

# Obituaries



**TRACY LYNN HATHCOCK**

Tracy Lynn Hathcock, 56, of Lexington, MS departed this life on Friday, September 11, 2020 at Delta Regional Medical Center in Greenville, MS.

Tracy was born in Essex County, England on January 8, 1964 to Pauline Hathcock and the late James "Jimmy" Hathcock and at a young age moved to the United States. Tracy graduated as salutatorian of her class at Central Holmes Academy in 1982. She then pursued her Associate Degree in Nursing at Hinds Junior College in 1984 and dedicated 28 years of her life to nursing.

Tracy is preceded in death by her father James Aldridge Hathcock. Survivors include her mother Pauline Bridge Hathcock; her two daughters, Courtney Lynn Steverson and London Alexandra Steverson, both of Lexington, MS; and one granddaughter Poppy Lynn Stewart; and Murphy the cat. She is also survived by a brother Ricky Allen Hathcock of Durant, MS; a sister Paulette Hathcock McLellan (Joey) of Madison, MS; a niece Audrey Eliza Taylor; nephews, Nathan Ryan McCloskey, Owen Chandler McCloskey, Logan Clayton Engle, Colin Turner Hathcock, Byron Aldridge Hathcock; and a multitude of cousins, aunts and uncles.

A family visitation was held at Southern Funeral Home in Lexington on Monday, September 14 followed by a graveside service at Brister Cemetery in Durant. Rev. Greg Chamblee officiated. Southern Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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(Continued from page 1.) hostile environment, the Trojans overcame the obstacles, and came away with the victory by a score of 30-26.

On Thursday of September 10, Central Holmes saw action at Benton, playing Benton Academy and coming away with a strong showing. The Trojans raced out to a 38-0 halftime lead, and before the winning the game, 40-6.



Pictured above, members of the Central Holmes Trojans junior high football team break onto the field at the start of the game against Indianola Academy on Friday, September 25. Pictured above are (from left): #20 Cooper Logan, #2 John Hudson Word, #54 Logan Engle, #70 Carson Burrell, #21 Preston Carnathan, #52 Lane Womack, #7 Josh Robinson, #3 Hudson Haffey, #50 Cayton Edwards, #27 Kade Ward, #9 Jon Wyatt Langford and #10 Jax Tate. (Photo by David Irby)

## NELL PARKER BAIN LYON

Nell Parker Baine Lyon, 84, of Starkville, MS went to be with her Lord and Savior Wednesday, September 23, 2020 following a brief illness.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Harvey and Sara Baine, her husband Lester Love Lyon, a brother Harvey Baine, III and sisters, Becky Rigby and Trisha Moore.

She is survived by her four children, Leslie Ertel (Mark) of Jacksonville, FL, Parker Lyon (Nancy) of Naples, FL, Sara Love Brown (Brett) of Columbus, MS and Paul Lyon (Lane) of Greenwood, MS; 12 grandchildren, Elliot (Brittany) and Evan Ertel, Lawson (Sarah) and Amanda Lyon, Lyon Brown (Shelby), Hunter Brown (Alayne), Lauren Mills (Peter) and Walker Brown; Gaston (financee Katy), Callie Lane, Smith and Julia Love Lyon; and great grandchild Levi Lawson Lyon. Her grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

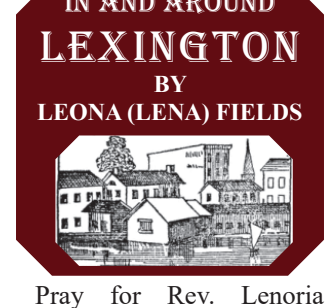
She was born and raised and lived most of her life in Tchula, MS. Many also knew her as "Bargo". Nell Parker was a strong Christian woman and a lifelong

devout Presbyterian church member. She had a servant's heart and was a faithful friend to so many. Family was very important to her and she was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Following the death of her beloved husband Lester, she moved to Starkville in 1997. The next 23 years of her life were filled with special care and loving support for her grandchildren. She loved watching them play sports at every level. She also valued living close to many of them while they attended Mississippi State University. Her spirited nature, laugh and smile earned her lots of new friends, young and old. She often hosted times filled with playing games. Her hospitality, led college students who were friends of her grandchildren, to consider her a second grandmother. Nell spent numerous years as an avid MSU Bulldog fan, most notably attending baseball games at Dudy Noble Field. Her display of love and support for family and friends will be a cherished memory for years to come.

A graveside service was held on Monday, September 28 at Pinecrest Cemetery in Tchula, Mississippi.

Memorials can be made to: Pinecrest Cemetery c/o Bruce Edwards, P.O. Box 417, Tchula, MS 39169 or Tchula Presbyterian Church or Grace Presbyterian Church - Starkville.

Southern Funeral Home in Lexington was in charge of the arrangements.



Pray for Rev. Lenoria Meekie, Jr.'s brother, James Meekie. He had a stroke in the brain. He grew up in Lexington/Acona Community. Now he lives somewhere in south Mississippi. If you can, call junior and uplift his spirit. James is seriously sick. He's on life support.

Concerning the clothes cleaners, I talked to Ms. Hazel. First, I talked to Mayor Robin McCrory. Then she managed to locate Hazel. On Friday morning, September 25, Hazel called me. She said they will be reopening. In the meantime, she's been coming to the cleaners and letting people get their clothes when they call her. I told her a lot of people do not have her number. She said she would leave a number on the door when she comes back to the cleaners. "Thank you" goes to our mayor for tracking down Ms. Hazel. However, until she gets back to the cleaners, please leave your name and phone number on the door.

## \*Durant festival

(Continued from page 1.) The event will be hosted along Depot (Front) Street in Durant on October 3, starting with the Leukemia Walk in Honor of Coach Jonathan Boyd at 8:30 a.m.

Throughout the day other events include, on site vendors, bike and car show with prizes, a fashion show, raffles for a \$200 Walmart Inc. gift

card and an electric fireplace with mantle.

Entertainment for the festival includes, a gospel hour from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Singers scheduled are Tameka Hunt, Pastor Charles Smith and Thomas Keys, among others.

Voter registration and information will be available in front of S&M Medical Clinic. The national ambassador

for Mrs. Black America, Clourice Winters, will be a speaker as well.

Event organizer and committee member Smith-Gladney, said both a barber and stylist will be on site for free hair stylings. for school-aged children for the first eight participants and free braidings for the first five participants.

Safety measures will be enforced, both face masks and social distancing will be encouraged. Smith-Gladney added that the music stage will also be sanitized between performances and hand washing stations will be available for festivalgoers. All vendors are expected to have hand sanitizer available.



**CANCER WALK**  
The City of Lexington Annual Cancer Walk will be held on Saturday, October 3 at 9 a.m. The walk will be hosted at Lexington City Hall on Spring Street. A balloon release will follow the walk. Wear your T-shirt that represents your family. Social distancing and masks are required.  
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**CENTRAL HOLMES**  
Central Holmes Christian School in Lexington will host its annual fall festival on Thursday, October 8, at 5 p.m. Catfish plates will be for sale 5-7 p.m. There will also be bingo, a frozen food booth, games and more.  
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**HISTORY MUSEUMS**  
Effective Thursday, October 1, the Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum

will add new Sunday hours to its regular hours of operation. In addition, all Sundays will be free days at the museums from noon to 4 p.m. Safety precautions at the museums include requiring all visitors to wear masks and observe social distancing guidelines. Masks are available on-site. All public spaces are sanitized and thoroughly cleaned throughout the day. Staff are on-site to ensure that social distancing guidelines are maintained. A limited number of visitors are allowed inside the museums at one time.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday, and noon-4 p.m. on Sunday. Visitors are encouraged to purchase their tickets online at: [www.tickets.mdah.ms.gov](http://www.tickets.mdah.ms.gov). The maximum number of people per group is twenty.

The museums are located at 222 North Street in Jackson. For more information email [info@mdah.ms.gov](mailto:info@mdah.ms.gov).  
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