

MARY HAZEL BOONE CONNER

COPPER HILL-Mary Hazel Boone Conner, 95, passed away Thursday, March 2, 2006 at her home.

She was born October 22, 1910 in Floyd County to the late Charles Emmett Boone and Mary Odessa Aldridge Boone.

She was a faithful and dedicated member of Stonewall United Methodist/Brethren Church, as well as, a generous and loving mother.

She was known for her beautiful quilts and bountiful meals served to relatives and friends.

Her husband, Oliver Noel Conner, preceded her in death in 1996 after 64 years of marriage, and she thought of him and missed him everyday. Also preceding in death were eight siblings, Andrew Boone, Alpha Link, Ella Poff, Vivian Board, Garnett Reed, Clifton Boone, Walter Boone and Clarence Boone.

Surviving are: three children and their spouses, Mary Frances and Fred Williams, Pulaski, Noel Boone Conner, Copper Hill and his former wife Kay Mitchell, Powhatan, Carol and Dale Whittaker, Pearisburg; seven grandchildren and spouses, Mary Leigh Williams, Dublin, Mark Williams, his wife Martha and daughter, Michelle, Mount Airy, NC, Brenda Conner Peyton and her husband Larry and their children, Jamie, Melanie, Mitchell and Juliann Powhatan, Jennifer Conner Plummer and her husband Keith and son Grayson, Mid-lothian, Rhonda Whittaker Gusler and her husband Mark and their children, Andrew and Molly, Pearisburg, Jeffrey Whittaker and his wife Regina and their children, Todd, Maegan, Channa, Rachel, Gracie and John, Goodview, Craig Whittaker and his wife Clara and their children Amelia, Susanne and Luke, Pearisburg; three sisters, Frances B. Lucas, Rocky Mount, Virginia B. Metzler, Salem, Peggy B. Ragland, Newport News; sister-in-law, Dare Vest Boone, Overland Park, KS; many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at Stonewall United Methodist/Brethren Church on Route 221, Floyd County with Pastor Dan Walker, Reverend Elbert Lee Naff and her nephew Reverend Layne Board officiating.

Interment followed in Wilson Cemetery, Check.

Memorials may be to Stonewall United Methodist Church, C/O Debbie Collins, 1613 Kings Store Road NE, Check, VA 24072 or Floyd County Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 257, Floyd, VA 24091.

Heartfelt thanks goes to Gentle Shepherd Hospice and all others who helped with her care during the past several years.

Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, handled arrangements.

JEFFREY V. PHILLIPS

TANEYTOWN, MD-Mr. Jeffrey Vernon Phillips, 47, died Sunday, February 26, 2006 at The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD, following a lengthy illness.

Born June 1, 1958 in Bluefield, WV, he was the son of Marlene Joan Dean Phillips of Bluefield and the late Vernon J. Phillips. He was the husband of Susan M. Phillips.

Mr. Phillips was a 1976 graduate of Bluefield High School. He learned his trade in glass and mirror work from his uncle's Hank, Steven and Tommy Dean.

He opened his own business in Maryland, Phillips Glass and Mirror.

He was a member of Grace United Church of Christ, Taneytown.

Surviving, in addition to his wife and mother, are: children, Jessica Mollard of Gaithersburg, MD and Matthew Mollard of Taney-town, MD; sister, Deana Lesa White of Clarksville, MD; nephews, Justin, Jesse and Jason and niece Amanda. He is also survived by numerous uncles, aunts and cousins.

A graveside funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 2, in the Phillips-Kesler Cemetery in Indian Valley.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pulmonary Hypertension Association, 850 Sligo Avenue, Suite 800, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Arrangements are Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd, and local arrangements were made by the Skiles Funeral Home, Taneytown.

LARRY DALE PHILLIPS

WILLIS-Larry Dale Phillips, 50, passed away Wednesday, March 1, 2006 at Carilion Cancer Center, Roanoke. He is now present with the Lord Jesus Christ after a long courageous battle with cancer.

Larry Dale was a talented musician who played the guitar, banjo, mandolin and bass. He loved to get together with friends and play Gospel and Bluegrass music. Larry Dale enjoyed the outdoors, farming, riding tractors and restoring old Chevrolet vehicles and old Ford tractors. He was blessed with many friends and greatly impacted those around him with his smile. As Larry Dale often said, "His sufferings could not be compared to the sufferings of His Lord Jesus Christ." He fought the good fight of faith.

Special thanks to all nurses and physicians involved in his care and for those who held him up continually in prayer.

Survivors include: sons, Dale Ray Phillips, James David Phillips, both of Willis; mother, Kate Cox Phillips, Willis; brother and sister-in-law, Rev. Nathan and Ester Phillips, Natural Bridge; sister and brother-in-law, Dinah and Wesley Perdue, Willis; nephew, Brian Perdue; and nieces, Dara Phillips, Kari Perdue, Candace Phillips, and Kimberly Tessar.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 3, at the Indian Valley Pentecostal Holiness Church with Rev. Kenneth Fogus, Rev. Kenneth Poston and Rev. Nathan Phillips officiating. Interment followed at Big Sand Cemetery.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

THELMA V. WIMMER HALE RAMSEY

ROANOKE- On February 27, 2006, God stretched out His hand to reclaim his angel, “Thel.” Now she is in blessed reunion with all her loved ones who were waiting in Heaven for her.

Born to Thomas F. and Hattie DeWeese Wimmer on February 22, 1920 in Copper Hill, she was an example of unconditional love to all who had the privilege to know her.

Her beautiful smile and love for life brought joy to so many. She loved working in her yard and at her mountain home place.

Her family was the center of her life and “Mama Hale” was so good to her many sweet “young uns.” Laughter, music and good food were always plentiful when you were together with her.

Thelma was a member of First Church of the Nazarene for more than 50 years. She was active in her Sunday school class and enjoyed her trips with the Prime Timers.

She was preceded in death by: James Monroe Hale and Samuel J. Rasmey; sons, “Little Jimmy” and Thomas “Buster” Hale; and grandson, Randy Lantz.

Those surviving her are: three children, Peggy Lantz (Ronnie) of Montvale, Douglas H. Hale and Jackie Renee Roberts of Roanoke; six grandchildren, David Lantz and Teresa Smith, Montvale, Belinda Hale, Richmond, Jimmy Hale, Chrisi Rice, Roanoke, and Tracy Gordon, Dublin; ten great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren; two sisters, Mabel Manning, Rheba Richards; and brother, Carl M. Wimmer.

Reverend Stephen Gordon, Reverend Tracy Gordon, and Reverend Maurice Wright conducted the funeral service on Thursday, March 2, at 11 a.m. from the Copper Hill Church of the Brethren. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Oakey’s South Chapel in Roanoke handled arrangements.

EARL EDWARD (ROSS) SUTPHIN

WILLIS-Earl Edward (Ross) Sutphin, 76, died Friday, March 3, 2006 as a result of an auto accident.

He is survived by: his wife, Cora Lee Sutphin, Willis; daughter and son-in-law, Pauline and Virgil Hall, Fancy Gap; grandson and wife, Roland and Gina Hall, Vesta; sisters, Custis Clifton, Reidsville, North Carolina, Lila Cruise, Vesta, Eva Sowers, Roanoke, Frances Thompson, Willis and brothers Brown Sutphin, Garvin Sutphin, Wendell Sutphin, all of Willis.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 7, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd.

Interment followed in the Harris Cemetery.

LENA MAE WILLIS MITCHELL

ROANOKE-Lena Mae Willis Mitchell, 89, formerly of Floyd County, passed away Saturday, March 4, 2006 at Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Lena was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She was the daughter of the late G.M. and Nellie Willis and the widow of Jeff Mitchell.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Doug Mitchell.

She is survived by: her children and their spouses, Barbara Warren, Wanda and Wendell Greenwood, Ruth and Butch Collins, Linda and Roger Wright, Don Mitchell; ten grandchildren, several great-grandchildren; sisters, Virginia Aldridge, Eva Aldridge; brothers, Oscar Willis, Marvin Willis; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral service was held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 6, at Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, with Reverend Lee Naff and Reverend Robin Naff officiating.

Interment followed in Wilson Cemetery.

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STELLA MAY MUSSELMAN BARTON

FLOYD-Stella May Mus-selman Barton, 92, formerly of Shawsville, passed away Friday, March 10, 2006.

She was a member of New Hope Church of God.

Mrs. Barton was preceded in death by: her husband, Clarence Barton; two sisters, Violet Gerberich and Beulah Mus-selman, one brother, Junior Musselman, and one great-grandson, Aaron Saylor.

She is survived by: two daughters and a son-in-law, Barbara and Kenneth Graham, Floyd, Madeline Bishop and special friend, Charles Dooley, Christiansburg; four sisters, Thelma Gilmore, Virginia Linkous, both of Christiansburg, Mildred Barnett, Shawsville, Doris Gills, Bedford; brother, Jessie Musselman, Ferrum; five grandchildren and spouses, Kenneth and Kathy Graham, Ricky Graham, Floyd, Roger and Kim Graham, Rhonda and Michael Saylor and Melissa and Darrel Hollins, Christiansburg; twelve great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 13, at Gardner Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Michael Bond officiating.

Interment followed in Roselaw Memorial Gardens in Christiansburg. Arrangements were handled by Gardner Funeral Home in Floyd.

INEZ GAYE WILLIS CLOWER

CHECK-Inez Gaye Willis Clower, 95, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 8, 2006. She was preceded in death by: her husband of 64 years, Orville Lee Clower; son-in-law, Carl Crawford; grandson, Larry Crawford; one sister; and six brothers.

She is survived by: a son, Warren Clower, Check; three daughters and sons-in-law, Wanda and Nolan Brickey, Roanoke, Phyllis Crawford, Elliston, Shelba and Richard Kirby, Check; sister-in-law, Gertrude Willis, Shawsville; six grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 11, at Gardner Funeral Home with Rev. Leon Alley and Pastor Allan Vass officiating.

Interment followed at Iddings Cemetery.

Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd handled arrangements

RAYMOND J. CROTEAU

BLACKSBURG-Raymond J. Croteau, 87, a native and long time resident of Lowell, MA passed away on May 10, 2006 in Blacksburg. He was a member of St. Margaret's Church, a WWII veteran, a retired U.S. Postal worker, and a lifetime member of Mount Pleasant Country Club. He was preceded in death by his mother, Gertrude Fadden, his father, Eli Croteau, two sisters, Mary Cote and Dorothy Ralls, his loving life, Isabel, sons, Raymond and David.

He is survived by: daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Dwight Shelor of Floyd; four grandchildren, Valerie Croteau and Christina Liguori of Lowell, MA, Michelle Nienhaus of Versailles, MO and Melissa Perea of Austin, TX; four great-grandchildren. Friends may call at O'Donnell Funeral Home, 276 Pawtucket St., Lowell, MA on Thursday, March 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. A Mass will be held at St. Margaret's Church at 10 a.m., and burial service will be held in the chapel of St. Patrick's Cemetery in Massachusetts on Friday, March 17, at 11 a.m. Family suggests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

ELLIS E. MANN

EAST BEND, NC-Chief Master Sergeant Ellis E. Mann, 61, formerly of Floyd, passed away Wednesday, March 8, 2006.

During Sergeant Mann's 26-year career in the United States Air Force, he served in many parts of the world.

He retired as a Chief Master Sergeant in 1989.

He then worked at the North Carolina Department of Labor for the following 14 years.

He is survived by: his wife, Phyllis J. Mann; daughter and son-in-law, Brenda Mann and Laurence Hammack; son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Connie Mann; one granddaughter, Sara Mann; his mother, Sylvia Mann; brothers, James Mann and Albert Mann. He is also survived by many friends and family.

Funeral service was conducted at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at Gardner Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Robert Blackwell officiating.

Full military rites were conducted by Pope Air Force Base.

Donations be made to the American Heart Association, Memorials and Tributes Processing Center, P.O. Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058.

Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, handled arrangements.

ERMA CONNER SOWERS

CHECK-Erma Conner Sowers, 96, passed away Saturday, March 11, 2006.

She was born October 10, 1909 in Floyd County, to the late Andrew Louis Conner and Almeda Vest Conner.

She was of the Primitive Baptist faith, as well as, a generous and loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She graduated from Christiansburg High School in 1929.

She taught at Goose Creek, a one-room school, and she walked five miles each way for two years.

She was known for her beautiful quilts and crochet work and for her dedication to genealogy. She has spent the last 30 years researching family history including Vest, Conner, Sowers, Martin, Iddings and Richardson. She enjoyed reading the "Signs of the Times" published by The Oldest Primitive Baptist of Meadows of Dan passed on to her by her mother, Almeda.

Her husband, Dossie William Sowers, Sr., preceded her in death on April 25, 1968 after 37 years of marriage, and she thought of him and missed him everyday.

She continued the family farm business for the last 37 years.

She leaves behind: a daughter Marie Ann Sowers Vest and son-in-law Gratton W. Vest, Salem and a son (D.W.) Dossie William Sowers, Jr., Salem; five grandchildren and spouses, Rebecca (Becky) Thomas, Salem, Debbie Feury Hakola and Henry Hakola, Shawsville, Janet and Watson Boxley, Atlanta, GA, Steve and Renee Sowers, Roanoke, Doug and Deanne Sowers, New Castle; five great-grandchildren, Staff Sgt Jesse Feury, Fayetteville, NC., Lindsay Thomas, Salem, Hannah Sowers, Roanoke, Kaitlin Sowers and Justin Gable, New Castle; brother and sisters-in-law; Alvin and Ocie Conner, Velvia Agee and Ora Conner, all of Check; several nieces and nephews; special cousins and friends Elmer and Gracie Conner, Radford, Absher, Dublin, Robert and Doris Johnson, Cincinnatti, OH.

Special thanks to her caretakers for the last several months: Shirley Thomas, Shelba Kirby, Dolly Vest, and Cheryl Waldron. Special thanks to her neighbors Ray and Judy Vest and other neighbors.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Monday March 13, at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Elder Junior Conner and Elder W.T. Conner officiating. Interment followed at Wilson Cemetery.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home.

MARGUERITE DALTON THOMPSON

INDIAN VALLEY-Marguerite Dalton Thompson, 91, passed away on Friday, March 10, 2006 at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center.

She is survived by: daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie and Jerry Hill, Indian Valley; grandsons, David Dalton and Chris Hill.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 13, at Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Dugspur. Reverend Jack Holland officiated.

Burial was held at Cox Cemetery at the Vaughan-Guynn-McGrady Chapel in Hillsville.

SONA E. RICHMOND SECO

WHITE OAK WV-Sona E. Richmond Seco, 99, died Saturday, March 4, 2006 at Skyline Manor Nursing Home in Floyd following a long illness.

She was born at Pluto, WV on November 8, 1906, and was the daughter of the late William Richmond and Anna Mae Taylor Richmond. She was a homemaker, and a member of White Oak Missionary Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rafael M. Seco, daughters, Christina Stewart, Virginia Seco, Delores Seco and Barbara Lou "Kitty" Staton; son, Edward Manuel Seco; grandchildren, Lewis Rowe Jr, Scarlet Seco, and Jack Stewart.

Survivors include; sons, William P. Seco and wife Mildred of Glen Morgan, WV, Ronald Ray Seco and wife Louise of Copper Hill; daughter Freda Rowe and husband Lewis of Brunswick, Ohio; brothers, Arthur Richmond of Pluto, WV, Roy Richmond of Shady Spring, WV, Ira Richmond of Beckley, WV; sisters, June McBride of White Oak, WV; eleven grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren and 17 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral service was conducted at Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home Shady Spring Chapel on Monday, March 6, at 11 a.m. with Brother Danny Winders officiating. Burial followed at the Blue Jay Cemetery at Blue Jay.

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Thursday, May 18, 2006

LILA MAE SMITH RAY

COLUMBIA, SC - Lila Mae Smith Ray, 84, widow of Rupert E. Ray, died Sunday, May 7, 2006 in Columbia, SC, where she was born and raised.

She was the daughter of the late Maggie Lucas Phillips and Wilburn Stanley Smith. She was a member of Rose Hill Presbyterian Church and most recently resided at Life Care Center in Columbia.

Services were held Thursday, May 11, at Dunbar Funeral Home, Gervais Street Chapel, in Columbia, with burial at Crescent Hill Memorial Gardens beside her husband whom she deeply loved and missed.

Surviving are: son and daughter-in-law, Donald E. and Gail Ray of North Myrtle Beach, SC; daughters, Barbara Lynne Ray of Willis, Jean Ray Williams of Columbia, Joan Ray Hunnicutt and her husband, Joe, of Cassatt, SC, and Susan Phillips Ray of Atlanta, GA; brother and sister-in-law, Clarence E. and Kathryn Smith

of Hampstead, NC; six grandchildren, including Tory Kohn Overstreet, Advance, NC, and Joshua Johnson, Parkersburg, WV; twelve great-grandchildren, including Cole and Christopher Overstreet, Advance, NC; and a great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Ray was predeceased by an infant daughter, Gloria Ray.

Memorials may be made to Rose Hill Presbyterian Church, 229 S. Saluda Avenue, Columbia, SC 29205.

ZULA REECE WOOLLUMS

WILLIS-Zula Reece Woollums, age 85, passed away Saturday, May 13, 2006.

Survivors include: sons and daughters-in-law, Troy and Arnedia Wool-lums, John and Lynn Wool-lums, Frank and Barbara Woollums; grandchil-dren; Mark and Glynda Woollums, Kayla Woollums, Tony and Carey Cook, Anthony Woollums, Nicole Woollums; great-grandchildren, Matthew and Ryan Woollums, Will and Mitch Cook, Tyler Stephens; sisters, Ethel Reece Turman, Yonna Reece

Graveside service was held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, May 15, at the Reece Cemetery, Dugspur, with Rev. S. G. Bolt officiating.

Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home in Beckley WV handled arrangements.

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DR. THOMAS LYNN BIBB

RINER-Dr. Thomas Lynn Bibb, loving husband, father and friend, age 69, died suddenly Friday, March 17, 2006 in Wytheville.

He was the son of the late James B. and Mabel S. Bibb and was born August 18, 1936 in Beckley, WV.

Dr. Bibb received his B.S. degree in Animal Science from Va Tech in 1958, DVM from Ohio State University in 1962 and his M.S. in Equine Reproduction from Ohio State University, Veterinary College in 1966. He was a member of the American Veterinary Association, Virginia Veterinary Association, American Association of Equine Practitioners, American Association of Bovine Practitioners, Virginia Academy of Food Animal Practitioners (President), Academy of Veterinary Consultants, Society of Theriogenoly, Virginia Beef Cattle Association and the Virginia Horse Council.

Also, he was Advisor and Veterinary Consultant for the Dublin Feeder Calf Association, was Resident Veterinarian for the Pulaski County Stock Market at Dublin, a member of the Academy of Small Animals Ruminants and served as advisor to numerous youth organizations, including the United States Pony Club, 4-H, FFA, and Sheep Club.

Dr. Bibb was also a member of the Lions Club and the Presbyterian Church of Radford, where he had served as a Deacon and Elder and was a member of the Advisory Board of the First National Bank, Riner Branch.

Dr. Bibb chose to honor life by being an organ donor. The family takes great comfort in knowing that other lives have benefited by his gift.

Also he requested to be cremated and returned to his farm.

Surviving are his wife of 42 years, Susan B. Bibb; a daughter and son-in-law, Diane L. Bibb and Patrick M. Johnson; one brother and sister-in-law, James B. Bibb, Jr. and Kathy Bibb of Saline, Michigan; and one niece, Susan B. Ekkens and her family, Michigan.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, from the Horne Funeral Home Chapel in Christiansburg.

The family requests memorials be made to the Christiansburg Rescue Squad, Riner Sub- Station Fund, P.O. Box 176, Christiansburg, 24068, to the Riner Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 11, Riner, VA 24149 or to The Conservancy, 490 Westfield Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901.

Online condolences may be made by visiting horne.funeralservice.com.

The Bibb family was served by Horne Funeral and Cremation Service, Christiansburg.

AMY ELIZABETH KEMP

FLOYD-Amy Elizabeth Kemp, 30 passed away Sunday, March 19, 2006.

She is survived by: her parents, Marvin and Flora Kemp, Floyd; brother and sister-in-law, Jeffrey and Tamiko Kemp, Marietta, GA; niece, Alsu Kemp, Marietta, GA; nephew, Vanya Kemp, Marietta, GA.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 21, at the Buffalo Mountain Presbyterian Church with Rev. Gary Marshall and Rev. Carl Ginder officiating. Interment followed in the Buffalo Mountain Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home.

TRAVIS H. MARTIN

BASSETT-Travis H. Martin, 65, died Monday, March 20, 2006 at Roanoke Memorial Hospital in Roanoke.

He was born October 30, 1940 in Floyd County.

He was the son of the late Hermon H. Martin and the late Beulah Simmons Martin.

He was a member of Faith Baptist Church and was with the bus ministry for twelve years, also he was a retired truck driver for VF and a heavy equipment operator with Marvin Belcher.

Surviving are: his wife, Mary Jo Martin of the home; son, Gary A. Martin, Bassett, sisters, Winnie Goad of Willis, Anna Dean Martin of Willis and Elrica Katie Dalton of Hillsville; brothers, Talmadge Martin of Martinsville, James W. Martin of Stanleytown of Nelson Ferman Martin of Willis.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, March 22, at 2:00 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church with Pastor John Shelly and Maxie Smith officiating.

Burial was at the Henry Memorial Park.

Bassett Funeral Service in Bassett handled arrangements.

EDWARD RALPH MCNITT

FLOYD-Edward Ralph McNitt, 87, passed away Saturday, March 18, 2006.

He is survived by: a special friend, Mary Schilling, Floyd; brothers, David McNitt, New York, Victor McNitt, Floyd. Several nieces and nephews also survive. A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are being handled by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

ROBERT C. PATTEN, SR.

SALEM-Robert C. Patten, Sr., M.D., "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Tim 4:7) On March 11, 2006, at the age of 77, Dr. Robert C. Patten, Sr., passed into eternal glory, surrounded in love by his wife, children, and grandchildren, after a long battle with prostate cancer.

The foundation in Bob's life was his deep abiding faith in his Savior, Jesus Christ, and he was a steadfast witness to God's unconditional love and grace.

His life was blessed with a close loving family, many dear friends, and his love for the practice of family medicine.

Born in Miami, Fla., he was graduated from David-son College in 1950 and Cornell University Medical College in 1954, followed by an internship at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Fla.

He served two years as a Captain in the United States Air Force at Craig Air Force base in Alabama before moving to Virginia in 1957.

He practiced family medicine in Floyd, moving to Roanoke in 1963 to join the practice at Boxley Hill Clinic.

In 1974 he moved his family to South Korea where he served as a medical missionary for four years with the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

He then attended the University of Iowa where he earned a Masters of Science in Public Health and completed a Teaching Fellowship in Family Practice Education.

Upon returning to Roanoke in 1980 he taught in the Family Practice Residency at Roanoke Memorial Hospital, serving as Associate Director of the Family Practice Residency Program and Full Professor at the University of Virginia.

Following his retirement in 1995 he enjoyed sailing, traveling, woodworking, computers, gardening, and spending time with his family at home and in Maine.

He was a member and elder at New Hope Presbyterian Church in Salem.

He has temporarily left behind his wife of 52 years, Joy Blaney Patten; children, Susan Patten Woodie of Botetourt County, Kathryn Patten Muether (husband John) of Oviedo, Florida, Rebecca Patten Dagley, Robert C. Patten, Jr., MD.(wife Brenda), both of Botetourt County, Elizabeth Patten Merian (husband Robert) of Salem; grandchildren, Adam Woodie, Timothy, Joy, Anne, and William Muether, Laura and Kate Dagley,

Amanda and Robert Patten III, Daniel, Jenny, and Claire Merian. He is also survived by a brother, Arthur H. Patten, Jr. of Hendersonville, North Carolina as well as other extended family members.

The family is deeply grateful to all the health care professionals that helped care for him over these past few years including Dr. Schertz, Dr. Heath, Dr. Stidham, Dr. Allen and Good Samaritan Hospice. A memorial service celebrating Bob's life was held at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at New Hope Presbyterian Church in Salem. Contributions can be made, in his name, to Habitat for Humanity of the Roanoke Valley, 403 Salem Ave., Roanoke, Va. 24016, or to another charity of your choice.

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Thursday, April 6, 2006

LULA EDWARDS SLUSHER

SALEM-Lula Edwards Slusher, 88, passed away Friday, March 31, 2006.

She is survived by: three sons, Wallace and Lorrain Slusher, Clinton and Judy Slusher, Leon Slusher; one daughter, Carolyn and Earl Conner; ten grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; one brother, George Edwards, Jr.; three sisters, Elsie Alderman, Helen Naff, Coreen Martin.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, April 4, at Pilot United Methodist Church with Reverend Courtney Foffer officiating. Interment was in St. Matthew's Cemetery.

Wood Funeral Home, Floyd, handled arrangements.

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Obituary 4-13-06
The Floyd Press
Thursday, April 13, 2006

JAMES GARFIELD LEE

KINGSPORT, TN-James Garfield Lee, 100, passed away Sunday, April 9, 2006, at Wellmont Hospice House in Bristol.

He is survived by: his wife of 69 years, Thelma Donnelly Lee, Kingsport; a daughter, Carol Lee Hitchcock and husband, Charles, of Jonesborough; four grandchildren, Susanne Pemberton and husband, Jamie, of Lansing, TN, Stephanie Townsend and husband, Taylor, Winston-Salem, NC, Joanna Capps and husband, Chad, Johnson City, TN, and David Hitchcock, of Jonesborough, TN; three great-grandchildren, Tristi Townsend, Tanner Townsend, and Luke Capps; one half-sister, Gerene Lee Williams, Mason, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at Hamlett-Dobson Funeral Home, Kingsport Thursday, April 13, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Services will follow with Rev. Ralph Kidd officiating. Graveside service will be held on Friday, April 14, at 11:00 a.m. at Jacksonville Cemetery in Floyd, with Rev. Richard Gregory officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Mafair United Methodist Church, 1409 East Center Street, Kingsport, TN 37664. Hamlett-Dobson Funeral Homes, Kingsport, TN, is in charge of arrangements

CHARLES (CHARLIE) STEVEN MORAN

COPPER HILL-Charles Steven (Charlie) Moran, 17, passed away Sunday, April 9, 2006 as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident. He was employed at Kroger on Brambleton Avenue, and a member of the Senior Class-2006 at Floyd County High School.

Surviving are: his parents, Steve and Rosalie Moran, sister, Nicole Sloss and husband, David,;grandparents, John and Annie Moran, all of Copper Hill, aunts, Becky Loyd and husband, Don, of Wirtz, Wanda Harrington and husband, Charles of Boones Mill, uncle, Barry Moran and wife, Jayne, of Vinton, niece and nephews, Tiffani, Dale and Luke; lots of special friends and co-workers.

Service was held at Oakey's South Chapel in Roanoke at noon on Wednesday, April 12. Rev. Roy Turpin officiated. Interment followed in Rest Vale Cemetery, Floyd County.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to assist with expenses to the Moran family in care of Linda Grubb, 5647 Canyon Rd., Roanoke, Va. 24018. The family would like to express its appreciation to the doctors and nurses at CRMH Neuro Trauma Unit, ICU, and the Cave Spring and Back Creek Rescue Squads.

MARIE RITA CAVARETTA PICKFORD

FLOYD-Marie Rita Cavaretta Pickford, 80, passed away Thursday, April 6, 2006. She spent her whole life dedicated to the Catholic Church, and she attended All Saints Catholic Church in Floyd.

Marie loved to sing and was featured on Sundays on WPEN in south Philadelphia, PA. Marie performed supporting roles in opera for the Metropolitan Opera Company at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia, PA.

After the death of her husband, she moved to Floyd in 1998 where she began singing in the Lutheran Church Choir and the Community Chorus.

Marie was an inspiration, as well as, a grandmother to many in the church and the community.

She was the daughter of the late Anthony and Adelina Cavaretta.

Marie was preceded in death by: her husband, Charles E. Pickford; and two daughters, Ellen Marie Pickford and Rita Joan Pickford.

She is survived by: her children and their spouses, Charles A. and Pat Pickford, Stephen J. and Alta Pickford, Jeanne M. and Scott Miller, Anne M. Denton and fiancé Mark Soileau; sisters, Sr. Rita Cavaretta, Joan Scutti; nine grandchildren, Asa Pickford, Zachariah Pickford, Sarah Pickford, Eileen Pickford, Colin Pickford, Louis Miller, Justin Miller, Chelsea Denton, Brandon Denton; six great-grandchildren, Isaiah Pickford, Ethan Pickford, Indigo Pickford, Ellisa Denton, Tara Miller, Braeden Miller; numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

The family received friends starting at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church (All Saints Catholic Church) with Mass beginning at 5:30. A reception dinner followed Mass. A prayer service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 12, at Mt Zion Luthern Church (All Saints Catholic Church) with Father Charles Brickner. Interment followed in Jacksonville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family requested memorials bemade in memory of Marie to All Saints Catholic Church Building Fund, C/O St Joseph Catholic Church, 99 Joy Ranch Road, Woodlawn, VA 24381.

Arrangements by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

Obituaries 4-20-06
The Floyd Press
Thursday, April 20, 2006

JUDITH A. BOONE

ARLINGTON-Judith A. Boone, “Judy”, age 64, departed this life April 7, 2006, at an Arlington, nursing home after a long illness. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Charles E. and Mary Odessa Aldridge Boone of Terry’s Fork, Floyd County, and her parents, Clifton and Marie Boone of Falls Church, Va. Clifton was a graduate of Floyd County High School.

She is survived by: her brother and sister-in-law, Danny and Carolyn Boone and their son Michael of Washington, D.C.; also numerous loving aunts and cousins and friends with ties to Floyd County.

Judy lived an interesting and colorful life; she was an intrepid traveller, no place on earth was too remote or dangerous when she made up her mind to go. She studied the languages and culture of several foreign countries spending a year in Germany, Spain, France, Britain and Japan, where she taught English.

After her year in Kyoto, Japan, she circled the earth by going on to Taiwan, then to China, Mongolia, Siberia, Russia, into western Europe and home to the U.S. East Coast.

Judy was a graduate of Georgetown University, and was a former Montessorri teacher, but her principal occupation was with The World Bank in Washington, and it was from this venue that she took long leaves of absence to travel.

Judy dearly loved the Boone homeplace on Goose Creek and the happy memories of visits with her Boone relatives there. It was her wish that her ashes be scattered there on what she considered sacred ground. She will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved her.

JAMES EDWARD CLAYTOR

FLOYD-James Edward Claytor, 69, of Floyd, passed away Monday, April 11, 2006.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard W. Claytor and Oakley King Harris. Survivors include: two sisters, Alverta C. Steptoe of Roanoke; and Diana H. Stewart of Vinton; one brother, Lewis T. Harris of Roanoke; three half-brothers and spouses, Howard and Marie Claytor of Institute, WVA; Lawrence and Carolyn Claytor of Nitro, WVA; Leonard and Pin-key Claytor of St. Albans, WVA; one half-sister, Doris Claytor of St. Albans, WVA; special nephew, Sherwin “Chuck” Henderson of Jonesboro, GA; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A memorial service was held 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 15, at Calvary Baptist Church in Floyd with Rev. Graham Mitchell officiating. The family requests in lieu of flowers contributions be made to Calvary Baptist Church – Floyd, VA 24091. The family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory in Radford.

PAULINE VAUGHN CHILDRESS

WILLIS-Pauline Vaughn Childress, age 86, passed away Thursday, April 13, 2006 at Laurel Meadows Nursing Home. She was a member of Buffalo Mountain Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by: her parents, Sol J. and Dora Harman Vaughn; and brothers, Harman, Lee Roy and Garver H. Vaughn.

Survivors include: her husband of 64 years, Rev. Bryan C. Childress , Willis; twin sister, Irene V. Harris, Floyd; sister and brother-in-law, Vada and Unice Hylton, Floyd; sister-in-law, Minnie B. Vau-ghn, Willis; special friend, Sadie Goad, Willis; many special nieces and nephews.

She cherished her friends and family and dedicated her life to her families, her Lord and church family.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18, at Buffalo Mountain Presbyterian Church with Rev. S.G. Bolt, Rev. Joe Quesenberry and Rev. Stewart Childress officiating. Interment followed in Buffalo Mountain Presbyterian Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Buffalo Mountain Conference Center, Stone Memorial Choir, Marion, VA, and Slate Mt. Choir. Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd, handled arrangements.

CLINE COX

INDIAN VALLEY-Cline Cox, age 88, passed away Saturday, April 15, 2006 at his home. He was blessed with a long life and a family who adored him.

He loved life, being outside and working in his workshop. His heart was big and he was generous to those around him.

He served his country proudly as an Army Staff Sergeant in World War II.

He was a gift from God for those who mourn him as husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother.

Survivors include: his wife of 60 years, Ossie P. Cox; son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Faye Cox; daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Dan Camden; grandchildren, Matt and Amanda Cox, Dawn Farrell, Eric and Meagan Warren; great-grandchildren, Elliott, Alex and Chacey Cox, Hannah and Thomas Farrell, sister, Nobie Rorick; sister-in-law, Pauline and Hanford Goad, brother-in-law, Larry and Cecille Pettry; many other relatives and friends.

A celebration of his life was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 17, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Kenneth Poston and Rev. James Walker officiating.

Interment followed at the Cox Cemetery in Dugspur, with military services by Floyd VFW Post #7854 and American Legion Post #127.

If you wish to remember Cline, please do so with a gift to Twin County Hospice, 308 S. Main Street, P.O. Box 106, Galax, VA 24333, in lieu of giving flowers.

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Friday, April 28, 2006

VICTOR CALVERT PHILLIPS

WILLIS-Victor Calvert Phillips, 89, went to be with his Lord on Monday April 24, 2006.

He was founder of Phillips Brothers Builders and constructed numerous homes throughout Floyd and Montgomery Counties until his retirement in 1980.

He was also a retired Rural Mail Carrier. He was an avid woodworker specializing in clock making. He made countless clocks and wood treasures for his family, church family, friends and neighbors.

He was a faithful member and a deacon at Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church. He shared his love and devotion for his church and his Lord with everyone he came in contact with.

We as a family feel that we are the ones that are truly blessed to have such a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and great-great grandfather in our lives for so many years. He touched each of us with his gentleness, courage, patience, his laughter, wisdom and most importantly his unconditional love for everyone he met along his life's journey. Now our hearts are aching, our minds have become unclear, and emptiness has set in. At last we will rejoice knowing that he can see again. Praise the Lord.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew "Curtis" and Lena Phillips, a beloved son, Joe Phillips, grandchildren, Vicki Belcher and Andrew Phillips, and great-grandchildren, Misty Jo Cox and Alex Love.

He is survived by: his loving wife of 66 blessed years, Nannie T. Phillips; sons Wayne Phillips of Willis, Nelson and Gelia Phillips of Indian Valley, and Tobias and Kathy Phillips of Pearisburg; daughter-in-law, Evelyn Phillips; brother, Carlisle Phillips of Willis; grandchildren Rebecca and Lloyd Cox, Lonnie and Cindy Phillips, Victoria and Michael Barrett, Donna and Tony Quesenberry, Lisa and Steve Love, Mark and Calli Phillips, eighteen great grandchildren, six great great grandchildren, and countless extended family and friends.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday April 27, at Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Kenneth Hopkins officiating.

Interment will follow at Indian Creek Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

If you wish to remember Victor, please do so with a gift to the Indian Valley Rescue Squad, in lieu of flowers.

JESSE EDGAR SHOWALTER, SR.

FLOYD - Jesse Edgar Showalter, Sr., 77, departed this life on April 24, 2006. He was born February 4, 1929 in Otey. Jesse served his country in the U.S. Navy on the USS Juneau-CL 119 and was a veteran of the Korean War.

He retired with 53 years service from the Plumber and Steamfitters Local #491 in Roanoke.

Jesse was preceded in death by his son Justin Emmanuel Showalter, parents Edgar Hern and Ida Pfisterer Showalter. Brothers Harry L. Showalter and Charles A. Showalter. Sisters Winifred Eanes, Annadean Baladad, Marguerite Wells, Thelma Bargas and Laura Sheppard.

He is survived by: his beloved wife of 52 years, Wanda Akers Showalter of Floyd; sons, Jesse E. Showalter Jr. of Indian Valley, Lenny K. Showalter of Woolwine, Micah and Crystal Showalter of Indian Valley; daughters; Brenda Showalter of Indian Valley, Delsie and Jerry Christian of Blacksburg, Linda and Jerry Smith of Radford and Michelle Showalter Mahala of Indian Valley; three granddaughters, five grandsons and two very special great-grandsons, Micah Showalter II and Jared Mahala; sister, Ruby June Trainham of Richmond.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Barry Coffey officiating.

BEULAH GALLIMORE QUESENBERRY

FLOYD-Beulah Gallimore Quesenberry, 71, of Floyd passed away Tuesday April 25, 2006. She was preceded in death by her parents, Tazwell and Ocie Hol-landsworth; husband, Thornton M. Gallimore; son, Alan T. Gallimore; and sister, Winnie H. Dalton.

Survivors include: daughters and sons-in-law, Teresa G. and Kenneth E. Lynch, Goodview, Sheila G. and Jeff Lusk, Floyd, Melissa G. and Rev. Randy McDaniel, Hillsville; step-sons, B.T. Quesenberry, Tim Quesenberry; grandsons, Joshua A. Lynch and wife Ashley, Kaleb S. Lynch, Jeffrey Lusk, Gavin T. Lusk, Nicholas R. McDaniel, Jason T. Gallimore, Joseph A. Gallimore, Thornton M. Gallimore; granddaughter, Rachel A. McDaniel; great-grandchildren, Desiree and Trent Gallimore; sisters and brothers-in-law, Irene Gallimore, Lilas Webb, Anita and Hubert Quesenberry, Nina and Connie Browning, Vada and Carl Cox, Josephine and Lonzie Alderman, Brenda and Russell Howell, Wanda and Duayne Grubb, Martha and Jimmie Bower; brother and sister-in-law, Ren and Sonja Hol-landsworth; special friend, Cecil Thomas; numerous nieces, nephews and treasured friends.

Funeral service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at New Haven Baptist Church with Rev. Randy T. McDaniel officiating. Interment will follow at Captain George Quesenberry Cemetery.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

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VIVIAN PETERS AGEE

FLOYD-Vivian Peters Agee, 89, passed from this life to her heavenly home on Sunday, April 30, 2006. Her faith in Jesus was evident to all. She was a faithful and active member of Crossroads Holiness Church for more than 50 years. She was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Reverend Wilson H. Agee, grandson, Tony Minnix, and great-granddaughter, Crystal Agee, Michigan.

She is survived by: two sons and daughters-in-law, Rev. Bedsaul and Verda Mae Agee, Breckenridge, Michigan, Jack and Kathryn Agee, Blue Ridge; two daughters and son-in-law, Velma and Sheldon Kelly, Roanoke, Nancy and Leslie Minnix, Troutville; six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, several great-

great grandchildren; brother, Harris Peters, Floyd; and sister, Clarice Cole, Pilot. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her, and all will cherish her memory.

Funeral service was held at Wood Funeral Home, Floyd, on Wednesday, May 3, at 11 a.m. with Reverend John Early and Reverend Jube Burke officiating. Burial followed at the Moran Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Moran Cemetery.

ALVIN SHERLEY ALDERMAN

FLOYD-Alvin Sherley Alderman, age 79, passed away Monday May 1, 2006 at his home.

Survivors include: his wife, Alice S. Alderman, Floyd; son, Mark Neil Alderman, Floyd; step-son, Roy Alton West, Tampa, FL; brother and sister-in-law, Elmo and Margaret Alderman, Hillsville; sisters and brother-in-law, Lillian Hawks, Fancy Gap, Ethel Marie Alderman, Hillsville, Willadean and Ordis Nester, Hillsville; sister-in-law, Dorothy S. Epperly and husband Lane; step-grandchildren, Danny West, Bruce West; and special friend, Jimmy Bowers.

Funeral service was held at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Richard Thomas officiating.

Interment followed at Jacksonville Cemetery.

CHARLOTTE FOLEY BELL

COPPER HILL-Charlotte Foley Bell, 60, went to be with the Lord Tuesday, April 25, 2006. She was preceded in death by her parents, Buren and Ethel Foley.

She is survived by her husband, Larry C. Bell; daughters, Angela F. Meeks and Tony Pilcher, Patricia and John Wills; grandchildren, Larry Wayne Meeks, Jr. and Ashley Buckner, Andrew Pilcher, Miranda Wills, Benjamin Wills, Jesse Wills; great-grandchildren, Alexis Meeks, and Zackery Buckner; two brothers, Curtis Foley and Wayne Foley; sister, Margaret Lambert; many nieces and nephews; very special friends, Rev. Bud and Bo Nichols; special friends of the family, Karen and Mark Clingenpeel, Connie Guilliams, Debbie Bennett, Carolyn Kreggor; along with too many special friends to mention.

Those wishing to make donations are welcome to visit the website: charlottebellfund.com or send donations to The Charlotte Bell Fund, P.O. Box 7994, Roanoke, VA 24019.

Funeral service was conducted Saturday, April 29, from Evangelistic House of Prayer at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Bud Nichols and Tommy Sullivan officiating.

Interment followed in the Head of the River Cemetery in Copper Hill. Arrangements by Flora Funeral Service, 665 S. Main St., Rocky Mount.

DRAPER DULANEY

FLOYD-Draper Dulaney, 94, passed away Sunday, April 30, 2006 at his home.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margie Dulaney, and a grandson, Scotty Dulaney.

Survivors include: sons, Billy Dulaney and wife Kim, Roger Dulaney and friend Caroline, both of Floyd; daughters and sons-in-law, Corrine and Bud Reed, Christine and Maurice Simpkins, Shirley and Leon Belcher, all of Floyd; 12 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 3, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Roy Turpin and Rev. Eli Yoder officiating. Burial followed in the Dulaney Family Cemetery.

MARVIN "MO" ODELL HARRIS

CHRISTIANSBURG-Marvin Odell "Mo" Harris, 84, died, Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at Montgomery Regional Hospital. He was born in Meadows of Dan, on April 7, 1922 to the late Benjamin Herbert and Claudia Agee Harris. He was preceded in death by a brother, Rufus Wood.

Mr. Harris was a veteran of WWII serving in the Army. He served in law enforcement for over 50 years in the surrounding area. After retiring he delivered for Meals on Wheels. He also served as a deacon in the Christiansburg Church of the Brethren.

He is survived by: his wife of 64 years, Elnora W. Harris, of Christiansburg; daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Bill Irvin, of Petersburg; sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald S. and Brenda Harris, of Blacksburg, David W. and Rita Harris, of Sunnyside; sister and brother-in-law, Virginia and Jim Hodges, of Roanoke; brothers and sister-in-law, Esmond Harris, of Vinton, Benjamin, Jr. and Mary Harris, of Meadows of Dan, Claude Wood, of Danville; six grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Funeral service was conducted Friday, April 28, at 1:00 p.m. in the Christiansburg Church of the Brethren with the Rev. Don Peters officiating.

Interment followed in the Topeco Cemetery, Floyd. The McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg, handled arrangements.

GEORGE ALLEN STONE

BENT MOUNTAIN-George Allen Stone, 87, passed away Saturday, April 29, 2006 at his home, the place he thought closest to Heaven here on Earth. He was a jack of all trades, blessed with the quality to fix anything mechanical, or build anything needed.

He was a well known "whistler," who entertained himself without need of a radio.

He served his country during World War II stateside, because of twin brothers serving overseas. His brother Jack was killed in action, and brother Dillard was held prisoner by the Germans until he escaped.

Allen was a founding member of the Bent Mountain Fire Department and Rescue Squad. Many nights he handled calls and then worked all of the following day at his service station, Stones Union 76. He was a fisher of the small, scaly variety, but also, in his quiet way, of men for the Lord.

He was a member of Haran Baptist Church and a former member of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, where he served as Deacon and Sunday School Superintendent.

He will be dearly missed by his loving wife of 59 years, Ruby Holt Stone. Also surviving are: three children and their spouses, George and Helen Stone, Dana and Rod DeWitt, David and Pam Stone; seven grandchildren, Jay, Joanna, Chris, Emily, Andy, Jordan, Lauren and Shelby, and his most precious last minute gift, his great-granddaughter, Hannah. Also surviving are his devoted sister and brother-in-law, Reba and Nelson Craighead; and sister, Stella Lan-caster. Many nieces, nephews and friends, far and near will miss "Uncle Allen."

Service was held at Oakey's South Chapel at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 2. The Rev. Pete Bain, Dr. Don Pregram and the Rev. Bill Mitchell officiated. Interment followed at the Bohon Cemetery on Bent Mountain. Memorials may be made to Haran Baptist Church, Bent Mountain Fire and Rescue or Gentle Shepherd Hospice.

BILLY CLYDE WEEKS

WILLIS-Billy Clyde Weeks, 65, passed away Wednesday, April 26, 2006 at his home. He was born January 29, 1941 in Floyd County, son of the late Elbert Julian and Minnie Hylton Weeks. He was also predeceased by his brother, James Elbert Weeks, and a young brother Henry.

Survivors include: his wife of 47 years, Annette Poff Weeks; son and daughter-in-law Larry and Dina Weeks; daughter and son-in-law, June and Danny Sutphin; three grandsons, Dylan, Logan, and Devan Weeks; three sisters and brother-in-law, Alberta Weeks, Pauline Repass, Peggy and Bobby Howell; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Albert and Janet Weeks, Johnny and Sue Weeks, Ruth Weeks.

Billy worked for many years at Skyline Ford, and he also enjoyed working with his brothers at Floyd Tire Center. When his illness forced an early retirement, he continued his love of woodcrafting and made several acoustic instruments through which the music of his spirit will linger on. He lived with a quiet strength and unselfishly gave of his time and talents to those he loved.

Funeral service was conducted 11 a.m. Saturday, April 29, at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Pastor Phillip Bouknight and Pastor Roy Turpin officiating. Burial followed in Willis Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Good Samaritan Hospice.

HALIE RENE YAUNSEM

COPPER HILL-Halie Rene Yaunsem, 3 months, passed away Saturday April 29, 2006.

Survivors include: parents, Joseph and Ashley Altis Yaunsem; grandparents, Debra and Michael Arsenault, David and Tina Yaunsem, Wayne and Patsy Altis; uncles, Joshua Yaunsem, Paul Yaunsem, Adam Altis, Allen Altis; aunt, Crisan-drea Moses; great-grandmother, Della Smoot; numerous great aunts, uncles, cousins, family and friends.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, May 1, at Haran Baptist Church with Rev. Paris Bain and Dr. Don Pegram officiating.

Interment followed at Copper Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Yaunsem Family, P.O. Box 251, Copper Hill, VA.

REBECCA "ARLENE" CONNER YOUNGER

WOOLWINE-Mrs. Rebecca "Arlene" Conner Younger, 78, passed away Saturday, April 29, 2006 at Memorial Hospital of Martinsville and Henry County. She was born on June 21, 1927 in Patrick County to the late Nathaniel and Bessie Conner Saunders.

In addition to their parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Donald Lee Younger, and daughter, Dorothy G. Hairston.

Mrs. Younger worked at Bassett Chair, Bassett Table, and retired from United Elastic.

She was a member of Fresh Harvest D.O.C. Christian Church where she served as Mother of the church and on several committees; she was also a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Woolwine Volunteer Fire Department.

Surviving are: two daughters and a son-in-law, Gloria and Colonel Barbour of Stuart, Mary Conner of Woolwine; five sons and daughters-in-law, James D. and Carrie Younger of Martinsville, Ronald Ray Younger of Powhatan, William Younger of Martinsville, Dennis Younger of Woolwine, Darryl and Alexis Younger of Stuart; 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, May 2, at 2:00 p.m. at Moody Funeral Home in Stuart with Rev. Leroy Wimbush officiating. Burial followed in the Conner Family Cemetery in Woolwine.

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VICTOR CALVERT PHILLIPS

WILLIS-Victor Calvert Phillips, 89, went to be with his Lord on Monday April 24, 2006.

He was founder of Phillips Brothers Builders and constructed numerous homes throughout Floyd and Montgomery Counties until his retirement in 1980.

He was also a retired Rural Mail Carrier. He was an avid woodworker specializing in clock making. He made countless clocks and wood treasures for his family, church family, friends and neighbors.

He was a faithful member and a deacon at Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church. He shared his love and devotion for his church and his Lord with everyone he came in contact with.

We as a family feel that we are the ones that are truly blessed to have such a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and great-great grandfather in our lives for so many years. He touched each of us with his gentleness, courage, patience, his laughter, wisdom and most importantly his unconditional love for everyone he met along his life's journey. Now our hearts are aching, our minds have become unclear, and emptiness has set in. At last we will rejoice knowing that he can see again. Praise the Lord.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew "Curtis" and Lena Phillips, a beloved son, Joe Phillips, grandchildren, Vicki Belcher and Andrew Phillips, and great-grandchildren, Misty Jo Cox and Alex Love.

He is survived by: his loving wife of 66 blessed years, Nannie T. Phillips; sons Wayne Phillips of Willis, Nelson and Gelia Phillips of Indian Valley, and Tobias and Kathy Phillips of Pearisburg; daughter-in-law, Evelyn Phillips; brother, Carlisle Phillips of Willis; grandchildren Rebecca and Lloyd Cox, Lonnie and Cindy Phillips, Victoria and Michael Barrett, Donna and Tony Quesenberry, Lisa and Steve Love, Mark and Calli Phillips, eighteen great grandchildren, six great great grandchildren, and countless extended family and friends.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday April 27, at Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Kenneth Hopkins officiating.

Interment will follow at Indian Creek Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

If you wish to remember Victor, please do so with a gift to the Indian Valley Rescue Squad, in lieu of flowers.

JESSE EDGAR SHOWALTER, SR.

FLOYD - Jesse Edgar Showalter, Sr., 77, departed this life on April 24, 2006. He was born February 4, 1929 in Otey. Jesse served his country in the U.S. Navy on the USS Juneau-CL 119 and was a veteran of the Korean War.

He retired with 53 years service from the Plumber and Steamfitters Local #491 in Roanoke.

Jesse was preceded in death by his son Justin Emmanuel Showalter, parents Edgar Hern and Ida Pfisterer Showalter. Brothers Harry L. Showalter and Charles A. Showalter. Sisters Winifred Eanes, Annadean Baladad, Marguerite Wells, Thelma Bargas and Laura Sheppard.

He is survived by: his beloved wife of 52 years, Wanda Akers Showalter of Floyd; sons, Jesse E. Showalter Jr. of Indian Valley, Lenny K. Showalter of Woolwine, Micah and Crystal Showalter of Indian Valley; daughters; Brenda Showalter of Indian Valley, Delsie and Jerry Christian of Blacksburg, Linda and Jerry Smith of Radford and Michelle Showalter Mahala of Indian Valley; three granddaughters, five grandsons and two very special great-grandsons, Micah Showalter II and Jared Mahala; sister, Ruby June Trainham of Richmond.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Barry Coffey officiating.

BEULAH GALLIMORE QUESENBERRY

FLOYD-Beulah Gallimore Quesenberry, 71, of Floyd passed away Tuesday April 25, 2006. She was preceded in death by her parents, Tazwell and Ocie Hol-landsworth; husband, Thornton M. Gallimore; son, Alan T. Gallimore; and sister, Winnie H. Dalton.

Survivors include: daughters and sons-in-law, Teresa G. and Kenneth E. Lynch, Goodview, Sheila G. and Jeff Lusk, Floyd, Melissa G. and Rev. Randy McDaniel, Hillsville; step-sons, B.T. Quesenberry, Tim Quesenberry; grandsons, Joshua A. Lynch and wife Ashley, Kaleb S. Lynch, Jeffrey Lusk, Gavin T. Lusk, Nicholas R. McDaniel, Jason T. Gallimore, Joseph A. Gallimore, Thornton M. Gallimore; granddaughter, Rachel A. McDaniel; great-grandchildren, Desiree and Trent Gallimore; sisters and brothers-in-law, Irene Gallimore, Lilas Webb, Anita and Hubert Quesenberry, Nina and Connie Browning, Vada and Carl Cox, Josephine and Lonzie Alderman, Brenda and Russell Howell, Wanda and Duayne Grubb, Martha and Jimmie Bower; brother and sister-in-law, Ren and Sonja Hol-landsworth; special friend, Cecil Thomas; numerous nieces, nephews and treasured friends.

Funeral service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at New Haven Baptist Church with Rev. Randy T. McDaniel officiating. Interment will follow at Captain George Quesenberry Cemetery.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

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EDWARD A. BENDER

BLACKSBURG - Edward A. Bender, Jr., 77, died Thursday evening, May 4, 2006 at his home. He was born May 3, 1929 in Bluefield, WV to Emma Hermann and Edward A. Bender, Sr.

He is survived by: his wife, Emily Warner Bender and four children, Edward Daniel Bender, and Samuel Craig Bend, both of Floyd, Margaret Rebecca Bender, Blacksburg, and Ellen Louise Bender, Roanoke; granddaughter, Emily Davidson Bender, Blacksburg; sister and brother-in-law from Bluefield, WV, Betty and Isaac Fuqua; brothers-in-law and wives, Joseph H. and Joan Warner of Blue Ridge Summit, PA, Laurean H. and Constance Warner, of Lancaster, PA.

Mr. Bender graduated from Virginia Tech in 1951 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. From 1951 to 1953 he was enrolled in a program in the Engineering Fundamentals Department at Virginia Tech. He retired early in 1978 to pursue his real love, farming. He raised cattle and sheep on his farm in Floyd County. He studied the latest techniques in farming from Virginia Tech. His son Dan is now carrying on his love of farming. Mr. Bender was a long time member of Northside Presbyterian Church and especially loved singing in the choir.

Contributions may be sent to Northside Presbyterian Church, 1017 N.W. Progress Street, Blacksburg, VA 24060 or New River Land Trust, P.O. Box 11057, Blacksburg, VA 24062, which is dedicated to protecting farm land and open land from development. Arrangments by McCoy Funeral Home Blacksburg.

TOMMY JAY COCKRAM

FLOYD - Tommy Jay Cockram, 61, passed away Friday, May 5, 2006. He was preceded in death by his parents, Pearl and Lissie Cockram, and brothers, Raymond and Eugene Cockram.

Survivors include: brothers and sisters-in-law, Welby and Patsy Cockram, Randolph and Mary Lee Cockram, Freeman and Helen Cockram, Lorene Cockram Powers, all of Floyd; sisters and brothers-in-law, Myrtle Compton, Floyd, Corine and Clyde Belcher, Meadows of Dan, Betty Joyce and Ben Hawkes, Kernersville, NC, Linda and Roger Dickerson, Floyd, Elaine and Randel Harris, Roanoke, Loretta and Carlis Smith, Radford; many friends, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, May 8, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Brian Cockram, Rev. Clyde Earles and Rev. Robert Blackwell officiating. Interment followed at Lee Cemetery.

CELESTE JUNE HARRIS

BASSETT - Celeste June Harris, age 77 passed away Thursday, May 4, 2006. She was preceded in death by her parents, Eugene Alfred and Clara E. Galbreth Brown, husband, J.W. Harris, and brothers, Eugene and Curtis Brown.

Survivors include: sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Coy Arlet Keith, Bassett, brother and sister-in-law, U.L. and Violet Brown, Willis; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday May 7, 2006 at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Roy Turpin officiating. Interment followed at Topeco Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home.

BLANCH YEAROUT MARION

AUSTINVILLE - Blanche Yearout Marion, 79, departed this life on Monday, May 1, 2006. She was born on May 11, 1926. She was preceded in death by her parents, Hobart and Ola Hollandsworth Gallimore; husbands, Robert M. Yearout, Chester Marion, and brother, Ervin Gallimore.

She is survived by: daughter and son-in-law, Patricia Y. Martin and Roger L. Martin of Austinville; three stepsons, Ronnie Marion, Brian Marion and Keith Marion; brothers and sister-in-law, Archie and Lois Gallimore, Artie and Virginia Gallimore; sisters and brother-in-law, Elizabeth G. Orange, Louise and Lucas Farmer; four grandchildren, Yvette, Michael, Michelle and Anthony; six great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, May 3, at 1 p.m. at Skyline Independent Baptist Church in Fancy Gap, with Brother Garry R. Allen and Brother James Orange officiating. Interment was at Skyview-Webb Cemetery, Fancy Gap. Arrangements by Vaughan Guynn-McGrady Funeral Home.

J. LEWIS VAUGHN

ROANOKE - J. Lewis Vaughn age 82, formerly of Floyd, died Tuesday, May 2, 2006. His parents, Alfonso and Zula Bolt Vaughn, preceded him in death.

He is survived by: his wife, Mackie Lovern Vaughn of Roanoke; son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Sue Moii Vaughn, of Huntington Beach, CA; and daughter and son-in-law Patricia Jane and Joseph Grant, of Maumelle, AR

A Masonic Service was held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 6, at the Colonial Presbyterian Church, 3350 Popular Ave, Roanoke. A Memorial Service followed at 10:00 a.m. Interment was held at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at Mt. Hebron cemetery, Willis, with Military Rites. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

FRANCES VEST

FLOYD - Frances Wilson "Fran" Vest, 85, a resident of Floyd for 14 years and formerly of Waysons Corner, died of heart failure April 29, 2006 at Roanoke Memorial Hospital. She was born March 7, 1921, in Morris Station, KY. She was a homemaker who enjoyed gardening and reading. She was the mother of Edward R. Wilson who died in 1993.

Surviving are: her husband, Ralph M. Vest; son, Robert Wilson of Davidsonville; two brothers, Morris Nicely of Covington, KY, John Nicely of Front Royal; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at noon at Kalas Funeral Home in Edgewater. Burial in Southern Memorial Gardens in Dunkirk. Contributions may be made to the AHA, P.O. Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058-5216 or Floyd County Rescue Squad.

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ELSIE "EFFIE" REED AKERS

FLOYD-Elsie "Effie" Reed Akers, 101, passed away Friday, May 19, 2006.

She was born May 28, 1904, and was nine days from her 102nd birthday at the time of her death.

Mrs. Akers was a member of the Floyd Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, the late Andrew J. Akers, her son, the late Hobert Akers, and her son-in-law, the late Freeman Reed.

Surviving are; daughter, Eleanor Akers Reed, Floyd; daughter-in-law, Gladys Akers, WV.; ten grandchildren and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral service was conducted 11:00 a.m. Monday, May 22, at Gardner Funeral Home Chapel with Mr. C.E. Mannon and Mr. Larry Phillips officiating.

Interment followed at Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

Special thanks to her daughter, Eleanor Akers Reed, for her personal caregiver and for being by her side for many years until the end. Eleanor has proven that "Honor Thy Mother" has never been so true.

Arrangements were handled by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

JOSHUA JAMES FRIEL

FLOYD- Joshua James Friel, 18, of Floyd, suddenly passed away on Wednesday, May 17, 2006. Josh was an Honor student at Floyd County High School. He was going to graduate this June. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was scheduled for deployment in August. Josh worked with his grandfather James for the past few years building beautiful wood decks. He had a passion for working with his hands and creating beautiful things for other people to enjoy. He took pride in everything he accomplished from schoolwork to watching his siblings to creating decks. He was a wonderful son, brother, grandson, great-grandson, uncle, nephew, cousin and friend. We all will miss him and his scientific arguments each and every day. He was and still is greatly missed and loved by all that knew him.

Josh was preceded in death by his grandmother, Edith Friel. He is survived by: his mother, Colleen Wallis; sisters, Samantha Walser, Laura Friel, and "special sister" Jamie Calabria; brothers, John Friel and Justin Kliovski; great-grandmothers, Irene Schriefer, Sylvia Jean Huffman; grandparents, Nancy and Ron Cross, James and Hazel (Phillips) Huffman; great-uncle and aunt, Teddy Joe and Shelia Huffman; nephew and nieces, Rollen, Felici, and Nicholas, and special friend, Michael "B.J." Barrett; and numerous extended family and friends. A private funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20, 2006, at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Graham Mitchell officiating with interment following at Jacksonville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Josh's mother, Colleen Wallis, 517 Rock Hill Church Road, Floyd, Va. 24091, to cover expenses. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

CULLEN "FRANK" HIGGS

SURFSIDE BEACH-Cullen " Frank " Higgs, 67 of Oceanside Village, formerly of Roanoke, died Saturday, May 20, 2006 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on June 22, 1938 in Willis, Va.

He was the son of the late Carlus Saford and Eva Gladys Higgs. He was also preceded in death by his grandparents, Isaac and Flora Higgs and Jessie and Mary Slaughter.

Mr. Higgs was a US Army veteran and was retired from Norfolk Southern Railroad in Roan-oke, Va., after 31 years of service. Surviving are a loving companion, Carolyn Makely of Surfside Beach; brother, Carlos " Butch " Higgs of Surfside Beach; sister, Darlene Harris and husband, Glenn of Salem; nieces, Brenda Wright

of Salem and Brooke Higgs - Feltz and husband Derek of Charlotte, N.C.; nephew, Shawn Michael Higgs of Charleston, S.C.; half brother, Oakley E. Slaughter of Willis, Va. and former wife, Joyce B. Higgs of Roanoke, along with many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Friday, May 26, 2006 at Oakey's North Chapel with David Workman officiating. Graveside service will be held 1 p.m. Friday at Captain George Cemetery in Indian Valley, with Reverend Vinton Quesenberry officiating. The family will be receiving friends 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Oakey's North Chapel, 362 - 1237.

NELLIE YVONNE GOAD

FLOYD-Nellie Yvonne Goad, 70, died Sunday May 21, 2006. She was preceded in death by her husband C.B. Goad, daughter Barbara A. Burress, son Roger D. Goad, brother Jimmy Hall, mother Ila Mae Hall, and father Martin W. Hall.

She is survived by: son and daughter-in-law, Bobby W. & Brenda Goad, Moneta; daughter, Teresa G. Goad, Floyd; brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth D. and Betsy Hall, Marion ; grandchildren, Dawn Goad, Jimmy Goad both of Roanoke, Joey Burress, Meadows of Dan, Deidra Webb, Sasha Smith, Xena Smith all of Floyd Michael Blevins, Allen Blevins both of Moneta; great grandchildren, Delta D. Burress, Thriston L. Burress , Dustin W. Burress, Michael V. Webb all of Floyd; very special friends Vivian Weeks, Leasa Hickman and Darrell Quesenberry.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 24, at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Stan Hawkins and Rev. Roy Turpin officiating. Interment to followed at 2:00 p.m. at Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens, Roanoke. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

EEVI V. OWEN

VERO BEACH, FL - Eevi V. Owen, 67, died suddenly of a heart attack at her home on Sunday, May 14, 2006.

Mrs. Owen was a long-time Floyd resident, and work-ed as a nurse at Montgomery Regional Hospital in Blacksburg until her retirement. She was preceded in death by her husband, G. Albert Owen, Jr.

She is survived by: her son, G. Albert Owen, III of Vero Beach, FL; daughter and son-in-law, Eevi and Michael Slater and grandchildren, Lauren and James Slater, all of Charlotte, NC; and sister, Helga Vast of Bridgeton, NJ. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

No public memorial service is planned.

SQUIRE L. SEARCY

INDIAN VALLEY-Squire L. Searcy, 72, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, May 15, 2006. He was preceded in death by: his parents, James Cleveland and Elizabeth Mae Searcy; brother, Chum Searcy; and brother-in-law Floyd Hawkins.

He is survived by: his wife Rosemary Searcy; children and spouses Butch and Barbara Searcy of Tega Cay, SC, Jane Searcy of Iron Station, NC, Sherry and Jim Crofts of Simpsonville, SC, Margaret and Mike Miller of Norcross, GA, Karen and Erik Wagner of Charlotte, NC, and Judi and Stephen Westerfield of Cary, NC; special adopted children and spouse Bucky Oates of Lowesville, NC and Janet and Bill Robinson of Woodlawn; grandchildren, Megan Crofts, Ryan Crofts, Danny Crofts, Steven Miller, James Miller, Benjamin Wagner and one on the way; special adopted grandchildren and spouse Dawn and Stacy Warren and Brandon Bunn; sisters and brother-in-law Betty Hawkins of Mt. Holly, NC and Jessie and Don Fortner of Spartanburg, SC; and many special friends.

Funeral service was held Monday, May 22, at Vaughan-Guynn-McGrady Chapel at 11:00 A.M. with the Rev. Norman Goad and the Rev. Charles Smythers. Military Rites were conducted by the Grover King Post 1115 of Hillsville and Masonic Rites was conducted by the Long Creek Lodge # 205 AF & AM of Huntersville, NC. Donations may be made to Camp Dickenson 801 Camp Dickenson Lane, Fries, VA 24330 or to Willis United Methodist Church Parsonage Fund 5671 Floyd Highway South, Willis, VA 24380 or to a charity of your choice. A guestbook is available by visiting www.vaughanguy-nnandmcgrady.com.

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ARDEN TIMOTHY ALAGNA

FLOYD—Arden Timothy Alagna, 31, died on Thursday, May 25, 2006.

He is survived by his son, Blake Alagna, wife Terra Alagna, mother Susan Oshel, father Johna-thon Alagna, brother Elias Alagna, sisters Angela Kello and Christin Schuckmann, stepfather Steve Cochran, stepmother Gail Alagna and grandmother Peggy Alagna.

Arden was born in Norfolk on March 5, 1974, but came to Floyd soon after and touched everyone's hearts in his own special way.

There will be a private memorial service on Saturday, June 3, for his family and close friends to honor his life with us.

Gardner Funeral Home handled arrangements. Condolences may be sent to Alagna Family, P.O. Box 626, Floyd, VA 24091.

ELIZABETH HYLTON BOLT

FLOYD—Elizabeth Hylton Bolt, 71, passed away Wednesday, May 10, 2006, at New River Valley Medical Center. She was a member of Laurel Branch Church of the Brethren.

Mrs. Bolt was preceded in death by: her husband, Harold E. Bolt; her father and mother, John B. and Lissie Hylton; and her brothers, Fredrick Hylton and Ralph Hylton.

Surviving are: three daughters and one son, Debra Bolt, Baltimore, Md., Patricia Chew and her husband, Chris, Allen, Texas, Terry Bolt, Blacksburg and her friend, Rayburn Vandergrift, David Bolt and his wife, Terri, Williamsburg.; three grandchildren, Gary Chew, Kevin Chew and Michael Chew, Allen, Texas; two brothers, Curtis and his wife, Lillian Hylton, Meadows of Dan, G.W. and his wife, Miriam Hylton of Christiansburg; one sister, Shirley H. and her husband, Robert Richards, Floyd; two sisters-in-law, Louise Hylton, Floyd, and Thelma Hylton, Bedford; brothers-in-law, J.E. and his wife, Dot Bolt, Willis., Alfred and his wife, Sonia Bolt, Burke, Va.; sisters-in-law Helen Chun, Fla., and Sue Thomasson, Riner. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral service was conducted 11 a.m. Friday, May 12, 2006, at Gardner Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Angela Carr and Mr. Jerry Hylton officiating. Interment followed at Laurel Branch Cemetery. The family requests in lieu of flowers that donations be sent to Laurel Branch Church of the Brethren in memory of Elizabeth. Arrangements by Gardner Funeral Home of Floyd.

LESLIE ALLEN GALLIMORE

“BIG JACK”

CHRISTIANSBURG- Leslie Allen Gallimore, born Dec. 13, 1911, left this life to see his Heavenly Father face to face, on May 26, 2006. He was a member of the Shawsville Congregational Holiness Church.

He attended many other churches while helping to build and support churches all over the New River Valley.

His love for God was exemplary, reaching out to all people. His worship and praise to his Heavenly Father were always upon his lips, through most difficult times while bed ridden and dependent.

We believe of all the many accomplishments he had in life, the greatest that he would like all people to know is that he loved God.

His wife Cornelia was the love of his life, being married for 71 years.

He and Cornelia were blessed with four sons, Chester and Carol, Donald and Ara, Dale and Dee, and Mac and Lilley. He is survived by: three sisters, Arnie Simpkins, Dovie Quesenberry, Isabelle and husband Lewis Shelor; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles and Oneta Gallimore, and Roger and Irena Jean Gallimore; sister-in-law Irene Gallimore; special sister-in-law and husband Elaine and Bill Dobyns; nine grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Roxie Boyd and Edith Quesenberry, and one brother, Vinton Gallimore.

We would like to thank his caregivers at home that lovingly took care of him, the Carilion Home Health Care givers, Dr. Conaster, the nurses/aids at Radford Carilion Hospital and all who visited with him, praying with him for his daily strength and encouragement until his passing.

Special thanks to Christiansburg Rescue Squad and in lieu of flowers please give donations to the Christiansburg Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 176, Christiansburg, VA, 24068, or your local church.

Funeral service was held 11:00 a.m. Monday, May 29, at the Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren with Rev. Mike Spence, Rev. J.B. Shelton, Rev. Richard Thomas, and Rev. Hebron Quesenberry officiating.

Interment followed in Beaver Creek Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

MARVIN JEWELL THOMAS

FLOYD – Marvin Jewell Thomas, 96, passed away Sunday morning, May 28, 2006, at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center. Born March 18, 1910, to the late Nathaniel C. and Judia Martin Thomas, he was the youngest of 11 children, all of whom preceded him in death.

Marvin is survived by his wife of nearly 69 years, Daisy DeWitt Thomas.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by: a son and daughter-in-law, J. DeWitt and Linda Thomas of Check; a daughter, Judy T. Hubbard of Copper Hill; four grandchildren, Frank and Crissie Thomas of Copper Hill; Patrick Thomas of Copper Hill; Laura and Jason Conner of Check; Cory Hubbard of Fairlawn and his girlfriend Ashley Day of Shawsville; a great-granddaughter Jaci Beth Thomas of Copper Hill and a son-in-law Doug Hubbard of Fairlawn. Also surviving is a special caregiver Betty Conner of Bent Mountain and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held at the Stonewall Cemetery Tuesday, May 30, at 11 a.m. with Pastor Dan Walker officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations and memorials be made to the Floyd County Rescue Squad, the Floyd County Fire Department or a charity or organization of your choice. The family would like to express their appreciation to Dr. Garry Kuiken and staff, Carilion NRV Medical Center personnel, Carilion Hospices, Floyd County Rescue Squad and Skyline

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RENA LOU (VIA) INGRAM

FERRUM-Rena Lou Via Ingram, 75, of Ingramville, Ferrum, passed Saturday, June 3, 2006, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Ronald and Arlene Ingram of Henry.

She was born in Patrick County June 20, 1930, to Jesse Nash Via and Nannie Lou Bryant Via. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Owen and Clinton Via, and a granddaughter, Nellie Len Ingram. A member of Union Primitive Baptist Church since 1972, she and her husband were caretakers for 17 years. She loved her church and attended regularly. She has fed many Primitive Baptist preachers in her home. She was a homemaker, who loved sewing and making crafts, quilts and baskets.

She is survived by: her husband of 58 years, H.D. Ingram; two daughters and one son-in-law, Brenda I. Tatum, Arlene and Ronald Ingram; grandchildren, Robby Dee Tatum and wife Renee, Allan Jamie Ingram and wife Renea, Daniel Jessie Ingram and wife Katherine, Ronald Joseph (Joe) Ingram, and Neal Jordan Ingram; great-grandchildren, Allana Joy Ingram, Jacob Turner Ingram, Anna Len Ingram, Benjamin Scott Tatum, Ashley Nicole Tatum, and Abel Jesse Ingram; sisters and brothers, A. Neal Via of Fieldale, Katie Adaline Lane of Ferrum, Grant Kirmer Via of Fieldale, Eunice V. DeVane of Greensboro, Lennis V. Pickeral of Pulaski, Patsy V. Spencer of Ferrum, and Nancy V. Hancock of Statesville, N.C.; sisters in law, Estelle I. Jones of Henry, Marcella Ingram of Ferrum, and Grace Ingram of Rocky Mount; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was conducted from Union Primitive Baptist Church at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 6, with Elder Clarence Stone and Elder Mark Terry officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Union Primitive Baptist Church, c/o Clarence Stone, 538 Fairmont Dr., Bassett, VA, 24055. Flora Funeral Service, Rocky Mount handled arrangements.

JUNIOR CLAYTON LYLE

RADFORD-Junior Clayton Lyle, 85, died Friday June 2, 2006. His son, Tryell Lyle, preceded him in death.

He is survived by: his wife, Louise H. Lyle, Radford; son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Annette Lyle, Radford; daughter, Phyllis Lyle, Richmond; brothers, Earnest Lyle, Maynard Lyle, Laverne Lyle, all of WVA; sisters, Opal Shrewsberry, WVA, Genevie Blevins, Salem; grandchildren, April Barnes, Zach Tomlinson, Jeff Tomlinson, Maranda Williams, Lennon Lyle, Felicity Lyle; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held 11:00 a.m. Monday, June 5, at Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Willis with Elder Jay Harris and Elder Paul Williams officiating. Interment followed at Indian Creek Cemetery.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

RICHARD ALAN MERCER

LOWELL, ARKANSAS-Richard Alan Mercer, 36, of Lowell, Ark., formerly of Edna, Texas, passed away on Saturday, June 3, 2006.

Surviving are: his wife, Jennifer Searight Mercer; children, Alexandria Lauren Mercer, Rebecca Katelyn Mercer, and Austin Michael Mercer; parents, Sherrel and Cecelia Mercer of Edna, Texas; sisters, Elizabeth Mercer Thompson (husband Jason) of Edna, Texas, and Laura Mercer Paulsel (husband Jason) of Peachtree City, Ga.; grandparents, T.S. Glass (wife Audrey) of Vinton, Va., Mrs. W.H. Mercer, Sr., of Edna, Texas; and an aunt and uncle, Nancy and Roger Mannon of Floyd.

Richard was an honor graduate of Edna High School, Edna, Texas, in 1988. He earned an Associates Degree in Arts at Florida College in 1991.

Richard was employed by Mercer Controls, Edna, Texas, from 1992 to 2003. He was then employed as a realtor in Rogers, Ark., and for Delta Systems in Rogers in 2004.

Funeral service was held Thursday, June 8, at 10 a.m. at the Rollins Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at Red Hill Cemetery at 5 p.m. Kevin Maxey, minister of the Downtown Church of Christ in Rogers, officiated. Memorials may be made, donor's choice, or by donation to an education fund for Richard's children or for defraying expenses. Arrangements by Rollins Funeral Home, Rogers, Ark.

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GAYE VEST SIMPKINS

CHRISTIANSBURG- Gaye Vest Simpkins peacefully passed away from this life, Saturday, June 10, 2006. She was the widow of Edgar C. Simpkins and the last surviving member of the Willie F. and Tabitha Jane Vest family. She was preceded in death by four sisters, Annie Shaver, Copper Hill, Ella Phillips, Christiansburg, Elizabeth Fitzwater, Bridgewater, Ruby Fitzwater, Hagerstown, Maryland, and three brothers, Morris Vest, Copper Hill, Robert C. Vest, Roanoke, and Thomas Vest of Check. She is survived by 22 nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Simpkins attended Harris Cannaday Presbyterian Mission School near her Copper Hill home and was a 1934 graduate of Bridgewater College. She taught in Floyd County Schools for 23 years, beginning in one - room schools and finishing at Floyd County High School in 1956. She shared her love of music and the Bible by serving as pianist and teaching Sunday School at Bethlehem Methodist Church. She sought ways to be of service to those around her, in her church, family, neighborhood and in various civic organizations.

Funeral service was held at The Horne Funeral Home Chapel at 2 p.m. Monday, June 12. Interment followed in Sunset Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent to hornefuneralservice.com.

MINNIE FLORENCE STUMP

CHECK-Minnie Florence Stump, 93, passed away Saturday, June 17, 2006 in the New River Valley Medical Center. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Early Stump, and a grandson, Richard E. Stump.

She is survived by: son and daughter-in-law, Earl David and Claudine Stump of Check; two grandchildren, Mary Anne Bain and David and Kim Stump, four great-grandchildren, Anthony Bain and Becky, Brandon Bain, Garland Orange and Cayden Stump; sisters, Elsie Stump of Roanoke and Christine Stanley of Fincastle.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, June 19, at Wood Funeral Home in Floyd with Pastor Dusty Etter and Reverend Irvin Sloan officiating. Interment followed in Restvale Cemetery.

A special thanks to her care givers, Vicky Potter and Gary and Jane Smith, for their loving care.

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CODY LEE HATCHER

RIXEYVILLE-Cody Lee Hatcher, 15, died Sunday, June 18, 2006.

Cody was a freshman at Culpeper County High School where he played freshman football. He also played Little League Baseball for several years.

Survivors include: his parents, Victor and Kim Hatcher; sisters, Brooke Hatcher and Morgan Hatcher; grandparents, Phillip and Barbara Harris, Scott and Jeannie Blevins and Bert and Linda Hatcher.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, June 23, at Price Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas. Pastor Leo DeLorge officiated.

Interment was private.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Epilepsy Foundation of Virginia, c/o Victor and Kimberly Hatcher, 10034 Schoolhouse Lane, Rixeyville, Virginia 22727 in memory of Cody Hatcher. Condolences may be sent to www.pricefh.com.

WILLIAM KAUFMAN THOMPSON

FLOYD-WilliamKaufman Thompson, 92, passed away June 22, 2006.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Clyde M. Thompson.

He is survived by: three daughters, Marie and LeRoy Carr of Floyd, Dorothy Lee Carter of Roanoke, Hilda Thompson, of Floyd; two sons, J.C. and Arlene Thompson and Billy and Wanda Thompson of Floyd; eleven grandchildren, Michael and Rosemary Carr, Sherry and Ronald Hartsock, Darrell Carr and Cassie, Dennis and Cheryl Carter, Donald and Angie Carter, Janice and Paul Hoffman, Melody Martin, Stephen and Winnie Thompson, Stephanie and Rob Ryan, Bryant and Stacy Thompson, Kim and Tommy Mays; twenty great-grandchildren; three sisters, Elma Turman of Floyd, Ailene and Jamie StClair of Roanoke, Lois and Parris Hammond of Roanoke; three sisters-in-law, Lillian Thompson, Polly Thompson and Julie Thompson; numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, at The House of Prayer.

Reverend John Ingram, Rev, Guy Hartsock, Rev. Vinton Quesenberry and Rev. Eli Yoder officiated.

Interment was in the Radford Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by Wood Funeral Home, Floyd.

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LEROY EDWARD CARR

FLOYD-Leroy Edward Carr, 78, of Floyd passed away Monday, July 3, 2006. He was born on November 15, 1927 to the late Roy and Dorothy Carr. He served his country during World War II in the United States Army. Leroy retired from John Hancock's/Roanoke Electric Steel. He loved his Lord and was a faithful member of the House of Prayer.

He is survived by: his loving wife of 52 years and 10 months, Marie Thompson Carr; three children and spouses, Michael and Rosemary Carr, Floyd, Sherry and Ronald Hartsock, Bassett, Darrell Carr and Cassie, Floyd; five grandchildren, Christy Carr, Brittany Carr, Amanda Carr, of Floyd, Jonathan Hartsock, Sarah Hartsock, of Bassett; brother, Byron and Lorene Carr, Copper Hill; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Carter, Hilda Thompson; brothers-in-law and spouses, J.C. and Arlene Thompson, Billy and Wanda Thompson; many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 6, at Gardner Funeral Home with the Reverends Vinton Quesenberry, Guy Hartsock, David Stetler, and Sid Stewart officiating. Interment will follow in Vest Cemetery.

Donations may be made to Vest Cemetery, C/O David Peters, 763 Long Level Road, Floyd, VA 24091.

ROBERT "BOB" WAYNE HARMAN

BLUE RIDGE-Robert "Bob" Wayne Harman, 70, died Sunday, July 2, 2006.

Bob worked at Greyhound Trailway for 28 years and most recently for Charles R. Simpson, Inc. as a field supervisor. His parents, Clovis and Mae Conner Harman, preceded him in death.

He is survived by: wife, Betty Harman, Roanoke; daughters and sons-in-law, Tanya and Steve McDaniel, Winston Salem, NC, Donna and Paul McManners, Roanoke; sister, Catherine Florence Lichtenstein, Roanoke; three granddaughters, Taylor McDaniel, Maegan and Katie McManners; brother-in-law and wife, Tazewell and Nancy Akers, sister-in-law and husband, Alb-ertine Faye and Robert Montgomery, all of Christiansburg; several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Graveside service was held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 5, at White Rock Cemetery with Rev. Ralph Duncan and Rev. Michael Pugh officiating. Arrangements were handled by Maberry Funeral Home, Inc.

SUSIE LINK POFF

CHECK-Susie Link Poff, 77, of Check, passed away Friday, June 30, 2006. Mrs Poff was born July 27, 1928.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilmer L. "Dude" Poff.

Surviving are: four sons and three daughters-in-law, Leonard and Peggy Poff, Salem; Earl and Gail Poff, Check; Dale and Reva Poff, Pilot; Mike Poff and fiancé, Amy Conner, Check; daughter, Helen Poff and her husband, David Barker, Christiansburg; ten grandchildren, Eric and wife, Jennifer Childress, Noah Poff, Chasity and husband, Lee Brown, Ronnie Williams, Maranda Poff, Zach Poff, Evan Poff, Alex Poff, Daniel Poff and Trey Walker; six great-grandchildren, Seth Kemp, Logan Brown, Taylor Williams, Mason Childress, Cymberly Cressell and Casey Cressell; two sisters, Beulah Lutz and Lucille Linkous; one brother-in-law, Edgar Linkous; two sisters-in-law, Pauline Poff and Margorie Nichols.

Funeral service was conducted at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, July 2, at Gardner Funeral Home Chapel. Reverend Leon Alley officiating. Interment followed at Huffville Cemetery.

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CHERYL WADE GILTNER

SUMMERFIELD, FLORIDA-Cheryl Wade Giltner, 53, passed away June 24, 2006 at her home. She was born in Christiansburg, May 6, 1953. Her childhood years were spent in Boston, Mass. Area. After college she taught elementary school in Florida until she was diagnosed with cancer in 2005.

She was preceded in death by her parents Bernie and Evelyn Wade of Largo, Florida, grandparents, Boss and Ruby Wade and special cousins Philip and Bruce Mannon all of Floyd.

She is survived by: her husband, Pastor Danny Giltner; daughter, Christy Giltner; sons, Daniel and David Giltner of Summerfield, Florida. Survivors in the Floyd area include aunts, Ida Agee, Alma Mannon, Edith Hunter and Alta Conner; cousins, Mavis Reed, Barry and Teddy Shepherd, Roger Mannon, Dennis Hunter and Marvin Wade.

A memorial service was held June 28 by Pastor Wayne Earnest in Florida.

RUBY KEITH REED

WILLIS-Ruby Keith Reed, age 73, passed away Sunday July 16, 2006 at her home. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dyer T. Reed.

Survivors include: daughter, Rhonda Reed, Floyd; son, Randy Reed, Canton, OH; grandchildren, Nick Reed, Chrissy Reed, Craig Reed and wife Sonja; great-grandson,

Josiah Reed; sisters, Margie Keith, Floyd, Melva Largen, Pulaski, Katy Reed, Michigan, Wilma Reed, Floyd; half-sister,

Elizabeth Weir, Christiansburg.

Funeral service were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday July 19, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Randy Lilly officiating. Interment followed at Duncans Chapel Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home.

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MAXINE VIRGINIA PULLIN DUNFORD

RINER-Maxine Virginia Pullin Dunford, 83, passed away Thursday, July 20, 2006.

Her parents Wilbur and Leona Delphrey Pullin, and four loving brothers preceded her in death.

Maxine was a true angel of God evident by her beautiful smile and her ability to make all that were around her feel peace and happiness. As a wife, she was always beside Bill, supporting and loving him with all her heart for 55 and half years. As a mother, no one will ever compare. She was always there for her children showing them love and compassion through every step of their lives. As a grandmother, we are ever so grateful to her for sharing her values, as she will always be shining through their eyes. Her husband, children and their spouses, and grandchildren will always remember her as the angel who was always there for them.

She is survived by: her husband, William Franklin Dunford; sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald and Ellie St. Pierre, Michael and Shirley Dunford; daughters and son-in-law, Pat Odu, Susan and Glen Duncan, grandchildren, Scott St. Pierre, Michelle Odum, Krista Humphrey, Shane Duncan, Brandon Duncan; great-grandchildren, Charlotte and Andrew Humphrey, Rachael and Adam St. Pierre, step-grandchildren, Clay Bowman, Kevin Bowman; uncle and wife, Floyd and Elizabeth Pullin; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins and friends

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, July 23, at Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren, 409 Ridgeview Road NW Floyd, with Rev. Richard Thomas and Rev. Ralph Duncan officiating. Interment followed at Beaver Creek Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by Maberry Funeral Home, Inc. 367 South Locust Street Floyd.

EDWARD J. FRIEDENBERG

INDIAN VALLEY- Edward J. Friedenber, retired writer, died July 17, 2006. A former resident of Kernersville, N. C., he was born in Meriden, Conn., in 1927, the son of the late Gustav E. and Adela Drews Friedenber. He was married to Christine Smith of Kernersville, who died in 1997. Survivors include a son, John, and his wife, Claire; a daughter, Adela and her husband Mark Larimore of Winston-Salem, N.C.; three grandchildren, Julia Friedenber, Gustav Larimore, and Kate Friedenber; and a brother, Walter, and his wife Tencha, of Denver, Colo. In lieu of flowers Ed wished that memorials be made to his local hospice home, Beulah House, Inc. 3873 Dry Valley Road, Radford, VA 24141. A memorial celebration is scheduled for Sunday ID# 34503350

PAUL LEROY WOOD

FLOYD-Paul Leroy Wood age 57 of Floyd passed away Friday July 21, 2006.

He is survived by; his wife, Janina Ann Wood; daughter, Leslie Long, sons, Joshua Wood; step sons, Jerry Allen Vass, Joseph William Vass; mother, Hazel Wood; six grandchildren, sisters, Sandra Snyder, Linda Wood; brothers, Henry "Peanut" Davis, Sammy Bowels; many nieces, nephews and friends

A memorial service will be planned at a later date. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

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RONALD DAVIS BUCKNER

CHRISTIANSBURG-Ronald Davis Buckner, 43, passed away Sunday, August 6, 2006 at Roanoke Memorial Hospital. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Mont and Ada Thompson and Ed and Opal Buckner.

He is survived by: his son, Issac Ronald Buckner of Willis; mother, Beulah Dalton of Christiansburg; father, Troy Buckner and his wife, Joann of Cana; sister and brother-in-law, Shelia and John DeVault of Evansville, Indiana; brothers and sister-in-law, William Buckner, Tim Buckner, both of Christiansburg and Roger and Wanda Buckner of Willis; special friend, Dianne Buckner of Willis and Terry Quesenberry of Dublin; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. The funeral service was conducted at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Horne Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Kenneth Poston and Rev. Greg Poff officiating. Interment followed in Sunset Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.hornefuneralservice.com

GENEVA SMITH KNOWLES

CHRISTIANSBURG-Geneva Smith Knowles, passed away Monday, August 7, 2006. She was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Albert and Ethel Smith of Floyd.

She is survived by two children, three grandchildren, cousins, and many very special friends and neighbors.

A graveside service will be held Thursday, August 10, at 11:00 a.m. at Jacksonville Cemetery with Rev. Monroe Hedrick officiating. She will be buried beside her parents. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Rescue Squad. Gardner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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UNICE C. HYLTON

FLOYD-Unice C. Hylton, 98, passed away on Sunday, August 13, 2006. He was an employee with the Virginia Department of Highways for 30+ years. He was a member of Falling Branch United Methodist

Church where he had many loyal friends. He was a good husband and a loving and wonderful father. He had a great sense of humor and loved to make people smile. After retirement he spent many enjoyable hours on his front porch.

Special thanks to the staff at Skyline Manor for all the love and care that was shown to him. He was treated very special by all involved during his stay at Skyline. We also appreciate and thank Hospice Care for all their support.

He was preceded in death by daughter, Hazel Blackwell.

Survivors include: his wife of 74 years, Vada Vaughn Hylton; daughters and sons-in-law, Louise and Curtis Nester, Donna and Jack Simmons, Kenneth Blackwell; grandchildren, Deborrah Scarbeck and husband Jim; Charles Blackwell and wife Janice, Matthew Blackwell and wife Kelly; great-grandchildren, North Jackson and wife Mary, Dusten and C.J. Flinchun, Mackenzie Blackwell; great-great-grandchildren; Anthony and Sarah Louise Jackson, numerous nieces and nephews, including a faithful nephew, Wayne Hylton.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 16, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Joshua Kilbourne, Rev. Vinton Quesenberry and Rev. Curtis Nester officiating. Music was by Dana Howell and the Falling Branch Choir. Interment followed at Jacksonville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to his memory may be made to Falling Branch United Methodist Church c/o Mrs. Hugh Nester, 109 Falling Branch Rd. NW, Floyd, VA 24091.

LETTIE MARIE PHILLIPS

INDIAN VALLEY-Lettie Marie Phillips Harris, 93, passed away Friday, August 11, 2006.

Survivors include: her loving husband of 76 years, Thurman A. Harris, Bedford; sons and daughters-in-law, David Harris, Roanoke, Harlie and Reva Sue Harris, Martinsville, Charlie and France Harris, Christiansburg; daughters and sons-in-law, Betty and Mitch Ratliff, Bedford, Ella and Larry Fenzel, Roanoke, 18 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren, ten step-great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and three step great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 15, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Pastor Tim Martin and Rev. Joe Cox officiating. Burial followed in Captain George Quesenberry Cemetery. The family requests donations be made to Blue Ridge Women's Center, 5034 Williams Road, Roanoke, VA 24012.

RICHARD DALE YOPP

FERRUM-Richard Dale Yopp, 48, passed away Wednesday, August 9, 2006 at Franklin Memorial Hospital. He was born in Riner and graduated from Auburn High School.

He is survived by: a devoted companion of 11 years, Sylvia Withrow; mother and stepfather, Hazel M. and Edward Cornett, Elk Creek; father and stepmother, Donald and Nancy Yopp, Shawsville; brother, David Yopp and wife Diane, Christiansburg; five children, Michelle Linkous, Christopher Yopp, Chadwick Jones, all of Christiansburg, Harvey Wilson, Tenn., Cathern Taylor, Roanoke; nine grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 12, at Gardner Funeral Home with Rev. Wallace "Buck" Yopp and Rev. Jimmie Hall officiating. Interment followed in Endicott Hill Cemetery.

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CRYSTAL NICHOLS BELCHER

FLOYD-Crystal Nichols Belcher, 81, passed away Wednesday, August 16, 2006. She was the widow of Walter M. Belcher.

Survivors include: daughter and son-in-law, Patty and Tennis Weeks, Floyd; grandchildren, Michelle Schroeder and husband Harrison, Floyd, Andrew Madison Weeks, Chapel Hill, NC; great-grandchildren, Amanda Carr, Ann Lee Schroeder, Emma Randolph Schroeder, all of Floyd.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, August 18, at the Presbyterian Church of Floyd with Rev. David Taylor and Rev. Richard Gregory officiating.

Interment followed at Jacksonville Cemetery.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

STERLING (STAN) EVERET DALTON

WILLIS-Sterling (Stan) Everet Dalton, 73, passed away Thursday, August 17, 2006.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Everet L. and Nelva Mitchell Dalton.

Survivors include: sons, Micky Dalton, Summers Everet Dalton, Theron Dalton; daughter, Teresa Dalton; brothers, Elwood Dalton, Henry Dalton, Harley Dalton, Curtis Dalton, Sammy Dalton; sisters, Polly Weeks, Molly Quesenberry, Margie Heugel; grandchildren, Mitch Dalton, Jake Dalton.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 20, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Robert Akers officiating. Interment followed at Amos Quesenberry Cemetery, Indian Valley.

ARVIL LEE HARMON

WILLIS-Arvil Lee Harmon, 72, was called home to be with his heavenly father Thursday, August 17, 2006 while surrounded by his loving family.

Survivors include: daughter and son-in-law, Shona Lee and Jerry Helms, Stuart; brother and sister-in-law, Carlton and Janice Harmon, Willis; grandchildren, Rocky Helms and wife Amy, Stuart, Summer Pike and husband Scott, Stuart, Dawn Quesinberry and husband Lee, Meadows of Dan; great-grandchildren, Bridgette and Dakota Helms, Brooke, Blake and Bryley Pike, Hanna, Cody and Brandy Quesinberry; nephew, Rick Harmon, Roanoke.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 19, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Reverend John Franklin and Reverend Marcus Woods officiating.

Interment followed at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Pleasant Hill Cemetery Fund, c/o Connie Gunn, 481 Gardner Rd., Willis, VA 24380.

JOSHUA NATHANIEL McCLANAN, JR.

FLOYD-Joshua Nathaniel McClanan, Jr., 79, passed away Saturday August 19, 2006. He was a member of the Floyd United Methodist Church where he served in many capacities.

He was 1998 District Governor, New River District Methodist Men.

He was past President of Lions Club of VA and a long standing member of the Masonic Lodge in Virginia Beach.

He was past President of the Floyd Ruritan Club and on the Stearing Committee for the New River District.

He was a past member of the Floyd Town Council and served on the PSA Water Board of Floyd.

He retired to Floyd after 25 years with the City of Virginia Beach Consumer Affairs.

Survivors include: a daughter and son-in-law, Rose and Gregory Howell, Gloucester; son, Edward Robert McClanan, Virginia Beach; sister, Frances McLawhorne, Norfolk; step-grandchildren, Amber and Griffin Howell

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 23, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Reverend Richard Gregory officiating.

Interment followed at Jacksonville Cemetery.

Donations may be made to Floyd United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 55, Floyd, VA 24091.

EULA HALE SOWERS

CHRISTIANSBURG- Eula Hale Sowers, 85, passed away Sunday, August 20, 2006.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Amos and Addie Hale, husband, Harold Sowers, brothers, Artes, Arlen, Irvin, and Cebert Hale, daughter, Barbara Jean Taylor, and son, Donald Ray Sowers.

Survivors include: Walter Sowers, Christiansburg, Randy Sowers, Christiansburg; grandson, Brian Sowers and wife Jennifer, Christiansburg; three great granddaughters; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, August 23, at Red Oak Grove Church of the Brethren with Reverend Jimmy Cannaday and Reverend Elbert Lee Naff officiating.

Interment followed in Jacksonville Cemetery, Floyd.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

JAMES EMMETT VAUGHAN, SR.

FRIES-James Emmett Vaughan, Sr., 88, passed away Monday, August 21, 2006 at the Skyline Manor Nursing Home in Floyd.

He was born in Wythe County on May 26, 1918 to Robert Lee and Dorothy Grubb Vaughan.

He is survived by: his wife, Dette Jefferson Vaughan, Fries; daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy and Bill Sumner, Floyd; sons and daughters-in-law, James Emmett Vaughan, Jr. and Diana, South Boston, Earl Buford Vaughan and Andi, Washington State, Harrison Lee Vaughan, Christiansburg; sisters and brothers-in-law, Alice Alley, Galax, Ruth Sage and Jack, Pulaski, Gladys Rine and Tony, Louisiana, Mary Kay Vaughan and Ralph, Fries; brothers and sisters-in-law; Olin Vaughan and Eva, Detroit Michigan, George B. Vaughan and Peggy, Charlottesville, Ralph B. Vaughan and Jerri, Galax; six grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held on Thursday, August 24, at 11 a.m. at the Fries United Methodist Church.

Reverend Lee Thomas and Reverend Charles Bolling will be officiating.

Interment will follow at Monta Vista Cemetery with military rites by Hillsville VFW Post 115.

Donations may be made to the Fries United Methodist Church.

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GLENN DALE HICKMAN

PRINCE EDWARD MARYLAND-Glenn Dale Hickman, 33, passed away Sunday, August 20, 2006 at Georgetown University Hospital. He was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret Gunther.

Survivors include: step-father, Melvin Gunther Prince Frederick, MD; children, Aaron Hickman, Abbagale Hickman, both of Lexington Park, MD; sister, Leasa Hickman, Dugspur, step-brother, Timothy Gunther, Lexington Park, MD; nieces, Tamra Hickman, Jadelyn Ball, both of Dugspur.

Graveside service was held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, August 26, at the Alderman Cemetery, Willis, with Rev. Joe Quesenberry officiating. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

GLENDOL ALECE BOYD O'BRIEN

WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI-Glendol Alece Boyd O'Brien, 65, formerly of Meadows of Dan, passed away Thursday, August 24, 2006. She was preceded in death by her son, David Lee O'Brien, and her father, German A. Boyd.

She is survived by: her husband, Ralph O'Brien, West Plains, MO; son, Ken O'Brien, Palmetto, FL; daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Jim Stiles, Rockville, MD; mother, Katherine Hall Boyd, Roanoke; granddaughter, Kaitlyn Alece Stiles, Rockville, MD; sister and brother-in-law, Joyce Ann and Doug Sweeney, Roanoke; brother and sister-in-law, Glen and Phyllis Boyd, Alokomis, FL.

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 27, at Calvary General Baptist Church, West Plains, MO, with Brother Bill Bales officiating.

Graveside service was held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, August 30, at the Boyd Family Cemetery, Meadows of Dan. Local arrangements were handled by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

JOLENE SUE McCOY

FLOYD-Jolene Sue McCoy, 65, passed away Monday, August 28, 2006. She was preceded in death by: her parents, Andrew C. and Leona Louise Wilson, and sister, Bonnie Lou Simerly.

Survivors include: her husband, Garnett Joe McCoy, Floyd; sons and daughters-in-law, Joey Lee and Barbara Lynn McCoy, Hawaii, Bobby Joe and Dianne Olivia McCoy, Pennsylvania; daughters and sons-in-law, Karen Sue and Leslie Hayes, Texas, Beverly Ann and Benny Lewis Morgan, Jr., Christiansburg; grandchildren, Hanna Lee McCoy, Marlene Jo Fournier, Samuel Aaron McCoy, Benjamin Joseph McCoy, Timothy Paul McCoy, Danielle Nicole Hall, Michelle Janine Hall; great-grandchild, Maria Jo Rizzo; sisters, Betty Neece, Melba Dodd, Brenda Wilson, Joyce Duncan; brother, Samuel Wilson; and mother-in-law, Annie P. McCoy.

Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, August 31, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Chaplain Thomas Rice officiating. Interment will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Christiansburg.

CATHY MARIE COX MIDKIFF

FERRUM- Cathy Marie Cox Midkiff, 52, formerly of Floyd, passed away Wednesday, August 23, 2006. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lee and Tula Cox, and a brother, Jackie Cox.

She is survived by: son, K.C. Midkiff of Ferrum; brother, Ricky and Judy Cox of Willis; sisters, Jean Gordon of Christiansburg, Diane and Rick Fazio of Beckley, West, Virginia and Peggy George of Ferrum; five nieces, four nephews and a very special friend, James Woods of Ferrum.

Funeral service was held at 1 p.m. on Friday, August 25, at Wood Funeral Home in Floyd with the Reverend Barry Lell officiating with interment in the Jacksonville Cemetery.

VENNIE BOARD PETERS

FLOYD-Vennie Board Peters, age 81, passed away Thursday, August 24, 2006.

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Funeral service was held at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, August 27, at Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Graham Mitchell officiating.

Interment followed in the Vest Cemetery.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

DAVID TROY SUMNER

FLOYD-David Troy Sumner, age 68, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, August 23, 2006.

He was a member of Camp Bethel United Methodist Church, Floyd Lodge #202, I.O.O.F. and a graduate of Floyd High School. He served in the Army National Guard.

He was a devoted husband, father and step-father.

His memory lives on in the hearts of many, his wife, relatives and friends.

Survivors include; His wife, Faye A. Sumner, Floyd; daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Brandon Bradley, Bedford; grandson, Ethan Wayne Bradley, Bedford; sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth and Jack Barrett, Manassas; loving step-sons, Steven W. Lawson, Maidens, Joel D. Lawson, Riner; spiritual children, Edward, Michelle, Misty and Joshua Fletcher; nieces, Lindsay Bailey, Lydia Geib; nephew, Jeb Barrett.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 26, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Joshua Kilbourne officiating.

Interment followed in Jacksonville Cemetery with military honors by Floyd VFW Post #7854 and American Legion Post #127.

The family requests donations be made to Carilion Hospice Services, ATT: Alta Pickford, 707 Randolph Street, Radford, VA 24141. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

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Interment followed at Pleasant Hill Cemetery with military rites by Hillsville VFW Post #1115. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

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HETTIE NICHOLS HALE DUNFORD

BEDFORD-Hettie Nichols Hale Dunford, 90, formerly of Floyd passed away Monday, October 16, 2006 in a Bedford Nursing Home.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Harmon Hale and William D. Dunford, sisters, Hazel Woods and Ruby Hancock, brother, Maynard Nichols.

She is survived by: brothers and wives, Wilburn and Hazel Nichols of Roanoke, Howard and Lourrain Nichols of Lexington, NC; sisters, Peggy and A.B. Hoback of Salem, Elsie Isom of Winston Salem, NC; sisters-in-law, Sadie Nichols of Salem and Hazel Hale Peters of Roanoke.

Funeral service will be held Thursday, October 19, at 11 a.m. at Wood Funeral Home in Floyd with Reverend Elbert Lee Naff officiating.

Interment was in the Hale Family Cemetery in Floyd.

FRANK GILLESPIE

ROANOKE-Frank Gillespie, 86, formerly of Christiansburg, died Saturday, October 14, 2006. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran of WWII, and retired from Virginia Tech.

Surviving are: cousins, Emma Cannaday, Cassie Carr, Viola Fisher and Leroy Martin.

Graveside service was at 2 p.m. Wednesday, October 18, 2006 in Restvale Cemetery, Floyd County. Pastor Ron Graham officiated.

Arrangements were handled by Oakey's South Chapel.

MELISSA DU'TEY HOWARD

FLOYD-Melissa Du'Tey Howard, 37, passed away at her home Friday, October 13, 2006.

Melissa was an accomplished ballet dancer. She studied at Baltimore School of the Arts and also at several other schools. One of her dance performances was as Clara in The Nutcracker.

She was a Floyd County High School graduate. She attended Radford University and New River Community College. She had a green thumb and enjoyed her flowers.

She had also worked as a C.N.A. in home health.

She will be greatly missed by: her husband of 13 years, Charlie Ray Howard of Floyd; parents, Chester and Frances Du'Tey of Christiansburg; three brothers, Arthur Lee Du'Tey of Roanoke, Jason Glenn Du'Tey of Baltimore, Maryland, Christopher Abott Du'Tey of Floyd; mother-in-law and step-father-in-law, Kyle and Lorraine McGuire of Christiansburg; father-in-law and step mother-in-law, Charlie P. and Joyce Howard of Floyd.

Memorial funeral service was held Monday, October 16, at 2 p.m. at Wood Funeral Home with Reverend Ralph Duncan officiating.

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CAROLYN HAIRSTON FONTAINE

FLOYD-Carolyn Hairston Fontaine, 47 , passed away Saturday, October 21, 2006. She was preceded in death by her mother, Stella Mae Parker.

She is survived by: daughters, Samantha Carroll, Sarah Carroll, Roanoke; son Christopher Hairston; Roanoke; father, Earl Turner, Newark, NJ; brothers and Sisters-in-law, Dwayne and Joyce Hairston, Darrell and Crystal Parker, James H. Parker, all of Floyd; grandchildren, Nekeah Stokes, Taylor Hairston, Aryanna Carroll, Janaiya Hill, Devonte Wiley, Stephon Dareck Anthony Hill, all of Roanoke; host of nieces and nephews

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 25, at Maberry Funeral Home with Rev. Clinton Crump officiating.

Interment followed at Little River Cemetery. Family requests consideration of sending burial expense donation to Maberry Funeral Home, Inc. P.O. Box 133 Floyd, VA 24091.

BERNICE TOLBERT PETERMAN

CHRISTIANSBURG-Bernice Tolbert Peterman, age 92, passed away Tuesday, October 17, 2006.

Bernice was proud of her accomplishment of being one of seven class members to graduate from Buffalo Mountain High School in 1933.

She was also proud of her grandchildren's accomplishments three generations later.

She worked as a riveter and built airplanes at Glen L. Martin Aircraft Co. in Baltimore, MD during World War II. She returned to Christiansburg and worked in the old Overall Factory for many years.

She based her life on hard work and lived by those ethics.

She was a charter member of Buffalo Mountain Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wyatt and Emma Spence Tolbert, husband, Earl Goodson Peterman, and brother, Palmer Tolbert.

Survivors include: son and daughter-in-law, William (Billy) and Mary Peterman. Christiansburg; grandchildren, Edwin (Eddie) Peterman, Wilma and husband, Matthew Cross; all of Washington, DC; sisters, Thelma Keith, Floy, Helen Rutrough, Salem; brothers, Glen Tolbert, Floyd, Ward Tolbert, Bassett, Husten Tolbert, Patrick Springs

Graveside service was held at 2:00 p.m. Friday October 20, at Jacksonville Cemetery, Floyd, with Rev. Emory Tarpley officiating.

In lieu of flowers please remember Bernice with your time and resources to visit and help the elderly and shut-ins in need.

Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

DOROTHY ELIZABETH VEST

CHECK-Dorothy Elizabeth West Vest, passed from this world peacefully on Monday, October 23, 2006 at the age of 92.

She was born October 19, 1914 in Carroll County, Virginia, to Wilton Winfield West and Fannie Hall West.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her twin brother, Donald West, her older brother, Ralph West, and her daughter, Margie L. Cahill. Dorothy retired from the Floyd County School system after 31 years of service.

She is survived by: her husband of 69 years, Hugh F. Vest; son and daughter-in-law, Roger E. and Sharon Vest; 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, Jennifer Wimmer; three great-grandchildren, Tristan, Paxton and Jackson Vest; sister and brother-in-law, Mae and Carl Dobbins; sisters-in-law, Marie Underwood West, Irene Vest, Allene Sweeney, Audrey Lee, Allie Vest; brother-in-law, Horace Vest.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 26, at Gardner Funeral Home with Pastor Dan Walker officiating.

Interment will follow in Samuel L. Vest Family Cemetery, Check.

Flowers are welcomed; however, those who prefer may make gifts to the Hugh and Dorothy Vest Scholarship Fund at the Bank of Floyd. Arrangements by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

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GAYE EPPERLY BELCHER

FLOYD-Gaye Epperly Belcher, 78, went to her heavenly home Friday, October 27, 2006.

She is survived by: sons and daughter-in-law, Donnie and Bonnie Belcher, Concord, NC, Scott Belcher, Floyd; daughters and son-in-law, Janice and Allen Sipe, Clemmons, NC, Robin B. Shepherd, Vinton; grandchildren, Jamie Belcher, Angela Childress, Greg Belcher, B.J. Thompson, Wendy Martin, Olivia Beard, Emily Sundseth, Jacob Simmons, Shea, Rachel, Marah and Kaleb Belcher; ten great-grandchildren; brother and sisters-in-law, Bill and Annie Epperly, Sylvia Epperly, all of Blue Ridge; sisters, Peggy Howell, Faye Wade, both of Roanoke.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 29, at New Haven Baptist Church.

Reverend Leon Wood and Reverend Joseph P. Falls officiated. Interment followed at Jacksonville Cemetery in Floyd. Arrangements were handled by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

CAPTAIN MARSHALL FARRINGTON BABB

FLOYD-USAF (Ret.), Captain Marshall Farrington Babb, 82, passed away at his home Monday, October 30, 2006.

He was a veteran, having served in the United States Navy during World War II and in the United States Air Force as an F-86 Sabrejet fighter pilot during the Korean Conflict.

He was awarded the Purple Heart, Air Medal and Distinguished Flying Cross with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

After his retirement from military service, he was Chief Pilot for Virginia Iron Coal and Coke, which later became American Natural Resources.

He was a member of Quiet Birdmen, American Legion Post #127 and was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7854 where he served on the military funeral detail.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 34 years and the mother of his children, Eugenia Tarcen Babb.

He is survived by: his wife of 23 years, Cynthia Gregory Babb of Floyd; daughter and son-in-law, Allyn and Jimmie Gabucci of Kingwood TX; daughter and son-in-law, Lesley and Donald Vandergrift of Roanoke; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brother and sister-in-law, Bruce and Julie Babb of Pemaquid, Maine and his beloved Jack Russell terrier, Paige.

Funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday, November 3, at Gardner Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Dale Bowman officiating.

Military rites will be conducted by Floyd Veterans of Foreign Wars Post # 7854 and Floyd American Legion Post #127. Mr. Babb's body will be cremated after the funeral service.

Friends may call Thursday after 1:00 p.m. at Gardner Funeral Home where the family will be from 6-8 p.m.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Floyd V.F.W. Post Building Fund C/O James Naff, 5733 Floyd Highway S; Willis, VA, 24380.

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LAVADA MARCELLA ALDRIDGE

CHECK-Lavada Marcella Aldridge, 90, passed away Tuesday, October 31, 2006.

She was preceded in death by: her husband of 44 years, Garland Aldridge; sisters & brothers-in-law, Hazel and Carson Light, Arlee and Doy Light, Vera and Alvin Shanks; brother, Arvil Conner; and son-in-law, Harry Perdue.

Survivors include: son and daughter-in-law, Eugene and Joyce Aldridge, Rocky Mount; daughters and son-in-law, Linda and Buddy Haney, Riner, Edna Perdue, Check; grandchildren, Jonathan Aldridge, D.W. Aldridge, Annette Aldridge, Wesley Perdue, Bobby Perdue, Sandra Perdue, Nancy McCormick, Chris Haney, Alex Haney; seven great-grandchildren; brothers-in-law, Willie Aldridge and wife Eva, Bure Aldridge and wife Virginia; sisters-in-law, Gladys Perdue, Versie Hall, Ruth Conner.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 3, at Salem Church (Head of the River), Check, with Elder W.T. Conner and Elder Junior Conner officiating. Interment followed at Restvale Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

WILLIE ARLINGTON ALDRIDGE

PILOT-Willie Arlington Aldridge, 88, passed away Tuesday, October 31, 2006.

He was a member of Havens Chapel United Methodist Church.

He retired from the Virginia Department of Transportation. Willie loved being a farmer.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Rex Aldridge, Velmer (Slim) Aldridge, Garland (Square) Aldridge and Lewis Aldridge; sisters, Valry Conner, Garthie Conner, Laura Hart, Ercell Willis.

He is survived by: his wife of 66 years, Eva Aldridge; daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Kenneth Bare, Roanoke; two sons and daughter-in-law, Earl and Cathy Aldridge, Roanoke, Bill Aldridge, Pilot; four grandchildren, Tim Bare, Roanoke, Kimberly Wallace and spouse Terry, Roanoke, Chad Aldridge, Pilot, Landon Aldridge, Richmond; brother and sister-in-law, Bure and Virginia Aldridge, Roanoke; two sisters, Gladys Perdue, Copper Hill, Versie Hall, Tennessee.

Funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Friday, November 3, at Havens Chapel United Methodist Church with Pastor Dan Walker officiating.

Interment followed in Restvale Cemetery.

Those wishing may make donations to Havens Chapel United Methodist Church.

The family would like to say thank you to the staff of Skyline Manor Nursing Home for their wonderful care of Willie and thanks to the neighbors of the Terrys Fork Community for their help.

Arrangements by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

LILLIAN INEZ HYLTON

FLOYD- Lillian Inez Hylton, 73, passed away Monday, October 30, 2006.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, John Thomas Hylton; and children, Roger, Edith & Carlin Hylton, and Joyce Perkins.

Survivors include: daughters and son-in-law, Laura and Lesley Barnard, Meadows of Dan, Betty McGrady, Ennice, NC; sons and daughters-in-law, Donald R. and Deborah Hylton, Floyd, Rex and Mary Hylton, Hillsville, Gerald and Tammy Hylton, Willis; sisters, Vivian Hylton, Martha Radford, Sue Thomas, all of Floyd, Belle Hylton, Meadows of Dan, Dorothy Maxey, Collinsville; brother, Arvin Webb. Floyd; 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, November 2, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Roy Turpin officiating.

Interment will followed at Alderman Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home.

VELMA BLACKWELL RADFORD

FLOYD-Velma Blackwell Radford, 93, passed away Wednesday, October 25, 2006.

Velma was a member of Red Oak Grove Church of the Brethren and Pizarro Home Demonstration Club.

She was preceded in death by a son, Shirley Radford, sister, Lydia Whitlock and brothers, Sherman, Woody, and Raymond Blackwell.

She is survived by: her husband of 70 years, Richard Garfield Radford, Floyd; daughter and son-in-law, Annie Ruth and Melvin Wood, Floyd; daughter-in-law, Lois and husband Wayne Reynolds, Troutville; grandchildren, Garland and Debbie Wood, Salem, David Wood and Joli, Salem, Glen and Michelle Radford, Milwaukee, WI, Sharon and Allen Clark, Roanoke; great granddaughter, Stacy and Nathan Wilgus, Burlington, NC

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Interment followed in Jacksonville Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Red Oak Grove Church of the Brethren PO Box 837 Floyd, VA 24091.

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SUE GARDNER SOWERS

WILLIS-Sue Gardner Sowers, age 97, of Willis passed away Tuesday October 31, 2006.

She was a member of St. Marks Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Ladies Aid Society and the Home Demonstration Club for 65 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin E. Sowers; son-in-law, M.R. (Bob) Goulet; three sisters and one brother.

Survivors include: daughter, Blanche D. Goulet, Alexandria; seven nieces and nephews including: Bill Gardner and Cora Miller, both of Willis.

Funeral service was held at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, November 2, at St. Marks Lutheran Church, Willis, with Rev. Philip Bouknight officiating.

Interment followed at Willis Cemetery.

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BETTY JO DAVIS

FLOYD-Betty Jo Davis, 73, passed away Saturday, November 11, 2006 at her home.

Mrs. Davis was preceded in death by a son, William H. (Bill) Hess. She is survived by: one son and daughter-in-law, Gene Lee and Irene Hess, Matewan, WV; three daughters and son-in-law, Carolyn Sue Lott, Goody, KY; Teresa Lynn Lewis, Atlanta, GA; Judy and Sean Durham, Floyd, VA; one sister, Edith Shelton, Floral City, FL; eight grandchildren, Melissa Webb, Kristie Hess, Gina Lee Hess, Jacob Lott, Danny Paul Lott, George Lott, Joelyna Hess, and Joey Blackburn; eight great-grandchildren; three special friends, Betty Sheppard, Christiansburg, Kathy Hale, Floyd, and Katherine Durham, Blacksburg.

Funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, November 16, 2006 at Beaver Creek Baptist Church with the Reverend Ron Sutphin officiating. Interment will follow at the Sifford Cemetery in Parrott. Arrangements are being handled by Gardner Funeral Home.

AUBREY JAMES HERRERA

FLOYD-Aubrey James Herrera, 56, passed away November 7, 2006. He was a U.S. Marine during the Vietnam era.

He is survived by: daughter, Lindsey Watkins and fiancée James William Heath; granddaughter whom he loved dearly, Sydney Alexandria, all of Floyd; brothers, Bill Curby of Denver, CO, Robert Curby of Colorado, Don Herrera and Ernie Joe Spradlin both of Oklahoma; aunt, Bertia Herrera of Fruita, Colorado; close friend and companion, Ella Mae Byran; close friends, Karen Blankenship and Charlie Gates, all of Floyd.

Funeral service was held Saturday, November 11, at 2 p.m. at Wood Funeral Home with Reverend Graham Mitchell officiating with interment in New Mexico.

Military honors were by Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post #7854 and American Legion Post #127.

Donations may be made to New River Valley Community Action, Floyd Highway S, Floyd, VA 24091

JAMES LEONARD "MUTT" HYLTON

MEADOWS OF DAN-James Leonard "Mutt" Hylton, 73, passed away Saturday, November 11, 2006 at his home. He was a local merchant for 13 years and worked as the miller at Mabry Mill for 17 years. He was a member and deacon at Green Mountain Baptist Church. He was an Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Wanda Hylton.

Survivors include: daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and James "Jolly" Webb, Ann and Harvey Alderman, Donna & Howard Nester, all of Meadows of Dan; sister, Christine Nester, Meadows of Dan; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, November 13, at Green Mountain Baptist Church, Meadows of Dan, with Rev. Nathan Montgomery and Howard Nester officiating. Interment followed at Shelor

Cemetery. Military rites by Patrick County Memorial Honor Guard. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

MAYNARD GILBERT HYLTON

FLOYD-Maynard Gilbert Hylton, 92, of 392 Huckleberry Road, went to be with his Lord on Sunday, November 12, 2006, at Lewis Gale Medical Center, Salem, VA. He was born March 25, 1914, in Floyd County, VA. Maynard was a member and Deacon of the Laurel Branch Church of the Brethren. He managed a farm in Floyd County and retired from Citizens Telephone Cooperative after 43 years of service to the company. During his retirement years, he was very involved in genealogy research and printed a book, John B. & Nancy Howell Hylton.

Maynard was preceded in death by: his father, Gilbert Walker Hylton, and mother, Salena Bowman Hylton; his nine brothers and sisters: Gay H. Smith, Clarris H. Reed, Effie H. Harman, John B. Hylton, Jabe H. Hylton, Bessie H. Pullen, Ira M. Hylton, Ila H. Keller, and Julian (Pete) P. Hylton.

He is survived by: his devoted and loving wife of almost 71 years, Edith Elizabeth Reed Hylton. He is blessed with one daughter & son-in-law, Iva H. & Dale A. Bukkila, Riner; three sons & daughters-in-law, Donald E. & Brenda S. Hylton, Floyd, Olen L. & Lavene M. Hylton, Salem, and M. Wayne & Darlene H. Hylton, Westminster, MD. Surviving grandchildren include: Karen L. & Mark Via, Floyd; Donna H. & Danny Smith, Floyd; Eric Bukkila, Richmond; Todd & Angie P. Hylton, Floyd; Adam & Christa D. Hylton, Salem; Christa Hylton, Westminster, MD; Chad Hylton, Westminster, MD. Also surviving are six great grandchildren: Angela, Patricia, and Laura Lee Via, Floyd; Haley & Hannah Hylton, Salem; Jacob Smith, Floyd. One great great-grandchild survives: Trevan Via, Floyd. Maynard is survived by one sister-in-law, June H. Hylton, Christiansburg.

Funeral service will be conducted Thursday, November 16, at 2 p.m. in the Laurel Branch Church of the Brethren, Floyd, with Pastor Angela T. Carr and Rev. Clyde E. Hylton (nephew) officiating. Interment will follow at Laurel Branch Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Laurel Branch Church of the Brethren or Laurel Branch Cemetery, c/o Robert Weeks, 3948 Floyd Highway S., Floyd, VA 24091. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

BARNETT DAVID MCCRARY

SALEM-Mr. Barnett David McCrary, 81, passed away November 6, 2006 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Salem. Mr. McCrary was born in Carroll County, October 10, 1925 to the late Jesse Edward and Flora Combs McCrary.

He was retired and attended Topeco Church of the Brethren.

Mr. McCrary served his country during World War II receiving a FAME Theatre Ribbon with one bronze star, a Purple Heart with one Oak Leaf Cluster, American Theatre Ribbon, Victory Medal, and Good Conduct Ribbon. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and automotive enthusiast. Among the favorite cars he owned were, 1964, 426 Plymouth; 1967, 440 GTX; 1983, 67 Mazda.

He had two beloved dogs, Pup, a border collie, and Potsie, a German Shepherd.

He is survived by: his wife Ruby Wade McCrary; a son and daughter-in-law, Tony and Rita Dalton McCrary of Cana, VA; a grandson, Kenny Wayne McCrary of Cana, VA; one stepson, Barry Simmons, a step grandson, David Rabern Simmons.

In addition to his parents, Mr. McCrary was preceded in death by his first wife, his son's mother, Claudia Quesinberry McCrary; two sister's, Osa Combs and Irene McCrary; three brothers, Russell, Foy, Alonzo McCrary.

Funeral service was conducted at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Moody Funeral Home in Mt. Airy by Rev. Mike Varner.

Burial followed at Epworth United Methodist Church Cemetery with Full Military Honors by Hillsville Honor Guard VFW Post 1115.

Memorials may be made to the Surry Humane Society, 230 Fredrick St, Mt. Airy, NC 27030
Online condolences may be made at www.moodyfuneralservices.com

TOMMY BEDSAUL RADFORD

FERRUM-Tommy Bedsaul Radford, 69, went to be with his Savior on November 3, 2006.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hobert and Emma Radford, and his sweet mother-in-law, Meadith Mountcastle.

The family who love and will miss him are: his wife, Carolyn Radford; children and their spouses, Rickey Radford, Lecia and Ricky Smith and Joey and Tammy Radford; grandchildren, Brittany, Seth, Sterling, Erica, Ryan and Hope Smith, Conner Radford, Daniel Smith and Ashley Hodges; sister, Nancy Setliff and husband, John and their family; sister, Faye Duncan and husband Gerald and their family; nieces and nephews; and lots of special friends and special neighbors.

Funeral service was conducted from Flora Funeral Chapel at 11 a.m. on Monday, November 6, with the Reverend Bud Nichols, the Reverend Calvin Hickson and Dr. William Shively officiating.
Interment followed in Maple Grove Cemetery. Donations may be made to The American Heart Association, 4504 Starkey Road, SW, Suite 115, Roanoke, VA 24014.

DOROTHY CONNER YATES

CHECK-Dorothy Conner Yates, 83, passed away Friday, October 20, 2006.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sherman W. Yates, parents, Willard H. and Maude Conner, and sister, Willie Mae Ratliff.

She is survived by: three sons and two daughters, Ralph Yates, Barry Yates, David Yates, Carolyn Mills, Brenda and David Ramsey, all of Check; ten grandchildren, 20-great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild; brother, Banks and Opal Conner of Roanoke; brother-in-law, Alfred Ratliff of Check; two sisters-in-law, Jean and Frank Link and Helen Link of Check.

Funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Monday, October 23, at the Salem Church (Head of the River) with Elder Hale Terry and Elder W. T. Conner, officiating with interment in Restvale Cemetery.
Wood Funeral Home handled arrangements.

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ARNOLD LEE ALDERMAN

RINER-Arnold Lee Alderman, 71, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, November 14, 2006 after a long battle with diabetes.

He was born on January 7, 1935 in Montgomery County.

Arnold was a member of Bible Baptist Church in Christiansburg, and he was employed at Lynchburg Foundry in Radford for 30 years.

He was an avid outdoorsman, and he enjoyed hunting and farming.

Arnold loved all of his family.

Surviving are: his wife of 52 years, Muriel Goad Alderman, Riner; two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Clay Quesenberry Floyd, Lisa and Frank H. Glover, Jr. Riner; two sons and daughter-in-law, Dale W. and Debbie Alderman, Christiansburg, and Larry J Alderman, Christiansburg; nine grandchildren, Amber Piland and husband Matt, Scott Taylor, Brandon W. Alderman, Austin L. Alderman, Ross Quesenberry, Adam Glover, Jacob Quesenberry, Brooke Glover and Eric Alderman; two great-grandchildren, Ethan and Bryson Piland; five brothers, Ray Alderman and wife, Vickie, Salem, Ersel Alderman and wife, Gloeda, Radford, Bobby Alderman, Pilot, Early Alderman and wife Belinda, Floyd, Henry Thomas "Hank" Alderman and wife Frances, Daleville; two sisters, Betty Hanks and husband Frank, Christiansburg, Patricia Buckland and husband Danny, Narrows; special friend, Joe Sowers, Pilot. Numerous nieces, nephews and many dear and special friends also survive.

Funeral service was conducted 1:00 p.m. Friday, November 17, at Gardner Funeral Home Chapel.

Interment followed at St. Matthews Cemetery, Floyd.

The family conveys their special thanks to Hospice Care of Montgomery County and the many friends who helped during his final months.

Arrangements were handled by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

LORETTA ANN HOWARD HARMAN

DOBSON, NORTH CAROLINA-Mrs. Loretta Ann Howard Harman, 47, widow of the late Bobby Dale Harman, passed away on Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital. She was born in Montgomery County to Dorothy Ellen Howard and the late Junior Holt Howard. She was a homemaker and a member of Gospel View Baptist Church.

Survivors include: a daughter, Amanda Sue Harman of Dobson; mother Dorothy Howard of Floyd; two grandchildren, Lakken and Hayden Cline; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Claudine and William Vance of Floyd, Marie and Roger Richards of Bassett, Frances and Gary Scott of Floyd, and Ruth and Raul Garcia of Elkin, NC; brother, Richard Howard of Stuart. In addition to her father, Mrs. Harman was preceded in death by a brother, Roy Howard and a sister, Brenda Howard.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, November 16, 2006 in the chapel of Moody-Davis Funeral Home of Dobson with Rev. Jerry Sizemore officiating.

Burial followed in the Dobson City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Loretta Harman Funeral Fund c/o Moody-Davis Funeral Home, PO Box 295, Dobson, NC 27017.

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care and to her friends and neighbors for all their acts of kindness shown during the sickness of Mrs. Harman.

RALPH JUNIOR JEWELL

CHRISTIANSBURG-Ralph Junior Jewell, 65, passed away Tuesday, November 14, 2006.

Survivors include: his wife, Ethel Dillon, Christiansburg; daughters, Diane Reed, Christiansburg, Janet Dowdy, Shawsville; step-daughters, Brenda Hamlin, Christiansburg, Bernice Elam, Gloucester; brothers, Jessie Jewell, Floyd, Larry Jewell, Dunn, NC; sister, Betty Carolyn Jewell, Pearisburg; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, November 17, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Rev. Lee Sarver officiating. Interment followed at Huffville Cemetery, Pilot.

PHYLLIS ILENE KEITH

WILLIS ? Phyllis Ilene Keith, age 71, passed away Tuesday, November 14, 2006.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lonnie Keith, and son, Kenneth Keith.

Survivors include: sons and daughters-in-law, Ronnie and Linda Keith, Donnie Keith, Jimmy Keith, all of Willis, Billy Joe & Mercedes Keith, Bassett; sisters, Lydia Weeks, Mattie Compton, Sadie Underwood, all of Willis; brothers, Roy Quesenberry, Princeton, WV, Glen Quesenberry, Rudolph Quesenberry, both of Willis, seven grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 18, at the Indian Valley Church of God, with Rev. Clyde Bishop officiating.

Interment followed at Turpin-Simpkins Cemetery. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

WILMAMAE JANE "MITTY" MCCARTHY

MEADOWS OF DAN -Mrs. Wilmamae Jane "Mitty" McCarthy, 82, formerly of Klamath Falls, Ore., passed away Saturday, November 18, 2006, at her home.

She was born in South Dakota on February 10, 1924, to the late John Ellis and Rua Anderson Lehto. In addition to her parents, Mrs. McCarthy was preceded in death by her husband, Lt. Ret. U.S. Navy William Joseph McCarthy, III. She had been a military wife and homemaker.

She is survived by: one son, Captain William Joseph McCarthy, IV, and wife, Mila, of Murrieta, Calif.; one daughter, Mollie McCarthy Olive, and husband, Frank, of West Palm Beach, Fla.; three grandchildren, Michael Brinck, Casey Brinck and Kathleen McCarthy; one sister, Adelaide Walker of Klamath Falls, Ore.; and one brother, John Lehto of Washington.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, November 22, at 10 a.m. at Meadows of Dan Baptist Church with Pastor Michael Shockley officiating.

Burial followed in the church cemetery.

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JULIAN RAY AKERS

FLOYD- Julian Ray Akers, 62, passed away Wednesday, November 29, 2006. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Etha Akers.

Survivors include: sisters and brothers-in-law Mary and Clyde Weeks, Chicago, Ill., and Betty and Oscar Jones, and Phyllis Butterworth, all of Floyd; nephews Michael Weeks, Donnie Weeks, Steve Wood and Raymond Butterworth; and nieces Linda Weeks and Michelle Price.

Funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Saturday, December 2, at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Roy Turpin officiating. Interment at Lester Cemetery.

GERNEY "DUKE" ALLEN BERAN

FLOYD-Gerney "Duke" Allen Beran, 83, passed away Wednesday, November 29, 2006. He was a veteran of the United States Army and served in World War II and the Korean Conflict. Duke was a member of Floyd V.F.W. Post #7854, Floyd Masonic Lodge #329 AF AM, and Kazim Shriners. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Patricia S. Beran and son, Dale L. Beran.

He is survived by wife, Thalia Beran; four sons and daughters-in-law, Ralph and Joy Beran, David and Kathy Beran, Paul and Peggy Beran, all of Floyd, Wayne and Kelly Beran, Greenville, TN; brother, Verlen Beran, PA; eleven grandchildren, twenty-two great grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, at Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd, with Rev. Robert Blackwell officiating. Internment at Jacksonville Cemetery with military graveside rites by Floyd V.F.W. Post #7854 and Floyd American Legion #127.

A Masonic service was held at 7 p.m. by Floyd Masonic Lodge #329 AF AM. On Friday, December 1.

ROBERT H. MASSICOT

DIAMONDHEAD, MISS. – Robert H. Massicot, 63, died on Sunday, November 26, 2006. He was born in New Orleans, La., and resided in St. Bernard Parish for 12 years until Hurricane Katrina. He was the son of the late Percy "Butz" Massicot, Jr., and Imelda Gassenberger Massicot and beloved husband of Corine Hyde Massicot. He was the father of Belinda Massicot Shalhoub (husband Paul) of Yucaipa, Calif., Katherine R. Massicot Tafolla (husband Dennis of Colton, Calif., and Lyn Wayne Massicot of Fontana, Calif. He was a husband of a first marriage to Linda Brown Duet. Also surviving are: grandchildren Patrick and Peyton Shalhoub, Nicole Coker, and Alyssa and Leah St. Amant; stepchildren Denise St. Amant of Garrett, Ind. and Dawn Ducote of Collegedale, Tenn.

Massicot served in the U.S. Navy. He worked at American Can Company until its closure and was a retired carpenter. He was an avid fisherman of Louisiana's bayous and the Gulf's blue waters. He was a champion duck caller. In earlier years, he enjoyed kart Racing and motorcycle racing and won many trophies.

"My life's been full; I savored much: good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. If my parting has left a void then fill it with remembered joy."

Robert will be cremated and a delayed Memorial Service will be held at a date and place to be announced later. Greenwood Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Sign the guestbook at

ROGER OLIVER (R.O.) SLUSHER

Here in the vineyard of my Lord, I love to live and labor.

FLOYD-Roger Oliver (R.O.) Slusher, Jr., of Floyd, died peacefully at home on December 4, 2006. The son of

Roger Oliver, Sr. and Pearl Sutphin Slusher, he was born on May 4, 1920. With the exception of his four years of service during World War II, he lived his entire life on the family farm on Rush Fork. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Evelyn Terry Slusher; his children and their spouses: Roger and Leslie Slusher of Narvon, Pennsylvania; Alice Slusher, Terry and Katie Slusher, George Slusher and Ann-Margaret Shortt of Floyd. His grandchildren include: Corinne and Carl Slusher of Pennsylvania; Ashley, Reuben and Daisy Slusher of Floyd. Four dear sisters also survive: Neva Dell Slusher Simmons of Willis, Ruth Ann Slusher of Floyd, Edith P. Slusher and Bob and Judy Slusher McDanel of Richmond. Also surviving are the Terry inlaws, who were brothers and sisters to him: Nan Terry, Eloise Terry, Frances Terry Cock, Wesley and Odetta Terry, Owen and Lois Terry Dalton, Sammie and Julia Terry, Hubert and Vera Terry, David and Audrey Terry. Many nieces and nephews also share memories. He was preceded in death by his best man and little sister, Bob and Mary Lou Shelor as well as by brothers-in-law Hugh Simmons, Marvin Terry, Curtis Cock, Jr. and Reuben Terry.

R.O. enjoyed life and lived his beliefs. He joined Conner's Grove Primitive Baptist Church in 1967 and was ordained as a deacon there on July 27, 1968. He spent many hours reading his Bible. He also served as a trustee for the Primitive Baptist Library at Elon College, North Carolina. During World War II, R.O. joined the Army with the first group of boys to leave Floyd County after Pearl Harbor. He served with the 204th Anti-aircraft Artillery in Europe and was discharged as a First Lieutenant in February, 1946.

Farming was the only vocation R.O. ever considered. Working first with his father and later with his sons, R.O. expanded the farm his grandfather bought in 1892. He raised sheep and beef cattle as well as wheat and grass crops. He was active with various agricultural groups and was named Virginia Young Farmer of the Year for 1954.

Among his avocations, R.O. took great pleasure in music, both as a singer and as a musician. He could "get a tune out of" any instrument he picked up but was best known as a guitar and banjo player. He played with various friends and family members over the years and enjoyed many good times with the Over the Hill Gang. R.O. also enjoyed sports, particularly baseball. He played for the Floyd Blue Sox after the war and watched as many games as he could.

The family is grateful to the caring ones who helped keep R.O. at home the past three years: Nanette West, Karyn Altizer, Mandy Cromer, Sarah Snead, and especially daughter-in-heart, Ada Belcher. Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 6, at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Elder Tim McGrady officiating. Interment at Jacksonville Cemetery.

Memorial donations to the New River Land Trust P.O. Box 11057 Blacksburg, VA 24062 or the Primitive Baptist Library 4023 N. NC 87 Elon College, NC 27244.

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SHARON KAY BASHAM

WILLIS-Sharon Kay Basham, 61, passed away Tuesday, December 5, 2006. She was a member of Willis United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Horace Kenneth Basham.

She is survived by: three sons and daughters-in-law, Kenny and Kimberly Basham, Floyd, Mike and Shawyna Basham, Willis, Kris and Diana Basham, Florida; six grandchildren, Devin Basham, Mandy Basham, Taylor Basham, Samantha Basham, Morgan Basham, Shaun Basham; sister, Barbara Wood, Salem; brother, Donnie Mountcastle, Salem; numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Thursday, December 7, at Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd with Reverend Lawrence Nuckolls officiating.

A graveside service followed at Sherwood Memorial Park at 2 p.m.

JEAN SMITH MARSHALL

NEWPORT NEWS- Jean Smith Marshall, 83, passed away on Monday, December 4, 2006 at Riverside Regional Medical Center, Newport News, Va. with family by her side.

She was born in Dayton, Ohio, lived in Philadelphia, Pa. and Floyd, Va. She was a resident of the Peninsula for 65 years. She was a secretary in the Quartermaster Department at the Port of Embarkation. In later years she worked as a teacher's aide at Deer Park Elementary and was a school secretary at Dutrow Elementary. Jean was the first woman to serve on the Vestry at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Newport News. During World War II, she played and sang with the USO. She also sang with The Meistersingers and the local Opera Society. She served as President of the Newport News YWCA, was active in fund raising for the Peninsula United Fund, was President of the Peninsula Literacy Council and volunteered many hours at Riverside Regional Convalescent Center.

Mrs. Marshall was preceded in death by her parents, Lala Epperly and Elza E. Smith, Sr. and her brother Elza Smith, Jr.

She is survived by: her loving husband of 58 years, Howard D. Marshall; two daughters, Jana M. Matheny of Bath County, Va. and Laurie M. Patterson and her husband, Darry of Newport News, Va.; one son, Frank E. Marshall of Newport News, Va. and five grandchildren, Luke, Jamie, and Lee Bray of Roanoke and Shawn and Connor Patterson of Newport News, Va.

Her family wishes to thank the staff of Riverside Regional Medical Center CCU and especially Steve Sternberg for his compassionate care. "You're a pleasure".

A memorial service was conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 7, at Hidenwood Presbyterian Church, Newport News, by the Rev. Bill Lamont.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Foodbank of Virginia Peninsula, 9912 Hosier Street, Newport News, VA 23601.

Peninsula Funeral Home, Newport News, Va. handled arrangements.

MICHAEL E. SMITH

FERRUM-Michael E. Smith, 55, died December 11, 2006. Mostly known as "Smitty" or Mike, he was a friend to multitudes. Mike was preceded in death by his mother, Florence Richards Smith Hunt, his father, Earl B. Smith, grandparents, Roosevelt and Lera Smith.

He leaves behind: his beloved daughter, Michelle Smith; sister, Judy Smith Sledd; nephew, Adam Sledd; brother-in-law, Charlie Sledd and numerous cousins. Mike's friends were a huge part of his family, and there are too many to name.

Mike was an avid hunter, fisherman and sports enthusiast. There was always hunting or fishing season or soon to be a season for something he enjoyed. He appreciated life and loved the people who passed through his life. Mike gave lessons on how to enjoy life and imparted "wisdom and advice" to anyone in ear shot. He was fiercely independent and never missed an opportunity to share his opinion.

Mike was strong through his illness and never complained; he always responded that he felt good. He was comforted because he knew he always had the hand of a friend near him.

Mike's days were blessed by Irish luck and his heart was warmed by the smiles of people he loved. Donations may be made in his honor to the Ferrum Rescue Squad, Attention Treasurer, P.O. Box 160, Ferrum, VA 24088 or Ferrum College Baseball, C/O Athletics Department, P.O. Box 1000, Ferrum, VA 24088. No flowers are to be sent.

Memorial services will be held at a future date.

SARAH ELIZBETH (BETTY) HELMS YOPP

WILLIS-Sarah Elizabeth (Betty) Helms Yopp, 76, passed away Thursday, December 7, 2006 at Skyline Manor Nursing Home. She was preceded in death by her parents, James Taz and Sarah Rhee Helms.

Survivors include: her husband, Ralph M. Yopp, Christiansburg, formerly of Willis; daughters and son-in-law-

Louise Y. Baker and George C. Anderson, Riner, Linda Sue Yopp, Frederick, MD; brother and sister-in-law, Dorris C. and Francis W. Helms, Willis; nieces and husbands, Melanie and Bill Matthews, Richmond, Tammy and Darren Worrell, Floyd, Mona Beth Helms, Floyd.

Funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 10, at St. Marks Lutheran Church, Willis, with Rev. Philip Bouknight officiating. Interment followed at Willis Cemetery.

A special thank you to all the staff at Skyline Manor Nursing Home and Rev. Philip Bouknight.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made to St. Marks Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 37, Floyd, VA 24091, Attn: Debbie Fullbright. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

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SALLY MARIE ALDERMAN

WILLIS-Sally Marie Alderman, 66, passed away Wednesday, December 20, 2006.

She is survived by: husband, Rodger D. Alderman; son, Robert Cameron; daughters, Billie Joe McPeak and Louella "Sue" Mosley; seven brothers; one sister; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside service was held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, December 23, at the Harris Cemetery with Reverend Joe Quesenberry and Reverend Nathan Montgomery officiating. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

LINDA SUE BARNETT

BLACKSBURG-Linda Sue Barnett , 49, died unexpectedly Sunday, December 17, 2006, at Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Christiansburg, on November 27, 1957.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ernest Charles Clemons, father-in-law and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Charles Barnett, and brother-in-law, Kenny Barnett.

She is survived by: her husband, Jeff Barnett, of Blacksburg; mother, Lucy Turner, of Copper Hill ; daughter, Janice Blackwell and husband Charles, of Check; two grandsons, Dusten and C.J. Flinchum, of Check; brothers, David Clemons and wife Debbie, of Check, Kenneth Turner and Rhonda, of Check; sister, Phyllis Clemons, of Christiansburg; sister-in-laws and brother-in-laws, Jewell Barnett, of Blacksburg, Ruth Barnett and David Crieghton, of Thaxton, Ernie and Marla Barnett, of Christiansburg, Sharon and Gratton Loar, of Tampa, Fl, Sue and Buster Altizer, of Riner; many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. A special cousin and friend Dorcas Nichols who meant the world to her.

She has been employed at Oak hall Industries for 32 years.

Funeral service was conducted Thursday, December 21, at 11:00 a.m. in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Roy Turpin officiating.

Interment followed in the Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Christiansburg. .

REVEREND BRYAN CHILDRESS

WILLIS-Reverend Bryan Childress, 85, passed away Tuesday, December 19, 2006. He was preceded in death by his parents, Reverend Bob Childress and Mamie Lelia Montgomery Childress ,as well as his wife Pauline Vaughn Childress.

He is survived by: sister, Marie Childress Lucas, brothers, Paul J. Childress, Reverend William R. Childress and many beloved nieces and nephews.

He attended King College in Bristol and Union theological Seminary in Richmond.

During his long and remarkable career as a pastor, Rev. Childress served a number of churches in Carroll, Floyd, and Patrick Counties.

He also served as pastor of Gilbert Presbyterian Church in Gilbert, WV and Stone Memorial Presbyterian Church in Marion, VA.

At Stone Memorial, which he served for over 20 years, he was instrumental in helping to establish and solidify the union of the four churches which comprise that field of call.

Rev. Childress gave tirelessly and unselfishly of himself, and his influence upon the people of southwest Virginia shall endure for years to come.

For Bryan Childress was the embodiment of a phrase he used to close his favorite benediction: "Only one life-it shall soon pass; only what is done for Christ shall last."

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 27, at the Buffalo Mountain Presbyterian Church with Reverend Dr. Donald Nance, Rev. Eugene Baldwin, Joe Quesenberry, Gary Marshall and Stewart Childress officiating.

Interment followed in the Buffalo Mountain Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the church or charity of your choice. Arrangements by Maberry Funeral Home, Floyd.

LINDA WILSON CRAIGHEAD

COPPER HILL-Linda Wilson Craighead, 63,a beloved mother, "meme," cousin, and friend, passed away Thursday, December 14, 2006.

Mrs. Craighead was a member of Copper Hill Church of the Brethren, and worked for The Roanoke Chapter 13 Trustee for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Craighead and her parents, Red and Bessie Wilson.

Surviving are: two sons and daughter-in-law, Robert Craighead, Mooresville, NC; and Richard and Annette Craighead, Roanoke; two grandsons, Isaac Craighead and Avery Craighead, Roanoke; one granddaughter, Anna Craighead, Roanoke; a special cousin,(sister by love), Betty Sink, Roanoke; three sisters-in-law, Ina Lee, Salem; Reba Cooper and Sadie Peters, both of Fort Pierce, FL.

Funeral service was conducted at 11:00 a.m. Monday, December 18, at Copper Hill Church of the Brethren with the Reverend Maurice Wright and the Reverend Dale Bowman officiating. Interment followed in the Copper Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by Gardner Funeral Home, Floyd.

VERENA KATE HARRIS

FLOYD-Verena Kate Harris, 67, passed away Friday, December 22, 2006. She was preceded in death by her parents, Everett Edward and Lena Kate Keith, and brother, Coy Keith.

She is survived by: a son and daughter-in-law, Kelvin Kent and Teresa Keith; a daughter and son-in-law, Portia Dawn and Terry Young; grandsons, Stern Keith and Joshua Young; sister and brother-in-law, Bonelene "Bonnie" and Luther Weddle; five nephews; and one niece.

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 24, at Maberry Funeral Home Chapel, Floyd, with Pastor Douglas Martin and Pastor Paul deGastynne officiating. Interment followed at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Willis. The family would like to express their thanks for all the support given by friends at Life Community Church and Pine Ridge Apartments.

CORRINE AVIS REED

FLOYD-Corrine Avis Reed, 62, went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, December 20, 2006.

She was preceded in death by her parents Draper and Margie Dulaney and special nephew Scotty Dulaney.

She is survived by: her dear beloved husband of 44 years, Bud Q. Reed; daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Kenny Wurzburger; sons and daughters-in-law, Richard Reed, Chris and Lori Reed, Greg and Lynn Reed; eight very precious grandchildren, all of Floyd; sisters and brothers-in-law, Christine and Maurice Simpkins, Shirley and Leon Belcher; brothers and sister-in-law, Roger Dulaney, Billy and Kim Dulaney; many nieces and nephews; also a very special "sister" who was a very dear friend Sandy Collins and Travis Young who was like a son. Corrine was a very devoted wife, loving mother and grandmother. She attended ROWJ (Reaching Out With Jesus) ministries where she was a faithful member.

Funeral service will be held Saturday, December 23 at 2 p.m. at the Maberry Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Roy Turpin, Reverend Gregg Poff, Reverend Kenny Wurzburger officiating. Interment followed at the Dulaney Family Cemetery.

ROBERT ALAN RIPPERE

WILLIS-Robert Alan Rippere, 68, passed away Wednesday, December 20, 2006 at his home.

He is survived by: his wife, Jeanne Rippere, Willis; three daughters and son-in-law, Karen R. and Rob Lampe, Maryland; Bonnie Barton and Lynne Scot, both of Texas; one son, David Rippere, Maryland; one grandson, Brandon Lampe, Maryland; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Larry and Martha Rippere, California; Ken and Kay Rippere, Georgia.

A memorial service for Mr. Rippere will be held at a later date.

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