

Obituaries

Lizzie Lue Mims Garrett

McCORMICK - Lizzie Lue Mims Garrett passed on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022 at Self Regional Healthcare in Greenwood. She was 83 years old.

Born on Dec. 7, 1938 in Lincolnton, Ga., Mrs. Garrett was the daughter of the late Joe and Annie Mae Mims. She was the wife of the late Freddie Lee Garrett Sr. They were married for 48 years and were blessed with nine children.

Mrs. Garrett was compassionate about serving the Lord. She was a member of New Life Outreach Ministries in McCormick, where she served the church and church members faithfully until her health declined. She was always willing to help regardless of the time of day. She attended McCormick County Schools and dedicated her life to her family. She loved taking care of her children, grandchildren and other family members. She always gave her family advice and encouragement. She also loved her flowers.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Garrett was preceded in death by two sons, Freddie Lee Garrett Jr. and Willie MacAuthor Garrett, and two brothers, Joe Lee (Jane) Mins and Bobby (Teresa) Norman.

Mrs. Garrett's legacy will be cherished by her daughter, Felicia Garrett of the home; her sons, the Rev. Glen (Brenda) Mims and Joseph W. Garrett, both of McCormick, Anthony (Angela) Garrett of Augusta, Ga., John (Sandra) Garrett of Troy, Bobby (Tammie) Garrett of Greenwood and the Rev. Paul (Alexandria) Garrett of Anderson; two brothers, Wilbor (Evelyn) Mims and Charlie (Mamie) Norman; her sisters, Willie (The late Rev. Bernard) White, Lillie (Wallace) Martin, Betty Norman, Shirley Norman and Robbie (Philp) Harrison; 18 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Thursday, Jan. 20 in the Andrew Wardlaw Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery.

Andrew Wardlaw Funeral Home was in charge of services.



William Murl Snellgrove

PARKSVILLE - William Murl Snellgrove, 86 of Parksville, husband of Jeanette Snellgrove, went home to be with the Lord Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022.

Murl was born in Alamo, Ga. in Wheeler County. He was the son of the late Oscar Eugene Snellgrove and Ruby Clements Snellgrove. Murl loved his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He loved riding around town on his golf cart and hanging out at the spider hole.

Survivors include his wife; four children, Wanda Weeks, Evelyn Rogers, Barbara White and Jim Buck III; and four grandchildren, Jennifer Branton, Shannon (Travis) Agner, Christina (Jason) Cadle and James (Jessica) Buck IV. Murl was also blessed with 13 great-grandchildren: Ryan Deese, Victoria Moore, Savannah Agner, Alyson Agner, William Doolittle, Callie Agner, McKenzie Doolittle, Jacob Agner, Nathan Cadle, James Buck V, Robert W. Buck, John W. Buck and Robert P. Buck.

The family received friends at the home, located at 114 Sandy Landing Rd., Parksville, SC 29845.



Edward "Ed" Duffie Winn

ORANGEBURG - Edward "Ed" Duffie Winn, 82, of Orangeburg, passed away Jan. 18, 2022 following an extended illness.

Ed was born in Edgefield, a son of the late Lewis Earnest Winn and the late Gertrude Culbreath Winn. He graduated from Edgefield High School in 1957.

After high school, Ed went into a program through the U.S. Army for six months and completed his training. Later, he returned home and started working for Milliken & Company until he transferred to Pickens and continued working for the same company until 1960. Ed was accepted by the South Carolina Highway Patrol, and after his training, he was assigned to Orangeburg District on Jan. 8, 1961 and retired as a Lieutenant in March of 1994. After retiring from the Highway Patrol, Ed opened Winn's Auto Sales in 1995 with his late wife, Rose. He retired from Winn's Auto Sales in 2017 due to health reasons.

In addition to his parents, Ed is predeceased by his devoted wife of 45 years, Rosalind "Rose" Carn Winn; two sisters, Edna Winn Smith and Ernestine Winn Bowick; two brothers, Walter Winn and Evan Winn; one daughter-in-law, Ann Easterlin; and one sister-in-law, Ethel "JoJo" Carn.

Ed is survived by his two stepsons, Frank Easterlin of Orangeburg and Andy Easterlin (Amanda) of Raleigh, N.C.; one brother, Wayland Winn (Pam) of Edgefield; two sisters, Linda Winn Harris of Abbeville and Shirley Winn Ashmore of Lincolnton, Ga.; four grandsons, Edwinn Easterlin of Rowesville, Johnathan Easterlin of Orangeburg, Trey Easterlin of Lexington and Duffie Easterlin of Raleigh, N.C.; and five great-grandchildren.

The family would like to give a special thanks to a special caregiver, Vera Brown.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 23 at Dukes-Harley Funeral Home with the Rev. Jim Parnell officiating. Burial followed in Duncan Chapel Cemetery. Honor Guard was members of the South Carolina Highway Patrol. The family received friends one hour prior to service at Dukes-Harley Funeral Home. CDC guidelines for the COVID-19 virus and social distancing were observed during the service. All attendees were required to wear a mask.

Memorials may be sent to Duncan Chapel United Methodist Church c/o Jane Jaques, 3024 Ebenezer Road, Bowman, SC 29018 or the South Carolina Troopers Association Foundation at www.sctroopers.org.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.dukes-harleyfuneralhome.com or <https://www.facebook.com/Dukes-Harley-Funeral-Home-and-Crematory-304968586272868>.

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Lincoln County declares Feb. 11 as Elijah Clarke Day

By Gary W. Edwards

Feb. 11 will be Elijah Clarke Day in Lincoln County, Ga. On that day, Elijah Clark State Park will host a celebration of the leadership and actions of Elijah Clarke, John Dooly and other Georgia patriots during the Revolutionary War Battle of Kettle Creek 243 years ago. Due to virus concerns, the typical living history demonstrations and the chili luncheon will NOT be held. The traditional wreath-laying ceremony will be held at 1:30 p.m. to honor the memory of Elijah Clarke, John Dooly and other Heroes of the Hornets' Nest from the area now known as Lincoln County. The sponsors, which include chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), Sons of the Revolution (SR) and Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), as well as the Friends of Elijah Clark State Park and the Lincoln County Historical Society and a number of individuals, will cover the usual \$5 park pass fee so that attendees to these events can enter the park for free.

The wreath-laying ceremony and musket salute will honor Georgia's patriot leaders Elijah Clarke, John Dooly and other "Heroes of the Hornet's Nest." Event Coordinator Charlie Newcomer will act as master of ceremonies. Lincoln County Commission Chairman Walker Norman will welcome guests and read the Elijah Clarke Day Proclamation. Regional color guard and militia units will combine to bring pomp and circumstance to the occasion. The ceremony will be held in indoor facilities at the park in the event of inclement weather. Descendants of Elijah Clarke and John Dooly are welcome and encouraged to take part in the ceremony.

The Battle of Kettle Creek was significant because it was the first real setback to the British Southern Strategy during the American Revolution. After a period of fighting in New England, which resulted in the occupation of New York City by the loyalists, the British shifted their emphasis to the South, took Savannah and Augusta and expected to be able to roll up Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina. They were hoping to be able to recruit loyalist troops in the backcountry of these areas. Loyalist Colonel Boyd was returning from an expedition to South Carolina with about 600 of these recruits and camped on Feb. 14, 1779 on the banks of Kettle Creek in Wilkes County, about eight miles west of Washington, Ga. A Patriot force of over 300, led by Colonel Pickens (of South Carolina), Colonel John Dooly and Lieutenant Colonel Elijah Clarke, caught up to them there. In a decisive victory for the Patriots, Boyd was killed, and remains of his force retreated with less than half of them eventually rejoining the British Army. Though a small battle overall in the context of the American Revolution, it provided an early indicator that the British Southern Strategy was doomed. The next year, in September 1780, John Dooly was murdered and buried near his home place on land that became Elijah Clark State Park. Elijah Clarke went on to participate in many battles, was injured multiple times, survived smallpox and mumps and lived through the war to eventually serve in the Georgia State Assembly. His son John Clark served as Governor of Georgia. John Dooly's son John became a judge and politician in post-war Georgia, and Dooly County is named after the elder John Dooly.

People and organizations that want to commemorate Elijah Clarke and John Dooly by laying a wreath as part of the ceremony and any of their descendants are asked to contact Charlie Newcomer, event coordinator, by email at canewcomer33@gmail.com or by mail to Charlie Newcomer, 1601 Spartan Ln., Athens, GA 30606. There is also a special "Penny Wreath Program" for those who don't have a wreath but want to participate - donating one cent at check-in allows you to be a co-owner of the "Partners in Patriotism Wreath."

The event is made possible by the sponsorship of a number of organizations. They include the Elijah Clark State Park, the Friends of the Elijah Clark Park, the Atlanta, Athens, Little River and William Few Chapters of the SAR, the Elijah Clarke Chapter of the DAR and the Lincoln County Historical Society. A special thanks goes out to Hall Productions - Charles Hall and family, members of the Coweta Falls Chapter SAR, who have graciously provided the sound system for this event for a number of years.

Lincoln County Historical Society President Don Thomas emphasizes, "This is an important event for our county, and it highlights contributions of our local heroes, both Elijah Clarke and John Dooly, during the American Revolution." Friends of the Park President and former Lincolnton Mayor Dwaine Biggerstaff adds, "We don't appreciate our local heritage enough, and I encourage folks to attend this great event."

Elijah Clark State Park is located in Lincoln County, east of Lincolnton at 2959 McCormick Highway. Though Georgia State Parks normally charge a \$5 per vehicle admission fee, that cost for all guests and participants in this event is being picked up by the generosity of the sponsoring organizations. For questions or information about the event or Elijah Clark State Park, call the park's front desk at 706-359-3458.

DHEC updates COVID-19 school guidance, supports CDC recommendation for Moderna boosters after 5 months

COLUMBIA — The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) on Sunday, Jan. 9 updated its COVID-19 guidance for K-12 schools booklet to reflect the latest COVID data and trends. This recently updated guidance compliments the DHEC School and Child-care Exclusion List, which outlines the exclusion requirements for schools and child care settings for communicable diseases. The booklet provides information on quarantine and isolation periods for students and teachers and when they can safely return to the classroom in more specific scenarios. The goal of these changes is to keep as many children in school as possible, where most children learn best, while also ensuring students, teachers and school staff are as safe as possible.

The updated guidance states that a close contact may shorten quarantine to five days if all these conditions are met: 1) they have no symptoms; 2) they test negative on a viral (PCR or antigen) test on Day 4 or later after the exposure; and 3) they must wear a mask through Day 10 at all times except when eating or drinking, or when outdoors and more than six feet from others.

Schools have two additional options for quarantine. When necessary, they may temporarily use a ten-day quarantine period, where a close contact can end quarantine after Day 10 without testing if the individual is not experiencing symptoms. Schools may also choose to implement a Test To Stay program, which can avoid the need for quarantine in many cases, though the ability to do this will be dependent on the availability of rapid test kits.

A student or staff member who is COVID-19 positive may return to school after Day 5 from symptom onset as long as they have no fever and their other symptoms are significantly improving, and they must wear a mask through Day 10. If someone ending isolation or quarantine early after five days chooses not to wear a mask, they must observe a 10-day isolation or quarantine period.

"We know there are obvious concerns about decreasing the number of recommended quarantine and isolation days during a time when cases are spiking," said Dr. Brannon Traxler, DHEC public health director. "But we are confident this guidance provides the best opportunity to keep students and teachers in the classroom without increasing exposure. The latest data and science show that these recommendations provide adequate timeframes to recover from COVID-19 and not spread the virus, with strong caveats based on consistent masking and lack of symptoms."

In addition to updates to the school guidance, DHEC is adopting CDC's recommendation for adults to receive a Moderna booster five months after their initial vaccination series. The announcement was made Friday, Jan. 7, just two days after CDC dropped the Pfizer booster timeframe from six months to five months.

DHEC encourages COVID-19 vaccines for ages five and up and booster shots for all who are eligible. Find a vaccination site near you on our vaccine locator or by calling our Vaccine Information Line at 1-866-365-8110.

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