Obituaries

CLIFTON EUGENE MABRY

Clifton Eugene Mabry, 86, mechanic, died March 21, 2019 in Goodman, MS. Visitation was held from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Southern Funeral Home in Durant. A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, March 24, 2019 at Shrock United Methodist Church in Goodman.

Mr. Mabry was born January 3, 1933 to Mary E. Boggan Mabry and Martin Suggs Mabry, Sr. Cliff was a member of Pickens United Methodist Church and served in the U.S. Navy.

Survivors are his wife of 60 years, Nancy Burrell Mabry; sons, Tom Mabry (Michelle) of Hattiesburg and John Mabry (Melissa) of Madison; sister Carol Mabry Hutchison (Ray) of Gadsden, AL; grandchildren, Mary Lais Mabry, Morgan Elizabeth Mabry, Walter Todd Mabry, Nathaniel Clifton Mabry, Madelyn Marie Mabry, John Alexander Mabry, and Anna Claire Mabry; and two great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Shrock United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 521, Goodman, MS 39079.

JOSEPH WAYNE "JOE" SPELL

Joseph Wayne "Joe" Spell died Saturday, March 23, 2019. Visitation was held from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at Southern Funeral Home. Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 27, 2019 also at the funeral home. Burial was in Tranquill Cemetery in Yazoo County.

Joe was born December 12, 1974 to Glenda Winstead Spell and Jimmy Wayne Spell. Joe was an HVAC Engineer at Holmes Community College. He was a member of Eden Baptist Church.

Survivors are his mother, Glenda W. Millwood of Yazoo City; son Drayton Spell of Yazoo City; daughter Madison Spell of Coxburg; brothers, Michael Lynn Spell of Yazoo City, Robert Millwood of Yazoo City and Eugene Millwood, Jr. of Benton; and nephew Zachary Dylan Spell of Yazoo City.

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MILTON HOOVER

Milton Hoover, 89, died March 26, 2019 at his residence in Durant. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 28, 2019 at First Baptist Church in Durant. Services will follow at 11:00 a.m. also at the church. Burial will be in Mizpah Cemetery in Durant.

Mr. Hoover was a self employed carpenter. He owned Hoover's in Durant. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Durant. He is survived by his family, Dorothy Jean Hoover, Randy Hoover, Sherry McCrory (Richard), Shiloh Wammack, Larry Fields, Cody McCrory, Brittany McCrory Allen (Josh) and Cole Allen.

Donations may be made to the First Baptist Church, 132 W. Mulberry, Durant, MS 39063.

EVELYN BOWERS LUCAS

Evelyn Bowers Lucas, 93, formerly of Durant, MS passed away March 13, 2019, at the home of her daughter in Katy, TX. Mrs. Lucas was born on May 15, 1925.

Survivors include her children, Early "Chipper" Lucas (Becky), Stephen Lucas (Patricia), Kathy Battalora (Harold), Laurie Mizell (Mike), Jonathan Lucas (Kym); nine grandchildren; one step granddaughter; 14 great-grandchildren; five step-great grandchildren; one great-great grandson; a sister Helena Barr of Hornell, New York; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, two sisters and her husband, Early M. Lucas, Sr., also formerly of Durant, MS.

Funeral services for Mrs. Evelyn Lucas will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 11:00 a.m., at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Lexington, MS, with private burial at Ebenezer Methodist Cemetery, Ebenezer, MS.

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JOHN LARRY "SKIPPY" ELLINGTON

John Larry "Skippy" Ellington, 68, died March 23, 2019 at his residence in Kosciusko, MS. Visitation will be 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Thursday, March 28, 2019 at Southern Funeral Home in Durant. Services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, March 29, 2019 also at the funeral home. Burial will be in Sallis Cemetery in Sallis, MS.

Mr. Ellington was born December 1, 1950 to Nola Odom Ellington and Allie Ellington. For 34 years he was the street and water superintendent for the City of Durant. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Durant and had served in the U.S. Army.

Survivors are his wife Martha Ellington; son Joe A. Ellington (Lauren) of Madison; daughter Tabetha Daves (Terry) of Kosciusko; brother Jack Ellington of Kosciusko; sister Shirley Williams of Thomastown; and six grandchildren.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

In my opinion on the Ole Miss protests about the monument, I think no protesters should be on any school campus protesting. I am sure the Ole Miss campus is beautiful. I know when I was at Holmes Junior campus, I loved walking around. There was no litter nowhere. My understanding is they want to put the monument in the Ole Miss cemetery. In my opinion, that is a good place it is still on campus. I think people should learn why these monuments are put there. People need to know the history of the monuments, you may think different about them.

On the players taking a knee, my opinion is, if I was the coach, I would let the incident slide this time. Players should have their mind on the game and not what is going on down the street. It is not fair for the fans to pay and come to Ole Miss to see players take a knee. Players should protest on their on time, not the coach's or fans time.

It's spring time, it's time to do some spring cleaning in town, in our neighborhoods.

I saw some of the new police officers. The police chief said someone broker into a deer camp. At the camp, there was a camera in the tree, that is how the police got the theft. In my opinion, we need these cameras around our homes and businesses. The camera could be used in no dumping areas.

Oh yes, I went by the Durant Library, now you can go through the front door. The city workers have done a lot of work in the library. The Durant library still has work to be done. It still needs help, the Friends of the Library need your support with donations.

Frances Patterson
Durant

Mrs. Mississippi Pageant set for first weekend in August

The 2019 Mrs. Mississippi Pageant, a Statewide Pageant for married women, will be held the weekend of August 2-4, 2019, with finals on Sunday, August 4, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. at Tupelo Middle School in Tupelo, MS.

To qualify, contestants must be at least 18 years of age, married, a resident of her state (residency at a military base or dual-residency is acceptable), and of good moral character. Contestants will be judged in four categories including personal interview, beauty, fitness wear, and evening gown, each worth 25% of her total score. There are additional awards given for Fitness Award, Interview Award, Evening Gown Award, Photogenic Award, Congeniality Award, and Top Ad Sales.

Mrs. Mississippi will be awarded a prize package that includes cash and sponsor gifts.

The Mrs. Mississippi Pageant celebrates all that the contemporary married woman represents… whether her days are focused on family, career, civic duties or a combination of all. Pageant judges will be looking for contestants who are not only beautiful, but articulate and well-rounded.

For more information about becoming a contestant in the 2019 pageant, email the state director, Caitlin Jadofsky, at mrsmississippipageant@gmail.com. Visit our website at www.mrsmississippipageant.com for more information about the organization.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, 4:00 P.M.

LIBERTY HILL AMEZ

Liberty Hill AMEZ Church will host its Youth Conference 2019 on from Friday, March 29 to Sunday, March 31. Times will be 7 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. on Sunday. 3-21,28

PRO-LIFE MS

Pro-Life Mississippi will hold its 2019 Spring Banquet on Thursday, April 11 with the Silent Auction at 5 p.m. and banquet at 6:30 p.m. The event will be at First Baptist Church of Jackson. Call 601-956-8636 for more information. 3-28;4-4

FBC DURANT

First Baptist Church in Durant will hold its Fifth Sunday Singing on March 31 in the church sanctuary at 6 p.m. All are welcome to share a song, call the church office at 662-653-3105, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., to get put on the schedule. 3-28

GREATER NAZARETH

Greater Nazareth M.B. Church in Tchula will celebrate its 102nd Year Church Anniversary on Sunday, March 31 at 11:30 a.m. 3-28

NEWPORT M.B.C.

Newport M.B. Church in Lexington will honor its Mother Ministry Service on Sunday, March 31 at noon.

Spring Revival Services will start on Sunday, April 7 at 6 p.m. through April 8 and 9 at 7 p.m.

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BETHLEHEM M.B.C.

Bethlehem M.B. Church in Tchula will be hosting its fifth Combined Sunday School Service on Sunday, March 31 at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be provided.

The 149th Church Anniversary will also be held on Sunday, April 7 at 11:30 a.m.

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SHILOH M.B. CHURCH

Shiloh M.B. Church in Lexington will celebrate its pastor and wife's 14th Year Anniversary on Sunday, April 7 at 11:30 a.m.

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TRINITY M.B. CHURCH

Trinity M.B. Church in Lexington will have its Annual Book Program on Sunday, April 7 at 11 a.m. Bring a book for the library.

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