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Louise C. Bentley

Louise Chapman Bentley, age 82, of Taylorsville, died Sunday, July 23, 2006, at Gordon Hospice House in Statesville.

She was born in Alexander County Decem-ber 19, 1923, the daughter of the late Charlie H. Chapman and Katy Barlow Chapman.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Taylorsville, where she was active in the L.L.L. Ladies Sunday School Class. Mrs. Bentley was formerly employed by the Alexander County School System in the Taylorsville High School Cafeteria and also at Broyhill Furniture Industries in Taylorsville.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of fifty-two years, Perry B. Bentley; two brothers, Flap Chapman and Alfonzo Chapman; and three sisters, Mamie Barnes, Zelma Childers, and Marie Earp.

She is survived by three daughters, Charlene B. Lackey and husband Barry, Clara B. Bostian and husband Rick, and Martha B. Mitchell and husband Randy, all of Taylorsville; seven grandchildren, Yates Lackey and wife Debra of Kernersville, Tanner Lackey of Charlotte, Brandy B. Crocker and husband Tony of Selma, and Mahala B. Childers and husband Justin, Crystal Mitchell, Shelley Mitchell, and Jessie Mitchell, all of Taylorsville; four great-grandchildren, Jackson Lackey, Davis Lackey, Cheyenne Childers, and Schyler Crocker; a sister, Alma Jane "Tenney" Kostka of Steven Point, Wisc.; two brothers, Richard Chapman and wife Armin of Taylorsville and Bill Chapman and wife Karen of Kathleen, Ga.; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 25, 2006, at the Alexander Funeral Service Chapel in Taylorsville with Rev. Gary Jennings officiating. Burial followed in the Taylorsville City Cemetery. Pallbearers included family and friends.

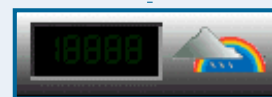
Memorials may be made to Gordon House Hospice, 2341 Simonton Rd., Statesville, NC 28625. Condolences may be emailed to the Bentley family at alexfuneralsvc@bellsouth.net. Alexander Funeral

Service of Taylorsville was in charge of arrangements.

Jerry N. Bowles

Jerry Neal Bowles, age 70, of Sulphur Springs Road, Hiddenite, died Tuesday, July 25, 2006, at his residence.

He was born in Alexander County April 19, 1936, the son of the late Harland Glenn Bowles and Mayzo Edith Clanton Bowles. He was a member of Pilgrim Baptist Church and was a retired supervisor with



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In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Lena Sue Hubbard Bowles.

Survivors include a daughter, Pamela Gail Gwaltney and husband Ricky of Hiddenite; two sons, Barry Bowles and wife Darlene of Taylorsville and Jerry Lynn Bowles of Hiddenite; four brothers, Alton Bowles of Concord, Kent Bowles and Harvey Bowles, both of Hiddenite, and Tommy Bowles of Statesville; and five grandchildren, Brandy Pennell, Jennifer Bowles and Ronnie, Shawn, and Gina Gwaltney.

The family will receive friends Thursday evening, July 27, 2006, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Adams Funeral Home in Taylorsville. Funeral services will be conducted Friday, July 28, 2006, at 11:00 a.m. at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Michael Barber officiating. Burial will follow in the Linney's Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Alexander County, 50 Lucy Echerd Lane, Taylorsville, NC 28681. Notes of sympathy may be emailed to the Bowles family at adamsfuneralhome@charter.net.

Adams Funeral Home of Taylorsville is serving the Bowles family.

Martha P. Fox

Martha Price Fox, age 79, of Taylorsville, died Thursday, July 20, 2006, following a courageous fight with cancer.

She was born in Iredell County December 2, 1926, the daughter of the late C. Jeff Price and Neva Payne Price. She grew up in Taylorsville and graduated from Rowan Hospital School of Nursing and began her nursing career as a Registered Nurse at Babies Hospital in Wilmington. While there, she married Jay Clyde Fox, her husband of fifty-seven years.

Martha continued to enjoy her career of nursing and worked throughout the state of North Carolina from Wilmington to Wake County, where she was Regional Supervisor for the State Commission for the Blind to the Watauga and Iredell County Health Departments until she and her husband made their permanent residence in Taylorsville, where she worked as a Public Health Nurse for Alexander County Health Department.

With the birth of her first grandchild in 1984, she changed her profession from nurse and mother to grandmother and retired to spend all of her time with her family and in pursuing her church activities. Throughout her years at Taylorsville Presbyterian Church, Martha served as a Sunday School Teacher, a Deacon, and as an Elder. She was very active in the Women of the Church and was awarded a Lifetime Membership for over forty years of active service for her Women of the Church activities.

She is survived by her husband, Jay Clyde Fox of Taylorsville; a daughter, Jan Fox Barriger and husband Bill of Taylorsville; two sisters, Louise Price Herman, and Elizabeth "Lib" Price Shoemaker and husband Howard, all of Taylorsville; two brothers, William "Sonny" Price and wife Brenda and Robert "Bob" Price and wife Millie, all of Taylorsville; three grand-children, Amanda Lee "Mandy" Barriger, Jessica Brooke "Jessy" Barriger, and William Jay Fox, II, all of Taylorsville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her only son, William Jay "Bill" Fox; four brothers, George C. Price, Joe P. Price, Hayden P. Price, and Charlie "Jim" Price; and two sisters, Mary P. Payne and Pauline P. Deal.

The service to celebrate the life of Mrs. Martha Fox was conducted Saturday, July 22, 2006, at Taylorsville Presbyterian Church with Rev. Michael Hill officiating. Burial followed in the Taylorsville City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Taylorsville Presbyterian Church Fund, PO Box 507, Taylorsville, NC 28681. Condolences to the Fox family may be emailed to alexfuneralsvc@bellsouth.net. Funeral arrangements were provided by Alexander Funeral Service of Taylorsville.

Thomas Forehand

Thomas Forehand, age 80, of Taylorsville, died Tuesday, July 25, 2006, at Frye Regional Medical Center.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at Adams Funeral Home in Taylorsville.

Frances Huffman

Frances Steffey Huffman, age 65, of Taylorsville, passed away on Thursday, July 20, 2006, at her residence.

Born July 6, 1941, in Tramell, Va., she was the daughter of the late Carlos Harrison Steffey and Arlena Neece Steffey.

In addition to her parents, her husband, Noah G. Huffman, preceded her in death.

Survivors include a daughter, Sherrie Huffman of Taylorsville; a granddaughter, Madison; a grandson, Brandon; a sister, Katherine McCoy of Bethlehem; four brothers, Carlos E. Steffey of Bethlehem, Harold Steffey and Ralph Steffey, both of Vale, and Joe Steffey of Morganton; two half-sisters, Corine Hileman of St. Paul, Va., and Lilina Gilert of Tramell, Va.; and numerous nieces and nephew.

A Celebration of Life Service was conducted Sunday, July 23, 2006, at the Catawba Funeral Chapel with Pastor Jack Carver officiating. Burial followed in Catawba Memorial Park.

Online condolences may be left at www.catawbamemorialpark.com. Catawba Memorial Park, Funerals and Cremations of Hickory was in charge of arrangements.

Carrie T. Mullis

Carrie Taylor **Mullis**, age 41, of Roaring River, died Friday, July 21, 2006, at her residence following a lengthy illness.

She was born in Alleghany County September 5, 1964, the daughter of the late Ares Taylor and Bertha Wagoner Taylor.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, John Wayne **Mullis**, Sr.; three sisters, Pearl Fender, Anna Mae Taylor, and Verna Mae Taylor; and two brothers, Lee Taylor and James Taylor.

Survivors include a daughter, Carrie Giles of Gastonia; a son, John Wayne **Mullis**, Jr., of Sparta; seven sisters, Mary Perry of Sparta,

Betty Wyatt, Linda Brown, and Ruby Taylor, all of North Wilkesboro, Minnie Wagoner and Barbara Johnson, both of Roaring River, and Brenda Rogregais of Jefferson; three brothers, Johnny Taylor of Traphill, Jimmy Taylor of North Wilkesboro, and Odell Taylor of Hayes; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 24, 2006, at the Jesus Church in McGrady with Rev. Wiley Boggs and Rev. Gladys Dollinger officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Notes of sympathy may be emailed to the **Mullis** family at adams-funeralhome@charter.net. Adams Funeral Home of Taylorsville was in charge of arrangements.

Mabel P. Mills

Mabel Payne Mills, age 87, loving mother, sister, grandmother, and friend, died Monday, July 3, 2006, at Lake Norman Regional Medical Center.

She was born in Alexander County April 24, 1919, the daughter of the late John C. Payne and Allie Thompson Payne. Mrs. Mills and her family lived in Flint, Mich., for thirty years until her retirement in 1981 from AC Spark Plug. She spent her retirement years living in St. Helen, Mich., and Mooresville. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James "Jack" Mills, in 1995; a daughter, Sherry Lavigne, in 1997; two brothers; and three sisters.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara Church of Linden, Mich.; two sisters, Gladys Phillips of Greensboro and Ruth McConnell of Mooresville; four grandchildren, Jeff Watters and wife Deborah, Bryan Jarman and wife Kathleen, Brent Jarman, and Chris Berry and wife Heidi; ten great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews, especially Jerry and Nancy Brown of China Grove.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 6, 2006, at the Cavin-Cook Funeral Home Chapel in Mooresville. Burial followed in Glenwood Memorial Park in Mooresville.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association, P.O. Box 27985, Raleigh, NC 27611-7985. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home of Mooresville was in charge of arrangements. This obituary is a courtesy of Adams Funeral Home of Taylorsville.

James Shepherd

James Chester Shepherd, age 61, of McGrady, N.C., died Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem following an illness of a year and a serious illness of a week.

He was born in Wilkes County September 9, 1944, the son of the late Chester Shepherd and Maude Wyatt Shepherd. Mr. Shepherd was of the Presbyterian faith and was a sawmiller.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Lucille Shepherd and infants Patty Shepherd and Ruby Shepherd, and two brothers, Robert Shepherd and an infant Lonnie Shepherd.

Survivors include a son, David Cooney of Knoxville, Tenn.; a sister, Rosie Wyatt of McGrady; and three brothers, Odell Shepherd and John Shepherd, both of McGrady, and Andrew Shepherd of North Wilkesboro.

A graveside service was conducted Friday, July 21, 2006, at the Perry Cemetery in Wilkes County with Rev. Wiley Boggs officiating. Notes of sympathy may be emailed to the Shepherd family at adamsfuneralhome@charter.net.

Adams Funeral Home of Taylorsville was in charge of arrangements.

Edith W. Barnette

Edith Walker Barnette, age 72, of Taylorsville Mfg. Rd., Taylorsville, died Thursday, July 20, 2006, at Frye Regional Medical Center following an illness of one month.

She was born in Wilkes County January 13, 1934, the daughter of the late Grover Walker and Ona Kerley Walker. She was employed with Southern Devices for thirty-five years and was owner/operator of Barnette's Sew & Mend in Taylorsville for thirty-one years.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Donald Siler; seven sisters, Lena Walker, Beulah Part, Nancy Hubbard, Mae Jolly, Florence Huffsteler, and two infant sisters; two infant brothers; and an infant grandson.

Survivors include her husband, Aldean Barnette of the home; a daughter, Sue Parker and husband Danny of Sanford; three sons, Darrell Siler and wife Debra and David Siler and wife Nolie, all of Siler City, and Brian Barnette and fiancée Lisa Lytle of Taylorsville; a sister, Betty Ann Church of Winston-Salem; three brothers, Charles "Buddy" Walker of Taylorsville, Tom Walker of California, and Jack Walker of Lawrenceburg, Ky.; a number of nieces and nephews; and special friends, Anne and Kevin Julian.

A memorial service was conducted Sunday, July 23, 2006, at the Adams Funeral Home Chapel in Taylorsville with Rev. Michael Barber officiating.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Alexander County Chapter, 6000 Fairview Rd., Suite 200, Charlotte, NC 28210 or to Special Olympics of Alexander County.

Notes of sympathy may be emailed to the Barnette family at adamsfuneralhome@charter.net. Adams Funeral Home of Taylorsville was in charge of arrangements.

William Jason Greene

William Jason Greene, infant son of Nathaniel Jason Greene and Keisha Lashae Kerley, residents of the Ellendale Community, Taylorsville, went to be with his Heavenly Father Monday, July 24, 2006.

Survivors, in addition to his parents, include a brother, Brandon Lee Craig; paternal grandparents, Danny and Belinda Greene and JC and Debbie Cagle; paternal great-grandparents, Lamar and Patsy Lovell and Alfred Greene; paternal uncle and aunt, Nick and Crystal Greene; maternal grandparents, Trish Graybeal and Bobby Wolf; maternal great-grandmother, Louse Blanton; maternal uncles, Shane Graybeal and Johnny Coleman; and numerous cousins.

The family will receive friends Thursday evening, July 27, 2006, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., at Reformation Lutheran Church in Taylorsville. Funeral services will follow at 8:00 p.m. with Rev. Lewis Murdock officiating. Condolences may be emailed to the family at

alexfuneralsvc@bellsouth.net. Alexander Funeral Service of
Taylorsville is serving the Greene family.

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