

Obituaries

BARBARA LITTLE PARRISH

Barbara Little Parrish, 65, of Lexington, Mississippi, passed away on Tuesday, June 23, 2020. A graveside service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 26, at Acona United Methodist Church. Brother Jack Wooten of First United Methodist Church (FUMC) of Lexington officiated the ceremony. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Southern Funeral Home of Lexington.

Barbara was born in Jackson, Mississippi, on January 18, 1955. She graduated from New Hebron High School and continued on to receive a degree in Music Education from the University of Southern Mississippi (USM) in 1976.

Barbara was married to Milton Parrish on March 18, 1978; they were married for 42 years.

After graduating from USM, Barbara began teaching English and Music at Central Holmes Academy in Lexington, where she met Milton. Together they built a family farm and raised three cherished children, Caroline, Daniel and Drew. Over the years, Barbara was a homemaker, bookkeeper for the family farm and a music teacher. She also taught adult

classes for local industries. Barbara was incredibly creative and enjoyed all things artistic. She played multiple instruments and served as the Organist for FUMC for many years. Additionally, she directed a community choir, The Preservation Singers, which performed in the community for several years.

At the age of 50, Barbara began painting, and she became an accomplished artist over the past 15 years, showing her works in juried shows across the state. Her primary subject was landscape art and her constant and beloved source of inspiration was the family farm in the Mississippi Delta and her home in Acona. Barbara was also an active member of the Mississippi Oil Painters Association, and for the past several years, she taught weekly oil painting lessons in Lexington. Barbara served on the board of the Holmes County Arts Council and contributed to the success of countless community events through this organization.

All of her life, Barbara enjoyed healthy competition and a good card game. She was an enthusiastic bridge player and loved her weekly games with multiple groups of friends.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Milton; her children, Caroline Haselden (Stuart), Daniel Parrish (Sarah) and Drew Parrish (Madeline); her brothers, Tommy Little and Charlie Little (Jan); and eight grandchildren, Parrish Ann, Sally Martin, Christian, Barry, Beverly, Dorothy and Ann Cooper, who love and know her as Babs.

Barbara is preceded in death by her parents, Dorothy and Charles Little of New Hebron, Mississippi.

Pallbearers were Matt Riley, Chris Riley, Matthew Parrish, Andrew Parrish, Will Parrish and Joel Little.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the Stennis Wells Memorial Gynecologic Oncology Fund at UMMC. Donations can be made online at umc.edu/givenow or by mail, UMMC Development Accounting, 2500 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39216. Donations may also be made to the First United Methodist Church in Lexington, 107 Tchula Street, Lexington, MS 39095.

The family of Barbara Parrish wishes to thank Dr. Mildred Ridgeway and her staff for all of their support, especially Bethany Sabins and Jana Neeley.

FRANKIE 'RAT' LEVY

Frankie 'Rat' Levy, 80, of Durant, passed on June 25, 2020. Graveside services will be held at Pleasant Grove #2 - Roby Cemetery in Sallis on Friday, July 3, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. Visitation will be held Thursday, July 2, 2020 between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. at 300 West Madison Street in Durant. Services are entrusted to Affordable Funeral Home of Durant.

DALPHIA LANDEFAIR

Dalphia Landfair, 69, of Goodman, passed on June 24, 2020. Graveside services will be held at Georgeville Cemetery in Goodman on Saturday, July 4, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will be held Friday, July 3, 2020 between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. at 300 West Madison St. in Durant. Services are entrusted to Affordable Funeral Home of Durant.

DORIS THOMPSON ELLISON

Doris Thompson Ellison, a life-long resident of Lexington, MS died peacefully at home with her daughter, Sarah, by her side on Tuesday, June 23, 2020.

Doris was born to William Osco Thompson and Maude Vise Thompson on May 23, 1927. From birth, she was a

Durant student named to high school scholars program

Staff Report

The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) announced on June 9, student Jazmaree Rich from Durant, as being selected to become a member of the esteemed organization. The society recognizes top scholars who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship and community commitment.

"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice and commitment that Jazmaree has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence," said NSHSS founder and chairman, Claes Nobel. "Jazmaree is now a member of a unique community of schol-



JAZMAREE RICH

ars - a community that represents our very best hope for the future."

Jazmaree is an upcoming sophomore at Holmes County Central High School and is a member of the Holmes County Central Marching Jags, The ACT 20+ Club, The Book Club and Honor Roll. She

is the 15-year-old daughter of Reta Bailey and Jimmy Rich, Sr. and is the granddaughter of Gennie Bailey and the late Booker T. Bailey, Jr. of Durant.

"We are proud to provide lifetime membership to young scholars to support their growth and development," said NSHSS President James W. Lewis. "We aim to help students like Jazmaree build on their academic success by connecting them with unique learning experiences and resources to help prepare them for college and meaningful careers."

NSHSS member automatically become lifetime members at the time of their initial membership. At each step along the way, from high school to college and career, NSHSS connects outstanding young scholars with the resources they need to develop their strengths and pursue their passions.

CARES Act funds helps Durant heritage center survive pandemic

Press Release

With a CARES Act mini-grant, Mississippi Humanities Council (<http://mshumanities.org/>) is helping Migration Heritage Foundation's Heritage Center in Durant survive the COVID-19 pandemic.

Funds made available by

the National Endowment from the Humanities will cover selected overhead expenses during the facility's temporary closure.

Behind closed doors, the center energized existing efforts to digitize its physical collection; thus, moving it closer to becoming a vir-

tual museum. Among recent initiatives, the foundation's homepage at www.mhtr.us is pivoting from encouraging onsite physical visits to sharing its collections of relics, displays art and books from a virtual platform Its printed-based newsletter, *The Centerpiece*, is also being digitally archived.

The Durant-based facility opened two years ago. Its collection share folkways, foodways, scholarship and other riches of local and other African Americans.

"The ability to view online items in our collection" said Director Dr. Sylvia Gist, "positions the center to seamlessly connect to the local community as well as to the world.

"CARES emergency funds," Gist continued, "are contributing greatly to this effort."

For more information, e-mail info@mhtr.us or visit the Foundation's web site at www.mhtr.us.



WEST GROVE MBC

West Grove M.B. Church in Lexington will host its Annual revival Services July 13 through July 15 at 7:00 nightly.

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ABLES REUNION

The reunion of the descendants of Phil and Mamie Ables has been cancelled this year due to COVID-19.

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ADDICTION HELP

Narconon reminds readers

about the dangers of fentanyl, an incredibly potent chemical that has contributed to the increase in overdose deaths across America. Many don't know that one thing that makes fentanyl so dangerous is the it can be absorbed in the system through skin contact, leading to a potentially fatal overdose. Narconon can help you take the steps to overcome addiction in your family. Call today for free screenings or referrals at 1-800-431-1754.

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