Obituaries

BARBARA JEAN MENEFEE BELL

On Tuesday, September 25, 2018, Barbara Jean Menefee Bell, loving mom and grandmother, went to be with the Lord at age 82.

Jean was born on October 26, 1935 in Washington DC to Gladys and Jack Menefee. In September of 1957, she married Ernest Sharp Bell of Greenwood, Mississippi. They raised two children, Jack and Susie. On Bee Lake, in the heart of the Mississippi delta, Jean owned and operated their family business, Bell's Grocery, for over 35 years. She spent the last 9 years of her life living in Auburn, AL, with her daughter.

Jean had a passion for gardening and antiquing. Known to have never thrown anything away, she was fast to give the shirt off her back to anyone in need. She was notorious for her quick wit, southern grace, as well as a kind, selfless, and compassionate spirit.

Jean was preceded in death by her father, mother, husband and sister, Joan Menefee. She is survived by her son Jack (Julie Giddings), daughter Susie (Brad Litkenhous), sister Judy Menefee Walsh, four granddaughters: Mason Kinsley Bell, Isabel Jean Litkenhous, Susan Chaney Litkenhous, and Eva Lenore Litkenhous; as well as many nieces, nephews, two step-granddaughters, and a host of beloved friends from her days on Bee Lake.

Having lived with Parkinson's for nearly 12 years, Jean made the decision long ago to donate her body to science; specifically, the UAB School of Medicine Donor Program. Even in death, she selflessly gave of herself in hopes of finding a cure for such diseases. Therefore, a Celebration of Life Service will be held on Friday, October 5, 2018 at Auburn United Methodist Church in the Founders Chapel at 10:30 am. All guests are encouraged to wear Jean's favorite color, blue, in honor of her. A reception will be held afterwards at the home of Susie and Brad Litkenhous.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. https://www.michaeljfox.org/get-involved/donation2.php. And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.

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CALVIN C. BROOKS

Mr. Calvin C. Brooks, 93, passed away on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at his home in Durant, MS. His services have been set for Friday, October 5, 2018 at 12:00 noon at Liberty Hill AME Zion in Durant, MS. There will be a viewing hour for Mr. Brooks at the Liberty Hill AME Zion Church on Friday, October 5 from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Burial to immediately follow services at Damascus Cemetery in Durant, MS. Porter & Sons' Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

GWINDOLYN MCRAE KING

Gwindolyn McRae King, 89, died Thursday, September 20, 2018 in Dothan, Alabama. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, September 24, 2018 at Southern Funeral Home in Lexington with burial in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

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NATALIE MCGEE

Mrs. Natalie McGee, 42, of Lexington passed on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at UMMC Hospital in Jackson. She will be laid to rest on Saturday, October 6 at 11:00 a.m. Funeral services will be held at Union Grove MB Church and burial immediately following at Holly Grove Cemetery, both in Lexington. Services are entrusted to Affordable Funeral Home of Durant.

LESLIE RENEE' TAYLOR

Leslie Renee' Taylor, age 69, of Lexington, Mississippi, passed away on Saturday, September 29, 2018, in Jackson, Mississippi, at Baptist Hospital.

Visitation was held from 12:30-2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 2, at First Presbyterian Church of Lexington. The funeral service was held at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 2, at First Presbyterian Church of Lexington. Dr. Paul Long officiated. Burial followed the funeral at Pinecrest Cemetery in Tchula, MS. Funeral arrangements were handled by Southern Funeral Home in Lexington.

Leslie Renee' Taylor was born in Lexington, Mississippi, on October 21, 1948. She graduated from Lexington High School in 1966 and continued on to receive a Bachelor's degree from The Mississippi University for Women in 1969.

Renee' was married to Bluford Thomas Taylor, Jr. on October 18, 1970; they were married 47 years.

Upon graduation, Renee' worked for Delta Airlines in Jackson, Mississippi, for 6 years. She later obtained a Mississippi Real Estate Broker's license and became a Certified General Appraiser. She practiced at Renee' G. Taylor Realty for 33 years. She enjoyed sewing and reading. She was a devoted member of First Presbyterian Church in Lexington, Mississippi. Above all, Renee' was devoted to her family, and steadfast in her love for the Lord.

Renee' is survived by her husband Bluford Thomas Taylor Jr.; daughter Leslie Taylor Spell; son Bluford Thomas Taylor III (Jenny); grandchildren: Annabeall Taylor Spell, Kara Rhodes, Billy Rhodes and Joseph Edwards. She also leaves behind brothers: Barry Gilliland (Kelly) of Ruston, Louisiana and Jerry Gilliland (Anita) of Grenada, Mississippi; nieces, Lenzie Gilliland Crosby of Oxford and Sarah Gilliland of Ruston, Louisiana, nephew, Marty Gilliland of Grenada; great niece Mildred Ann Crosby; sister-in-law Betty Lou Mechatto and brother-in-law Kenneth Blair Taylor, both of Gulfport.

Renee' is preceded in death by her mother Roxie Dean Smith and father Leslie Beall Gilliland Jr.

The family of Renee' G. Taylor wishes to thank her many caregivers associated with Baptist Hospital, Baptist Hospice Ministries and Sta-Home Home Health for the excellent care they provided for her and her family.

KARL CARTER

Cruger native named Star Student at Valley

Mississippi Valley State University Sophomore Karl Carter was named the Student Support Services Star Student of the Month for September 2018. He is a Music major from Cruger, who received the honor for maintaining above a 3.0 grade point average, involvement in Student Support Services and MVSU activities, volunteerism and striving to be an exemplary scholar.

Student Support Services is under the Division of Student Affairs Enrollment Management and Diversity and is funded by the U.S. Department of Education TRIO Programs

Happy Anniversary

October 4 - Paul and Tammy Merchant, Thomas and Minnie Horton

October 5 - Al and Mary Jobe, Stephen and Rosemary Whatley

October 6 - Brandon and Kristen Stevens, Brown and Julie Walker

October 7 - Jason and Alicia Burrell

October 8 - Robert and Becky Killebrew

October 9 - Paul and Kristan Durff

To add your birthdays and anniversaries to our list, please send your information by mail to P.O. Box 60, Lexington, MS 39095; fax 662-834-1074; email hcherald@gmail.com; or stop by our office at 308 Court Square in Lexington. No phone calls, please.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, 4:00 P.M.

FELLOWSHIP M.B.C.

Fellowship M.B. Church in Durant will hold its Annual Family Week Revival from Monday, October 8 through Wednesday, October 10 at 7 p.m. There will be a different speaker each night.

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GREENSBOROUGH

Greensborough M.B. Church in Durant will host its Family and Friends Day Program on Sunday, October 7 at 11 a.m. during regular service. Dinner will follow.

9-27;10-4

SHILOH M.B. CHURCH

Shiloh M.B. Church in Lexington will host its 134th Church Anniversary on Sunday, October 7 at 11 a.m.

9-27;10-4

GREATER NAZARETH

Greater Nazareth M.B. Church in Tchula will host its Pastor and Wife Appreciation on Sunday, October 14 at 3 p.m. Dinner will be served.

10-4,11

HCCSD

The Holmes County Consolidated School District Board of Education will host the dedication ceremony and reception of the Doretha Draine Wiley Fine Arts Magnet Academy on Friday, October 12 at 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on the campus of Holmes County Central High School; Lexington, MS.

The community is invited and former speech and drama students are encouraged to attend.

10-4,11

OAK GROVE

Oak Grove Baptist Church in Tolarsville will hold its Annual Homecoming on Sunday, October 14 at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon, bring a covered dish. This event is free and open to the public.

10-4,11

CENTRAL HOLMES

Central Holmes Christian School in Lexington will host its annual Fall Festival on Monday, October 15 from 5 until 8 p.m. Catfish plates will be available until 7 p.m. for $10.00. There also be bingo, a frozen food booth, games and more.

10-4,11

MT. PLEASANT

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in West will hold homecoming services on Sunday, October 14 at 11 a.m.

10-4,11

LONG BRANCH

Long Branch M.B. Church in West will celebrate its 132nd Anniversary on Sunday, October 14 at 2 p.m. Dinner will be served.

10-4,11

DURANT M.B.C.

Durant M.B. Church will celebrate its 148th Church Anniversary Services on Saturday, October 6 at 3 p.m. and Sunday, October 7 at 10 a.m.

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LEBANON M.B.C.

Lebanon M.B. Church on MS Highway 17 north, will celebrate its 18th Year Pastoral Anniversary for Pastor Walter Eskridge and Eva Eskridge on Sunday, October 7 at 11 a.m.

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ZION CITY M.B.C.

Zion City M.B. Church in Ebenezer will have its Church Anniversary on Sunday, October 7 at 11 a.m.

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MOSAIC CLUB

On Saturday, October 6, the MOSAIC Club of Holmes Community College will have a "giant" yard sale to raise money for cultural events, food and book scholarships. The sale will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Lorrance Student Center on the Goodman Campus. This event is cash only.

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