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Obituaries

Janice M. Brown

CHATOM — Services for Janice M. Brown, 73, were held on Dec. 28, 2006 from the Chatom United Methodist Church. Interment followed in the Barlow United Methodist Cemetery, Millry.

She passed away on Dec. 26th in Mobile. She was co-owner of Brown Farms.

She is survived by her husband, Vernon Brown of Chatom; son, Kenneth H. (Henrietta) Brown of Mobile; one daughter, Kimberly B. Miller, Chatom; two grandchildren, Jessica D. Miller and Laura B. Miller; one sister-in-law, Anne Murphy of Pensacola, FL; Her brothers, Oscar E. Murphy, Thomas F. Murphy, and Slater A. Murphy; sisters, Ethel Lee Holcombe, and Trudy M. Talbot preceded her in death.

Lathan Funeral Home in Chatom was in charge of the arrangements.

Mary Lee

Wright Gibson

COLUMBUS, Miss. — Services for Mary Lee Wright Gibson, 72, were held on Dec. 31, 2006 from Rest Haven Memorial Gardens with Rev. James Bonner officiating. She was born Nov. 20, 1934 and passed away on Dec. 28th at Baptist Memorial Hospital. She was a secretary for American Can Company.

She is survived by one daughter, Rhonda Gibson Persons (Edwin) of Columbus, MS; sister, Levon "Shorty" Bonner of Needham; three grandchildren, Matthew Bryant, Elizabeth and Corey Jackson; four great-grandchildren, Ethan, Sean, Brylene, and Shyrlene.

Pallbearers were Joey Gibson, Jimmy Tindle, Jimmy Bonner, Jay Jimerson, Shane Jimerson, Paul Bonner, and Tommy Dailey.

Bumpers Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Albert Bernard

"Monk" Gibson

TOXEY — Services for Albert Bernard "Monk" Gibson, 84, were held on Dec. 30th from Lusk Baptist Church with Rev. Dennis Kennedy and Rev. Jessie Johnson officiating. Interment followed in the New Lusk Community Cemetery.

He was born July 17, 1922 and passed away on Dec. 28th at Rush Foundation Hospital. He was a self-employed truck driver.

He is survived by two sons, J.A. Gibson (Delila) of Toxey; Bernard A. Gibson (Mary) of Meridian; three daughters, Patricia Steadham (Bill) of Camden; Lois Chapman (Donnie) of Toxey; Reba Chapman (Jerry) of Gilbertown; 17 grandchildren, and 18

great-grandchildren.

His wife, Lillie Gibson; one son, Kenneth Gibson and nine brothers and sisters preceded him in death.

Pallbearers were Eric Soliz, Joe Soliz, Smokey Gibson, Eddie Brown, Shane Gibson, Rick Lolley, Rusty Chapman and Clint Chapman. Honorary Pallbearers were his nephews.

Bumpers Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

John Carney Ford

LISMAN — Services for John Carney Ford, 93, were held on Dec. 27, 2006 at Eureka Baptist Church with Rev. David Manasco officiating. Interment followed in the Eureka Cemetery.

He was born to the late Damon and Sylvester Carney Ford and passed away on Dec. 24th at Willow Trace Nursing Center.

He is survived by his wife, Katherine Lovette Ford; one daughter, Dorothy Ann Ford Bragg of Lauderdale, MS; two sisters, Flora Paul and Sara Doherty both of Meridian; 14 grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren.

His first wife, McRae Harmon Ford and three sons, J.C. Ford, Jr., Tollie Damon Ford and Burrell Ford preceded him in death.

Pallbearers were Terry Ford, Johnny Ford, Shane Bragg, Shane Ford, Stacey Ford, and Chad Smith. Honorary Pallbearers were Charles Smith, Jimmy Welch and James Corn, Jr.

Bumpers Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Dorothy Louise

Nettles Chess

WARD — Services for Dorothy Louise Nettles Chess, 67, were held on Dec. 30, 2006 from the St. John Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Charles Phillips officiating. Interment followed in the St. Thomas Cemetery.

She passed away on Dec. 27th at Rush Foundation Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Chatt Chess of Ward; children, George (Belinda) Chess; Griff (Malkiea) Chess; Howard Chess; Thelma (Wiley) Jones; Christine (Leroy) Fitch; and Patricia (Ray Charles) Ruffin; her mother, Minnie Lee Nettles; grandchildren, Larandy, Marcus, Antonio, Charles, Diontye, Jasmine, Breanna, Wiley, III, Kenya, Kendrick, Jade, Kyldrick and Jalen; sisters, Sallie M. (Joe) Spencer, Lillie M. Harper, Mary Hildreth, Nellie M. (Perry) McNeal and Dan Johnson, along with other relatives and friends.

Weatherly Funeral Home of York was in charge of the arrangements.

John Harper Morgan

GILBERTOWN —

Graveside services for John Harper Morgan, 78, were held on Dec. 27, 2006 at Kelly Cemetery in Pine Hill with Rev. Leon Ross and Rev. Marvin Smith, Jr. officiating.

He was born Nov. 7, 1928 and passed away on Dec. 25th at Rush Foundation Hospital. He was a former sawmill worker and a member of Chapel Hill Baptist Church.

He is survived by two daughter, Marsha Young (Raymond) of Gilbertown; Diane Morgan; three sons, Mark Morgan, Paul Morgan and Donnie Morgan all of Camden; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild; two special friends, Mrs. M.E. Young, of Gilbertown and Mrs. Louise Williams, of Camden.

Pallbearers were Gene Autrey, Jackie Autrey, Wayne Dumas, Larry Dumas, Robert Dumas, and Billy Newtown. Honorary Pallbearers were Charlie Tyler, Koss Green, Dan Harvell, Don Harvell, Denis Harvell, Russell Harvell, Clarence Harvell, Gray Harvell and Tommy Nelson.

O' Bryant Chapel Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Rachel Hives Kirksey

TOXEY — Services for Rachel Hives Kirksey, 63, were held on Dec. 23, 2006 at Oak Grove Baptist Church with Rev. Kennedy Gray officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

She was born on Jan. 1, 1943 to the late Jim and Daisy Hives and passed away on Dec. 17th.

She is survived by her husband, Marvin Kirksey, three daughters, Juanita Parker of Toxey; Annette (Danny) Wallace of Silas; Martha (Henry) Davis of Coffeetown; three sons, Maurice (Latonia) Kirksey of Slidell, LA; Mark (Deshanta) Kirksey of Pennington; Marvin Kirksey, Jr. of Toxey; 12 grandchildren, Leneka (Raheem) Waller of Clarksville, TN; Taneshia (Marcus) Kidd of Montgomery; Trevor Parker; Cordarius Parker, both of Toxey; Maurice, Jr., Desmond, Christian Kirksey, all of Slidell; Mallory and Henry Davis, III both of Coffeetown; Shaunya and Gerard Wallace both of Silas; Niarah Kirksey of Pennington; three great-grandchildren, Shorneshia Parker; Selena and Malcolm Waller; two sisters, Classie Leverett of Koenton, AL; Pearlina Hives of Toxey; sister-in-law, Betty (Franklin) Johnson; a special nephew, Ray (Janice) Kirksey of Eight Mile; and many other family members and friends.

Pallbearers were family members and friends. Hayden and Butler Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Myra "Bea" Lambert

Koen Stokley

SILAS — Services for Myra "Bea" Lambert Koen Stokley, 88, were held on Dec. 27, 2006 at

Silas First Baptist Church with Rev. Don Whigham officiating. Interment followed in Edgar Cemetery.

Mrs. Stokley, daughter of the late Thomas Jefferson Lambert and Elizabeth King Lambert, passed away on Dec. 22nd at Mobile Infirmary.

She is survived by two brothers, W.D. Lambert (Ruby); W.T. "Bill" Lambert (Olean) both of Uriah; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Eugenia Lambert Snow, Eula Mae Lambert Brantley, and Lucille Lambert Hayles.

Pallbearers were Bobby Stokley, Freddie Williams, Russell Williams, Foy Campbell, Paul Beard and Tommy McIlwain.

Phillips Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Flaudie I. Donald

MILLRY — Services for Flaudie I. Donald, 81, were held on Dec. 27, 2006 at Barlow Methodist Church with Rev. Joes Wasson and Rev. Darrel Butts officiating. Interment followed in Barlow Cemetery.

Mrs. Donald passed away on Dec. 25th at Washington County Nursing Home in Chatom.

She is survived by two sons, J.W. Brown of Chatom; Mike Brown (Gwen) of Millry; three daughters, Ouida Turner (David) of Millry; Sandra Chafin (Rayford) of Chatom; Annette Butts (Darrell) of Frankville; one brother, Grady Strickland of Millry; 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Mitch Turner, Scott Turner, Raleigh Brown, Chet Whigham, Chad Whigham, Darren Chafin and Chris Brown. Honorary Pallbearers were James McIlwain and Jimmy McIlwain.

Phillips Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Sara Jeanne

Thompson Oglesby

TOXEY — Funeral services for Sara Jeanne Thompson Oglesby, 72, were held on Dec. 30, 2006 at Phillips Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Rebecca Harper and Rev. Reba Wiley officiating. Interment followed in Brightwater Cemetery.

Mrs. Oglesby, daughter of late Karl and Georgia Ellen McCracken Thompson, passed away on Dec. 27th at her residence.

She was a retired schoolteacher.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Rodney Oglesby of Toxey; three daughters, Karla Taylor (Jim) of Chapin, SC; Ellen Irvine (Phillip) of Homewood; Jeanne Gautier (Bob) of Norcross, GA; one sister, Hannah Simpson of Minden, LA; and eight grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Jim Taylor, Bob Gautier, Phillip Irvine, Jad Taylor, Lonnie Simpson, and Tony Oglesby.

Phillips Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Sun Country Calendar

Through Saturday, Jan. 6th
40 DAYS HOLY CONVOCATION REVIVAL, Church of God Pentecostal, nightly at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker, Eld. S. Bradford, pastor.

Wednesday, January 3rd
SWEARING-IN CEREMONY for Superintendent of Education Sue Moore, 5 p.m., Butler Senior Citizen's Center across from Board of Education offices. A reception will follow until 6 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

Thursday, January 4th
COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE, noon - 6 p.m., Butler Fire Hall.

Saturday, January 6th
MELVIN VFD AND LADIES AUXILIARY, Yard Sale, 7 a.m. until, proceeds to benefit the Department.

Monday, January 8th
CHOCTAW CO. COMMISSION, meeting, 8 a.m. - postponed from Jan. 1st because of holiday. SCES PTO Meeting, Parent Conferences. Kindergarten and First Grade will have the program, 6 p.m. in the gym.

THE CHOCTAW SUN'S new Butler office located at 214 West Smith Street (former Bible Book Store location next to May, Evans and Newton law offices) will open at 8 a.m. Please come by to Sue Wyche and other staff members.

Tues., Jan. 9th and Fri., Jan. 12th
THE CHOCTAW SUN will begin publishing TWICE WEEKLY, on Tuesdays and Fridays. Deadline for the Tuesday papers will be noon on Fridays; deadline for the Friday papers will be noon on Wednesdays.

Wed., Jan. 10th - Fri., Jan. 12th
40 DAYS HOLY CONVOCATION REVIVAL, Church of God Pentecostal, nightly at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker, Min. Barney Holcombe.

Friday, January 12th
MYRTLEWOOD VOL. FIRE DEPT. SINGING, 7 p.m., bluegrass, country and gospel, featuring Rodney Turner, Ronnie Gibson, Billy Ballard, R.L. Taylor, Tommy Campbell, and more area singers. Hamburgers and chicken plates sold. \$2 donation at door. All musicians and the public are welcome. Located one block north of the caution light on Ala. 114.

Saturday, Jan. 13th
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL PARADE, Lisman, 10:30 a.m.

GRAND OPENING of *The Choctaw Sun's* new Butler office, 8 a.m. until noon, ribbon-cutting at noon. Door prizes, refreshments, balloons for the children with Chuckles the Clown. Everybody is invited to attend!

Sat., Jan. 13th - Sun., Jan. 14th
CHOIR CELEBRATION, New True Light Baptist Church, Millry, Sat. at 7 p.m. and Sun. at 2:30 p.m. Guest speaker, Rev. Cornelius McDonald, choir and congregation.

Sunday, Jan. 14th
BUILDING FUND PROGRAM, Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church, Bladon Springs, 2 p.m. Guest speaker, Rev. Johnnie Heartfield.

Wed., Jan. 17th - Thurs., Jan. 18th
40 DAYS HOLY CONVOCATION REVIVAL, Church of God Pentecostal, nightly at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker, Eld. Jim Perine.

Wed., Jan. 24th - Thurs., Jan. 25th
40 DAYS HOLY CONVOCATION REVIVAL, Church of God Pentecostal, nightly at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker, Min. Michael Ruffin.

Saturday, Jan. 27th
THE VALLEY VIEW BOYS praise and worship group in concert at First Baptist Church of Butler. For more information call 205-459-2266.

Sat., Jan. 27th - Sun., Jan. 28th
CHOIR CELEBRATION, New Mt. Mariah Baptist Church, Nanafalia, 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday. All churches, soloists, and groups are invited to attend and perform two selections. Rev. Alphonso Bowen is the Pastor; Sis. Evie Thomas is the Choir President.

Sunday, Jan. 28th
ANNUAL PASTOR'S AIDE TEA, Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church, 4 p.m. Guest speaker, Pastor, Robert L. Jackson.

Wed., Jan. 31st - Fri., Feb. 2nd
40 Days Holy Convocation Revival, Church of God Pentecostal, nightly at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker, Min. Chris Holcombe.

Saturday, Feb. 3rd
40 DAYS HOLY CONVOCATION REVIVAL, Church of God Pentecostal, nightly at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker, Eld. George Moore.

Saturday, Feb. 10th
U.S. SEN. RICHARD SHELBY will host a county visit at 7:30 a.m. at Lindsey's Café in Butler. The public is invited to attend.

Saturday, Feb. 17th
WILD GAME SUPPER, featuring guest speaker Rich Wingo, former linebacker with the Green Bay Packers, 6 p.m., Gilbertown Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. No admission fee but must have a ticket so that the proper number of meals can be prepared. Contact Richie Abston at 251-843-2575.

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