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Dale Robert Leffler, July 15, 2023



Dale Robert Leffler, husband of Edith Marie Creech Leffler, father of Michael Brian Leffler and Terry Michele Leffler and brother of

Barbara Leffler Ferrebee, died at 82 on July 15, 2023, in Spotsylvania, Virginia. He was born May 27, 1941, in Pine Grove, Pennsylvania. He is the son of Irvin and Evelyn Leffler and brother of the late Sally Leffler Miller. He is the grandfather of Sarah Leffler and Megan Leffler and great-grandfather of Claritie Leffler. Dale served in the Navy for four years. Then he worked for IBM for 33 years before retiring. He served as a deacon at Spotswood Baptist Church in Fredericksburg, Virginia. He is buried in Culpeper National Cemetery in Virginia. (Lillian/J.M.)

William Manley Creech, June 26, 2023



William Manley Creech, husband of Donna Jackson Creech and father of Lee Creech, died at 80 on June 26, 2023, in Virginia Beach. He

was born Nov. 4, 1942, in Norfolk, Virginia. He is the son of the late J.W. and Olympia Creech and father of the late Matthew Jackson Creech. He was a Realtor. He is buried at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens in Norfolk, Virginia. (Lillian)

Nathan Alan Stancil, June 26, 2023

Nathan Alan Stancil, son of Stephen Jerome Stancil, brother of Chad Stancil and nephew of Gary Rudolph Stancil, died at 35 on June 26, 2023, in Clifton Forge, Virginia. Nathan was born Nov. 15, 1987, in Low Moor, Virginia. He enjoyed cooking for several area restaurants. (James Oscar/Doc)

Nancy Lloyd Williams, April 1, 2023



Nancy Lloyd Williams, widow of Jimmie Lee Williams and mother of Ricky Lee Williams, died at 86 on April 1, 2023, in Durham, North

Carolina. She was born Sept. 2, 1936, in Forsyth County. She is the daughter of the late Ervin and Ester Maynard Lloyd. Nancy worked for Durham Social Services. (Walter Greene/Essie)

Michael John Gardner, May 17, 2022

Michael John Gardner, husband of Tiffany Creech Gardner and father of Kenna Tiffany Gardner and Lara Michele Gardner, died at 54 on May 17, 2022. He was born April 14, 1968, in Waukesha, Wisconsin. He is the son of the late Donald and Mary Eve Mescher Gardner. Michael served in the Navy in the Persian Gulf, earning the National Defense Service Medal. He is buried with military honors at Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery near Union Grove, Wisconsin. Tiffany is the daughter of Kenneth Ray Creech. (Lillian/William)

Ivanette "Nettie" Kehaulani McGregor Stancil, July 8, 2020



Ivanette "Nettie" Kehaulani McGregor Stancil, wife of Douglas Stancil Sr. and mother of Kehaulani Stancil Lee, died at 73

on July 8, 2020, in Ewa Beach, Hawaii. She was born Jan. 11, 1947, in Honolulu, Hawaii. She is the daughter of Ivanhoe and Pearl McGregor. She is the grandmother of Benjamin, Dominic and Connor Lee. She is buried in Hawaiian Memorial Park in Kaneohe. (James Oscar/George Guy/Douglas)

Sheila Lou Akina Stancil, Jan. 21, 2019

Sheila Lou Akina Stancil, first wife of Douglas Stancil Sr. and mother of Diane Stancil Nifong, Sherri Stancil Gabin, Douglas Stancil Jr., Braddick Stancil, Chadwick Stancil, Keith Stancil and Sandi Stancil, died at 79 on Jan. 21, 2019, at Maui Memorial Medical Center in Wailuku. She was born May 9, 1939, in Puunene, Maui, Hawaii. She is the daughter of Joseph and Clara Medeiros Akina. (James Oscar/George Guy/Douglas)

Maui wildfires

Hawaii, home to many Stancil relatives, has suffered greatly from the Lahaina fire. The wildfire on Maui has burned more than 2,000 acres of land and close to 10,000 homes. The wildfires in August 2023 killed at least 115 with many others missing. There are no reports of any Stancil family members being injured, missing or suffering property loss as of early September.

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The parentheses after each item show how people relate to the sons or daughters of John Thomas Stancil. We generally identify the closest living relative early in each item (father or mother or spouse), but this helps break it down further.



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GRADUATIONS

Carter Rollin Aycock



Carter Rollin Aycock received the Sam Narron Baseball Award on May 30, 2023.

Carter Rollin Aycock, son of Chuck and Kelly Pope Aycock, graduated magna cum laude from North Johnston High School on June 9, 2023, in Kenly, North Carolina. Carter, who played baseball and football at North Johnston, is majoring in agribusiness and will play catcher for the University of Mount Olive. He was awarded the Sam Narron Baseball Award on May 30. The award celebrates a Johnston County baseball player who demonstrated a love for the game. He received a \$500 scholarship and a plaque. Other scholarships he received included the UMO Scholarship, UMO Presidential Scholarship, UMO Reece Richardson Scholarship, Parrish Davis Scholarship and the William Grey Bailey Scholarship. He is the grandson of Terry Koger Pope and the late Randy. (Nancy Agnes/Gene)

Carly Sara Peedin



Carly Sara Peedin, daughter of Shannon and Amy Johnson Peedin, graduated magna cum laude from North Johnston High School on June 9, 2023, in Kenly, North Carolina. Carly was a featured senior during the Baker School of Dance spring recital on May 6, 2023, in Smithfield. She is the granddaughter of Sara Bass Johnson and the late Robert. (Elizabeth/Nancy Agnes)

Greyson Myles Brummer

Greyson Myles Brummer, son of Helge and Dawn Capps Brummer, graduated magna cum laude from Orange High School on June 9, 2023, at the Dean Smith Center in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He was an NC Academic Scholar and a swimmer during high school. He is attending the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He is the grandson of Jimmy Durante Capps. (Lillian/Creola)

Anna Grace Bridgers

Anna Grace Bridgers, daughter of Richard and Myra Pope Bridgers, received her bachelor's degree in exercise and sports science with a concentration in health and wellness with a minor in psychology from Meredith College on May 13, 2023, in Raleigh, North Carolina. (Elizabeth/Nancy Agnes/Charles)

William Lee Boswell

William Lee Boswell, son of Winifred Baldree Boswell, received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from NC State on May 6, 2023, in PNC Arena in Raleigh, North Carolina. He is the grandson of Nancy Cayton Baldree and the late Lee. (Bessie/Emma)

Did you know?

Six family members from three branches received degrees from NC State on May 6, 2023, at PNC Arena in Raleigh. One from Henry (William Boswell), three from Samuel (Connor Berry, Mary Pflaeging and William Reese Bartlett) and two from Tempy Ann (Tyler Galloway and Seth Joyner). The commencement speaker was Four-Star Gen. Anthony J. Cotton, commander at United States Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska.



Emma Kathryn Boswell at the hooding ceremony for the Arnold School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina.

Emma Kathryn Boswell

Emma Kathryn Boswell, daughter of Winifred Baldree Boswell, received her master's degree in epidemiology with a post-baccalaureate certificate in maternal and child health from the University of South Carolina on May 5, 2023, at the Koger Center in Columbia, South Carolina. The hooding ceremony for the Arnold School of Public Health was May 4, 2023, also at the Koger Center. She has accepted a job as a research associate at the Rural and Minority Health Research Center at the University of South Carolina. She is the granddaughter of Nancy Cayton Baldree and the late Lee. (Bessie/Emma)

Amelia Janet Martin

Amelia Janet Martin, daughter of Ward and Felicia Capps Martin, received her bachelor's degree in innovation leadership and entrepreneurship from Western Carolina University on Dec. 17, 2022, in the Liston B. Ramsey Regional Activity Center in Cullowhee, North Carolina. She is the granddaughter of Jimmy Durante Capps. (Lillian/Creola)

Henry

GRADUATION

Lanie Rae Headley

Lanie Rae Headley, daughter of Cole and Lynn Moore Headley, received her bachelor's degree in political science from NC State on Dec. 17, 2022, in PNC Arena in Raleigh, North Carolina. Lanie is attending graduate school at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina. She is the granddaughter of Clifton Ray Moore and the late Connie. (Nancy Agnes/Mary Frances)

BIRTHS

Waylon Steven Stancil

Waylon Steven Stancil, son of Phil Stancil and Greer K. Bratschie, was born May 4, 2023, in California. He is the grandson of Phillip and Grace Stancil. (Walter Greene/Thomas Ruffin)

Shyla Leigh Washam

Shyla Leigh Washam, daughter of William and Carolyn Westray Washam, was born March 14, 2023. She is the granddaughter of William and Lucia Creech Washam. (James Oscar/Ruby)

Nohealani Jaelynn Serrato

Nohealani Jaelynn Serrato, daughter of Victor Serrato and Nani Lime, was born Dec. 12, 2022, in California. She is the granddaughter of Charmaine Stancil Lime. (James Oscar/George Guy/Ted)

Max Washam

Max Washam, son of Kevin and Jessica Connell Washam, was born Nov. 24, 2022. He is the grandson of William and Lucia Creech Washam. (James Oscar/Ruby)

Did you know?

Henry Stancil, a brick mason, built chimneys, columns and furnaces.

Weddings



Fraticeilli-Stancil

Kean Cavell Kamana Stancil, son of Mark and Cathy Stancil, married Raquel Fraticelli on March 25, 2023, in San Jose Del Cabo, Mexico. (James Oscar/George Guy/Ted)



Gahagan-Geiger

Erin Elizabeth Gahagan, daughter of Patrick and Karen Capps Gahagan, married Kyle Geiger on May 13, 2023, in Charleston, South Carolina. (Lillian/Creola/Bobby)

Gahagan-Rausch

Aubrey Ann Gahagan, daughter of Patrick and Karen Capps Gahagan, married Eric Rausch on April 29, 2023, at The Haven Event Space in Louisburg, Kansas. (Lillian/Creola/Bobby)

Creech-Dean

Shayna Renee Creech, daughter of Kenneth Gary Creech, married Conner Stephenson Dean on Nov. 26, 2022, in North Carolina. She is the granddaughter of Kenneth Ray Creech. (Lillian/William)

Tyndall-Stancil

Jason Eric Stancil, son of the late David Leo Stancil, married Victoria "Tori" Rose Tyndall on May 21, 2022, in North Carolina. (Walter Greene/Walter Leo/David Leo)

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Hunter Andrew Simmons

Hunter Andrew Simmons, son of Andy and Joy Graham Simmons, is engaged to marry Zoe Messier. He is the grandson of Bettie Williams Graham. (Walter Greene/Essie)

Adam Bynum

Adam Bynum, son of David Allen Bynum, is engaged to marry Kourtney Collins. He is the grandson of Roger and Jane Cayton Bynum. (Bessie/Emma Lee)

Henry

MUSIC

The Morning Yells

Venice, California-based The Morning Yells, a band made up of siblings Phil Stancil and Laura Stancil, along with Trevor Smith and Jacob Boll, released "Moonlight Mountain Bungalow" on Oct. 4, 2022. The album includes 11 tracks.

Phil plays guitar, bass, drums and sings and Laura plays keyboard, bass and sings. Sara Watkins played fiddle on the album.

This follows "Dig EP" in 2021, its debut full-length album "On The Lash" in 2019 and its first EP "Proper Wilted" in 2017. For information on the band, go to themorningyells.com.

Phil and Laura are children of Phillip and Grace Stancil. (Walter Greene/Thomas Ruffin)



Musicians on "Moonlight Mountain Bungalow" include Phil Stancil on vocals, acoustic guitar, bass, and drums; Laura Stancil on vocals, bass, and keyboard; Trevor Smith on vocals, electric guitar, acoustic guitar, keyboard, and drums; Jacob Boll on vocals, acoustic guitar, keyboard, lap steel, drums, air organ; and Sara Watkins on fiddle.

They Went Ghost

Vacaville, California-based They Went Ghost, a band made up of Kolby Stancil on vocals and guitar, Michael Cagley on guitar, Leland Vandermeulen on guitar, Ryan Callahan on guitar, Joseph Sullivan on bass, Daniel Cagley and Nick Whitmire on percussion, will release "Breach" in 2023. This album follows "Within Your Reach" in 2020, "Illusion of Choice" in 2018 and its debut full-length album "Waive the Blind" in 2015. Kolby is the son of Roseanne Avila and the late Scott. (James Oscar/George Guy/Ted/Scott)

NEWS

Geoff Stancil Bichler

Geoff Stancil Bichler, husband of Deanna Parrish Bichler, was recognized by The Best Lawyers in America 2024 for his work in Workers' Compensation Law – Claimants with Bichler & Longo, PLLC in Maitland, Florida, on Aug. 18, 2023. In 2023, he was named to the Board of Directors for Kids Chance Florida which provides scholarships for children of parents who suffer catastrophic work injuries. Geoff has been handling workers' compensation

and pension matters for firefighters, police officers, EMTs and correctional officers. (Walter Greene/Thomas Ruffin/Anemari)

Maci Tedder

Maci Tedder, daughter of David and Paige Langston Tedder, is a senior cheerleader at North Johnston High School in Kenly, North Carolina. Maci received the coach's award for cheerleading on May 20, 2023. She is the granddaughter of James and Faye Parrish Langston. (Elizabeth/Ruby)

Samuel

NEWS

Duane Martel

Duane Martel, husband of Kristy Moore Martel, was named to the 2023 President's Club by AutoZone headquarters as store manager of Store #6846 in Raleigh, North Carolina. He was among the top 5% of managers in the company. Duane was awarded a trip to the 2023 National Sales Meeting in September in Memphis, Tennessee, along with a President's Club pin and trophy. He has been with AutoZone for eight years. In a letter, AutoZone Executive Vice President, Operations, Sales and Technology Tom Newbern wrote: "It is clear that you know the real meaning of value of excellence, leadership and teamwork. You have demonstrated the knowledge and ability to motivate your team to the top of its game and contributed significantly to AutoZone's continued success." (Lonnie/Mildred/Linda)

Scott Woodlief

Scott Woodlief, son of Jerry Woodlief Sr. and the late Shirley Pipkin, is football coach at Heritage High School in Lynchburg, Virginia. He has previously coached at Gloucester High School, Potomac Falls High School and Kecoughtan High School, all in Virginia. (Freeman Elbert/Thelma)

Lillie Christine Groff

Lillie Christine Groff, daughter of David and Summer Faison Groff, played volleyball at Wake Tech in Raleigh, North Carolina. In her freshman season at outside hitter, she appeared in 22 matches and was third on the team with 102 digs and 19 service aces. Wake Tech finished 14-9. She is majoring in business administration/management. She is the granddaughter of David and Cynthia Stancil Groff and great-granddaughter of Betty Stancil-Griffith and the late Jay. (Elbert)

Samuel

DEATHS

Heather Humphrey, June 4, 2023

Heather Wade Humphrey, mother of Tiffany Dawn Wade Gentzel and mother-in-law of Walter Gentzel, died at 50 on June 4, 2023, in Raleigh, North Carolina. She is the daughter of Stella Elaine Wade and the late Furman and wife of David Humphrey. She is the grandmother of Jacob Gentzel. Tiffany is the daughter of the late Paul Bryant Kelly. (Lonnie Alfred/Mildred/Butch)

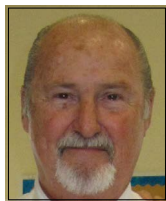
Dorothy Watson Stancil, April 8, 2023

Dorothy Gray Watson, mother of Cynthia Stancil Small, Terry Stancil Davis, Lonnie Pearl Stancil Jr. and Matthew Stancil, and sister of the late Delores Watson Woodburn, Odell Watson and Merle Watson, died at 89 on April 8, 2023, in Wilson, North Carolina. She is the daughter of Matthew and Mae Turner Watson and widow of Lonnie Pearl Stancil Sr., who died in 1993. She is the grandmother of eight and the great-grandmother of nine. She is buried at Maplewood Cemetery in Wilson, North Carolina. (Lonnie Alfred)

Harper Thomas Black, March 3, 2023

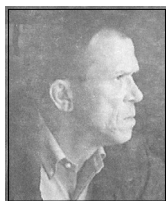
Harper Thomas Black, son of Becky Wilson Stancil and stepson of Matthew Watson Stancil, brother of KayCee Stancil and Logan Black and uncle of Lylah Arizpe, died at 21 on March 3, 2023. He was born July 18, 2001. He was preceded in death by his grandmother Ramona Wilson and great-grandmother Lucille Wilson. Matthew is the son of the late Lonnie Pearl Stancil Sr. (Lonnie Alfred)

George Pipkin Jr., March 31, 2023



George Dallas "DeeDee" Pipkin Jr., father of Samantha Pipkin and George Tyrone Pipkin and brother of Alice Pipkin Parker and the late Shirley Pipkin, died at 83 on March 31, 2023, at VCU Hospital in Richmond, Virginia. He was born Oct. 5, 1939, in Norfolk, Virginia. He is the son of the late George and Thelma Stancil Pipkin. He is the grandfather of Danielle Pipkin and great-grandfather of Santana, King, Kila and Giavonna. George served in the Navy for six years, including a stint on the USS Newport News. George was a musician with North Carolina-based Circuit Riders and a priest of the Latter-Day Saints in Logoff, South Carolina. (Elbert/Thelma)

Wilburn Small Jr., Dec. 14, 2022



Wilburn Ernest Small Jr., husband of Cynthia Stancil Small and father of Christopher D. Small, died at 76 on Dec. 14, 2022, in Wilson, North Carolina. He was born Feb. 17, 1946. He is the son of the late Wilburn and Louise Small. He is the grandfather of Cameron and Grant. Wilburn was employed with the City of Greenville in the Fire and Rescue Department before retiring as Assistant Deputy Commissioner with the North Carolina Department of Insurance, Fire and Rescue Division. (Lonnie Alfred/Lonnie Sr.)

JoAnn Crabtree Brewer, Dec. 8, 2022



JoAnn Crabtree Brewer, step-mother of Atlas McCray Brewer Jr. and step-grandmother of Brenson McCray Brewer and Scott Elliott Brewer, died at 85 on Dec. 8, 2022, in Wilson, North Carolina. She was born Feb. 27, 1937. JoAnn is the wife of the late Atlas Brewer Sr. Atlas Brewer Jr. and Jeannie Carol Collier are the parents of Brenson and Scott. (Erma/Ethel)

Steve Mitchell Hamelau, Dec. 1, 2022

Steve Mitchell Hamelau, father of Katie Hamelau Leese and father-in-law of Nathan Scott Leese, died at 73 on Dec. 1, 2022, in Alexandria, Minnesota. He was born Sept. 21, 1949, in Winnebago, Minnesota. He is the son of Elmer and Maurine Sickler Hamelau. He is the grandfather of Penelope Leese. Steve became a fisherman guide in 1982, which led to a weekly 30-second fishing tips show. Nathan is the son of Steven and Kimberly Williams Leese. (Doris Pearl/Susan)

Rachel Sasser Kelly, Nov. 2, 2022



Rachel Sasser Kelly, wife of Glen Clinton Kelly and mother of Michael Kelly and Sharon Martin, died at 78 on Nov. 2, 2022, in Wilson, North Carolina. She was born May 6, 1944, in Wilson, North Carolina. She is the daughter of the late Lafayette and Pearl Collins Sasser and sister of the late Ralph Sasser. She is the grandmother of Corey Andrew Bissette. Rachel was a teacher's assistant at Vinson-Bynum Elementary and Forest Hills Middle School. She is buried in Evergreen Memorial Park in Wilson, North Carolina. (Lonnie Alfred/Mildred)

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Caroline Brown

Caroline Brown, daughter of Jeff and Priscilla Ethridge Brown, is engaged to marry Dave Robie on Oct. 5, 2023, in Boulder, Colorado. She is the granddaughter of Roselyn Brown. (Freeman Elbert/Freeman Durward)

Samuel

DEATHS

Darlene A. Hardison, Oct. 10, 2022



Darlene Asuncion Hardison, wife of Ray Hardison and mother of Kalina Nicole Hardison and Keanu Devin Hardison, died at 51 on Oct. 10, 2022, in Chesapeake, Virginia. She was born May 20, 1971, in Brunswick, Georgia. She is the daughter of Loretto Cocal and the late Alfredo. She is the grandmother of Phobe Hardison. She was a Mary Kay Consultant for more than 22 years. She is buried in Albert G. Horton Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Suffolk, Virginia. (Annie/Pat)

Shirley Pipkin, Jan. 30, 2022



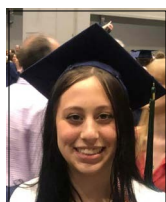
Shirley Ann Pipkin, mother of Jerry Woodlief Jr. and Gregory Scott Woodlief Sr. and sister of Alice Pipkin Parker and the late George Dallas Pipkin Jr., died at 79 on Jan. 30, 2022, in Virginia. She was born Dec. 29, 1942, in Newport News, Virginia. She is the daughter of the late George and Thelma Stancil Pipkin and ex-wife of Jerry Lee Woodlief Sr. She is the grandmother of Morgan Woodlief West, Megan Woodlief Hayslett, Jerry Lee "Bubba" Woodlief, Cory Scott Woodlief, Gregory Scott Woodlief Jr. and Taylor Marie Woodlief Witt and great-grandmother of John, Harvey Ann, Ivory, Irelynn, Ella, Gregory and Rilynn. (Elbert/Thelma)

GRADUATIONS

Gina Summer Johnson

Gina Summer Johnson, daughter of Gary and Ann Johnson, received her bachelor's degree in English with minors in creative writing and literary journalism from University of California, Irvine on June 18, 2023, at the Bren Events Center in Irvine, California. Gina is finishing her second degree in Film and Media Studies at UC Irvine. She was an editor for the campus newspaper New University. In summer of 2022, Gina was an intern for the Newport Beach Film Festival in Southern California, where she served as a team lead on the marketing teams. After graduation, she hopes to become a screenwriter. (Erma/Mavis)

Ashleigh Maria Groff



Ashleigh Maria Groff, daughter of Daniel and Rachel Atoigue Groff, graduated from Leesville Road High School on June 13, 2023, at Raleigh Convention Center in Raleigh, North Carolina. She played alto sax in the marching band. She is the granddaughter of David and Cynthia Stancil Groff and great-granddaughter of Betty Stancil-Griffith and the late Jay. (Freeman Elbert)

Noah Bryant Kelly

Noah Bryant Kelly, son of Lois Gareis Chafin Kelly and the late Paul, graduated from West Johnston High School on June 9, 2023, in Benson, North Carolina. He is the grandson of Butch Kelly and the late Janie. (Lonnie Alfred/Mildred)

Connor Justin Berry

Connor Justin Berry, son of Robin Stancil Berry and the late Brian, received his bachelor's degree in animal science from NC State on May 6, 2023, in PNC Arena in Raleigh, North Carolina. (Elbert/Chuck)

Mary Mathilda Pflaeging

Mary Mathilda Pflaeging, daughter of Melissa Hope Stancil, received her bachelor's degree in environmental science from NC State on May 6, 2023, in PNC Arena in Raleigh, North Carolina. (Lonnie Alfred/Ray)

William Reese Bartlett

William Reece Bartlett, son of Robert and Joan Whitfield Bartlett, received two associate of applied science degrees in agribusiness management and horticulture science management from NC State on May 6, 2023, in PNC Arena in Raleigh, North Carolina. He owns RNT Landscaping, a Wilson-based landscaping company at 1906 Nash St., Wilson, NC 27893. For information, go to facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091073182013. (Lonnie Alfred/Pat)

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Ollie Mann

Ollie Mann, son of Oliver and Allison Stancil Mann, was inducted into the National Honor Society on April 21, 2023, at Greenfield School in Wilson, North Carolina. He is the grandson of Jerry Durward Stancil. (Elbert/Durward)

Did you know?

Sam started courting his future wife while working as a hired hand. He fell in love with Miss Mary Missouri

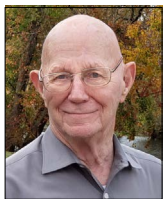
Howell, daughter of Freeman. Missouri was well educated for the time. Sam and Missouri were issued

a marriage license on Nov. 17, 1890. They were married on Nov. 23, 1890. Sam was 27 and Missouri was just 19.

Tempy Ann

DEATHS

Wayne Elwin Sidelinger, July 23, 2023



Wayne Elwin Sidelinger, father of Steve Sidelinger, Michael Sidelinger, Lyndon Sidelinger and Nancy Sidelinger Herring, died at 95

on July 23, 2023, in Wilson, North Carolina. He was born Feb. 19, 1928, in Monson, Maine. He is the son of the late Claude and Hazel Grover Sidelinger, husband of the late Eloise Hill Sidelinger, brother of the late Max and grandfather of the late Sara Elizabeth. He is the grandfather of Richard, Beck, Lauren, Sarah Catherine, Emilie, Carolyn, Troy and Victoria and great-grandfather of Walker and Kenai. He served in the Marine Corps from 1945 until being honorably discharged in 1948. Days after marrying Eloise on Sept. 30, 1950, he was recalled to active duty and stationed at Cherry Point, North Carolina, until 1952. He was active in many organizations, including Wilson Jaycees and the Wilson County Antique Dealers Association. (Millard)

Steven Dale Narron Sr., June 10, 2023



Steven Dale Narron Sr., father of Steven Narron Jr., Bryan Narron and Dustin Narron, died at 56 on June 10, 2023, in Kenly, North

Carolina. He was born Sept. 29, 1966, in Johnston County, North Carolina. He is the son of Bruce Narron and the late Julia Dunn Narron and brother of the late Chuck Narron. He is the grandfather of Paisley, Eli and Julia. Steven worked for years in construction, known as a skilled carpenter. He is buried in New Jerusalem Free Will Baptist Church in Kenly. (Delia/Annie)

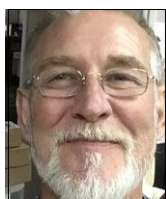
Henry Davis Collier Jr., April 10, 2023



Henry Davis "Dave" Collier Jr., step-father of Kelly Warner and Tommy Warner and second husband of Glenda Ruth Wright Collier,

died at 90 on April 10, 2023, in Jacksonville, Florida. He was born June 10, 1932, in Tifton, Georgia. He is the son of the late Henry and Ethel Collier. He is the step-grandfather of Dakohah, Colby, Rebecca and Hunter. He married Glenda on Dec. 5, 1981, in Clay, Florida. Henry served in the Army Signal Corps. (William Moses/Glady)

Jimmy Rex Wright, Feb. 15, 2023



Jimmy Rex Wright, father of Miranda Richards and brother of Valmore Jack Wright, Glenda Wright Collier, Frankie Wright

Robbins and Kathy Wright Bennett, died at 63 on Feb. 15, 2023, in Jacksonville, Florida. He was born March 31, 1960, in Jacksonville, Florida. He is the son of the late Vernon and Gladys Hill Wright and brother of the late Fred Wright and brother-in-law of the late Ernie Bennett. He is the grandfather of Autumn Lane. Jimmy was a licensed optician for more than 30 years in Jacksonville. (William Moses)

William Darden Hales, Jan. 6, 2023



William Darden Hales, brother of Nancy Hales Zartarian and the late J.P. Hales III, died at 76 on Jan. 6, 2023, in Raleigh, North Carolina. He was born Jan. 26, 1946, in Fayetteville, North Carolina. He is the son of the late James and Lois Darden Hales. He attended the University of North Carolina after high school. William served in the Air Force for four years, stationed in Germany, starting in 1968. He lived in Tallahassee, Florida, from 1994 to 2020. William enjoyed a career in computer software management. He enjoyed fishing and going to the beach with his family. (Delphia Pearl)

Sherry Lynn Bunn, Feb. 8, 2023



Sherry Lynn Bunn, mother of Jeff Elliott and Zack Elliott and sister of Susan Bunn Lucas, Sandra Bunn Lucas and Betty Bunn

Davis, died at 64 on Feb. 8, 2023, in Middlesex, North Carolina. She was born June 26, 1958, in Wilson, North Carolina. She is the daughter of the late BJ and Velma Hill Bunn. She is the grandmother of Colin Elliott, Amelia Elliott, Abby Elliott and Emma Lynn Elliott. Sherry loved antiques. She is buried at Marsh Swamp OFW Baptist Church Cemetery in Sims, North Carolina. (Clarence/Velma)

Joseph Cobb Jr., Jan. 20, 2023



Joseph Franklin Cobb Jr., father of Tommy Franklin Cobb and father-in-law of Kristina Sabricia Weatherman Cobb, died at 72

on Jan. 20, 2023, in Hampton, Virginia. He was born May 21, 1950. He is the son of the late Joseph and Ruby Allen Cobb. He was married to Ann Brock Cobb. Joseph enjoyed fishing, playing baseball and coaching. Kristina is the daughter of Samuel Nelson Jones Weatherman. (Delphia Pearl/Dorothy/Brenda)

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DEATHS

Ronnie Glenn Hill, Dec. 31, 2022



Ronnie Glenn Hill, husband of Beverly Worrell Hill, stepfather of Matthew Sherrick and Michelle Sherrick Bradley,

brother-in-law of Rebecca Hill and brother of the late Jerry Gordon Hill and James George Hill, died at 69 on Dec. 31, 2022, in Bailey, North Carolina. He was born Dec. 27, 1953, in Johnston County, North Carolina. He is the son of the late Jarvis and Josephine Hill. He is the grandfather of Gunner Bradley. Ronnie worked as a sewing machine mechanic at J & J. Ronnie loved being outdoors and he loved animals, including raising and selling birds, including chickens. (William Moses)

"Sandy" Ross Batten Jr., Dec. 17, 2022



Thurman "Sandy" Ross Batten Jr., husband of Sherry Beasley Landes Batten and father of Daniel Beasley, Michelle Batten

McGinnis, Nicole Starling, Jerica Sittig, and brother of Jeff Batten, died at 65 on Dec. 17, 2022, in Selma, North Carolina. He was born May 21, 1957, in Johnston County, North Carolina. He is the son of Janice Hales Batten and the late Thurman Sr. He is the grandfather of Kadence, Dalton, Jeremiah, Emma, Jake, Gracyn, Wyatt and Luke. Sandy was a member of Kenly Missionary Baptist Church. He is buried in the Batten Family Cemetery near Micro, North Carolina. (Delphia Pearl)

Janey Narron Gordon, Aug. 29, 2021

Janey Edwards Narron Gordon, wife of Billy Gordon and mother of Debbie Narron and Mike Narron, died at 78 on Aug. 29, 2021, in her home in Middlesex, North Carolina. She was born Aug. 31, 1942, in Johnston County. She is the daughter of the late Emmett and Elva Godwin Edwards, sister of the late Leon Narron, and wife of the late Claude Leon Narron Jr., who died Nov. 10, 2001. She is the grandmother of Brian, Jamie and Haley and great-grandmother of 11. She was a member of New Jerusalem Free Will Baptist Church in Kenly, North Carolina. She also worshiped at Chocowinity United Methodist Church. She is buried in the New Jerusalem Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery in Kenly, North Carolina. (Ronja/Mozelle)

Col. James Perry "JP" Hales, Oct. 27, 2020

Col. James Perry "JP" Hales III, husband of Lynn Carlton-Hoekstra Hales, father of Laura Hales, and Karen Hales Foerster and brother of William Arden Hales and Nancy Hales Zartarian, died at 84 on Oct. 27, 2020, in Huntsville, Alabama. He was born May 22, 1936, in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

He is the son of James and Lois Darden Hales and husband of the late Norma Welch — the mother of his two daughters — for 43 years, from Sept. 25, 1957, until she died Oct. 21, 2000. He married Lynn on July 29, 2002, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He is the grandfather of Emma Foerster Ansari.

Col. Hales, who graduated from the Army War College in 1980, served 28 years in the infantry branch of the Army starting in 1968, receiving three purple hearts. He received the Distinguished Service Cross — the nation's second highest award — as a captain on April 28, 1968, during the Vietnam War for his extreme gallantry and risk of life to save members of his unit. He also received the Silver Star on May 9, 1968, and Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster in place of a second Silver Star for gallantry on May 26-27, 1968, when he served as Company Commander of Company B, 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. There's a plaque in his honor at the Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial in La Jolla, California.



J.P. Hales III, with his parents Lois Darden and J.P. Hales Jr., was promoted to colonel in November 1983.

The Army assigned him to study languages at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California, and in Washington, D.C. He studied Vietnamese and Arabic. His last assignment was at the Pentagon where he served on the Joint Chiefs of Staff as Chief of the Persian Gulf section in the office of Plans and Policy. He retired in 1987.

JP loved cooking, spending time with his family and serving on the board of Brindlee Mountain Nazarene Church in Arab, Alabama.

JP is buried in Arlington National Cemetery — Section 83, Grave 421 — in Arlington, Virginia. (Delphia Pearl)

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GRADUATIONS

Evan Carter White

Evan Carter White, son of Justin and Tina Hill Jones, graduated from North Pitt High School in Bethel, North Carolina, on June 7, 2023, at Minges Coliseum at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina. He is the grandson of Joe and Linda Sutton Hill. (George Preston Sr./George Preston Jr.)

Gracelyn Blaine Narron



Gracelyn Blaine Narron, daughter of Anthony and Vanessa Braswell Narron, graduated from Greenfield School on May 26, 2023, in Wilson, North Carolina.

She was class representative for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and an officer in SGA for the last two years. She is majoring in nursing at the University of North Carolina Wilmington. She is the granddaughter of Anthony and Debbie Narron and great-granddaughter of Janey Edwards Narron and the late Claude Jr. (Ronja/Mozelle)

Lauren Sidelinger

Lauren Sidelinger, daughter of Michael and Adrianna Edge Sidelinger, received her bachelor's degree in neuroscience with distinction with minors in chemistry and computer science from the University of North Carolina on May 14, 2023, in Chapel Hill. She was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa on April 6, 2023. Lauren was a Carolina Research Scholar, served as one of the spring 2023 Karen M. Gil Interns for the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience, received the David Bray Peele Undergraduate Award for Neuroscience and graduated as an Honors Carolina Laureate. (Millard/Eloise)



Riley Elizabeth Fry

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Riley Elizabeth Fry, daughter of Mandy Narron and Benjamin Fry, graduated from Johnston County Public Schools Virtual Academy on June 8, 2023, in the Smithfield Middle School Gym in Smithfield, North Carolina. Riley is attending Johnston Community College in Smithfield. She is the granddaughter of Freddy and Linda Narron. (Ronja/Mozelle)

Kyler Trace Sulker

Kyler Trace Sulker, son of Cenk and Alison Grooms Sulker, graduated from Tampa Preparatory School on May 25, 2023, at the Straz Center in Tampa, Florida. (John Fletcher/John Frederick/Ferris)

Caitlyn Elizabeth Barnes

Caitlyn Elizabeth Barnes, daughter of Chris and Cathy Strickland Barnes, received her bachelor's degree in human services from Wingate University on May 13, 2023, in Wingate, North Carolina. (Millard/Mavis/Dianne)

Savannah Grace Beasley

Savannah Grace Beasley, daughter of Stacy and Amy Price Beasley, received her bachelor's degree in nursing from Campbell University on May 12, 2023, in Buies Creek, North Carolina. She received her RN license on June 2, 2023. She is working in labor and delivery at WakeMed Health & Hospitals in Raleigh, North Carolina. She is the granddaughter of Sammy and Winnie Price. (Ronja/Alice)

Tyler Douglas Galloway

Tyler Douglas Galloway, son of Robbie and Christy Edwards Galloway, received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from NC State on May 6, 2023, in PNC Arena in Raleigh, North Carolina. He is the grandson of Eloise Bailey Edwards and the late Dennis. (Delia/Archie)

Seth Joseph Joyner

Seth Joseph Joyner, son of Dennis and Cindy Jo Strickland Joyner, received his bachelor's degree in forest management from NC State on May 6, 2023, in PNC Arena in Raleigh, North Carolina. (Millard/Mavis/Dianne)

Maryam Alomar

Maryam Alomar, wife of Daniel Holt, received her doctoral degree in occupational therapy from Spalding University on Sept. 15, 2022, in Louisville, Kentucky. Daniel is the son of Scott and Donna Davis Holt. (Delphia Pearl/Leon Douglas/Lynn)

Deanna Nicole Currie

Deanna Nicole Currie, daughter of Robyn Edwards Mitchell, received her associate's degrees in applied science and nursing from Wilson (NC) Community College on May 19, 2022. She is the granddaughter of Eloise Bailey Edwards and the late Dennis. (Delia/Archie)

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GRADUATIONS

Anna Faith Hill

Anna Faith Hill, daughter of Kevin and Karen Sutton Hill, received her associate's degree in applied science — paralegal technology with highest honors from Wilson (NC) Community College on May 19, 2022. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and was given the Dovey E. "Kim" Watson Award by the faculty. (Tonie)

Amanda Gray Dixon

Amanda Gray Dixon, daughter of Tom and Teresa Dixon, received her Juris Doctorate from Duke University School of Law on May 29, 2021, in Durham, North Carolina. (Edgar Resley/Ethel)

Haley Michelle Narron

Haley Michelle Narron, daughter of Michael Leon Narron, received her associate of applied science in livestock and poultry management in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences from NC State on May 15, 2021, at Carter-Finley Stadium in Raleigh, North Carolina. (Ronja/Mozelle/Claude Jr.)

Alexandria Rose Davis

Alexandria Rose Davis, daughter of Alan Shay Davis Sr., received her bachelor's degree with distinction in education with a focus on human development and family studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on May 15, 2021, in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. She is the granddaughter of Bobby and Nell Simpson Davis. (Sallie Pearl)

Did you know?

Tempy Ann's mother Delaney taught her how to spin thread, knit, quilt and sew. Tempy Ann knitted stockings and sewed clothes for her children. She also taught her daughters to knit, quilt and sew.

WEDDINGS

Wright-Hales

Kasey Jean Wright, daughter of Kevin and Joy Woods Wright, married Bradley Hales on Aug. 26, 2023, at Parrish Memorial Church in Selma, North Carolina. Kasey is the granddaughter of Leon and Jeannie Wright. (Millard/Hazel)

Edwards-Hall

Logan Hall, son of Pat and Deanne Hall, married Marissa Edwards on Aug. 26, 2023, in Chesterfield, Virginia. (Delphia Pearl/Leon Douglas/Lynn)

Hoekstra-Canady

Sophie Hoekstra, daughter of Merrill Hoekstra and the late Lisa, married Michael Canady on July 9, 2023, at The Brothers Ranch in Royal Oaks, California. She is the granddaughter of the late J.P. Hales III. (Delphia Pearl/J.P. Jr.)

Eason-Thorne

Michael Holden Thorne, son of Betty Bunn Davis, married Taylor Eason on June 17, 2023, in Louisburg, North Carolina. (James Clarence/Velma)

Hoekstra-Nold

Abbie Hoekstra, daughter of Merrill Hoekstra and the late Lisa, married Jacob Nold on May 14, 2023, at Kent Island Resort in Stevensville, Maryland. She is the granddaughter of the late J.P. Hales III. (Delphia Pearl/J.P. Jr.)

Bragg-O'Berry

Cole O'Berry, son of Mike and Amy Joyner O'Berry, married Mackenzie Bragg on Dec. 3, 2022, at Quinney Oaks Plantation in Millen, Georgia. He is the grandson of Robert and Vickie Hill Joyner. (George Sr./George Jr.)

Alomar-Holt

Daniel Holt, son of Scott and Donna Davis Holt, married Maryam Alomar on Oct. 15, 2022, in Yorktown, Virginia. (Delphia Pearl/Leon Douglas/Lynn)

ENGAGEMENTS

Kaitlyn Eldridge

Kaitlyn Eldridge, daughter of Scott and Lynn Hill Edridge, is engaged to marry Dereck Lewis on Jan. 20, 2024, in Swansboro, North Carolina. (Jack/Ed)

Carolyn Sidelinger

Carolyn Grace Sidelinger, daughter of Lyndon Earl Sidelinger, is engaged to marry Jake Howard on April 14, 2024, in Dahlonga, Georgia. (Millard/Eloise)

Caitlyn Elizabeth Barnes

Caitlyn Elizabeth Barnes, daughter of Chris and Cathy Strickland Barnes, is engaged to marry Sean Houser on June 17, 2024. (Millard/Mavis/Dianne)

MUSIC

Stephen Horner

Stephen Horner, husband of Kayla Narron Horner, is drummer for Virginia-based The Arise Band. The Christian rock band released its debut single "Hear Him Calling" on Aug. 19, 2022. For information, go to <http://www.theariseband.com/music.html> or view the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSgoQF8bE9k>. Kayla is the daughter of Scott and Janie Clark Narron and the granddaughter of Pat. (George Preston/Neta)

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PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR



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Lassiter Women's Society honors Lori King Lee

Lori King Lee, wife of Folden Wilford Lee III and mother of Wilson Lee Harmon and Anna Gaites Lee and the late Folden Lee IV, received the Linda Vann Lassiter Women's Society Philanthropy Award from the Linda Vann Lassiter Women's Society, on May 4, 2023, at The Farm at 95 in Selma, North Carolina.

Lori, executive director and founder of Gale Healthcare Foundation in 2022 and founder at Me Fine Foundation in 2004, focuses most of her efforts on adolescents undergoing life-changing medical challenges.

After the ceremony, Lori expressed her emotions on Facebook upon being honored with the Linda Vann Lassiter Women's Society Philanthropy Award.

"I feel kinda unworthy," Lori wrote on Facebook. "I didn't just wake up one day and decide to give my time to a good cause. My circumstances dictated my actions. Intense grief forced me into a situation to do something meaningful to honor the life of my son and to stabilize my broken heart."

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Folden was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia in May 2003. Folden passed in September of 2004 at 2 years old. During their 15-month-long battle with leukemia, Folden's family experienced both the stress of caring for a child with a life-threatening illness and the overwhelming burden of the exorbitant medical costs associated with his treatment.

In 2004, Folden's friends and family founded the Me Fine Foundation as a way to pool resources for families facing life-threatening childhood illnesses. Me Fine helps families whose children are experiencing a medical crisis. Support comes in the form of both financial and emotional assistance.

"I am grateful to Me Fine for giving me an outlet and a purpose," she wrote. "I am so proud of what the organization has been able to do over two decades for families with sick children. It has far exceeded any expectation I ever had. As Me Fine outgrew me and took flight, I floundered for many years to find meaning for my existence."

Gale Healthcare Foundation assists in the national shortage of healthcare professionals. This organization offers scholarships to nursing professionals to further their education and training.

"Luckily, I stumbled upon the Gale Healthcare Foundation," Lori continued. "We do what we can to lift up the nursing community through educational scholarships and hardship assistance. I am grateful to Tony Braswell for his vision and his willingness to allow me to be a part of it all. I feel like I am somehow repaying those nurses who kept me afloat for all those months during Folden's illness and through my own battles with breast cancer. I don't know that any of this

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Donate to Me Fine
mefine.org/donate/

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galehealthcarefoundation.org/

Info on Lassiter Women's Society
<https://www.johnstoncc.edu/foundation/lvl/philanthropy.aspx>

is award worthy because in a lot of ways, my motives are fueled by self-preservation."

"Regardless of my merit, I offer my deepest and sincerest gratitude to the Lassiter family for this honor. Mrs. Lassiter set the bar high in service to her community. During the event, I heard so many comments about the wonderful person she was and what a difference she made for those around her. I wish I could've had the opportunity to know her personally. I am just so honored to hold this title."

The honor is awarded annually to an individual who has made a positive impact in Johnston County, North Carolina, through giving, and whose philanthropic leadership sets an inspiring example with regard to time, talents and treasures.

"This award reminds me that our hearts can be broken into a million little pieces, but we can use those pieces just as well to make something better for the people around us. Since it was handed to me, I have kept it close by so that I can be prompted every single day to just do something...anything really, to help someone else. I appreciate every single person who has supported me, my family, and my causes over the years."

Lori's husband Folden is the son of Carolyn Narron Lee. (Ronja/Mozelle)

NEWS

Caroline Lafone

Caroline Lafone, daughter of Kenneth and Hailey Hill Lafone, spent June and July 2023 as an intern with Magic Mile Media in Kinston, North Carolina. Caroline is a senior at North Lenoir High School in LaGrange, North Carolina. Her goal is to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and she hopes to become a sports reporter. She is the granddaughter of Jackie Earl Hill Jr. (Edgar Resley/Jackie Sr.)

Alex Clifton Crosby

Alex Clifton Crosby, son of Cliff and Janell Hill Crosby, is a senior pitcher for Tusculum University in Greeneville, Tennessee. He was selected by Tusculum's College of Education faculty to be awarded the sport science senior honor key at the honors awards convocation on April 19, 2023. He is the grandson of Jackie and Maxine Hill. (Edgar Resley)

Raegan Kolin Shepherd

Raegan Kolin Shepherd, daughter of Joshua and Wendy Peacock Shepherd, is in her sophomore year in equestrian at the University of Georgia in Athens. She made the SEC All-Freshman Team for reining on April 10, 2023. (Ronja/Mozelle/Peggy)

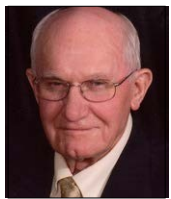
Sam and Morgan Cooke

Sisters Sam and Morgan Cooke, daughters of Tim and Jenny Cooke, were in the cast of Surry Arts Players Community Theatre's production of "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella" on April 1 and 2, 2023, at Andy Griffith Playhouse in Mount Airy, North Carolina. They are the granddaughters of Rodney and Gilda Hill Cooke. (George Preston/George Leon)

John Archer

DEATHS

Melvin Ray Edwards, May 23, 2023



Melvin Ray Edwards, husband of Ann Stancil Edwards and stepfather of Jackson Stancil and Johnathan

Stancil, died at 95 on May 23, 2023, at SECU Hospice House in Smithfield, North Carolina. He was born April 6, 1928. He is the son of the late Joe and Lois Edwards. He is the step-grandfather of K.J. Stancil, Luke Stancil and Avery Stancil. Melvin served in the Merchant Marines during World War II. Melvin served on the Princeton Town Board, was a member of the Princeton Lions Club, a charter member of the Princeton Fire Department, and served on the Johnston Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees. (Kermit)

Ralph Stephenson, Nov. 30, 2021



Ralph Mark Stephenson, husband of Gerry Stancil Stephenson and father of Leigh Stephenson Tolleson and Dana

Stephenson and brother of Susan Stephenson Rouse, died at 65 on Nov. 30, 2021, at UNC Chapel Hill Hospital on Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He was born May 29, 1956, in Wake County, North Carolina. He is the son of the late Dalton and Frankie Nell Russell Stephenson and brother of the late Dalton Russell Stephenson. He is the grandfather of Gabriel, Caleb and Nora Tolleson. He worked for the Wake County Sheriff's Department from 1979 to 2006, retiring as a major. He pursued a career as a private investigator after retirement. (John Millard/Joseph Downing)

GRADUATIONS

Josiah Grayson Sawyer

Josiah Grayson Sawyer, son of Johnny and Tonya Sawyer, received his degree from The Citadel on May 6, 2023, in McAlister Field House in Charleston, South Carolina. Graduates accepted diplomas from president of The Citadel, Gen. Glenn W. Walters, USMC (retired), Class of 1979. U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) gave the commencement address. "Being in the muck is something you'll remember. You got out of it so the next time you are in the muck you will remember you were in it once before and you actually got out of it," Graham said. "A Citadel graduate is doing to be in high demand in a disruptive world because you represent stability." He is the grandson of Johnny and Judy Sawyer. (Carletta)

Kyla Yu Rys

Kyla Yu Rys, daughter of Stephen and Lynn Middleton Rys, received her bachelor's degree in fine arts in photography from Savannah College of Art and Design on June 2, 2023, in Savannah, Georgia. She graduated summa cum laude and received the outstanding achievement award. Kyla is a photographer based in New York City and is now working for Ralph Lauren in creative services. For information, go to <https://www.kylarys.com>. She is the granddaughter of Larry and Gail Stancil Roberts. (Beaman)

Meredith Paige Brown

Meredith Paige Brown, daughter of Michael and Robin Webb Brown, received her master's degree in international studies from NC State University on Dec. 17, 2022, at PNC Arena in Raleigh, North Carolina. She is the granddaughter of Betty Stancil Brown. (William Arthur)

Alaina Middleton

Alaina Elizabeth Middleton, daughter of Rob and Cheryl Middleton, was recognized at the University of Lynchburg Doctor of Physical Therapy Program White Coat Ceremony on Sept. 9, 2022, in Lynchburg, Virginia. She is the granddaughter of Larry and Gail Stancil Roberts. (Beaman)

Rivers Hope Andrews

Rivers Hope Andrews, daughter of Shannon Sawyer, received her bachelor's degree in exercise and sport science with distinction from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on May 8, 2022, at Kenan Stadium. She also became certified as an Emergency Medical Technician for Wake County on Jan. 19, 2023. She took courses and passed the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians exam at Alamance Community College in Graham, North Carolina. She is the granddaughter of Johnny and Judy Sawyer. (Carletta)

WEDDINGS

Wolfe-Stancil

KJ Stancil III, son of Jackson Stancil, married Hayley Wolfe on Aug. 12, 2023, at Brooklyn Arts Center in Wilmington, North Carolina. He is the grandson of Ann Stancil Edwards and the late Jackie. (Beaman/Kermit)

Middleton-French

Alaina Elizabeth Middleton, daughter of Rob and Cheryl Middleton, married Joshua French on Nov. 20, 2022, at Glass Hill Venue in Goode, Virginia. She is the granddaughter of Larry and Gail Stancil Roberts. (Beaman)

Arnettie

DEATHS

Benny Ivan Murphy, Oct. 28, 2022



Benny Ivan Murphy, father of Tim Murphy, Benny Murphy and Pamela Murphy Foster, died at 86 on Oct. 28, 2022. He was born Oct. 12, 1936, in Alamance County, North Carolina. He is the son of the late Frank and Annie Murphy and husband for 62 years of the late Rosa Imogene Hill Murphy and grandfather of the late Aaron Grizzle. He is the grandfather of Christy, Alan, Matthew, Kimberly, Corey and Breanna. Benny served in the Army from 1955 to 1957 and in the National Guard from 1958 to 1962. He is buried with military honors in Oakwood Cemetery in Mebane, North Carolina. (Wilbert)

Barbara Turnage, May 23, 2020

Barbara Windham Turnage, mother of Carlton Wayne Turnage and mother-in-law of Sharon Hill Turnage, died at 81 on May 23, 2020. She was born Aug. 27, 1938. Barbara was a registered nurse at Wilson Medical Center for more than 42 years. She is buried in Evergreen Memorial Park in Wilson, North Carolina. (Wilbert)

Kenneth Meador Sr., March 29, 2019

Kenneth Deane Meador Sr., grandfather of Brooke Meador and Sage Meador, died at 69 on March 29, 2019, in Dudley, North Carolina. He was born Aug. 7, 1949, in Crab Orchard, West Virginia. He is the son of the late Deane and Margaret Meador. Kenny was a certified electrician and was also owner of Meador Electric. He was member of Faith Free Will Baptist Church. He is buried in Wayne Memorial Park in Dudley, North Carolina. Brooke and Sage are children of Steven and Pamela Meador. (Wilbert/Sharon)

GRADUATIONS

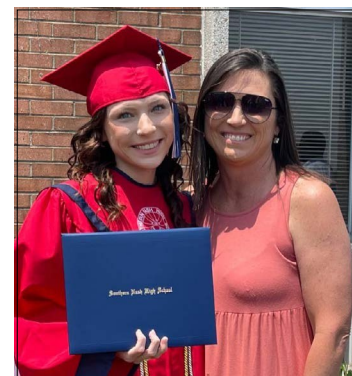
Emily Elizabeth Wall



Emily Elizabeth Wall, daughter of Dan and Jill Hill Wall, graduated magna cum laude from North Johnston High School on June 9, 2023, in Kenly, North Carolina. She was inducted into the National Honor Society and was a pitcher for the high school softball team. She is attending Johnston Community College in Smithfield. She is the granddaughter of William and Martha Hill. (Wilbert)

Lydia Wallace

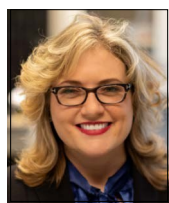
Lydia Wallace, daughter of April Murph Boykin, graduated from Southern Nash High School on June 9, 2023, in Bailey, North Carolina, where she was a cheerleader. She is attending Pitt Community College in Winterville. She is the granddaughter of Kip and Wanda Murph. (Wilbert/Marvelene)



Lydia Wallace and her mom April Boykin.

NEWS

Leslie Ann Isenhour



Leslie Ann Isenhour, wife of Mark Kirby and daughter of Larry and Deborah House Isenhour, was named dean of the Biotechnologies Division and director of the NC BioNetwork Capstone Center at Wake Technical Community College in Morrisville, North Carolina, on March 18, 2021. Leslie oversees biotechnology-related degree and non-degree programs across multiple Wake Tech campuses and industry training efforts at the Capstone Center. She also has established the associate in applied science degree in Biotechnology at the Research Triangle Park campus in Morrisville. (Arthur/Myrtle)

Did you know?

Fred Hill began courting Arnettie Stancil a year and a half after Tempy Ann Stancil Hill died during childbirth at 41. One day, in the spring, Fred took Arnettie to Flower Hill, which was west of the John Thomas Stancil Homestead. This was a favorite place for folks courting. Arnettie hadn't had a date in years. Once they started seeing each other, it didn't take long for them to consider marriage. No one was really surprised when on Sunday, April 23, 1911, Fred decided to go ahead and marry Arnettie. Fred was already 50 years old and Arnettie turned 37 on April 1. They went to the home of Justice of the Peace William Gray Pittman for a marriage service.

Harvey

DEATHS

Lorin McLean Cooke, Sept. 17, 2022

Lorin McLean Cooke, mother of McCalland Grace Cooke and Breasyn Faith Thomas, daughter of Holly Nation and Larry Cooke, and sister of Drew Langston Cooke, Scott Cooke, Lance Nation Jr., Jason Wiley, Eddie Duke, Victoria Nation, Sterling Cooke and Jennifer Wiley, died at 38 on Sept. 17, 2022, in Madison, Alabama. She was born Dec. 30, 1983, in Williamsburg, Virginia. Inurnment was at Huntsville Memorial Gardens in Huntsville, Alabama. Lorin spent most of her career in real estate and property management. (Gertrude/Ruth)

GRADUATIONS

Abbie Katelyn Bennett



Abbie Katelyn Bennett, daughter of Terry and Michelle Hooks Bennett, graduated from Early College of Forsyth and Middle College of Forsyth on May 22, 2023, in Wait Chapel at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Abbie owns and operates Style Lane Boutique, which opened May 15, 2023. Visit the shop at <https://shopstylelane.com>. She is the granddaughter of James and Brenda Hare Hooks. (Patsy)

Alexandra Elisa Pittman

Alexandra Elisa Pittman, daughter of Timothy Pittman and Elise Maddox Pittman, received her bachelor's degree in Commercial Entrepreneurship from the Jim Moran College of Entrepreneurship at Florida State University on May 6, 2023, in the Tucker Civic Center in Tallahassee, Florida. (Gertrude/Billy)

Grace Ann Hinnant

Grace Ann Hinnant, daughter of Elizabeth DiMaria Hinnant and the late Stephen, received her bachelor's degree from Coker University on May 6, 2023, in Hartsville, South Carolina. (Gertrude/Jenny)

Joseph Cox Giguere

Joseph Cox Giguere, husband of Emily Katherine Dale, received a bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in organizational leadership from the University of Charleston on Dec. 10, 2022, in Charleston, West Virginia. Emily is the daughter of Dale and Katie Stancil Dale. (Garland)

ENGAGEMENTS

James "Trey" Langston III

James "Trey" Langston III, son of Jim and Rhonda Strickland Langston, is engaged to marry Riss McCraney on Jan. 27, 2024, at The Garden at Bella Sera in Loxley, Alabama. (Gertrude/Ruth)

Emily McCay Hinnant

Emily McCay Hinnant, daughter of Liz DiMaria Hinnant and the late Stephen, is engaged to marry Bailey Metz on Feb. 17, 2024, in South Carolina. (Gertrude/Jenny)

ATHLETICS

Ramsie Pittman

Ramsie Pittman, daughter of Chris and Jodie Hughes Pittman, is a senior volleyball player for York High School in Yorktown, Virginia. She led York to its first volleyball championship as a junior on Nov. 19, 2022, at the Salem Civic Center to finish the season at 25-4. She was named to the Class 3 All-State volleyball first team in Virginia in November 2022 and was named the Region 3A Player of the Year. (Gertrude/Mac)

Chloe Azoff

Chloe Azoff, daughter of Eric and Michelle Guzzo Azoff, is a senior basketball player and cross country and track athlete for Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School in Yarmouth, Massachusetts on Cape Cod. Chloe was named to the Cape Cod Times All-Star honorable mention team as a junior in basketball in spring 2023 and was on the Cape Cod Times Cross Country All-Scholastics Second Team in winter 2022. She is the granddaughter of John and Mildred Cervia Guzzo. (Delanie Mavis/Claudia Mavis)

Savannah Azoff

Savannah Azoff, daughter of Eric and Michelle Guzzo Azoff, is a junior basketball and softball player for Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School in Yarmouth, Massachusetts on Cape Cod. Savannah was named to the Cape Cod Times All-Star team as a sophomore in basketball in spring 2023 and the Cape Cod Times high school softball All-Scholastic Team in spring 2023. She is the granddaughter of John and Mildred Cervia Guzzo. (Delanie Mavis/Claudia Mavis)

Harvey

NEWS



Adam Dale looks at aphid-infested tropical milkweed in the greenhouse. UF/IFAS photo by Rob Annis

Adam Dale, husband of Katie Manslanka Dale, was the senior author on a study published July 26, 2023, in the respected open-access journal “PLOS One” on the effect of aphid infestations on the reduction of monarch butterflies on ornamental milkweed across the South. Adam, an associate professor in the UF/IFAS entomology and nematology department in Gainesville, Florida, worked on the study with Bernie Mach, William Long and Jaret C. Daniels. The study’s findings suggest that when aphids attack tropical milkweed, they compromise this monarch resource. Adam is the son of Donald and Katie Stancil Dale. (Garland)

Online

Study: <https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0288407>

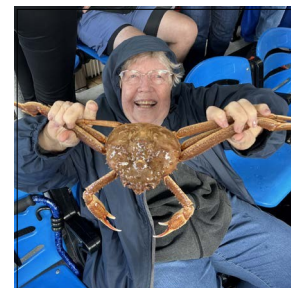
Did you know?

Harvey was a self-taught veterinarian. Harvey read books and learned how to treat sick animals. He was credited with saving many mules, horses and cattle. When a farmer needed his services, they would pick him up and take him to the ill animal.

George Ira



Hale and Becky Stancil and the family of their daughter Suzanne Stancil and John Svercek took an Alaskan cruise in June 2023. From left, Myles Stevens, Grant Stevens, Nathan Stevens, John Svercek, Suzanne Stancil, Everett Stevens, Brooke Svercek and Grace Svercek and Hale and Becky Stancil in front. They started the cruise in Anchorage and visited Glacier Bay, Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway and Vancouver. They enjoyed a scenic train ride in Skagway up to the White Pass Railroad Summit, a Deadliest Catch Boat tour in Ketchikan along with a lumberjack show, and also some whale watching in Juneau. (Ralph)



The family of Jacob LaVie — Kailana, Emerson, Colton, Megan and Jacob — visit with Jean Eason LaVie for her 89th birthday in Maryland. Jacob is Jean’s only grandson. (Myrtle)



Amalia Ortiz, wife of Kip Austin Hinton, stands on the stairs in the East Wing of the White House on April 24, 2023, in Washington, D.C. She was one of 15 to attend the 2023 National Association of Latino Arts and Cultures Advocacy Leadership Institute three-day training. Kip is the son of Renn Stancil Hinton. (Ralph)

George Ira

DEATHS

Janet Moore Winkler, Aug. 6, 2023



Janet Moore Winkler, wife of Edwin Winkler Jr., mother of Bonnie Marsh Martin, Michael Brooks, Randolph Marsh,

Sara Harrell and sister of Donna Moore Padgett, died at 83 on Aug. 6, 2023, in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. She was born March 10, 1940, in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. She is the daughter of the late Randolph and Norma Stancil Moore. She is the grandmother of David Kanoff, Michael Martin, Benjamin Martin, Jeffrey Brooks, Michael Brooks, Graham Brooks, Catherin Brooks, Emily Brooks, Amanda Perkins, Patrick Marsh, Cody Marsh, Brandon Marsh, Levi Harrell and Nathan Harrell. She has 13 great-grandchildren. She enjoyed knitting and crocheting. She is buried in Fort Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola, Florida. (DeLanie)

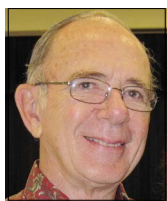
Barbara Schmidt Mebane, Dec. 13, 2022



Barbara "Bobbie" Elizabeth Schmidt Mebane, mother of Toni Sweesy, mother-in-law of Chris Sweesy and grandmother

of Whitney Sweesy Hauser and Christopher Bradley Sweesy Jr., died at 92 on Dec. 13, 2022, in Cary, North Carolina. She was born Dec. 30, 1929, in Raleigh, North Carolina. She is the daughter of the late Robert and Miriam Ellen Harling Schmidt. She is the great-grandmother of Jackson William Hauser, the son of Whitney and Joshua Hauser. She was a member of First Christian United Church of Christ where she served as a Deacon. She is buried in Pine Hill Cemetery in Burlington, North Carolina. (Emmette/Rose)

Glenn Darryl Schore, Sept. 12, 2022



Glenn Darryl Schore, father of Ted Schore and Alex Schore and husband of the late Georgeanne Stancil Schore (daughter of Ralph and Ethel Stancil), died at 85 on Sept. 12, 2022, in Ocala, Florida. He was born Sept. 8, 1937, in Chicago, Illinois. He is the son of Leslie George and Lucille Lass Schore. He is the grandfather of Sarah Schore, Eva Schore and Grace Schore. Glenn served in the Air Force, including being stationed in Korea as a photographer. He was later stationed in Orlando. Then he worked with the Ocala Police Department, retiring after 26 years in 1992. He was a member of First Christian Church Ocala. He was a photographer and loved history, bowling, cycling and traveling with family. Glenn and Georgeanne are both buried in Forest Lawn in Ocala, Florida. (George/Ralph)

Jeffery Scott Martin, May 6, 2022



Jeffery Scott Martin, husband of Bonnie Marsh Martin and father of David Kanoff, Michael Justin Martin, Benjamin Joseph

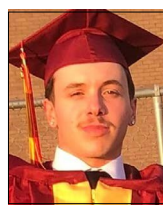
Martin and Tracey Rothbauer, died at 55 on May 6, 2022, at Wellstar Spalding Hospital in Griffin, Georgia. He was born Dec. 10, 1966, in Griffin, Georgia. He is the son of Richard Martin and the late Gwendolyn. He was a correctional officer with Spalding County Public Works in Georgia. He was a Master Mason of Griffin Lodge. He is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Griffin, Georgia. Bonnie is the daughter of Edwin Winkler and the late Janet Moore Winkler. (DeLanie/Norma/Janet)

GRADUATIONS

Major Erik Gary Dettenmayer

Major Erik Gary Dettenmayer, husband of Danielle "Dani" Anne Ricciardi and son of Lynn and Patricia Dettenmayer, graduated from the United States Naval War College in the College of Naval Command on June 16, 2023, in Newport, Rhode Island. The U.S. Naval War College features a one-year graduate-level course. The class of 2023 included 468 students. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield, U.S. Representative to the United Nations, gave the commencement address. "Today, we have a common mission: to promote security. To prevent war. And to accomplish that mission, we have to work together," said Thomas-Greenfield. "As a team. Across agencies. Across borders. And that's exactly what you have been training to do here." Dettenmayer was named major in the Army for appointment and confirmed by the Senate on March 30, 2022. The 963 nominations for promotion were confirmed by a Senate voice vote. President Joe Biden handed over the list of nominees to the Senate Armed Services committee on Sept. 30, 2021. (Effie/Grace)

Jason Michael DeHuarte



Jason Michael DeHuarte, son of Tiffini Goldman and Jason DeHuarte, graduated from Washington

High School in Princess Anne, Maryland, on June 2, 2023, at the school's football field. He is the grandson of Jean Eason LaVie and the late Al LaVie Jr. (Myrtle)

George Ira

GRADUATIONS



Thomas Strother, Will Braswell, Meredith Renfrow Braswell and Rachel Strother.

Will Braswell, son of Meredith Renfrow Braswell, graduated from James B. Hunt High School on June 10, 2023, in Wilson, North Carolina. He played soccer throughout high school at Hunt. Will is a freshman playing soccer for Louisburg College in Louisburg, North Carolina. He is the grandson of J.G. and Denise Renfrow. (Rachel)

Ashlyn DellaVecchia

Ashlyn DellaVecchia, daughter of Matt and Stephanie Stancil DellaVecchia, graduated from Wellington High School on May 16, 2023, in Wellington, Florida. As a member of the marching band, she went on a trip to London for the New Year's Day Parade. She made the All-County Honor Band for 2022-23 on the clarinet. She is attending the University of Florida in Gainesville and is playing clarinet in the marching band. She is the granddaughter of Hale and Becky Stancil. (Ralph)



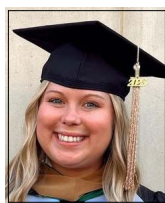
Ashlyn DellaVecchia took a trip to London with the Wellington High School marching band for the New Year's Day Parade.

Mason Hale Champ

Mason Hale Champ, son of Karen Stancil, graduated summa cum laude from West Port High School on May 20, 2023, at the World Equestrian Center in Ocala, Florida. Mason is attending College of Central Florida in Ocala. He is the grandson of Hale and Becky Stancil. (Ralph)



Emily Rhiann Benedict



Emily Rhiann Benedict, daughter of Dale Benedict, received her master's degree in real estate finance & development from UNC Charlotte Belk College of Business on May 15, 2023. She is a project coordinator for Project Northwood Ravin. (Emmette/Martha)

Jennifer Gray Stancil



Jennifer Gray Stancil, wife of John Stancil, received her associate in science registered nursing degree at North Florida College on May 11, 2023, in Madison, Florida. She was honored with the Keeper of the Light Award and Nightingale Award of Excellence. The commencement speaker was State Rep. Allison Tant of the Florida House of Representatives, District 9. John is the son of Hale and Becky Stancil. (Ralph/Hale)

Bobbie McGee Padgett

Bobbie McGee Padgett, wife of Barry Gregory Padgett, received her bachelor's degree in sociology from Fort Hays State University on Dec. 16, 2022, at Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays, Kansas. She graduated summa cum laude. Barry is the son of Donna Moore Padgett. (DeLanie/Norma/Donna)

Weddings

Eason-Gonzaga

Bianca Christian Eason, daughter of Lee and Beverly Long Eason, married Mark Gonzaga on Jan. 14, 2023, in Panama City, Panama. Bianca is the granddaughter of Brenda Wiggins Merry and the late Woodrow Eason. (Myrtle)

Klakring-LaVie

Jacob LaVie, son of Al III and Annette Goff LaVie, married Megan Klakring on May 22, 2021, in Snow Hill, Maryland. Jacob is the grandson of Jean Eason LaVie and the late Al Jr. (Myrtle)

George Ira

BIRTHS

Jackson William Hauser

Jackson William Hauser, son of Joshua and Whitney Sweesy Hauser, was born Nov. 23, 2022, in Gastonia, North Carolina. He is the grandson of Chris and Toni Sweesy. (Emmette/Rose)

Brailyn DeHuarte

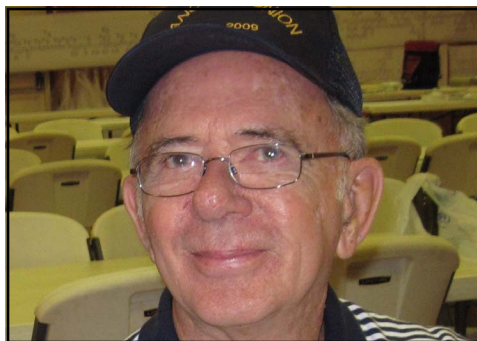
Brailyn Ann DeHuarte, daughter of Julia DeHuarte and Travis Kline, was born on Oct. 17, 2022, in Maryland. She is the granddaughter of Tiffini Goldman and Jason DeHuarte and great-granddaughter of Jean Eason LaVie and the late Al LaVie Jr. (Myrtle)

Emerson John LaVie

Emerson John LaVie, son of Jacob and Megan Klakring LaVie, was born Oct. 13, 2022, in Maryland. He is the grandson of Al III and Annette Goff LaVie and great-grandson of Jean Eason LaVie and the late Al LaVie Jr. (Myrtle)

Jackson Burns

Jackson Burns, son of Nick and Bethany Aumand Burns, was born May 6, 2022, in New Hampshire. He is the grandson of Eric and Donna Renfrow Burns. (Rachel/Jimmy)



In memory of Glenn Schore
Sept. 8, 1937-Sept. 12, 2022

*A loving, dedicated father,
grandfather, uncle and friend.*

Ted, Jean, Alex, Don, Sarah, Eva and Grace

NEWS



Kodey Alston Butler with his grandmother Gerri Benedict Butler in his dorm at University of Mount Olive.

Kodey Alston Butler, son of Michael and Becky Butler, is a sophomore criminal justice major at the University of Mount Olive in North Carolina. He is working as a resident assistant. As a freshman wrestler, he was named to the Conference Carolinas 2022-23 Fall Presidential Honor Roll. He is the grandson of Ronnie and Gerri Benedict Butler. (Emmette/Martha)

Lauren House Zeldin

Lauren House Zeldin, wife of Leon Zeldin, was recognized by The Best Lawyers in America 2024 for her work in Litigation - Labor and Employment with Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C. in Atlanta, Georgia, on Aug. 18, 2023. Lauren works in the areas of employment discrimination and wage and hour litigation. Her speech "Sensing the Laws to Bring Effective Communication Into Focus" was featured at the May 12, 2023, Workplace Strategies Seminar in San Diego, California. She is the daughter of Larry Stancil House. (DeLaney/Reba)

Bryan Burton

Bryan Burton, son of Frank and Jane Burton, played Jacob Bettencourt in Dick Wolf's "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" crossover season finale with "Law & Order: Organized Crime" on May 18, 2023. "SVU" finished Season 24 with "All Pain Is One Malady" and "Organized Crime" wrapped up Season 3 with "With Many Names" on the same night. He also played Chip in Episode 4 of "Rest in Metal" on Jan. 26, 2023, on Peacock. (DeLaney/Reba)

Whitney Sweesy Hauser

Whitney Sweesy Hauser, wife of Joshua Carlos Hauser, was on a record-setting swimming relay team in April 2023 in North Carolina. Whitney joined teammates Rachel Muller, Sharon C. Taylor and Irish Holland to set the U.S. Masters Swimming 25-plus division national record April 2, 2023, with 3:59.64 in the 400 medley relay. Whitney is the daughter of Chris and Toni Sweesy. (Emmette/Rose)



Rachel Strother, Eric Hayes and Ashley Hinton visit Ben's in Asheville, N.C.

Rachel Strother, daughter of Meredith Renfrow Braswell, and Eric Hayes visited cousin Ashley Hinton in Asheville, North Carolina. Ashley gave them a tour of Asheville Brewing Company, where he works. Rachel is the granddaughter of J.G. and Denise Renfrow (Rachel) and Ashley is the son of Renn Stancil Hinton. (Ralph)

Alvin

DEATHS

Tonya West-Odom, March 29, 2023



Tonya Yvette Britt West-Odom, mother of Matthew Davis West-Odom and first wife of George Davis West Jr., died at 59 on March 29, 2023, in Willow Springs, North Carolina. She was born March 6, 1964, in Newport News, Virginia.

She is the daughter of Thomas Rudolph Britt and Ouida Treadaway Heilman. She was an advocate for all special needs children. (Vernard/Barbara)

Irene Faircloth Eakes, Dec. 4, 2022



Irene Faircloth Eakes, mother of De Wayne Eakes and mother-in-law of Carolyn Sullivan Eakes, died at 102 on Dec. 4, 2022, in Goldsboro, North Carolina. She was born Feb. 1, 1920, in Wayne County, North Carolina. She is the daughter of

the late Leslie and Lillie Anders Faircloth. She is the grandmother of Kevin Eakes and great-grandmother of Pluma Rose Hyatt-Eakes. She is buried in Fairview Cemetery in LaGrange, North Carolina. Carolyn is the daughter of Pluma Stancil Sullivan, the daughter of Alvin.

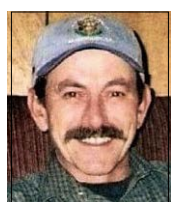
Joyce Cottle Sullivan, June 30, 2020



Joyce Cottle Sullivan, mother of the late Craig Ray Mercer Sr. and first wife of the late Albert Ray Mercer, died at 83 on June 30, 2020. She was born July 15, 1936, in Duplin County, North Carolina. She is the daughter of Milton and

Lottie Miller Cottle. She is the grandmother of Craig Mercer Jr. She is buried in East Duplin Memorial Gardens in Beulaville, North Carolina. (Beulah)

Eldon Lee Kornegay Jr., Sept. 23, 2019



Eldon Lee Kornegay Jr., father of Sherrie Kornegay and brother of Ricky and Mark, died at 63 at his home in Abbeville, Alabama. He was born Sept. 25, 1955, in Wayne County, North Carolina.

He is the son of the late Eldon Lee Kornegay Sr. and Columbia Ann Mercer. He is the grandfather of Timothy Howell. He is buried in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Princeton, North Carolina. (Beulah)

GRADUATIONS

Joshua William Blackburn

Joshua William Blackburn, son of Michael and Tammie Williams Blackburn, received his doctorate in physical therapy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in summer of 2023. He is the grandson of Hilbert and Margaret Mercer Williams. (Beulah)

Ros Henry Fiol

Ros Henry Fiol, son of Rafael and Judith Leigh Phillips Fiol, received his master's degree in fine arts in animation and digital arts on May 12, 2023, from the USC School of Cinematic Arts in Los Angeles, California. The commencement address was given by Kevin Feige, president of Marvel Studios and 1995 USC alumnus. "Failure is never the end of the story," he said. "The knowledge that you can weather any setback and emerge stronger will help you to navigate the ups and downs life can throw your way." Ros is the grandson of Hank and Judy Stancil Phillips. (Vernard)

Grace Marie Roberts



Grace Marie Roberts, daughter of James and Candice Mercer Roberts, received her bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in recreational therapy from East Carolina University on May 5, 2023, in Greenville, North Carolina. She was an undergraduate research assistant to Michael Baker across multiple semesters. Grace volunteered at the world's largest inclusive sports event alongside athletes in the Special Olympics in Berlin, Germany. She is pursuing a doctor of occupational therapy degree at Wingate University near Charlotte, North Carolina. She is the granddaughter of Trent Mercer and great-granddaughter of Shirley Mercer and the late Reuben. (Beulah)

WEDDING

Mercer-Anderson

Emily Renee Mercer, daughter of Trent and Barbara Kroll Mercer, married Jordan Anderson on April 27, 2023, in North Carolina. Emily is the granddaughter of Shirley Thigpen Mercer and the late Reuben. (Beulah)

NEWS

Austin Gray Blackburn

Austin Gray Blackburn, son of Michael and Tammie Williams Blackburn, was licensed as a CPA on Jan. 23, 2023, by the North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants. He is a senior tax associate at RSM US LLP in Raleigh, North Carolina. He is the grandson of Hilbert and Margaret Mercer Williams. (Beulah)

Josiah

DEATHS

Garland Brinson Jr., July 10, 2023



Garland Willard Brinson Jr., father of Brittany Brinson, Kelsey Brinson Birch and Adam Brinson, died at 62 on July 10, 2023, in Williamsburg, Virginia. He is the son of Jo Ann Campbell Brinson and the late Garland. He was born May 10, 1961. Garland worked for Newport News Shipbuilding. (Carrie Mozelle)

Ronald Glenn Stancil, March 13, 2023



Ronald "Ron" Glenn Stancil, husband of Fanny Estala Madrid-Moscol Stancil and brother of Linda, died at 63 on March 13, 2023, at home in Amarillo, Texas. He was born Dec. 4, 1959, in Potter, Texas. He is the son of the late Herbert and "Billie" Garnett Parker Stancil and brother of the late Patricia, Beverly and Barbara.

Keith Michael Ericson, April 28, 2022



Keith Michael Ericson, father of Haley Ann Ericson and Michael Keith Ericson, died at 59 on April 28, 2022, in Burlington, Massachusetts. He is the son of Ann Ericson and the late Wayne. He was born Nov. 13, 1962. (Herbert/Patricia/Ruthann)

BIRTHS

Abigail Elena Hermanski

Abigail Elena Hermanski, daughter of Jack and Miranda Stancil Hermanski, was born Nov. 1, 2022, in Georgia. She is the granddaughter of Allison Stancil Bass. (Leumos/Harold)

GRADUATIONS



Margaux Stancil received her master's degree from INSEEC in Paris, France.

Margaux Stancil

Margaux Stancil, daughter of James and Cathy Recking Stancil, received her master's degree in marketing and brand management from INSEEC on June 12, 2023, while living in Paris, France. She received her certificate in marketing management and commercial strategy. She is head of marketing at KYVE. She is the granddaughter of Chuck and Elisa Stancil Levine. (Harry Lester Sr./Joe)

MacKenzie Jackson

MacKenzie Jackson, daughter of Rodney and Kiersten Stancil Jackson, graduated from Sequoia High School on June 9, 2023, at Terremere Field in Redwood City, California. She was named first-team all-league for the Bay Division for softball. She is attending Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. She is the granddaughter of Jeff and Donna Piercy Stillwell-Stancil and great-granddaughter of Gay Stancil. (Harry Lester Sr./Harry Lester Jr.)

Ivy McHugh

Ivy McHugh, daughter of Steve and Kim Pellerin McHugh, graduated from Masconomet Regional High School on June 2, 2023, in Boxford, Massachusetts. She was a silver key winner during the 2023 Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Award contest sponsored by The Boston Globe. She is the granddaughter of Sandra Bowes Kelly. (Herbert/Patricia)

Spencer Schoening

Spencer Schoening, son of Blaine and Courtney Stancil Gunderson, received his bachelor's degree in critical race, gender and sexuality studies from Humboldt State University on May 13, 2023, at the Redwood Bowl in Arcata, California. He hosted several episodes of HSQ-Cast, a student-run podcast supported by Humboldt State's Social Justice, Equity, and Inclusion Center. He is the grandson of Jeff and Donna Piercy Stillwell-Stancil. (Harry Lester Sr./Harry Lester Jr.)

Anden Allan Werner



Anden Allan Werner, son of Laramie Stancil Werner, graduated from Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca High School on May 6, 2023, in Syracuse, Nebraska. He is enrolled in the automotive repair program at Southeast Community College in Lincoln, Nebraska. (Leumos/James/Phillip)



Abigail Elena Hermanski

Rook James Gavin

Rook James Gavin, son of Devon and Kimberly Lott Gavin, was born Aug. 24, 2022, in Little Rock, Arkansas. He is the grandson of Ricky and Lisa Smith. (Carrie Mozelle/Barbara/Rebecca)

Josiah

WEDDINGS

Manvell-Moore

Nicholas Jurgen Moore, son of Chuck and Patricia Moore, married Charlotte Manvell on July 2, 2023, at the Birdsong Chapel in Goldsboro, North Carolina. (Leumos/Gloria Maxine)

Rachel Nicole Campbell

Rachel Nicole Campbell, daughter of Daniel Hermann Campbell, married CJ Norfolk on Sept. 21, 2019, in Clifton, Virginia. (Carrie Mozelle/Don)

ENGAGEMENT

Tanner Stancil

Tanner Stancil, son of Danny Stuart Stancil, is engaged to marry Kristina Bruno. (Leumos/James)

MUSIC



Hipper Than Hip

Sacramento, California-based Hipper Than Hip, a funk Tower of Power tribute band that includes Kelly Mahoney on percussion, released its first original single "What The Funk?!" on Spotify on July 29, 2023. Hipper Than Hip performs around California. For information, go to hipperthanhip.com. Kelly is the son of Eleanor Joyce Stancil. (Harry Lester Sr.)

NEWS



Eleanor Joyce Stancil Mahoney, Laura Stancil Bishop's youngest daughter, is shown at 93 years old in Carmichael, California, in August of 2023. Laura was married to Harry Lester Stancil Sr. when he died in a fishing accident on Nov. 11, 1935, at Pedro Point, California. There is a marker at the John Thomas Stancil Cemetery, in Kenly, North Carolina. (Harry Lester Sr.)

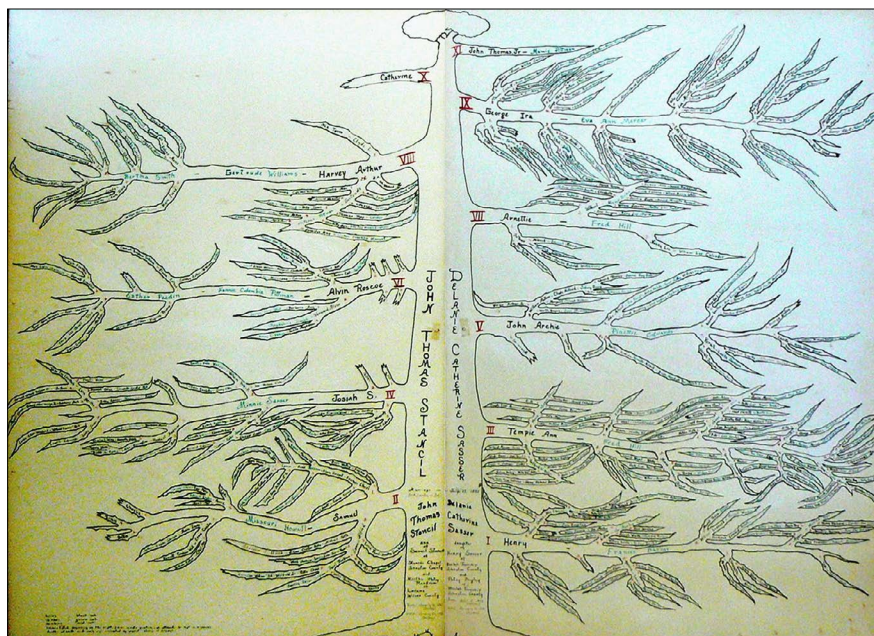
Ryan Patrick Mahoney

Ryan Patrick Mahoney, husband of Maggie Jones Mahoney and son of Kelly and Doreen Mahoney, became an associate for Denver law firm Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP on Nov. 17, 2022, to focus on corporate transaction law. Ryan received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Colorado Boulder on May 9, 2019, at Folsom Stadium in Boulder, Colorado. He is the grandson of Eleanor Joyce Stancil. (Harry Lester Sr.)

Tanner Gamble Stancil

Tanner Gamble Stancil, son of Danny Stancil, is in his fifth season as coach of both the University of Montevallo (Alabama) men's and women's tennis programs. See montevallofalcons.com. (Leumos/James)

Four-generation family tree drawing



One of the highlights of each Stancil Reunion is the four-generation family tree drawn by Gilda Renfrow Six of the George Branch.

A Look Back | 50 years ago

This article was written by Ralph Stancil and printed in The Smithfield Herald, Smithfield, N.C., on Sept. 4, 1973:

Highlights of annual J. T. Stancil Reunion

The John Thomas and Delanie Sasser Stancil family reunion dinner was enjoyed by the largest number ever attending – over 160 – at Glendale Community Club House on Aug. 26, 1973, the fourth Sunday official date set several years ago.

The original date was changed from Friday to Sunday because so many had left the farm to work elsewhere.

The blessing was given by J.

Millard Stancil, son of John Archer Stancil.

Not attending were those family members living in Hawaii, California and the Midwest and New York. There were relatives from Florida, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Maryland.

The oldest one attending was Walter Greene Stancil, over 85, the oldest son of Henry Stancil and first grandchild of J.T. and Delanie.

The youngest attending was Vann F. Stancil, infant son of Donnell and Lou Stancil. Vann is the great-great grandson of the original pair.

The oldest lady present was Vann's grandmother Esther Peedin Stancil, widow of Alvin R. Stancil, also older

than 80.

One of the highlights of the occasion was the family tree drawn and displayed by Gilda Renfrow Six. The age-old pine tree in the yard of G.I. Stancil Jr. — the original homestead — was the pattern. The trunk represented John Thomas and Delanie while the limbs represented their children and descendants.

Gilda has four generations on the tree.

Durwood and Fernie Stancil displayed the Stancil Coat of Arms. Different spellings of the surname Stancil have occurred. Stancil is believed to be the original; however, Stancel, Stansell and Stancill have appeared in history.

Burials

Some Johnston County cemeteries where family members are buried:

HALES CEMETERY

Shoeheel Road:

Samuel Stancil, 1844
Spirus Stancil, June 1870
Nimpie Stancil, Sept. 23, 1882
Oscar Hales, June 24, 1887
Sinda E. E. Stancil, Jan. 6, 1888
Henry M. Hales, June 29, 1888
Gillis Hales, May 30, 1890
Rebecca Hales, Nov. 6, 1892
Martha Rentfrow Stancil Hales, June 3, 1894
Pineta Pittman, Oct. 2, 1896
John Ely Hales, Oct. 17, 1901
Elias Hales, Dec. 8, 1901
Infant Hales (Son of William and Octavia), 1902
Sallie Hales, Nov. 3, 1904
Patsy S. Hales, June 23, 1907
Iona Hales, Feb. 17, 1908
Valton Edwards, July 1908
Roland C. Hales, Jan. 17, 1911
Viola Hales, Jan. 5, 1913
Condary Hales, Feb. 7, 1913
Perry Hales, Sept. 15, 1915

George Leon Hales, Sept. 9, 1916
Marceline Edwards, 1918
J.R. Creech, Oct. 17, 1919
Sennie Hales, Feb. 28, 1921
Loeyet Creech, March 28, 1921
Spicy Jane Hales Price, Nov. 6, 1923
Lency Hales, Feb. 2, 1924
W.R. Hales, July 5, 1931
Jesse Robert Creech, Jan. 3, 1958

FRED HILL CEMETERY

Glendale Road:

Fred Hill, Aug. 18, 1918
Tempy Ann Stancil Hill, Aug. 16, 1909
Un-named Hill, Aug. 16, 1909
Millard L. Hill, Sept. 18, 1956
Condary D. Stancil, Dec. 20, 1963
James Clarence Hill, Dec. 17, 1971
Vernon "Jim" Fletcher Hill, Sept. 9, 1973
Arthur Hill, Sept. 16, 1975
Bertha C. Hill, July 20, 1990
Mary Ella Renfrow Hill, Jan. 16, 1991
Zilphia Stancil Hill, Feb. 19, 2003

STANCIL CEMETERY

2160 Glendale Road:

Daughter of Henry and Frances Stancil, May 9, 1887
Thomas Ruffin Stancil, May 14, 1907
Sarah Beatrice Stancil, Sept. 18, 1909
Fannie Stancil, Jan. 16, 1909
Gladis Stancil, Sept. 3, 1914
Fannie Columbia Pittman Stancil, Jan. 26, 1915
Delaney Catherine Sasser Stancil, Jan. 11, 1915
Arnettie Stancil Hill, June 3, 1916
Allie Edwards Stancil, Feb. 8, 1920
John Thomas Stancil, Jan. 27, 1922
Henry Stancil, March 25, 1933
Alvin Rosco Stancil, April 1, 1935
Josiah Stancil, July 5, 1939
Infant son of Glenn and Erma Lee Stancil, May 1941
Minnie F. Sasser Stancil, Dec. 15, 1943
Frances Barnes Stancil, May 29, 1946
William Leonard Stancil, Nov. 30, 1980