

# Obituaries

## Marion G. Hill



Hill

A celebration of life for Marion G. Hill, 78, who died Friday (Aug. 27, 2010), will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Macedonia Baptist Church with the Rev. Fer-Rell Malone Sr. officiating.

She was a native of Waycross and attended public schools, graduating from Center High School in 1953. She also graduated from Grady School of Nursing in Atlanta. She was the sixth of eight children born to the late James Fouse and Lois Dunn Fouse.

She was also preceded in death by her husband, Thurman L. Hill Sr., and three siblings, Essie, Jessie and Wilbur.

She lived in Atlanta where she worked in the nursing field as an LPN for more than 50 years, including 25 years at Grady Hospital and 15 at Imperial Care Nursing Home, both in Atlanta. After moving back to Waycross in 2005, she joined Macedonia Baptist Church under the leadership of Malone.

Survivors include six children, Victoria Johnson, of Waycross, Collie Eugene Garner, James Allen Garner, Sharon Fuller, Shan Franklin and Thurman L. Hill Jr., all of Atlanta; two sisters, Mildred F. Howard, of Waycross, and Betty F. Hall, of Trenton, N.J.; two brothers, James Fouse, of Trenton, N.J., and Clarence Fouse (Audrey), of Phoenix, Ariz; seven grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Pauline Pitts and Bernice Luther, both of Atlanta; a brother-in-law, Don Hill (Emma), of Atlanta; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Friends are being received at the home of her daughter, Victoria Johnson, 1419 Rockefeller St.

Visitation will be this evening from 5 to 8 o'clock at the funeral home and Saturday from 9 a.m. until the hour of the service at the church.

Arrangements are entrusted to Fluker Funeral Home.

## Mimi Sands

Mimi (Mrs. Norman) Sands, longtime resident of the Mayflower retirement community in Winter Park, Fla., died Tuesday (Aug. 31, 2010) at her home, at the age of 98.

She is survived by her two daughters, Sandra Hester, and Virginia Casey (Dennis), both of Winter Park, their children and grandchildren.

A funeral will take place at First United Methodist Church, of Winter Park, 125 N. Interlachen Ave., Saturday at 11 a.m. The family requests that contributions be made to the Methodist Church, in lieu of flowers.

Burial will be at Palm Cemetery, Winter Park.

A celebration of the life of Mimi Sands reception for friends and family will be held at noon Saturday at the Mayflower in the Standish Center, following the memorial service.

Myrtle Trice Sands, known most of her life as Mimi, was born in Thomaston, Ga., Nov. 15, 1911.

She graduated from the University of Georgia, with a bachelor of science in home economics, and pursued further graduate studies in adult education.

She was a member of Kappa Delta sorority at the University, Delta Kappa Gamma educational sorority, and later the Daughters of the American Revolution, United Daughters of the Confederacy, the American Association of University Women and several garden clubs.

She married her college sweetheart, Norman Ernest Sands, a graduate of the University of Georgia, who served as a leading forestry specialist with the U. S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service, prior to his retirement and early death in Georgia.

They made their home in Waycross, where Mimi enjoyed hobbies such as collecting antiques, gourmet cooking and amassing a collection of over 300 cookbooks.

She and Norman were active members of Waycross Methodist Church, and both enjoyed gardening and landscaping their beautiful lawn with camellias, azaleas and a special pink phlox and 100-year-old boxwood from the Trice family home in Thomaston. He grafted many of their prized camellias whose blooms were often entered in flower shows.

She first grew fond of Winter Park when both daughters went to Rollins College. After Mr. Sands' death in Waycross and her retirement, she moved to the Mayflower to be near her children and grandchildren.

"It was the best move I ever made," she often claimed.

She especially enjoyed the exercise classes and other activities at the Mayflower.

Her survivors include her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Robert James Hester IV, son of daughter Sandra, and his children, Shelby Marberry and Robert James Hester V, Virginia Casey (Mrs. Smith IV) Brookhart, daughter of Mimi's daughter Virginia, and her children, Casey Ann, Smith V, Stewart and Anderson, of Atlanta, Karen Sands (Mrs. Anderson) Cannon, daughter of Virginia, and their children, Trice and Ella Sands, of Atlanta, Jimmy Casey, son of Virginia and Dennis, and wife Tara, and their daughter Norah, of Charlotte, N.C.

## Betty Warnell Thornton

PATTERSON — Betty Warnell Boyett Thornton, 78, of Patterson, passed away Wednesday evening (Sept. 1, 2010) at her sister's residence following an extended illness.

A native of Patterson, she lived all of her life in Pierce County. She worked as a seamstress at Spatola Shoe Factory and Lee's Jacket Factory for many years along with helping her husband farm. She was a member of Offerman Baptist Church. Her parents were the late Harley and Arlie Warren Boyett.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Redick Arron "R.A." Thornton, two sisters, Thedius Cason and Edna Cason, and a special friend, Bernard Batten.

Survivors include her sister, Lilyphine Cason; and a brother, Calvin (Juan) Boyett, of Patterson; and several nieces, nephews and numerous other relatives.

The funeral will be held at 11 o'clock Saturday morning in the chapel of Pearson-Dial Funeral Home.

Interment will be in the Offerman Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 until 8 o'clock this evening at the funeral home.

The body will lie in state at the church one hour prior to the service.

The family requests the staff of Hospice Satilla and the staff of Renue Plastic Surgery to serve as honorary pallbearers and are asked to meet at the funeral home no later than 10:45 Saturday morning.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Satilla, 808 Evergreen Way, Waycross, Ga. 31501.

Sympathy may be expressed by signing the online registry at [www.pearsondial.com](http://www.pearsondial.com) Pearson-Dial Funeral Home of Blackshear is in charge of the arrangements.