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Obituaries

Vivian Crawford

Vivian (Dear) Crawford was the first born, 98 years ago on October 20, 1911 to Eddie and Lillian Allen.

She united as a faithful member in various churches; fellowship was in Bay City, Columbus and San Antonio.

She attended school throughout her life in Bay City and Galveston.

Vivian later united in matrimony to Willie Haywood, Sr. on March 30, 1930 through this union three children were born.

She later married Issac Crawford and through this union two children were born.

Preceding her in death were her parents; husband, Issac; three children, Willie Haywood, Jr., Don Crawford and Ethel Haywood.

Vivian leaves to mourn her passing two daughters, Bobbie Evans (Limmie Evans, Sr.) of Columbus and Mary Katherine Brown (Rev. George E. Brown) of San Antonio; sister, Blanche Sheppard of Houston; daughter-in-law, Ernestine Haywood of Houston; 21 grandchildren; and a host of great and great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 30 at 11 o'clock from New Greater Smith Chapel Baptist Church in Columbus with Rev. Joseph Hargrove officiating. Rev. George E. Brown gave the eulogy. Interment followed in Willing Workers Cemetery in Columbus. Arrangements entrusted to Ben Davis Funeral Home in Columbus.

Pallbearers were Joe W. Collins, Limmie Evans, Jr., Troy Ashton, David Collins, Clyde Ashton, Melvin Haywood and Marvin Haywood.

Honorary pallbearers were grand and great-grandsons.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Jessie Bell Harris

On December 22, 1921, a beautiful, bouncing baby girl was born to Mamie Hawkins and James Harris in Matthews.

Who knew this baby girl would grow up to be one of the most wonderful, caring, loving human beings ever created!

She was full of life and never one to sit idle.

Although Jessie was the oldest member of New Home Baptist Church, she was also one of the most active.

She preferred to keep busy by getting involved in all church activities.

At age 88, Jessie's high level of energy and activity amazed us all.

She loved to travel and was still a member of the Senior Choir (boy could she sing), Superintendent of Sunday School, Announcing Clerk, Missionary Worker, Heroines of Jericho, and Senior Modeling Group – often taking first place as one of the "Top Models" with her jet-setting flair for fashion.

Jessie's family just figured all those basketball and track running skills she bragged about while in school stayed with her for the rest of her life!

Jessie was the oldest of four children. Her parents along with her siblings, Marshal Lee (M.L.) Harris, Willie Mae (Nuddie) Cotton, Sir Lloyd Cotton, and her first born and only son, Booker T. Dabney, Jr., preceded her in death.

On the afternoon of Saturday, January 23, Jessie departed this world to be with the Lord.

She leaves to cherish her memory three daughters, Katherine Formby Mann (Horace), Shirley Formby Wilturner, Margie Formby Brumfield (Bobby); three granddaughters, La-juanna Scott, Sharonda Formby, Charzett O'Neal; two grandsons, Derrick Wilturner and Jamaal Brumfield; nieces and nephews who she adopted and raised as her own, Wayne Cotton, Sandra Cotton Johnson, Johnnie Cotton, Jr., Sharon Cotton and LaMiracle Cotton; a special first cousin, Mamie Williams; three special friends, Doll Hatton, Lillie Mae Hurd and Ester Richardson; and a host of other great nieces, nephews, grandsons, granddaughters, relatives and fiends.

Funeral services were held Friday, January 29 at 11 a.m. from New Home Baptist Church in Garwood with Rev. Kenneth Wicks, pastor, officiating. Interment followed at Union Hill Cemetery in Bonus. Arrangements entrusted to Ben Davis Funeral Home of Columbus.

Pallbearers were Authur (Sonny) Dabney, Robert Scott, Jr., Carl Johnson, Horace Mann, Charles O'Neal and Isaiah Ware.

Honorary pallbearers were Bobby Brumfield, Johnnie Cotton, Jr., Wayne Cotton, Bufford Wilturner, Derrick Wilturner and Gregory Cotton.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Jeremiah Hooper

Jeremiah Hooper, 22, of Mission, Texas passed away January 26, in Mission.

He was born October 16, 1987 in McAllen the son of Jerry D. and Cynthia L. Hooper.

Jeremiah was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Survivors include his parents, Jerry and Cynthia Hooper of Mission; grandmother, Doris Hooper of Rock Island; sister, Terry Lynn Hooper of Mission; and brother, Zachariah Hooper of Mission.

Visitation was held from 5 to 8 p.m. at Eagle Lake Funeral Home on January 29.

Funeral services were held January 30 at 11 a.m. from Eagle Lake Funeral Home. Interment followed in Myrtle Cemetery in Rock Island. Eagle Lake Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Leonard Jones

Leonard Jones was born on March 4, 1942 to Nathaniel Jones and Daisy Lee Junious Jones in Columbus.

His father and mother preceded him in death.

Leonard attended Columbus Colored Schools and married Sylvia Jones.

On Saturday, January 23, 2010 Leonard Earl Jones departed this life.

He leaves to cherish his memory three brothers, Robert Lloyd (Erma) Jones, Marvin Lee (Myrtle) Jones, and Larry Dele (Lisa) Jones; five sisters, Lola Elain (Richey Morris), Beverly Jean Jones, Carmen Yvette Vaughn, Rita Faye Jones, Terrie Lynn Sillemon; two step siblings, Joseph Jones and Erma Morrison; stepmother, Betty Jean Jones; seven children, Jacqueline Jones, Brenda Jones, LaTonya Foster, Sharonda Jones, Jeffery Jones, Leonard Toliver and Anthony Rhodes; and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

We take comfort in knowing that he is reunited with his parents in heaven with his Lord Jesus Christ.

Leonard was a good man and we are more blessed to have known him.

He will be terribly missed.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 30 at 2 p.m. from Booker Memorial Temple C.O.G.I.C. in Columbus. Interment followed in the City Cemetery in Columbus. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Ben Davis Funeral Home of Columbus.

Pallbearers were Ray Scot, Ben Jones, Paul Simmons, Jr., James McGrew, Don Jones and Nathaniel Jones.

Honorary pallbearers were Victor Simmons, Jr., Doug Jones, Torrie Jones, Shawn Jones, Billy Ray Jones and John Shelton.

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Ernest Lee Lemons, Sr. "Gramps"

Ernest Lee Lemons was born in Weimar on August 17, 1941 to Ernest D. Lemons and Edna Mae Mann.

Ernest attended E.H. Henry High School in Eagle Lake.

He accepted Christ at an early age at Union Baptist Church No. 2, which is now Providence Baptist Church.

Ernest was united in marriage to Vera Lee Grounds and to this union two children were born, Ernest Lemons, Jr. and Lowrie Lemons. He also reared another daughter, Darlene Davis.

Ernest was employed at Gifford Hill Gravel Pit for over 35 years as an operator. He was a dedicated employee until retirement.

Ernest departed this life in the early morning of January 24.

He was preceded in death by his wife; both parents; a brother, Elmo McTear, Jr.; and a sister, Ava J. Maze.

He leaves to mourn one son, Ernest Lemons, Jr. (Shelly) of Hawaii; two daughters, Lowrie Lemons of Eagle Lake and Darlene Davis of Rosenberg; three sisters, Debra (Alex) Woolridge, Myrna Isreal and Eula McGrew of Eagle Lake; two grandsons, Ernest Lemons, III and Chad Davis; four granddaughters, Ashley Lemons, Cheyenne Lemons, Aliyia Lemons and Christina Davis; one aunt, Lillian Williams of Eagle Lake; Peggy Manciaz of Eagle Lake was a healthcare provider; a wonderful neighbor, Eeola McTear; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and great friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 30 at 11 a.m. from Providence Baptist Church in Eagle Lake. Rev. Coby Shorter III, pastor. Interment followed in Eagle Lake Community Cemetery – North in Eagle Lake. Arrangements entrusted to Ben Davis Funeral Home in Columbus.

Pallbearers were Justin Johnson, Oliver Johnson, Sr., Tremont Fields, Brian Williams, Tremont Calvert, Leonard Schuler and Eric Isreal.

Honorary pallbearers were Alex Woolridge, Melvin Miller, Alvin Milligan, Russell Williams, Richard Davidson, Kado Powell, Patton King, Johnny Johnson, Oliver Johnson, Jr. and Chad Davis.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

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Bible Verse of The Week

The leaders of Israel and the king humbled themselves and said, "The Lord is just." - 2 Chronicles 12:6

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