



Obituaries



ANNA RUTH GOLDEN
Anna Ruth Coleman Golden, 94, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 18, 2018, at Madison County Nursing Home in Canton, MS. Ruth was born July 16, 1924, in Choctaw County. She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, one sister, her husband of nearly 63 years, Jesse Lacoy Golden, son Kenneth, a grandson, Stephen Lacoy Golden, and a great granddaughter, Anna Elizabeth Davis, who both died in infancy. Ruth is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Karen Golden of Ridgeland and Jim and Liz Golden of Vaughan, eight grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren, a loving niece, five nephews and a host of relatives and friends. Ruth counted her early years of growing up during the Great Depression a true blessing, a time when children were taught to fear and love God, respect themselves and others, and appreciate the values of family, hard work and genuine community service. After high school, she obtained a business degree and secured a secretarial job in Jackson in 1942, working and living independently until meeting and marrying Lacoy Golden in 1946. They were the best of friends, raising their

three sons, working side by side to care for their cattle and property on the Golden home-place in Yazoo County, and supporting each other in every way throughout their almost 63 years of marriage. They enjoyed many years together following Lacoy's retirement in 1982 until his passing in 2009. Ruth's qualities and unique gifts are far too numerous to describe here! She was considerate, kind, smart, tough, and witty, but above all, she lived out her genuine belief and faith in God through her witness and loving service in her church, family, and community. Visitation was held at Breeland Funeral Home in Canton, MS from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, November 23 with the funeral service being held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, November 25 at Ellison United Methodist Church, 36 Brown Road, Vaughan, MS 39179, followed by interment alongside her beloved husband in the church cemetery. Reverend David Schultz and Reverend Frank Newell offered praise and gave glory to God as family and friends celebrated the many gifts and blessings received through Ruth's life. Her four grandsons and two great-grandsons served as pallbearers. The family requests that memorials be

DOROTHY SIMMONS
Dorothy Simmons, 80, homemaker, died Monday, November 19, 2018 at her home. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 21, 2018 at Southern Funeral Home. Burial was in Coxburg Cemetery. Mrs. Simmons was survived by her daughters, Wanda Simmons of Yazoo City and Sandy Russell (Michael) of Benton; granddaughters, Ashley Melton Covin (Brad), Emily Melton Williams (Evan) and Heather Russell Cobb (Ryan); great grandchildren, Meaghan Covin, Hayden Covin, Molly Beth Covin, Evan Michael Williams, Jace Williams and Ava Cobb; great great grandson, Thomas Chandler; close family friend, Malinda Thompson; and a host of extended family. She was preceded in death by her husband, Phillip Simmons, two sisters and one brother. Memorials may be made to Benton Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1, Benton, MS 39039 or 1st Methodist Church, 203 N. Washington Street, Yazoo City, MS 39194. sent to the Ellison United Methodist Church at 945 Bend Road, Vaughan, MS 39179 or to Gideons International, P.O. Box 1111, Yazoo City, MS 39194.

WILLIAM HERMAN (SONNY) RUSSELL
William Herman (Sonny) Russell, 86, died on November 25, 2018 at the State Veteran's Home in Kosciusko, Mississippi. A Celebration of his life will be held Thursday, November 29, 2018 at First United Methodist Church, Lexington, MS at 1:00 P.M. Visitation will take place from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. prior to the service. Our Sonny was born on February 21, 1932 in Grenada, MS to Hermoine and Esther Kuykendall Russell. He grew up in Lexington among many lifelong friends. He joined the United States Navy in 1950 following his high school graduation. Sonny served in the Korean War stationed in Guam. He married his high school sweetheart, Betty Yearwood, on November 10, 1952. They lived in Oakland, California for two years where he was stationed at the Alameda Naval Air Base, United States Navy. Upon leaving California, they moved back to Lexington, MS to raise their family. He was a member of First United Methodist Church. He was faithful in service, teaching Sunday School for many years. He loved his church family, but most of all he loved Jesus Christ. Family and friends were his treasures. It is not a surprise to anyone how Sonny loved

people. He loved stories. He lived large and loved well. He could spin a tale that no doubt you would believe and never forget. The Little River Hunting Club held an endeared place in his heart. The memories and experiences he shared there gave him solace and comfort throughout his life. He was one of the last two surviving charter members. Until later in life, Sonny was an active businessman and farmer. His last and most favorite pastimes were his prized black angus cows and driving his tractor. He lived the last two years of his life in Madison surrounded by the love of his daughter, Laurie, and son-in-law, Terry. Sonny is survived by his son William Bruce Russell, Sr. and wife Sheila of Lexington, MS; his grandsons William Bruce Russell, Jr. of Jackson, MS and Sessums Russell of Oxford, MS; daughter Laurie Russell Dahlem and husband Terry of Madison, MS; his granddaughters Darah Dahlem of Tyler, Texas; Katie Dahlem Robinson and husband Clint of Santa Rosa Beach, Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, James Christopher Russell. In April of 2010, he lost his beloved wife of 58 years. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 108 Tchula Road, Lexington, MS 39095 or Lexington Foundation For

Excellence (Central Holmes Christian School) P. O. Box 14, Lexington, MS 39095. **B.W. "TACK" TACKITT, JR.** B.W. "Tack" Tackitt, Jr., died November 26, 2018 at his home in Pickens. Grave side services will be held on Thursday, November 29, 2018 in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Lexington. Tack was a member of Pickens Baptist Church where he served as music director and a deacon. He was also an agricultural mechanic and an Air Force Veteran. Survivors are his wife of 64 years, Linda Simmons Tackitt; son, Steve Tackitt (Natalie) of Ridgeland; daughters, Tammie Tackitt Watkins (John) of Pelahatchie and Kasey Tackitt Jenkins (Donald) of Terry; sister, Shelbie Norris of Celina, OH; son-in-law, Phil Grantham of Lexington; ten grandchildren and one great grandchild. Preceding him in death were his daughter, Cindi Tackitt Grantham and son-in-law, Rich Hammett.

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ter on Lexington Street. Registration forms can be picked up at Town Hall. For more info call 662-468-2171. 11-29;12-6

LEX. GARDEN CLUB
The annual judging of Christmas decorations in Lexington will take place Friday evening December 14. Out-of-town judges will select the best doorway, best Christmas tree, best use of lights, best overall display, as well as the best commercial display. Citizens are urged to participate and fill the town with Christmas spirit and holiday cheer. 11-29;12-6

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, 4:00 P.M.

LEXINGTON LIBRARY
The Friends of the Lexington Public Library will hold the quarterly book sale at the library from November 26 through November 30. Prices range from ten cents to \$1.00. Hours will be: Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 9 a.m. to noon; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 1-5 p.m. The annual Jail for Dollars Fundraiser will also be held in the library foyer during the sale. Donations and pledges will be accepted to bail out "local celebrities." All proceeds will be used to provide materials and to fund programming at the library. Call 662-834-2571 for more information. 11-29

WEST SHADY GROVE
West Shady Grove Baptist Church will 30 years with its pastor and wife on Sunday,

December 2 at noon. 11-22,29

TCHULA XMAS PARADE
The town of Tchula will hold its 2018 Christmas parade on Saturday, December 1 at 10 a.m. For more info call 662-235-5112. 11-22,29

WEST HILL CME
West Hill CME Church will celebrate 120 years of service on Sunday, December 2 with Sunday school at 11 a.m. and the celebration at 12:15. Dinner will follow. 11-29

ALCORN ALUMNI
The Alcorn State Alumni Chapter will host a Christmas reception during its December 11 meeting at 5:30 p.m. All area Alcornites, members and non-members,

are invited to attend at the Holmes County Supervisors Meeting Room next door to Fred's Dollar Store in Lexington. Call 662-834-4686/3898 for more info. 11-29;12-6

YOUTH X-MAS PARTY
A Christmas party, "Toys for the Souls," hosted by Linda Sallis will be held on Saturday, December 8 at 2 p.m. in the building next to Fred's Dollar Store in Lexington. This event is free and open to children up to age 15. For more info call 662-306-0304. 11-29;12-6

PICKENS X-MAS PARADE
The town of Pickens will host its annual Christmas parade on Saturday, December 8 at 6 p.m. Line-up begins at 4:30 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Community Cen-