

Ada Christine Stewart Beasley

Dunn Daily Record

09/29/2006

Ada Christine Stewart Beasley, 81, of Ammons Road, Dunn, died Wednesday evening, Sept. 27, 2006, at Magnolia Living Center. She was born Nov. 14, 1924, in Dunn to the late Charles and Ada Parker Stewart. She lived in Dunn most of her life. Mrs. Beasley was a member of Grove Presbyterian Church, where she was active in Circle and she was a member of the Eastern Star.

On May 7, 1943, she married Bruce Edward Beasley, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Shirley Stewart Richardson. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday at Grove Presbyterian Church by the Rev. JoAnne Mercer. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery.

Survivors include sons, Bobby Edward Beasley and wife Beth of Greenville, Gary Bithel Beasley and wife Janet of Dunn; grandchildren, John Beasley and wife Jill of Louisville, Ky., Brent Beasley of Cary, Jeffrey Beasley and wife Kendall of Baton Rouge, La., Cynthia Beasley Watkins and husband Michael of Dunn, and Caroline Beasley of Greenville; great-grandchildren, Fisher, Nathan and Calder Beasley of Louisville, Ada Marie Watkins of Dunn and Lily Gray Beasley of Baton Rouge; sisters, Jewel Stewart Allen of Dunn and Dorothy Stewart Crumpler of Atlanta, Ga.; a brother, Charles Stewart and wife Joan of New Bern; sisters-in-law, Margaret Beasley and Edith Beasley; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at Cromartie-Miller & Lee Funeral Home and other times at the home of Gary and Janet Beasley, 567 Ammons Road, Dunn.

Bobby Lynn Barefoot

Dunn Daily Record

05/15/2008

Bobby "Ro-Ho" Lynn Barefoot, 53, of 5154 N.C. 242 South, Dunn, died Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at his home. He was born March 20, 1955, in Harnett County to Grace Parker Barefoot of Dunn and the late Robey Edward Barefoot. He was preceded in death by a brother, Johnny Barefoot. He was in the poultry business. A graveside service will be held 11 a.m. Friday at Roselawn Cemetery in Benson by the Revs. Hubert Morgan and Tom Wagoner.

Survivors, in addition to his mother, include his wife, Patti Wood Barefoot; daughters, Chastity Lynn Barefoot of Benson, Lindsey B. Perini and husband Steven of Apex; stepdaughters, Lacy Rae Autry of Benson and Emily Brooke Autry of the home; a brother, Donald Barefoot and wife Carol of Benson; a sister, Sonya Wall and husband Ronnie of Dunn; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Marcus and Hilda Wood of Benson; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at the home. Flowers are welcome, however, memorials may be made to one's favorite charity. Arrangements by Rose & Graham Funeral Home of Benson.

Carver J. Peacock

St. Petersburg Times (FL)
September 21, 2003

PEACOCK, CARVER J., 86, of Largo, formerly of Dunedin, died Thursday (Sept. 18, 2003) at Palms of Pasadena Hospital, South Pasadena. He was born in Benson, N.C., and came here in 1992 from Durham, N.C. He retired as an insurance agent for Prudential Insurance after 40 years of service. He was a graduate of the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill and Duke University School of Law.

He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Durham, and Dunedin United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Lions Club and was a volunteer Boy Scout leader for Troop 17. He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving on the USS Madison and earning the rank of lieutenant commander. He enjoyed investing in the stock market, playing duplicate bridge, swimming and exercising.

Survivors include his wife of 13 years, Agnes; a son, Randolph Carver, Charlotte, N.C.; a daughter, Dr. Patricia Peacock, Lexington, Ky.; two stepsons, John Uhrin, Birmingham, Ala., and Richard Uhrin, Rocky Mount, N.C.; and four grandchildren. Sylvan Abbey Funeral Home, Clearwater.

Civil Elizabeth Johnson Parker

(Courtesy of Bob Mason)

Smithfield Herald
06/25/1937

MRS. CIVIL PARKER DIES NEAR TOWN - Funeral Held Wednesday At Smithfield
Primitive Baptist Church

Tuesday, June 22, marked the close of a long and useful life in the Hopewell community when death let down the curtain on the closing events in the quiet and peaceful life of Mrs. Civil Parker, who would have celebrated her 92nd birthday on September 4.

Death came at 10:30 a. m. after a brief illness caused by the infirmities of old age. Mrs. Parker had enjoyed the best of health all her life, and had been quite active until the last two or three weeks. She had never been sick enough to require the services of a physician until her recent illness.

Several months ago she amazed her neighbors by walking a distance of a mile to visit a lifelong friend and walking back home, refusing all offers of a ride. The incident attracted the attention of the press, and newspapers in North Carolina and eastern Tennessee published accounts of Mrs. Parker's visit.

For many years she was noted for her kindly deeds among the sick and unfortunate in her community. Her quiet and gentle disposition was reflected in her peaceful and well ordered life, and she lived a serene and placid existence. Descending from a long line of Primitive Baptists, she remained a faithful adherent to that faith until the end.

Mrs. Parker was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Johnson, pioneer settlers of Johnston county, living near Four Oaks. Her father was a large landed property owner. Funeral for Mrs. Parker were held at the Smithfield Primitive Baptist church, Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock, conducted by Elder J. T. Lewis, and interment took place in Oakland cemetery. Flower bearers were nieces of the deceased, and the following nephews acted as pall bearers: Alton Dupree, Ralph Johnson, Walter Langdon, David Langdon, Joseph Langdon, Oscar Langdon, Joseph Barbour and Joel A. Johnson.

Surviving are five daughters and one son, as follows: Mrs. Nettie Dupree of near Smithfield, with whom she lived; Mrs. Ella Johnson of Coats; J. W. Parker of Wendell; Mrs. Mollie Langdon, Mrs. Annie Stephenson, and Mrs. Lelia Barbour of near Clayton. She also leaves a number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren.

Clara M. Roberts Matthews

Dunn Daily Record
02/02/2004

Clara Roberts Matthews, 80, of 70 Keith St., Dunn, died Sunday at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital. She did volunteer work in the area nursing homes and delivered Meals on Wheels in Erwin. She was a member of Erwin United Methodist Church where she held several positions. She retired from Burlington Mills after 42 years of service. She was the daughter of the late George Benton and Ida Parker Roberts. A graveside service will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Roberts Family Cemetery in Coats by the Rev. Steve Little.

Survivors include her husband, Lloyd Matthews; sons, William Lloyd Matthews Jr. and wife Lynn of Fayetteville, and George Roberts and wife Emily of Dudley; and two grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Price Funeral Home in Erwin. Donations may be made to Erwin United Methodist Church, 600 Denim Drive, Erwin, N.C. 28339.

Eva Florence Holmes Parker

Herald-Sun, The (Durham, NC)

November 16, 1996

Eva Holmes Parker, 93, of 1028 Gloria Ave., died Thursday at her residence. Mrs. Parker was born in Harnett County. She was the daughter of the late Joseph Edgar and Florence Jernigan Holmes. She was educated in Harnett County schools. Mrs. Parker had lived in Durham for over 60 years and spent her career here as a private duty nurse. A graveside service will be held 2:00 PM Sunday in Greenwood Cemetery, Dunn. The Rev. Nancy Stahl will officiate.

Surviving are a daughter, Dorothy P. Bagley, of Charlotte; a son, W. Rudolph Parker, of Moncure; a step-son, Joseph M. Parker, of Greensboro; her sisters, Nellie H. Foster, of Four Oaks, Armenta H. Harris, of Rocky Mount, and Edna Grey Strickland, of Dunn; her brothers, Davis Holmes, of Salt Lake City, Eardmon Holmes, of Charlotte, Elwin Holmes, of Winchester, VA, and Oliver Holmes, of Dunn; 5 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice. The family will receive friends at Hall-Wynne Funeral Home 7-8 PM Saturday.

Ezra Marvin Hall

Dunn Daily Record

04/21/2005

Ezra Marvin Hall, 88, of 11466 N.C. 301 South, Benson, died Tuesday at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. He was born July 9, 1916, in Johnston County to the late George W. and Carrinna Holmes Hall. He was preceded in death by his wife, Romie Parker Hall. Mr. Hall was a retired farmer and was a member of Banner Chapel Advent Christian Church. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson by the Revs. Randy Beasley and Glenn Fell. Entombment will follow at Hodges Chapel Church Cemetery.

Survivors include a daughter, Peggy "Jewel" Beasley and husband Danny of Benson; granddaughter, Christie B. Allen and husband Timmy of Benson; and great-grandsons, Danny Paul Allen and Cody Lane Allen.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson.

Flonnie Ellen Allen Parker

Dunn Daily Record

03/08/2006

Flonnie A. Parker, 91, of Parkertown Road, Four Oaks, died Tuesday morning, March 7, 2006, at Johnston Memorial Hospital. She was born in Johnston County on June 7, 1914, to the late Joseph Samuel and Fannie B. Lee Allen. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of Minshew Funeral Home by Elder Tony Parker and the Rev. Billy Nowell. Burial will follow at Juniper Church Cemetery.

Survivors include daughters, Mary Ellen Lee of Four Oaks, Louie McLamb of Four Oaks, Ann West of Smithfield and Florie Mae Barbour of Four Oaks; sons, Joseph E. Parker of Smithfield, Willie E. Parker of Four Oaks, Ira M. Parker of the home and Harvey Parker of Four Oaks; a sister, Daisy McLamb of Benson; a brother, Howard Allen of Benson; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Minshew Funeral Home.

Flossie Mae Parker Allen

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

March 29, 1996

ERWIN -- Mrs. Flossie Mae Parker Allen, 91, of St. Matthews Road died Thursday in her home. She was a member of Dunn's First Presbyterian Church. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday in First Presbyterian Church of Dunn by the Revs. David Bailey and Jerome Pope. Burial will be in the Emma Johnson Cemetery.

Mrs. Allen is survived by five sons, L.G. Allen of Sioux City, Iowa, Harvey Allen and Robert Allen, both of Dunn, Simon Allen of Lumberton and Larry Allen of Bell, W.Va.; four daughters, Margie Griffith of Charleston, W.Va., Laverne "Tine" Harvey of Bell, Annie J. Saxton of Duette, Fla., and Carolyn McClanahan of Florence, S.C.; a sister, Willa Jackson of Dunn; 22 grandchildren; 28 great grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Skinner Funeral Home of Dunn.

Georgia Ruth Parker Thornton

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)

May 9, 2000

BENSON -- Ms. Ruth Parker Thornton, 78, of 4852 Elevation Road died Monday in Rex Hospital in Raleigh. Ms. Thornton was a member of Burnell Baptist Church. She was a

homemaker. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Burnell Baptist Church in Four Oaks by the Revs. Keith Kimbell and Tony Futrell. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Ms. Thornton is survived by two daughters, Anne T. Johnson of Garner and Georgia T. Moore of Benson; three sons, Jerry E. Thornton of Smithfield, Paul E. Thornton Jr. of Newport News, Va., and Joseph E. Thornton of Benson; three brothers, Buddy Parker, Larry Parker and Young J. Parker, all of Four Oaks; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson.

Gladys Lessie Massengill Parker

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
April 2, 1997

FOUR OAKS -- Mrs. Gladys Massengill Parker, 88, of Juniper Church Road died Tuesday in Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield. She was a homemaker and a member of Unity Advent Christian Church. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday in Unity Advent Christian Church by the Revs. Billy Keene and Wade Massengill. Burial will be in the Allen family cemetery.

Mrs. Parker is survived by a sister, Pernella M. Blackman of Benson; a brother, Lawrence E. Massengill of Four Oaks; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson and at other times at the home of Elgie H. Parker, 2565 Juniper Church Road, Four Oaks. Memorials may be made to the Unity Advent Christian Church Building Fund, 304 Unity Church Road, Four Oaks, N.C. 27524.

Harold Lloyd "Billy" Parker

Dunn Daily Record
01/25/2006

Harold L. "Billy" Parker, 74, of Kipling died Monday, Jan. 23, 2006, at Rex Health Care in Raleigh. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Thursday at Kipling United Methodist Church by the Rev. Eddie Hill. Burial will be at Smith Family Cemetery in Kipling.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Jean Partin Parker; daughters, Deborah Pruitt and husband Danny of Wendell, Celia Jones and husband Michael of Apex, Elizabeth Matthews and husband Jake of Spring Lake; a brother, Selby Parker of Lillington; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be tonight from 6 to 8 at O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home in Lillington and other times at his home. Memorials may be made to The Healing Place, 1251 Goode St., Raleigh, NC 27603.

James Walter Moore

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
January 17, 1996

BENSON -- James Walter "J.W." Moore, 52, of 135 Helms Dogwood Road died Tuesday in Betsy Johnson Memorial Hospital. He was a retired brick mason, a veteran of the Vietnam War and a member of Freedom Chapel Church. The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Thursday in the Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel by the Revs. Bobby Caudle and Pete Norris. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery.

Mr. Moore is survived by his wife, Connie P. Moore of the home; a daughter, Sonia M. Hayes of Benson; three sisters, Ruth M. Lee of Benson, Dorothy M. Ryals of Raleigh and Katie M. Tart of Benson; four brothers, Gerald Moore of Belhaven, Tommy Moore of Angier, Mack Moore of Benson and Kenneth Moore of Coats; and two grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at the funeral home and other times at the home of Sonia Hayes, 106 Helms-Dogwood Road, Benson.

Joanne Parker Langdon

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
November 20, 2000

SELMA - Joanne Parker Langdon, 54, of Phillips Road, died Saturday following a courageous battle with Lou Gehrig's disease. She was the daughter of the late Willie Elbert and Mary Adams Parker.

She is survived by her son, Tracy Lawrence Langdon of Selma; her granddaughter, Jessica Rae Langdon of Roseville; her special friends Paul and Barbara Langdon of Selma; her sisters, Dorothy West of Four Oaks and Lorene Lee of Benson; and her brothers, Lynn Elbert Parker, James Edward Parker, Bill Joe Parker, and Johnny Mack Parker, all of Four Oaks.

The family will receive friends at Parrish Funeral Home in Selma Tuesday night from 7-9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Johnston County Animal Control Office, P.O. Box 1809, Smithfield, NC 27577 to the attention of Vickie Braswell.

John “Jack” Parker Austin, Sr.

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

October 7, 2003

Jack Parker Austin Sr. remained mayor of Four Oaks to the end Saturday, when he died of lung cancer at age 78. Austin attended the Town Council's most recent meeting, in September, where he announced that the town had won a \$200,000 grant to extend water and sewer lines along U.S. 301.

It was a fitting last act for Austin. He said he was inspired to become mayor as a teenager, after watching his father, a Town Council member, break down in tears when a handful of wealthy residents persuaded the town to forgo water and sewer service because it might raise taxes. Providing water and sewer remained Austin's priority when he won his first term in 1954. He was mayor of his hometown for a total of 28 years, including terms in the 1950s and 1960s. He had not suffered a close election since returning to office in 1981.

Austin was passionately frugal with the town's money and always on the hunt for outside help. Under his stewardship, the town paid cash -- \$600,000 -- for its new town hall two years ago, and Austin persuaded a private donor to provide all the desks and chairs.

Austin's father, a dentist by trade, owned a feed store where Austin was working in 1944 when he spotted his future wife crossing the street. The following year, Austin and Cleo Parker eloped in Dillon, S.C., Austin opened a soda shop on Main Street, and the couple had the first of their three children, John Parker Austin Jr.

The soda shop became Austin's Drug Store, where Austin's son and a granddaughter are pharmacists today. Austin also worked as an accountant, owned Cleo's Clothing Store and built houses on the side. One daughter, Jean, works in the accounting office, while the other, Jane, runs the clothing store. In an interview in August, Cleo Austin said her husband was happier working than playing. He couldn't stand fishing, she said, because it required "too much sitting and waiting."

Austin was diagnosed with lung cancer in the spring. He received treatment at Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield but was discharged Friday, according to Town Clerk Amy Dunn-McLamb. He died at home. "He told his wife and children that he was determined to get home to Four Oaks," Dunn-McLamb said.

Dunn-McLamb estimated that 250 to 300 people celebrated Austin's life Monday at a funeral at Four Oaks United Methodist Church, where he had been a member his entire life.

Lavern Bryant "Buck" Parker

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

February 1, 1998

Lavern "Buck" Bryant Parker, 66, of 417 South Carroll in Apex, formerly of Garner, died early Saturday morning, January 31, 1998. Mr. Parker was retired from the Town of Garner. Funeral 2 p.m. Monday, February 2, 1998 at L. Harold Poole Funeral Service Chapel, Knightdale. Burial, Faison Family Cemetery, Bethlehem Road, Knightdale.

Surviving: wife, Nola Faison Parker; daughter, Jenny Parker Casey of Clayton; sons, Lee B. Parker of the home, Robert E. Parker of the home, Frankie L. Parker and his wife, Danielle of Willow Springs; sisters, Vivian P. Baker of Fuquay-Varina, Peggy Parker of Fuquay-Varina; brothers, Tom Parker and his wife, Candy of Zebulon, Mack Parker and his wife, Rosemary of Lunenburg, Massachusetts; grandchildren, Michael Parker and Clay Casey.

Family will receive relatives and friends from 7-8:30 p.m. Sunday, February 1, 1998 at L. Harold Poole Funeral Service and Crematory, 944 Old Knight Road and other times at the home of Martha Carson, 575 Bethlehem Road, Knightdale, N.C.

Kathey Ann Coats Wells

Dunn Daily Record

02/19/2007

Kathey Coats Wells, 72, of 817 Bailey Road, Coats, died Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007, at Wake Medical Hospital in Cary. She was born July 11, 1934, in Harnett County to the late Starling R. and Lottie Parker Coats. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Wells.

Funeral services were held 3 p.m. Feb. 18 at Cromartie-Miller & Lee Funeral Home Chapel by the Revs. Durwood Young and Armando Castillo. Burial followed at Roselawn Cemetery in Benson.

Survivors include daughters, Laurie Mejia and husband Nsario of Coats, Bonnie Wells Reaves and husband Ronnie of Erwin, Trena Laray Wells and husband Jack of Coats, Ann McLamb and husband Robert of Erwin; sons, Henry Glenn Bradshaw and wife Mildred of Erwin, Tommy Ray Bradshaw of Florida, Rodney Clayton Wells and wife Melissa of Erwin; sisters, Gladys Barefoot and husband Everette of Coats, Bessie Barefoot and husband Hubert of Lillington; brothers, Charles Coats and wife Debra of Coats, Starling Coats and wife Barbara of Selma; 25 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Kathleen Coats Ruffin

Dunn Daily Record

08/08/2003

Kathleen Ruffin, 60, of 2775 Lakeview Church Road, Benton, Ky., died Tuesday at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah, Ky. She was preceded in death by her father, Starling Coats; her mother, Lottie Parker Coats; a brother, Ricky Coats; and sisters, Mable Jackson and Mary McLeod. She was a prep cook and was affiliated with Lakeview Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Collier Funeral Home Chapel in Benton by the Revs. Darvin Stom and David York. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery in Benton.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Ruffin; daughters, Susan Ruffin Webb of Bardwell, Ky., and Melissa Ruffin Hale of Calvert City, Ky.; a son, Douglas B. Ruffin of Benton; grandchildren, Charles David Ruffin and Michael K. Ruffin, both of Benton, Brittany Paris and Kathleen Webb, both of Bardwell, Ky., and Clayton Thomas Hale of Calvert City; brothers, Charles C. Coats and Buddy Coats, both of Coats, and Starling Coats Jr. of Selma; and sisters, Bessie Barefoot of Lillington, and Glaydes Barefoot and Kathy Wells, both of Coats.

Lawrence B. Peacock

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)

October 30, 2000

BENSON - Mr. Lawrence B. Peacock, 98, of 4925 Godwin Lake Road passed away Saturday at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Smithfield. A native of Johnston County, he was born on June 27, 1902, the second oldest of nine children born to the late David L. and Zilphia Jane Parker Peacock.

Mr. Peacock served as a deputy sheriff in Johnston County for a term and was a member of the Johnston County ASC Committee for a number of years. He was a member of the Advisory Board at Meadow School and served as its chairman for several years. Mr. Peacock was a farmer, an occupation that he enjoyed immensely and attended the Holly Grove Advent Christian Church.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Addie Corene Wood Peacock, an infant son, infant daughter and son-in-law, Clark Lee.

Surviving are daughters and sons-in-laws, Alice P. Lee of Hampstead, Zilphia P. and John Adams of Garner, and Judy P. and Dave Warren of Dunn; brother, Carver J. Peacock of Dunedin, Florida; grandchildren Kim Lee, Gary Lee, Melanie L. Hahn, David Lee, Lisa A. McLaughlin, Jonathan Adams, Amy A. Brown, Amanda A. Johnson, Holly Adams, Emily Warren, Erin Warren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Holly Grove Advent Christian Church. Interment will be at Banner Chapel Advent Christian Church Cemetery. Flowers are accepted or memorials may be made to the Holly Grove Advent Christian Church, the Benson Rescue Squad, or the Meadow Fire Department.

The family would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to Glenda Johnson, Dot Honeycutt, Sallie Johnson and Laverne Stallings; caregivers for Mr. Peacock. Family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Benson 7-9 p.m. Monday.

Lula Jean Partin Parker

Dunn Daily Record
02/25/2008

Jean Partin Parker, 71, of Kipling died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008, at E. Carlton Powell Hospice Center in Lillington. A native of Harnett County, she was the daughter of the late Clyde and Inez Partin. She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Harold "Billy" Parker, and was a member of Kipling United Methodist Church. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday at Kipling UM Church by the Rev. Melinda Ivey. Burial will be at the Smith Family Cemetery.

Survivors include daughters, Deborah Pruitt and husband Danny of Wendell, Celia Jones and husband Michael of Apex, Elizabeth Matthews and husband Jake of Spring Lake; sisters, Helen Smith of Angier and Patsy Salmon of Wake Forest; brother, Bobby Partin of Bunnlevel; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 8 at O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home in Lillington and other times at her home. Memorials may be made to Kipling UM Church, P.O. Box 88, Kipling, NC 27543.

Margaret Edith Baggett

News and Observer
12/12/1999

DUNN - Margaret Edith Baggett a resident of Senior Citizens Retirement Village in Dunn, died December 10 following a brief illness. The youngest child of Fred and Bessie Parker Baggett, she was born in Dunn, NC, on October 25, 1921. She was predeceased by her siblings Allie Parker Baggett, Henry Clifford Baggett, Sr., George Walton Baggett and Elsie Baggett Lanier.

Miss Baggett graduated from Dunn High School, attended Peace College, and graduated from NC State University. She had a long tenure of service with the Federal Government in Atlanta, Georgia before returning to her native Dunn and continuing her career in Fayetteville. Edith became actively involved in religious, civic, and community affairs in Dunn and her selection as Dunn's Woman of the Year in 1982 personified her commitment and devotion to the community.

She was a caring and loving member of the Divine Street United Methodist Church. She served as President of the Dunn Woman's Club, as well as the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She was a member of the Dunn Business and Professional Woman's Club and for years worked with the Betsy Johnson Auxiliary later serving as its President.

She is survived by her nephews, Dr. H. Clifford Baggett and his wife Mary of Rocky Mount, Fred Parker Baggett of High Point, Frederick Stewart Baggett and his wife Madelyn of Kingsport, TN, Curtis Baggett and his wife Suzy of Ooltawah, TN; a niece, Cynthia Baggett Stanford and her husband Glenn of Atlanta, GA five great-nephews and three great-nieces; sisters-in-law, Alice Baggett of Dunn and Lillian Balsley of Reidsville; and a devoted cousin, Louise Wade of Dunn.

Funeral services will be 11:30 a.m. Monday, December 13, 1999 at Cromartie-Miller & Lee Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. James L. Summey officiating. Burial will follow in the Greenwood Cemetery in Dunn. The family will receive friends Monday morning from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Divine Street United Methodist Church, 400 W. Divine St., Dunn, NC 21334 or the charity of one's choice.

Mary Ann Dunn Barefoot

Dunn Daily Record
11/11/2002

Mary Ann Dunn Barefoot, 84, of Benson died Saturday at Rex Hospital in Raleigh. She was born Oct. 28, 1918, in Johnston County to the late Albert and Martha Parker of Dunn. Her husband, Thomas V. Barefoot, preceded her in death. She was a homemaker and was a member of Stone's Creek Advent Christian Church. She was a member of WHFMS, a Sunday school teacher and held many positions in the church.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Stone's Creek Advent Christian Church by the Revs. Doug Abel, Mike Whitley and Greg Barefoot. Burial will follow at Barefoot Family Cemetery.

Survivors include sons, Keith Barefoot and wife, Margie of Angier, Clyde Barefoot and wife Gail and Phil Barefoot and wife Teresa, all of Benson; daughters, Julia Wall and husband Wayne of Garner, Dianne Wood and Sharon Burnette and husband Bill, all of Benson; sisters, Eula D. McLamb of Benson and Lula D. Allen of Four Oaks; a brother, Leander Dunn of Benson; a brother-in-law and wife Jule and Jo Barefoot of Benson; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; five step grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 6 to 9 at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Benson, and other times at the home of Sharon and Bill Burnette, 15 Park Place, Benson. Flowers will be appreciated, however, memorials may be made to the Building Fund of Stone's Creek Advent

Christian Church, c/o Phyllis Barefoot, 64 Wood's Crossroads Road, Benson, N.C. 27504; or to Harnett County Hospice, 111-A N. Ellis Ave., Dunn, N.C. 28334.

Mary Seretha Parker King

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
April 19, 1998

GARNER - Mary Parker King, 79, of 15528 NC 50 West, died Friday. She was preceded in death by her husband, I. Hinton King on December 21, 1997. Funeral service 11 a.m. Monday at Rehobeth Primitive Baptist Church, Benson by Elder Worth Stephenson and Rev. Steve Lawson. Burial, church cemetery.

Surviving: sons, Isaac Craig King of Garner and Hinton Douglas King of Raleigh; daughters, Gerry King of Durham and Patricia K. Rimmer of Garner; sisters, Ruby Kimbell of Rock Hill, SC, Mattie Lee Newman of Garner, Iris Singley of Dallas, TX, and Imojean Johnson of Four Oaks; brothers, Wilson Parker of Smithfield, J.B. Parker of Four Oaks, and Elmer Parker of Durham; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation 7-9 p.m. today at Bryan- Lee Funeral Home, Garner.

Maude Belle Johnson Neighbors

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
March 10, 2000

BENSON - Mrs. Maude Johnson Neighbors, 91, of 3750 NC HWY 50 North, died Wednesday. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Saturday at the Benson Baptist Church. The Revs. Kendell Cameron and Don Price will officiate. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Neighbors was born May 13, 1908 in Johnston County to the late Alsey Bud and Alenia Parker Johnson. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Kenneth Neighbors Sr., and a son, Joseph Donwell Neighbors. She was a member of the Benson Baptist Church and the Banner Home Demonstration Club.

Surviving include daughters, Judith N. Blackmon of Altoona, Ala. and Patsy N. Morgan of Benson; son William Kenneth Neighbors Jr. of Benson; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Family will be at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson from 7-9 p.m. Friday. Flowers are welcomed, however memorials may be made to Benson Baptist Church, P.O. Box 323, Benson, NC 27504.

Nancy Jane Parker Langdon

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
November 27, 1996

Mrs. Nancy Parker Langdon, 60, of Benson died Tuesday in Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield. She was a supervisor at Oasis Rest Home in Benson. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. today in Rose & Graham Funeral Home chapel in Benson by the Rev. Glenn McCullen. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Langdon is survived by four sons, Michael Langdon and David Langdon, both of Benson, Donald Langdon of Goldsboro, and Ronald Langdon of Wilson's Mills; three sisters, Dorothy West of Four Oaks, Joanne Langdon of Selma and Lorene Lee of Benson; four brothers, Leon E. Parker, James E. Parker and Johnny M. Parker, all of Four Oaks, and Bill J. Parker of Benson; and 10 grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pope, 469 Gilbert Road, Benson.

Paul Daniel Johnson, Jr.

Dunn Daily Record
01/23/2007

Paul Daniel Johnson Jr., 78, of 50 Pine Forest Drive, Siler City, died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007, at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill. He was born Dec. 8, 1928, in Benson to the late Paul D. Johnson and Pearl LeViner Johnson. Mr. Johnson attended Mars Hill and Louisburg College. He served in the U.S. Air Force for four years during the Korean Conflict.

He married Edith Ann Parker in 1950 and moved to Siler City in 1955 as vice president and general manager of Johnson Cotton Company. He was appointed postmaster in 1967, serving for 26 years. Mr. Johnson was a partner and secretary/treasurer of Hickory Mountain Farms from 1964 to 1996. He served as a director for First Union National Bank of Siler City, Summit Savings and Loan and First Citizens Bank. He was past president of the Siler City Rotary Club, a Paul Harris fellow and past president of the Siler City Chamber of Commerce. He served on the executive board and was past president of Chatham Hospital. Mr. Johnson was also past president of the Siler City Credit Bureau and Siler City Country Club. He received a distinguished service award from the Siler City Chamber of Commerce along with the Siler City Jaycees. He was an active member of the Democratic Party in Chatham County and served as chairman of the official board and a delegate to the annual conference for the United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by sisters, Lina Johnson May and Gladys Johnson Dunn. Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday at First United Methodist Church, 1101 W. Raleigh St., Siler City, by the Rev. Mike Sykes. Burial will be at Roselawn Cemetery in Benson.

Survivors include his wife, Edith Parker; and three nephews.

The family will receive friends this evening from 5 to 8 at the family home. Memorials may be made to First UM Church General Fund, P.O. Box 212, Siler City, NC 27344. Arrangements by Smith & Buckner Funeral Home in Siler City.

Pernella Massengill Blackman

Rose & Graham Funeral Home Notice

04/01/2006

Mrs. Pernella Massengill Blackman, age 92, of 500 East Church St. died Friday at Betsy Johnson Hospital in Dunn. Funeral Services will be 2:00PM Monday at the Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Benson. Officiating will be the Rev. Don Price. Burial will follow in Roselawn Cemetery, Benson.

Mrs. Blackman was born November 10, 1913 in Johnston County to the late William B. and Sarah Parker Massengill. She was preceded in death by her Husband, C.M. Blackman, Sr. Mrs. Blackman was a Homemaker and Seamstress.

Survivors include Daughter & Son-In-Law, Jaquelin B. & Robert Smith, Jr. of Hope Mills; Sons & Daughter-In-Law, Danny & Peggy Blackman of Dunn, and C.M. Blackman, Jr. of Raleigh; Brother & Sister-In-Law, Lawrence & Penny Massengill of Four Oaks; Six Grandchildren, Ricky Smith, Timmy Smith, David Smith, Leslie Smith, Tiffany Barefoot, and Christy Dawson; Nine Great Grandchildren, Ryan Smith, Amy Smith, Eric Smith, Stephanie Smith, Drew Smith, Reagan Hartley, Tori Barefoot, Tala Barefoot, and Jake Dawson.

The family will receive friends at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Benson, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM Sunday. Flowers are welcomed; however, memorials may be made to one's favorite charity.

Raymond Elbert Coats

Dunn Daily Record

11/08/2005

Raymond Elbert "Buddy" Coats Sr., 69, of Coats died Monday, Nov. 7, 2005, at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. Mr. Coats was born in Harnett County on Aug. 22, 1936, to the late Starling Coats Sr. and Lottie Parker Coats. He retired from Erwin Mills after 30 years of service.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home Chapel in Coats by the Rev. Jerome Pope and Dr. Jim Cochran. Burial will follow at Erwin Memorial Park in Erwin.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Spence Coats; a daughter, Tammy C. Cooper and husband Mike of Fayetteville; a son, Raymond E. Coats Jr. and wife Kim of Coats; sisters, Kathy C. Wells and Gladys C. Barefoot, both of Coats, and Bessie C. Barefoot of Lillington; brothers, Starling Coats Jr. of Micro and Charles Coats of Coats; grandchildren, Timmy Lucas, Amy Manning and William Coats; and six great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Coats and other times at the home of Ray and Kim Coats, Abattoir Road, Coats. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.RoseGrahamFuneralServices.com.

Riley Preston Barbour

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
May 28, 1996

DUNN -- Riley Preston Barbour, 60, of Route 2 died Sunday. Mr. Barbour was a former vice president of Beasley Broadcasting Co. He was associated with radio station WPYB, a member of the board of directors of the Benson Singing Convention and was active in several civic organizations. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. today in West Funeral Home in Benson by the Revs. Wade Massengill, Ken Pritchard and Roger Byrd. Entombment will be in Devotional Gardens in Dunn.

Mr. Barbour is survived by his wife, Bobbie P. Barbour; a daughter, La Gall Oldenburg of Killeen, Texas; a son, Micky J. Barbour of Angier; his parents, James A. and Ellie M. Barbour of Benson; three sisters, Neta Womble and Brenda Slickney, both of Four Oaks, and Betty Capps of Autryville; and two brothers, Bradford Barbour of Four Oaks and Billy W. Barbour of Angier.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Robert Earl Stanley

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
December 5, 1999

DUNN -- Robert Earl Stanley, 79, of 3210 Fairground Road died Friday in Betsy Johnson Memorial Hospital. Mr. Stanley was an Army veteran of World War II. He worked for Erwin Mills before retiring. Mr. Stanley was a member of Banner Post No. 109 American Legion and Lee's Grove Pentecostal Freewill Baptist Church. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Lee's Grove Pentecostal Freewill Baptist Church by the Revs. Hubert Morgan and Thomas Gardner. Burial will be in Devotional Gardens.

Mr. Stanley is survived by his wife, Christine C. Stanley; three sons, Danny K. Stanley and Allen W. Stanley, both of Dunn, and Robert E. Stanley Jr. of Baton Rouge, La.; a daughter, Carol S. Little of McLean, Va.; two brothers, Charles Stanley of Trinity and Gerald Stanley of Four Oaks;

four sisters, Inez Pace of Raleigh, Evelyn Dunn of Frederick, Md., Doris Johnston of Clayton and Gladys Creech of Four Oaks; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Rose & Graham Funeral Home in Benson.

Ruby Lee Cobb Parker

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
February 9, 2002

Mrs. Ruby Lee Parker, 78, of Linden, died Friday in Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital in Dunn. The funeral will be conducted at 3 p.m. Sunday in Skinner Funeral Home chapel in Dunn by the Rev. Jesse Fulcher and Dr. Frank Neville. Burial will be in Lafayette Memorial Park in Fayetteville.

Mrs. Parker is survived by a daughter, Joan Butler of Dunn; a son, Danny Parker of Mount Pleasant; three sisters, Vera L. Weeks of Benson, Vivian Biggie of Knightdale and Joyce Klinert of Ohio; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at the funeral home.

Sarah Lee Dodd Barefoot

News & Observer, The (Raleigh, NC)
September 5, 2005

Mrs. Sarah Dodd Barefoot, 97, of Four Oaks, died Saturday, September 3, 2005. Funeral, 4 p.m. Monday, September 5, 2005, at West and Dunn Funeral Home Chapel in Benson. Rev. Joey Yow will officiate. Burial, Juniper Church Cemetery.

Survivors: daughter and son-in-law, Betsy and Wilbur Massengill of Smithfield; son-in-law, Dr. Leonard Woodall of Smithfield; grandsons, Larry Bagwell, Jr., Wil Massengill and wife Kary, James Massengill; great-grandson, Hunter Stout; stepgrandsons, Len Woodall, Jr., Michael Woodall; many special nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ira Green Barefoot; daughter, Barbara Woodall; and granddaughter, Leah Stout.

Family will receive friends at the funeral home, from 3 to 4 p.m. on Monday, September 5 one hour prior to the funeral service. Memorial may be made to Juniper Church Cemetery Fund c/o John Dodd, 538 Dodd-McLamb Road, Four Oaks, NC 27524. Arrangements by West and Dunn Funeral Home, Benson.

Stanley Ricky Coats, Sr.

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
July 10, 2001

LILLINGTON - Stanley Ricky Coats Sr., 48, of 1253 Adams Road, died Saturday in UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Cromartie-Miller & Lee Funeral Home in Dunn by the Rev. Jerome Pope. Burial will be in Erwin Memorial Park.

Mr. Coats is survived by two sons, Stanley R. Coats Jr. and Stacy R. Coats, both of Lillington; a daughter, Samantha C. Simmons of Lillington; four sisters, Kathy Wells and Gladys Barefoot, both of Coats, Bessie Barefoot of Lillington and Kathleen Ruffin of Benton, Ky.; three brothers, Raymond Coats and Charles C. Coats, both of Coats, and Starling R. Coats Jr. of Selma; and several grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at the funeral home.

Venie Ann Tart Geddie

Fayetteville Observer, The (NC)
12/13/2005

Ms. Venie Ann Tart Geddie, 93, of 1601 Purdue Drive, Fayetteville, died Sunday, Dec. 11, 2005, in The Rehabilitation & Health Care Center at Village Green Resort. Ms. Geddie was born Nov. 16, 1912, in Benson. She retired after 25 years as a nurse with Veterans Affairs Medical Center. She was a member of Peace Presbyterian Church.

Visitation will be from 2 to 3 p.m. today at Jernigan-Warren Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. today at the funeral home chapel by the Rev. Annelle Waldron. Burial will follow at Lafayette Memorial Park on Ramsey Street.

Ms. Geddie is survived by two brothers, Carlie Tart of Benson and Arvle Tart of Dunn; five sisters, Belle Jernigan and Patsy Frost, both of Selma, Estine Newton of Wilmington, and Rachel Huff and Brenda Barbour, both of Corinth, Miss.; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Peace Presbyterian Church, 3203 Ramsey St., Fayetteville, NC 28301; or to a favorite charity. Services entrusted to Jernigan-Warren Funeral Home.

Wade Leonard Stanley

Dunn Daily Record

12/20/2004

Wade L. Stanley, 88, of N.C. 96 South, Four Oaks, died Friday night. He was a member of Bethel FWB Church, where he served as a deacon for 57 years. He was a retired farmer and country store operator. Mr. Stanley was preceded in death by his father and mother, Will and Laura Parker Stanley; and his stepmother, Florence Blackman Stanley. Funeral services were held 5 p.m. Sunday at Bethel FWB Church. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. today at the church cemetery.

Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Millie Mae Dunn Stanley; daughters, Laura Faye Cobb and husband Durwood of Wendell, Floy Mae Allen and husband Tommie, Joyce Kay Nowell and husband Rev. Billy, all of Four Oaks; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to the Living Endowment Fund of Bethel FWB Church, N.C. 96 South, Four Oaks, N.C. 27524. A service of Minshew Funeral Home.

Willa Lee Parker McLamb Jackson

Dunn Daily Record

05/20/2003

Willa Lee Parker Jackson, 87, of Dunn died Monday at Good Hope Hospital in Erwin. Mrs. Jackson, a Harnett County native, was born Oct. 10, 1915, to the late Lewis Walter and Annie Hart Parker. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arvie Lee Jackson Sr.; a daughter, Josephine Florence Jackson; brothers, Perene and Thurman Parker; sisters, Delores Jackson, Maggie Lucas, Flossie Allen, Eva Glover, Claire Stoltman and Corrine Thigpen.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Cromartie-Miller & Lee Funeral Home Chapel by the Revs. Ronnie Byrd and Jerome Pope. Burial will follow in Hodges Chapel Church Cemetery.

Survivors include a son, Arvie Lee Jackson Jr. of Dunn; daughters, Peggy Thigpen of Coats, Willa Dean Parrish of Erwin, Ann Marie Sikes of Metter, Ga., Barbara Lee Bradshaw of Erwin and Charlene Sutton of Erwin; 17 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 at Cromartie-Miller & Lee Funeral Home.

William Bennette McLamb

Dunn Daily Record

July 13, 2004

William Bennette McLamb, 60, of Hummingbird Road, Four Oaks, died Monday morning at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital. He was born Oct. 29, 1943 in Johnston County to the late Parson Coy and Vada Ivey McLamb.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Minshew Funeral Home Chapel by the Revs. Billy Nowell and Durwood Jackson. Burial will follow in Lee's Chapel Church cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Louie Parker McLamb; daughters, Alesa McLamb of Four Oaks, Teresa M. Williams of Dunn and Donna McLamb of Goldsboro; sisters, Peggy Hockaday and Carolyn Byrd, both of Four Oaks, and Susan Tadlock of Pleasant Grove; brother, Parson McLamb Jr. of Four Oaks; and seven grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 tonight at the funeral home.