

OBITUARIES

Ruth Fluellyn Brooks

MAYSVILLE — Ruthel “Tiny” Fluellyn Brooks, 61, died Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at Craven Regional Medical Center.

She was a member of New Hope Church of God in Christ in Maysville. She was formerly employed as a cook with the Trent Restaurant in Pollocksville and with Twin Rivers Nursing Home, New Bern, as a nurse's aide.

Funeral will be 3 p.m. Sunday at Maysville Elementary School with the Revs. Robert Blackwell and Dorian Suggs officiating.

Burial will follow in White Oak Cemetery, Maysville.

She is survived by her husband, Otha Brooks of Brook Stone Living Center, Pollocksville; one daughter, Tanisha M. Brooks of the home; two brothers, Jimmy Dudley of Temple Hills, Md. and Gary Marshall of Chester, Pa.; one sister, Claudine Lawrence of Kernersville; and one grandchild.

Visitation will be noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at Morgan Funeral Home in Jacksonville, one hour prior to the service Sunday at the school and all other times at the residence. Condolences may be sent to [www.morganfuneralhome.net](http://www.morganfuneralhome.net).

Julia Quinn Carley

Julia Quinn Carley, 78, of New Bern, died Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at home.

She was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church.

She is survived by two sons, Patrick Joseph Carley Jr., of Westfield, Mass., and Michael William Carley of Hicksville, N.Y.; three daughters, Lynn Doreen Winston of New Bern, Kathleen Patricia Zarcone of Charlotte, and Mary Jane Cicalese of St. Augustine, Fla.; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral Mass will be 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Paul Catholic Church with Father Paul Mizener officiating.

Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery.

The family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Cotten Funeral Home, New Bern.

Carrie Mae Credle

MESIC — Carrie Mae Credle, 90, of 8954 N.C. 304, died Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at her residence.

A native of Mesic, she was a member of Mt. Olive M.B. Church, where she formerly served as a mother of the church, senior choir member, chairwoman of the Missionary Circle and food service department. She was employed for many years as a nutrition planner with Senior Services.

Funeral will be 3 p.m. Sunday at Mt. Olive M.B. Church with the Rev. C.A. Felton Jr., officiating.

Burial will be in Mesic Memorial.

She is survived by six sons, Edward Credle, Bryan Credle, and Michael Credle, all of Bayboro, James Warren Credle of Newark, N.J., Ronnie Credle of Palmdale, Calif., and Frankie Credle of Cape May, N.J.; three daughters, Marjorie Covie of East Orange, N.J., Lorraine Dixon of Newport News, Va., and Connie Credle of Winston-Salem; one sister, Cynthia Robinson of New Bern; 41 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the residence.

Viewing will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Oscar's Mortuary, New Bern, and one hour prior to the service Sunday at the church.

Marie Ramsey Croom Collins

BURGAW — Marie Ramsey Croom Collins, 84, died Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

She was a charter member of Forest Hills Baptist Church, Bible Baptist Church and Twin Rivers Baptist Church. She also was a member of Friendly Community Baptist Church. She taught Sunday school for many years and also sang in the church choir.

Funeral will be 2 p.m. today

at Friendly Community Baptist Church with the Revs. Phillip Jones, Allen Ray Croom and Brandon McKoy officiating.

Burial will follow in Burgaw Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Bryan D. Collins of the home; one daughter, Kathy Croom McKoy of Burgaw; three sons, Henry Aaron Croom of Wilmington, Allen Ray Croom of New Bern, and J.B. Croom of Burgaw; three stepchildren, James B. Collins of Jacksonville, Phillip Ray Collins of Verona and Rhonda Gail Snell of Orlando, Fla.; three sisters, Lillian Taylor of Mobile, Ala., and Delores McKoy Brown and Carolyn Batts, of Burgaw; three brothers, Kenneth Ramsey and Eugene Ramsey of Burgaw, and Lewis Ramsey of Rocky Point; 20 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

The family received friends Thursday at Quinn-McGowen Funeral Home, Burgaw, and will receive friends at other times at the residence.

Virginia Dare Williams Davis

ALLIANCE — Virginia Dare Williams Davis, 75, of 290A Keel Road, died Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at Craven Regional Medical Center.

She was a member of Bethel M.B. Church, serving as a senior choir member, secretary of the Union Association, missionary and mother. She was also a member of Bay Star Chapter O.E.S.

Funeral will be 1 p.m. Monday at Bethel M.B. Church with the Rev. Victor Smith officiating.

Burial will be in Bethel Church Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Johnnie Davis of Merritt; one son, Kelvin Davis of Fort Washington, Md.; three daughters, Hattie D. Jordan of Dale City, Va., Teresa Davis of Bayboro, and Dianne D. Harvey of Fort Washington, Md.; one brother, Opheus Williams of Temple Hills, Md.; one sister, Irene McNair of Washington; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at 96 Spruill Road, Merritt.

Viewing will be from 2 to 6 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Oscar's Mortuary, New Bern, and one hour prior to the service Monday at the church.

Albert E. Grimmer

WILLARD — Albert E. Grimmer, 69, died May 23, 2007, at Pender Memorial Hospital in Burgaw.

Funeral will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Wallace Pentecostal Holiness Church with the Rev. Bobby Forehand and Kirk Grimmer officiating.

Burial will follow in Peniel Church Cemetery, Willard.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Piner Grimmer of the home; two sons, David Grimmer of Burgaw and Kirk Grimmer of Topsail Beach; two brothers, Harry Grimmer of Charlotte and Johnny F. Grimmer of Surf City; two sisters, Bertie Grimmer Brown of Jacksonville and Joyce Grimmer Matthews of New Bern; and one grandson.

The family will receive visitors from 7 to 9 p.m. today at Padgett Funeral Home, Wallace.

Vera Foyder Lawrance

Vera Foyder Lawrance, of New Bern, died Saturday, May 12, 2007, at Craven Regional Medical Center.

Graveside services were held Thursday, May 17, in Yonkers, N.Y.

She is survived by one son, Charles Dennis Lawrance of New Bern; two daughters, Veronica Lawrance Warren of New Bern and Carol Lawrance Brakenbury of Brockport, N.Y.; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made for the Congregate Meals Program to Craven County Senior Services, P.O. Box 12039, New Bern, NC 28561-2039.

Arrangements by Woodbridge Funeral Home, Have-lock.

Evalyn S. Gamache

Evalyn S. Gamache, 92, died Tuesday evening, May 22, 2007, at Two Rivers Healthcare Nursing Home, New Bern.

Evalyn was born on July 25, 1915, in Rehoboth, Mass., daughter of John and Ada Johnson. After graduating from Bryant College of Business, in Providence, R.I., she worked as an office administrator at the Attleboro Steam and Electric, the U.S. Army during World War II and in the Auditor Office and Welfare Department for the City of Attleboro, Mass. She was a longtime member of the Tremont Street Methodist Church.

She was the widow of Edgar D. Gamache.

She is survived by her son, Alan Gamache and his wife, Rebecca Shelby; and two granddaughters,



Nicolette Gamache of San Francisco, Calif., and Ursula Gamache of New Bern.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Garber United Methodist Church, Country Club Road.

Arrangements by Pollock-Best Funerals & Creations, New Bern.

Paid obituary

James Albert Ipock

Mr. James Albert “J.A.” Ipock, 84, of Ernul, died Thursday, May 24, 2007.

A graveside service will be conducted 3 p.m. Sunday in the Ipock Family Cemetery, near Ernul, officiated by the Rev. Grady Simpson.

J.A. was a native and lifelong resident of the Ernul community of Craven County. A veteran of World War II, he was a Pearl Harbor survivor who saw considerable action in the Pacific Theater. He was later employed by civil service at Cherry Point, retiring in 1970, af-

ter 30 years of service.

J.A. was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Blanche Ipock.

He is survived by his two sisters, Gladys Schuchard of San Antonio, Texas, and Margaret Henderson of Manteo; brother, Harold Ipock of Ernul; three nephews; three nieces; and a number of great nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends 7 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday at the Wilkerson Funeral Home in Vanceboro.

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DEATH NOTICES

Artis Lee Lewis, 79, Bayboro. Arrangements by Oscar's Mortuary, New Bern.

June H. Chamberlin, 94, New Bern. Arrangements by the Cremation Society of the Carolinas, Raleigh.

Shirleen Jones Gurkin, 58, Pinetown. Arrangements by Paul Funeral Home, Washington, N.C.

Signal

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require municipalities and towns with more than 25 traffic lights to implement such traffic synchronization programs with the state.

Opponents of Allred's effort portrayed his amendment as an unfunded mandate for municipalities.

“We do not need to send another unfunded mandate down to cities,” said Rep. Van Braxton, D-Lenoir. “It would cost millions of dollars.”

Others, however, spoke in an unsuccessful effort to get the House to go along with Allred's more strict proposal.

Rep. Bill Current, R-Gaston, told about how Gastonia used to have traffic flow problems because of traffic lights.

“We were known as the city

of stoplights,” Current said.

He talked about a \$45-million bond package that the city adopted that included new traffic lights.

“The best thing we did in that \$45-million bond package was to synchronize our traffic lights,” he said. “It's a heck of a good idea.”

He was unable to convince a majority of House members of the merits of such a stipulation. The House defeated the amendment by a 69-50 vote.

Allred said that the bill raises the profile of the issues.

“It tells the DOT that we want you to do this,” Allred said. “I'm saying, do what you can to coordinate the stoplights.”

The bill now goes to the Senate.

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Wake schools ban denigrating remarks by guest speakers

The Associated Press

RALEIGH — A three-month investigation into anti-Muslim remarks by one guest speakers has lead the Wake County school system to require that future speakers agree not to make denigrating remarks.

The rule, in response to remarks earlier this year by a guest speaker at Enloe High School, requires guest speakers to sign a document agreeing not to denigrate any culture, race, gender, national origin or religion.

The remarks that spurred the new policy were made in

February in the classroom of Robert Escamilla, a social studies teacher at Enloe, by Kamil Solomon of Raleigh, a Christian evangelist.

Solomon asked students to embrace Christianity and distributed pamphlets calling the Prophet Muhammad a “criminal” and a “demon possessed.” He also said Muhammad was “inspired by Satan.”

Escamilla was suspended for 90 days with pay. He will be reassigned to another school, said school Superintendent Del Burns, who did not name the new school.

Navy

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Capt. Edward Milliner, a Navy chaplain aboard Camp Lejeune, said he thinks it's a great idea.

“The Marine Corps has always been a part of the Department of the Navy, but I think to give more attention to the role the Marine Corps plays would be a good idea,” he said. “A lot of people don't know the Marine Corps is a part of the Department of the Navy.”

Even the names of awards have been recently changed, he said. The Navy Achievement Medal and Navy Commendation Medal are now the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, respectively.

“By giving them a part in the name, it makes it more official and more well-known,” Milliner said.

Marine Staff Sgt. Moham-

med Eyiowuawi said the name never bothered him before, but it's a good idea.

“It would give the Marines a sense of pride, a sense of belonging,” he said.

Other Marines and sailors said it didn't matter to them what the department is called because they all work together.

“We're all serving together to support the country whether we're the Department of the Navy or the Marine Corps,” said Lance Cpl. John Kubik. “It really doesn't bother me because my grandfather served 20 years in the Navy. Either way, I'm still serving.”

One Marine, Staff Sgt. Alexander Garciatrochez, said the name change is not enough.

“I think we should be completely separate, with our own budget and everything,” he said. “The name doesn't matter as much, because when somebody says ‘Marines’ we still stand out.”

Amendment

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Two of those were Reps. Van Braxton, D-Lenoir, and Pryor Gibson, D-Anson.

Braxton said that when he was on the Kinston City Council, eminent domain was used only as a last resort. He said that the proposed amendment is a result of a mistrust of the people in their elected officials.

Gibson argued that the amendment would handicap local officials who are promoting economic development.

“We're going to end speculative buildings; we're going to end industrial parks in every county in North Carolina,” Gibson said. “We're getting ready to take the most important tool for those communities away.”

Rep. Joe Kiser, R-Lincoln, took issue with Gibson's as-

sertion that local governments had to use their powers of eminent domain to promote economic development. He said developers in Lincoln County have established economic development parks by paying property owners a fair value for their land.

“We're getting people from all over the United States to locate in Lincoln County and all over the world,” Kiser said.

The proposed change is in response to what has become known as the 2005 Kelo decision in the U.S. Supreme Court. That decision said that private development could be considered a “public use” and thereby would allow the city of New London, Conn., to take such property.

The bill now goes to the Senate.

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