

Obituaries

Beth Corbitt Dobbs



Dobbs

Beth Ann Corbitt Dobbs, 35, died suddenly Friday evening (Aug. 27, 2010) in Charlton County from injuries received in an automobile accident.

She was born in Columbus, but she was currently residing in Ware County where she attended and graduated from Ware County High School in 1994. She was currently a student at Okefenokee Technical College studying to be a licensed practical nurse.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Jim and Louise Hall, and John Ersley Corbitt; and one aunt, Dale Gray.

Survivors include her parents, John and LaVerne Gray Corbitt, of Waycross; one daughter, Kali Brooke Dobbs (her father, David Dobbs); her fiance, Jeff Cambel, of Yulee, Fla.; Jeff’s children, Alexis and Emily Cambel; one sister, Tammy Corbitt Murray (husband George), of Waycross; her grandmother, Alice Corbitt, of Waycross; and several aunts, uncles, cousins and special friends.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Music Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery.

The family will receive friends 6 until 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Sympathy may be expressed by signing the online registry at www.musicfuneralhome.com

Ida M. Clark

JESUP — Ida M. Clark, 87, of Jesup, passed away late Sunday evening (Aug. 29, 2010) at Wayne Memorial Hospital following an extended illness.

Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by Pearson-Dial Funeral Home of Blackshear.

Earl J. Cheshire

Earl J. Cheshire, 70, of Blackshear died Friday morning (Aug. 27, 2010) at his residence.

He was born in Ware County to the late Charlie Cheshire and Mattie Lee Cheshire. He made Waycross and Blackshear his home for most of his life.

He worked for Gilman Paper Company and was of the Church of God faith.

He was a past president of the Union of International Paper Workers. He was a member of the Blackshear Masonic Lodge Number 270.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Eugene Cheshire, J.W. Cheshire and Charles Cheshire, and three sisters, Doris Rigdon, Mildred Conner and Shirley Potter.

Survivors include a daughter, Dana Lynn Folsom (husband Mickey), of Cocoa, Fla.; two granddaughters, Rebekah Folsom and Kendall Folsom, both of Cocoa, Fla.; his former wife, Ruby Cheshire, of Blackshear; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A funeral will be held 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Miles-Odum Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Walkerville Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Tuesday evening from 6 to 8 at the funeral home.

Sympathy may be expressed by signing online at www.milesodumfuneralhome.com

Ruby Inez Pierce

Ruby Inez Lane Davis Pierce, 79, of Hortense, went home to the Lord Friday evening (Aug. 27, 2010) at her residence, surrounded by her family after an extended illness.

Born July 20, 1931 in the community of Browntown in Brantley County, she was the daughter of the late Weldon Colquitt and Elizabeth Richardson Lane of the Browntown community. She was also preceded in death by her two husbands, Raymond Clancy Davis and Rayford Leroy Pierce, and baby girl Davis, eight brothers, Colquitt Lane, Vinson Lane, Elison Lane, Vernon Lane, J.W. Lane and Elbert Lane, and two sisters, Villion Lane Smith and Annie Lou Lane Harris.

She was a homemaker and a resident of Hortense for many years. She attended God’s Dwelling Place and enjoyed fishing.

Survivors include five sons and daughters-in-law, Raymond C. and Pauline Davis, of Hickox, David Wayne and Sara Davis, of Patterson, Jefferson C. and Anita Davis, Richard Lee and Donna Davis and Billy Joe Davis, all of Hortense; two daughters and a son-in-law, Linda and Robert Thorn, of Milledgeville, and Charlotte Jerrell Davis, of Cleveland; 20 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Milton and Odessa Lane, of Brunswick, and W.C. Lane, of the Trudy Community; a very special friend, Louise Hodge, of Hortense; and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A funeral was scheduled for this morning at 11 a.m. at Atkinson Church of God of Prophecy with Bishop Raymond Willis officiating. Burial will follow in Hortense Cemetery.

Pallbearers are her sons, Raymond C. Davis, David Wayne Davis, Jefferson C. Davis, Richard Lee Davis, Billy Joe Davis, and her oldest grandson, David C. Davis.

Honorary pallbearers will be Josh Hendrix, Caleb Davis, Robert Thorn and Joshua Colson.

Arrangements are with Frye Funeral Home, Nahunta.

Sympathy may be expressed by signing the online registry at www.fryefh.com

Morris Leverett Sr.

LEESBURG — A memorial service of Morris Leverett Sr., 73, of 112 Fowler Drive, Leesburg, who died Saturday (Aug. 28, 2010), will be conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Leesburg.

The Rev. Bobby Harrell will officiate.

Visitation will be from 10 until 11 a.m. at the church.

A native of Waycross, he resided in Lee County for the past 45 years. He was a Navy veteran of the Korean Conflict and attended Albany Junior College.

He was the former manager of the Dawson Harvey’s Store, owned and operated Leadfoot’s Petro from 1995 until 2009 and was a member of First Baptist Church of Leesburg. He served on the Leesburg City Council for 25 years and was the former mayor pro tempore. He also served on and was the former chairman of the Lee County Commission.

Survivors include his wife, Helen L. Leverett, two daughters, Dana Leverett Royal and Mandy Leverett Beaty, two sons, Morris (Marty) Leverett Jr. (wife Cheryl) and Tatum M. Leverett (wife Dana Walker Leverett), all of Leesburg; a sister, Francis Hicks (husband Don), of Waycross; and grandchildren, Jacob Royal and Emily Royal, of Patterson, James M. Leverett, Eliza K. Leverett, Kristin Reeves and Kailee Reeves, all of Leesburg, Kelsi T. Leverett, of Statesboro, Sophia A. Leverett, of Leesburg, Cooper Tate Beaty and Carolina Beaty, both of Leesburg.

In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to First Baptist Church of Leesburg, 135 Main St., Leesburg, Ga., 31763.

To sign the online registry or to send condolences to the family, visit the website at www.mathewsfuneralhome.com

‘Jack’ Williamson

HOBOKEN — Andrew Jackson “Jack” Williamson, 77, of Hoboken, passed away Thursday morning (Aug. 26, 2010) at his residence. Born Dec. 21, 1932 in Offerman, he lived in Ware County for many years before moving to Hoboken 14 years ago.

He was a retired used car salesman but could be considered a “jack of all trades.”

He was of the Baptist faith and loved to hunt and travel.

He was a son of the late Colin Henry and Minnie Aspinwall Williamson. He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Lester Williamson, Alvin Williamson and J.C. Williamson.

Survivors include his companion, Yvonne Graham Bryan, of Hoboken; a son and daughter-in-law, William and Nancy Bryan, of Waycross; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Colleen Williamson, of Offerman; four grandchildren, Austin Bryan, Heather (James) Dixon, Ciera (Tim) Varnadore and Seth Bryan; a great-grandson, Eli Dixon; and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

The funeral was held at 11 o’clock Saturday morning at the Pearson-Dial Chapel with the Rev. Sammy Chancey officiating.

Interment was in the Mill Creek Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Cory Turner, Kenny Gamble, Trent Strickland, Ben Dunaway, Kelvin Smith and Timmy Watkins.

Sympathy may be expressed by signing the online register at www.pearsondial.com

Pearson-Dial Funeral Home of Blackshear was in charge of arrangements.

Katherine Sue Lloyd

Katherine Sue Yonavjak Lloyd, 61, of Waycross, passed away at her residence Friday (Aug. 27, 2010).

She was born April 10, 1949 and worked at Walmart for 15 years. She was a good Christian woman. She was preceded in death by her husband, William A. Lloyd.

She is survived by three daughters, Michelle London, Jennifer Whetten and Annette Otte; one son, Michael Otte; five step-children, June Banks, Linda Blackwood, Karen Soria, Tammy Slaugh and Lee Steedley; her special friends, Nancy Benitez and family, Paul Michel, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren; and several other relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held today at 4:30 p.m. at Miles- Odum Funeral Home.

Condolences may be expressed by signing the guest register at www.shepardfh.com

Arrangements are under the direction of Shepard Funeral Home, Folkston.

John Elfred James

BLACKSHEAR — John Elfred James, 80, of Blackshear, passed away Thursday afternoon (Aug. 26, 2010) at his residence surrounded by his family, following a long illness.

Born July 17, 1930, in Blackshear, he lived in Pierce County since the mid 1960s. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, having served during the Korean Conflict. He worked for the Ginsburg Music Company in Roswell, N.M., before returning to Blackshear and going into the chicken and pig business with his brother, Billy James.

In 1969, he married Marian Colley and they went into their first business venture with a Western Auto store in the early ’70’s.

He was a member of Blackshear First Baptist Church and the ’80s Supper Club, of which he had been a member for many years. He loved to fish, square dance and work with his hands making beautiful wood furniture. He very much enjoyed spending time with family, fishing and relaxing at Dover’s Bluff Club.

He was a son of the late Quitman and Maggie Bennett James. He was also preceded in death by a son, Matt Simmons, a sister, Joyce Coleman, and two brothers, Estes James and Eustace James.

Survivors include his wife, Marian Colley James, of Blackshear; a daughter, Sherrie Rozier, of Atlanta; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Randy James, of Louisville, Ky., and Gary Simmons and Randy and Lisa Simmons, all of Blackshear; two sisters, Dorothy Cason, of Blackshear, and Elaine Vannatta, of St. Marys; a brother and sister-in-law, Billy and Mary Lane James, of Blackshear; nine grandchildren, Joy, Joel, Eva, Hilary, Brendan, Haley, Cody, Ran and Matt; several great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the ’80s Supper Club.

The funeral was held Saturday afternoon at First Baptist Church with Dr. Bill Young officiating.

Interment was in the Blackshear Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Dan James, Dick Jackson, Johnny James, Denny Moore, Norris James, John James, Rodney James and Will James.

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

Sympathy may be expressed by signing the online register at www.pearsondial.com

Pearson-Dial Funeral Home of Blackshear was in charge of arrangements.

David Arnold Clever

David Arnold Clever, 74, died Saturday morning (Aug. 28, 2010) at Satilla Regional Medical Center after a brief illness.

He was a native of Mansfield, Ohio, but lived most of his life in Brantley County. He retired from People’s Bank in Blackshear as an internal bank auditor, and was formerly employed as a C.P.A. and insurance agent.

He also enjoyed farming. He was an active member of Astoria Baptist Church where he served as the Adult Sunday School leader and Sunday School director.

He served in the United States Air Force for 11 years.

He was the son of the late James J. Collins and Catherine Elizabeth Dill. He was also preceded in death by one sister, Doris Chloe Schweir, and one brother, John Stanley Clever.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Ammons Clever, of Hoboken; four sons, Timothy Lee Clever (Cheryl), of Spartanburg, S.C., Stanley Trent Clever, of Smyrna, Lannice Bryon Clever (Connie), of Hoboken, and Mark Carlyle Clever, of Hoboken; five grandchildren; two sisters, Paula Spitzer, of Galion, Ohio, and Judith Brunk, of Mansfield, Ohio; one brother, Charles H. Mabry, of Lodi, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral was scheduled for 11 o’clock this morning at Astoria Baptist Church. Burial will follow in High Bluff Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Satilla, “Earmarked Hospice House,” 808 Evergreen Way, Waycross, Ga. 31501.

Music Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Jewell Davis Propes

A funeral for Jewell Davis Propes, 86, was held Saturday afternoon at University Boulevard Church of God with the Rev. Franklin Peacock, the Rev. Matthew T. Propes, the Rev. Thomas C. Powell and the Rev. Thomas Propes officiating.

Burial followed in Hall Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Kenneth Davis Jr., Hunter Davis, Jason Carter, Adam Barnes, Dalton Purvis and Mick Thornton.

Music Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Linda Bruce Luke

A funeral for Linda Bruce Luke, 64, was held Saturday afternoon at Music Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Billy Hester officiating.

Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery in Homerville.

Pallbearers were Thomas Manley, Adam Manley, Todd Manley, Cullen Chancey, Matthew Dean, Jamie Bruner and Mike Henderson.

Marian J. Gray Bell

A funeral for Marian J. Gray Bell was held Saturday afternoon at Miles-Odum Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Larry Nickell and the Rev. Adam Henderson officiating.

Burial followed in Oakland Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Lee Gray, Will Gray, Kevin Dial, Scott Nickell, Kevin Nickell and Kenny Ray Dial.

Miles-Odum Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.