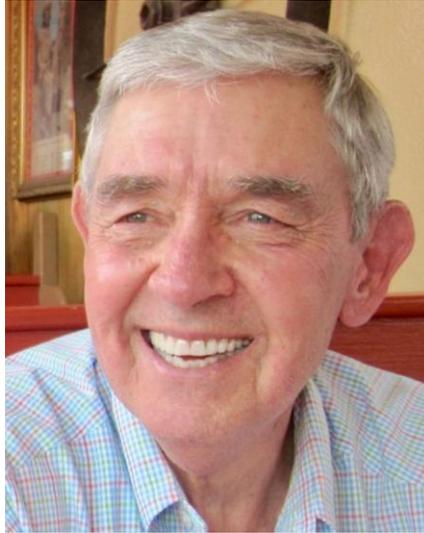


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# William Coalter Paxton, Jr. (2025)



William Coalter Paxton, Jr., a lifetime resident of Wilson, died on December 7, 2025. Coalter was predeceased by his parents, William Coalter and Ethel Battle Paxton, daughter, Harriette Dewey Paxton, and brother, Augustus Winniett Peters. He leaves behind to cherish his memory his beloved wife of 65 years, Webber Bell Paxton, son William Coalter Paxton III (Caroline), and daughter Elizabeth Paxton Black; grandchildren, William Coalter Paxton IV (Payton), John Bratton Parker, Jr., Grace Rumsey Paxton, Josephine Paxton Parker, Thomas Webber Paxton, and James Hillary Black III ; great grandchildren, William Coalter Paxton V and Jack Perry Paxton. He is also survived by his sister, Sallie Paxton Smyth, and six nephews, Paxton Peters, Walston Peters, Tom Peters, Hall Smyth, Adam Smyth and Ben Smyth.

Coalter was a life-long member of First Presbyterian Church in Wilson and served as a member of the diaconate. He graduated from Episcopal High School and received a degree in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina, where he was a member of the Zeta Psi Fraternity.

After college, while serving in the Army Reserves, he began a career in banking, working first at BB&T and then Southern National Bank, where he was Vice President.

In 1988, Coalter purchased a bonded warehouse business in Wilson and formed Paxton Bonded Storages, Inc. specializing in cotton warehousing. His career in the cotton business spanned four decades and he served on the boards of the Cotton Warehouse Association of America and the National Cotton Council.

Old cars were his passion, particularly ones from the 1950s, and over the years, he owned some beautifully restored ones that he loved to take on Sunday drives, and whisk away newly

married couples after their wedding. In his earlier years, he was very meticulous about their yard, and frequently won "Yard of the Month" at their home on Lakeside Drive. Known for his green thumb, Coalter enjoyed planting summer vegetables for family and friends in his bountiful garden. He was a force on the tennis courts in the 70's and 80's and coordinated and played in city wide tournaments.

Coalter, affectionately known as Poppi by his family, and as Goatman by his friends, had a wonderful sense of humor, a unique wit and an infectious smile. He entertained his family with his funny antics and wonderful expressions. He had an outgoing, gregarious personality, and he shared a special bond with his beloved dachshund, Fritz.

A Visitation will be held Friday, December 12, at 1007 Woodland Drive from 5pm to 7pm.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, December 13, at 11a.m. at First Presbyterian Church.

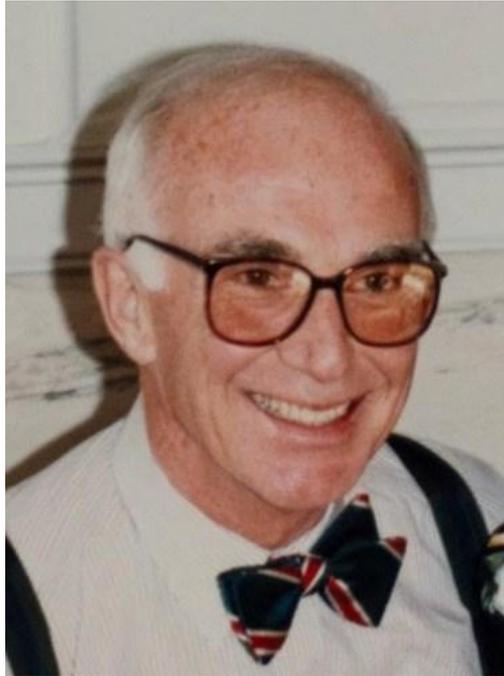
Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church, P.O.Box 3184, Wilson, NC 27895..

The family extends their heartfelt thanks to his caregivers, Sheryl Burks, Lisa Strayhorn, Barabara Flora and Gale Barnes.

Condolences directed to Joyner's Funeral Home and Crematory at [www.joyners.net](http://www.joyners.net).

To order [memorial trees](#) or send flowers to the family in memory of William Coalter Paxton, Jr., please visit our [flower store](#).

# Frank Smith Wilkinson Jr. (2025)



August 29, 1939 - July 3, 2025

A 65-year love affair ended on Minneapolis, Minnesota - Like the mountains and forests he loved, Frank Smith Wilkinson, Jr., stood with presence and elegance in the world. Born in Rocky Mount, NC, on August 29, 1939, he flourished in the South of his youth in an idyllic childhood and family. His father, Frank Smith Wilkinson, Sr., an insurance, savings, and loan executive, and his mother, Dorothy Battle Wilkinson, active in historic preservation, were pillars of their tight-knit community that imbued him and his big sister, Gordon Wilkinson Folger, with intellectual curiosity, a love of art and music, and a commitment to community service. Thus, prepared for life, Frank embraced the broader world both nationally and internationally. From his business acumen to his passion for the environment, and from his love of music and art to his humanitarian, magnanimous heart, Frank was a model of personal and professional integrity, optimism, creativity, and philanthropy.

Curious and broadminded, Frank studied history at Davidson College before earning an MBA at the Wharton School. After an early chapter working for GenRe, a global reinsurance company in New York City, Frank relocated to Minneapolis in 1970, where he spent over thirty years at E.W. Blanch as a reinsurance broker and then as executive vice president. He was a leader and a pioneer in the industry, introducing actuarial modeling to assess risk and loss to an otherwise relationship/sales driven industry. Frank also taught several generations of reinsurance professionals the importance of ethics and philanthropy. Leading by example,

he told ambitious and talented junior brokers that they would likely be financially successful but that they should also be generous and charitable with their resources.

Frank lived his values. Having a deep passion for the outdoors, Frank climbed and hiked many of the National Parks of North America. In addition, he became a catalyst for environmental advocacy in Minnesota. Frank worked with a group of Sierra Club activists, lawyers, and university professors in the early 70's to become a "full-time lobbyist" for the environment as his philanthropic focus. The result was the creation of Project Environment, now the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy, whose mission was to hire lawyer lobbyists to advocate for environmental laws at the Capitol, thus creating the voice for the nascent environmental movement in Minnesota.

Frank also had a deep affinity for art and music and served for over a decade on the board of the Walker Art Center. His love of jazz, blues, Brazilian bossa nova, and traditional Irish music was legendary amongst his friends and family; in fact, it was that passion for art and music that brought Frank together with his wife, Frances, the love of his life, who is also a fellow jazz aficionado and art lover. They married on March 8, 1990, and had a splendid lifelong romance that was marked by ever-deepening affection, expansive curiosity and a deep care for family and the world until his very last breath.

Frank was predeceased by his parents and sister. In addition to Frances, Frank leaves many who will cherish his memory, including his children Smith (Jenna) Wilkinson, Eloise Ratan (Rajeev), Charlotte Heins (Garrett) and Ben (Kelley) Wilkinson, as well as his grandchildren Scottie, Josephine, and Westray. Frank wished to thank his personal care assistant, Alex Mungai, for his devotion and upbeat sports-loving presence. Frank's family loved and admired him, both as a role model who was modest and constant and for his straight-to-the-point words of advice, including one favorite: measure twice, cut once.

A celebration of life will be held Aug. 26 at 1 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, 519 Oak Grove Street, Minneapolis.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to The Trust for Public Land, Conservation Minnesota, The Minneapolis Parks Foundation, the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy or The Walker Art Center.

"We all cannot do great things," Mother Teresa once said, "but we can do small things with great love." That ethos also guided Frank's heart.

To plant trees in memory, please visit the [Sympathy Store](#).

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## Gordon Wilkinson Folger (2024)



November 18, 1935 – September 12, 2024

A 65-year love affair ended on September 12th with the death of Gordon Folger. During that lifetime she crafted a family and an inspiring career helping women.

Lee IV and Frank were born, educated, married, and began their families using her model. Lee's wife, Jill Newbold Folger, became to us the daughter we always wanted but could not have. Their children, Lee V and Allie, formed one part of a cohort of grandchildren. From Frank and Caroline Stovall Folger, Jourdan, David and Kathryn. They lit her life with raucous, loving gatherings and holidays here and in Chapel Hill. She was never happier.

Her beloved younger brother Frank added to the mix from Minneapolis with Frances Rudolph Wilkinson. Their children Smith (Jenna), Ellie (Rajeev), Charlotte (Garrett) and Ben (Kelley) joined the two families for gatherings, melding the families together through her brother's creative generosity, despite the time and distance. Frank and Frances are also blessed with grandchildren Scottie, Josie, and Westray.

Gordon began working on behalf of women's needs and development using career counseling; first as head of the Women's Center of Wake County giving confidence and guidance to those who appeared at the doorstep. She was asked to head up the Career Counselor office at Meredith College where she built an office and staff that enabled her to bring all her skills together as one. There is much to be said for Meredith.

Gordon drew support and friendship from all corners, whether at an official Hollins College gathering, at work, traveling, with the Cameron Park Sisterhood, or surrounded by family.

She was born in Rocky Mount to Francis Smith Wilkinson and Dorothy Battle Wilkinson on November 18, 1935. She will be interred at the Battle Family Private Cemetery at a turn in the Tar River, Edgecombe County, just outside Rocky Mount at a location that she helped develop and loved. This will follow a funeral service at Christ Church, downtown Raleigh, on October 4th at 2:00pm. She was dedicated to the church and they provided her with care, counseling, and communion in those final difficult months of her illness.

The time we were given through the extraordinary skill and care of Dr. James Parsons was priceless. He sought to give us another year "on the porch" following her accident, and in fact, gave us two. He brought a caring staff headed by Julie Sutherland, Yvonne Smith and Susan Potter who showered Gordon with love and expert care.

Gordon listed for me several favorite organizations that were special to her. Hollins College, Preservation North Carolina, Meredith College and Christ Church. I will be sending gifts to each in her memorial.

Goodbye, precious Darling,

With Love,

Lee III

# Charlotte Battle Robbins (2024)



Charlotte Battle Robbins, age 72, passed away on Friday, February 9, 2024, in Memphis, Tennessee. Born in Rocky Mount, North Carolina on November 29, 1951, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Braswell Battle and Charlotte Timberlake Battle.

Charlotte is survived by her husband, Dr. Edward Todd Robbins, and her daughters, Charlotte Jordan Robbins Barratt and husband, Patrick Thomas Barratt, and Margaret Falconer Robbins Warren and husband, Scott Bradford Warren; her four beloved granddaughters, Charlotte, Llewellyn, Elizabeth, and Sedley; and her two precious black labs, Emma and Darcy.

Charlotte spent her childhood in Rocky Mount and was a graduate of The Madeira School in McLean, Virginia and Sweet Briar College in Sweet Briar, Virginia. After marrying Todd, Charlotte moved to Memphis where she raised her daughters and built relationships as a devoted wife, mother, and friend.

A celebration of Charlotte's life will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 10:00 AM at Calvary Episcopal Church, Memphis, TN. A reception will be held in the great hall following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Charlotte's memory to Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N. 2nd Street, Memphis, TN 38103 and The Church of the Good Shepherd, 231 N. Church Street, Rocky Mount, NC 27804.

# Charlotte Timberlake Battle (2023)



Charlotte Timberlake Battle, age 92, passed away on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Born in Virginia Beach, VA on November 12, 1930, she was the daughter of the late Comdr. Julian Burton Timberlake Jr., U.S.N. retired, and Charlotte Falconer Jordan Timberlake. She was preceded into death by her husband of 58 years, Thomas Braswell Battle of Rocky Mount, NC.

Charlotte is survived by her daughter, Charlotte Battle Robbins and husband, Dr. Edward Todd Robbins; her grandchildren, Charlotte Jordan Robbins Barratt, and husband, Patrick Thomas Barratt, and Margaret Falconer Robbins Warren, and husband Scott Bradford Warren; and her four beloved great-granddaughters, Charlotte, Llewellyn, Elizabeth, and Sedley.

Charlotte spent her childhood in Virginia Beach, VA and Miami, FL, and was a graduate of The Old Fields School in Sparks Glencoe, MD. As a young bride, she moved with Tommy to Rocky Mount where she joyfully raised their family and served as an active member of the community. Charlotte retired to The Cedars of Chapel Hill where she spent her time building relationships and as a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. For over 25 years, she proudly served North Carolina as the Vice-Regent of the Mount Vernon Ladies Association Board. She was a board member of the Braswell Memorial Library and a dedicated member and volunteer at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

A Celebration of Charlotte's life will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 3:00 PM at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 231 N. Church Street, Rocky Mount, NC with The

Rev. Philip Zoutendam officiating. A reception will be held in the fellowship hall following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Charlotte's memory to the Church of the Good Shepherd, 231 N. Church Street, Rocky Mount, NC 27804, and the Ladies Association of George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway Mount Vernon, Virginia 22121.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brown Wynn Funeral Home, 300 Saint Mary's Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27605.

# Joseph Eagles Bunn (2023)



September 29, 1943 — April 19, 2023

Wilson, NC

Joseph Eagles Bunn passed away on April 19th, 2023. Visitation will be held at the family home Friday, April 21 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. A graveside service will be held on Monday, April 24 at 11:00 am at Maplewood Cemetery in Wilson, NC. Father Philip Byrum will officiate.

Joe is survived by his wife Ruby Mercer Bunn of Wilson, NC; his brothers, Frederick Moye Bunn and wife, Gina and Turner Battle Bunn, III and wife, Sarah.; son, Joseph Eagles Bunn, Jr.; daughter Anne Davis Richards and husband, Rob; and grandsons, Colin Eagles Bunn, Davis Thorton Bunn and Frederick Battle Richards.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Turner Battle Bunn, Jr. and Catherine Eagles Bunn, both of Wilson, NC.

Joe served as President of Rocky Mount Cord Company for 50 years.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to American Cancer Society or St. Timothy's Episcopal Church.

Condolences directed to Joyner's Funeral Home and Crematory at [www.joyners.net](http://www.joyners.net).

# Marshall “Marsh” Pully Mebane (2022)



April 5, 1950 - November 2, 2022

ROCKY MOUNT – Marshall “Marsh” Pully Mebane, age 72, died on Wednesday, November 2, 2022. Born in Rocky Mount, NC on April 5, 1950, she was the daughter of the late Mary Marshall Spears Pully and Young Arrington Pully.

Marsh is survived by her husband of 50 years, John M. Mebane, Jr.; her son, John Y. Mebane; her daughters, Ann Mebane Hine and husband, Ken Gerrard, and Grace Mebane Hamrick and husband, Vason; her grandchildren, Battle Hine, Florence Hine, Marshall Hamrick, Walt Hamrick, and Will Hamrick; and her brothers, Bill Pully and wife, Dale, and Lewis Pully.

Marsh had a zest for life, was competitive in all she attempted, and her sheer determination carried her through her medical challenges of the past few years. She especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren on the Albemarle Sound and vacations at Nags Head with her large extended family. Sharing life with her many friends brought her much joy.

Golf was her passion, and while she enjoyed the challenge of the game, more important was the companionship of her fellow golfers. Along the way, Marsh taught middle school, owned a tennis shop and worked as a bookkeeper, but some of her most rewarding effort was helping establish a La Leche League for new mothers in Rocky Mount during the mid-1970s.

A Celebration of Marsh’s Life will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2022, at 11:00 AM at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 231 N. Church Street, Rocky Mount, NC with The

Rev. Becky Michelfelder officiating. A reception will be held at Benvenue Country Club at 100 Southern Boulevard, Rocky Mount, NC following the service. The family will also receive friends at the home from 4 to 8 PM Friday, November 4, 2022.

The service will be livestreamed and available for viewing at [GSLIVE.ORG](http://GSLIVE.ORG)

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Marsh's memory to the Church of the Good Shepherd, 231 N. Church Street, Rocky Mount, NC 27804.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wheeler & Woodlief Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 1130 N. Winstead Avenue, Rocky Mount, NC 27804. You may share memories and condolences with the family by visiting [www.wheelerwoodlief.com](http://www.wheelerwoodlief.com).

# Elizabeth Loomis Battle (2022)



Elizabeth Loomis Battle

- March 24, 1932 - February 6, 2022
- Charleston, South Carolina

Elizabeth Loomis Battle died peacefully on Sunday morning, February 6, 2022, in Charleston, SC, after a brief bout with cancer.

Born in Omaha, Nebraska, on March 24, 1932, to Grace Loomis Battle and Richard Thomas Battle, Liz lived in many places around the world. After spending her childhood in Chattanooga, Tennessee and graduating from the Girls' Preparatory School there, she graduated from Radcliffe College in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and then lived in New York City, Manila, Jakarta, and Singapore with her then husband, Daniel Roberts.

Years after her return to New York City from Southeast Asia, she graduated from the Brooklyn Law School and practiced law for Dewey Ballantine LLP. After living in New York City and Southampton, NY, she then moved to Charleston, SC, in the Spring of 2012.

Her passions were the opera and flower arranging. She was the first female President of the Metropolitan Opera Club in NYC as well as a past Board Member of SpoletoUSA in Charleston. Her flower arrangements won awards as a member of the Southampton Garden Club and adorned her tables as she entertained in NYC, Southampton, and Charleston. She was a Social Member of the Meadow Club in Southampton, NY, and the Colony Club in New York City.

A graveside service will be held at 2 pm on Friday, February 11, 2022, at the Magnolia Cemetery in Charleston, SC. A memorial service will be held at a later date to be determined. Arrangements by J. Henry Stuhr, Inc. Downtown Chapel.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Philip's Church in Charleston, SC or any charity of your choice.

# Meade Bridgers (2021)



July 3, 1940 - December 28, 2021

LEESBURG - Meade Bridgers, 81, died on Dec. 28, 2021 in Leesburg, VA following a long and heroic battle with Parkinson's Disease.

A longtime resident of Tarboro NC, she served for many years as the director of the Edgecombe County Cultural Arts Council and was the curator of the Blount-Bridgers House museum and Hobson Pittman Memorial Gallery located in Tarboro.

Ms. Bridgers was the daughter of Capt. Henry Clark Bridgers, Jr, USN of Tarboro, NC, and Margaret Lewis Bridgers of Durham, NC.

She was a graduate of The Madeira School in McLean, VA, and attended Vassar College in New York where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Greek. She later received her Master's degree in Arts and Classics from Johns Hopkins University in Maryland.

She began her career in arts and history as a research assistant in the field of archaeology, studying the history and culture of the Byzantine Empire. Her travels across Europe gave her a special appreciation for the cultural treasures of the world, and eventually she would incorporate those experiences into her work with the arts council.

Following a brief tenure in Washington, D.C., where she worked as a correspondent for the White House during the Lyndon B. Johnson Administration, she married and moved to Tarboro, NC.

She was the owner and operator of Tarboro's first bookstore, The Book Nook, a reporter for a short-lived local newspaper, "The Edgecombe Chronicle", and spent several years assisting in the production of finely crafted hand-made furniture.

She soon became involved in numerous programs and activities, including Preservation North Carolina, the Federation of North Carolina Historical Associations, the Colonial Dames, was a founding member of the Phoenix Historical Society, and was the first female member of the Tarboro Rotary Club. In 2017 she was inducted into the Twin Counties Hall of Fame.

As director of the Blount Bridgers House, she devoted her time to the betterment of the community. She became instrumental in the establishment of the Edgecombe ARTS program, and spent over two decades expanding the program to include various forms of art and culture, including the opening of the Hobson Pittman Memorial Gallery which featured works from Pittman, a celebrated local artist. In addition to opening the gallery, she penned, "The Poet's Palette," a brief biography of Pittman and a published chronicle of his work.

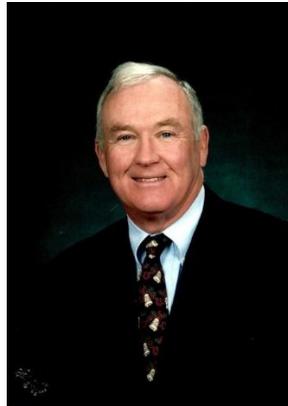
In reference to her position with the Arts Council, Ms. Bridgers once remarked, "Being the Director has given me a chance to utilize everything I've learned over the years. My mission is to help preserve and promote the cultural heritage of Edgecombe County. We're such a rich cultural community and so many people don't even realize it."

She was a longtime member of Calvary Episcopal Church, and sang in the church choir. Her love of music compelled her to join the Tar River Chorus, a local choral group that performed across the United States and Europe.

She is survived by her two children, Alix Horne Coolidge and Thomas Horne, both of Warrenton, VA, her sister, Penny Bridgers of London, England, and two grandchildren.

# Charles Stewart Verdery (2021)

MARCH 13, 1942 – MARCH 17, 2021



Charles “Charlie” Stewart Verdery of Hanover, VA, passed away on March 17, 2021 at the age of 79 in Richmond, VA following a short and intense battle with cancer.

Charles was many things – a very successful businessman, an athlete and competitor, a nature lover, a collector, a blend of thriftiness and generosity, a man of habit who also liked to explore, and above all a family man. His is survived by his wife of 32 years, Martha Mebane Verdery. Charlie and Marty had a wonderful marriage, full of trips to Nags Head, birding trips across the country, dog walks, and watching and debating ACC sports. Meals on the back deck while birdwatching was a favorite pastime for decades. He will be missed greatly by his family, co-workers, and numerous friends across wide ranges of geography, age, and station in life.

Charles was born in 1942 in Augusta, Georgia as the fourth child of Albert Brantley Verdery (then stationed in the United Kingdom during World War II) and Louise Stebbins Ford Verdery. After growing up in Augusta, Georgia, New Bern, North Carolina, and Baltimore, Maryland, Charles graduated from St. Paul’s School for Boys in Baltimore in 1960, Kenyon College with a A.B in 1964, and the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania with a M.B.A. in 1966. Always looking for a business angle and apparently willing to work in any temperature, among his many jobs as a kid and student included: a paper route, bike repair, lawnmowing, selling snow cones, driving the golf range picker, library aide, ice block cutting, hay baling, construction, camp counselor, cafeteria worker, basketball court halftime sweeper, dorm mini-mart operator, lacrosse coach, driving a snowplow, and selling programs at JFK Stadium in Philadelphia.

After stints at Mobil in Tampa and Reynolds International in Richmond, Charles joined Sydnor Pump and Well (later Sydnor Hydrodynamics and now Sydnor Hydro) in 1971 as Chief

Financial Officer, before buying the company in 1985 and serving as President for the past 36 years. Sydnor is known throughout the south for its 130-year history of pump and well sales, drilling water wells, installing residential water systems, and providing water services. Sydnor always has been known for a family atmosphere with incredible employee loyalty and longevity, starting with the Sydnor family and then through Charles' leadership – a tenure of ten years means you are still 'new.' While all six of his children or step-children worked briefly at Sydnor at some point, Charles' youngest son Brant continues the family tradition as Vice President at Sydnor.

Charles also served as owner of the River Golf Club in North Augusta, SC, and owner of the Artisan Aquafarm of South Mills, NC. Charles helped develop the River Golf Club from a new public club to one of the premier semi-private clubs in the Southeast. His insightful business and sporting advice to his middle son and club manager, Chris, was integral to the success of the club. Charles was quick to make friends with club members, taste test all the menu items, and jump in to clean carts and clubs when the club was busy. Charting his unusual golf cart paths via the GPS usually resulted in him explaining that he was chasing a rare bird or animal on the course.

'Charlie' or 'Chuck' was a star athlete in high school and college including all-city honors in lacrosse and football in high school as a running back and attackman, respectively, and All-American honors in lacrosse at Kenyon. At Kenyon he occasionally would suffer a dislocated shoulder. His friend Louie Berney noted that once when his shoulder came out, he had to wait two hours before being seen by a doctor but never complained: "That episode epitomized Charlie. He was not a grouser. He never felt sorry for himself."

He went on to referee high school and college lacrosse games in the Central Virginia area for decades and played on numerous softball squads into his later years, as well as being an avid golfer. He also coached numerous youth sports teams across several decades.

Charles was an active tennis player at Willow Oaks Country Club and Burkwood Swim & Racquet Club for more than 25 years. His friends knew him to be always ready to play (opening the can of balls was deemed a sufficient warm-up) and a tough competitor. But after a match Charles loved the opportunity to sit down and discuss just about any topic – from business to politics to sports to birdwatching. He had a keen mind, was well read, and ready to challenge conventional wisdom with a fresh viewpoint. But he also loved to laugh and proudly talk about family accomplishments. He was stimulating and fun to be around. Marty knew he would not be home quickly after an afternoon match.

Charles loved to explore our vast country and set an audacious goal of visiting every one of the 3142 counties in the United States, often in long road trips with his older brother Pete. Following itineraries that made sense only because Charles was avoiding interstate highways and crossing as many county lines as possible, they explored the South, the Upper Midwest

and the West. Once arriving in a remote oil town in Montana, they were told that every hotel room had been booked for six months – “The bad news is that there aren’t any other hotels for 200 miles; the good news is that you can drive 100 miles an hour and nobody will care.” Into his late 70’s, he continued exploring, including a month-long trek with Louie into remote Alaska where they encountered a grizzly bear. When Louie wanted to keep snapping photos, Charles insisted they drive off – when Louie said he was safe behind the car door, Charles said he was not worried about Louie but he did not want to return a scratched rental car. He was able to cross the 50% county barrier last year.

His Augusta roots brought Charles back frequently to family events, his River Golf Club, and occasionally to play Augusta National. In 1987, he was able to bring his banker as a guest and when the banker somehow shot his career low round at the home of the Masters, Charles was told that every loan he needed for the rest of time was pre-approved. In 2015, his son Chris arranged a memorable day for Charles and all three of his sons at the National.

Among his many passions were their dogs, bird-watching and birds-spotted data tracking, beach fun in Nags Head, playing any activity that kept a score, completing a perfect yard clean up, getting up-and-down from impossible positions on the golf course, the annual Sydnor Christmas turkey distribution, puzzles, Parker’s Barbeque in Wilson, NC, and the Carolina Booze rotisserie baseball league. As a sports enthusiast, he closely followed teams from Clemson, UVA and UNC, each of which had family connections.

In addition to his wife Martha, Charles is survived by his three siblings, Albert Brantley Verdery, Jr., of Augusta, GA, Rieves Ford Verdery of Augusta, GA, and Alison Verdery Price of North Augusta, SC. He is also survived by: three children, Charles Stewart Verdery, Jr. and his wife Jenifer of Washington, D.C., Christopher Scott Verdery and his wife Mary Dawn of North Augusta, SC, and Albert Brantley Verdery III and his wife Angela of Richmond, VA, and their mother Linda Bond Verdery of Bremo Bluff, VA; and three step-children, William Albert Anderson, III and his wife Kristin of Durham, NC, Katherine Elizabeth Anderson of Silver Spring, MD, and Thomas Delton Anderson and his wife Gennifer of St. Augustine, FL. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren: Isabelle Anne, Charles Stewart III, Jack Benjamin, Cole Jag, Estee Lauren, Anna-Leah, Caroline Bond, Kathryn Michelle, and Peter Brantley Verdery; Mary Katherine, Amelia May, James Richard, Lucas Battle and Annabel Bailey Anderson; and Andrew Franklin Vogt.

# Mary Parham Jackson (2018)

OCTOBER 28, 1942 – MAY 23, 2018



Mary Parham Jackson, 75, passed away on May 23, 2018. Mary was born in Granville County, North Carolina to the late Russell Johnson Parham and Eliza Lewis Parham on October 28, 1942, and grew up in Henderson, North Carolina. She attended Saint Mary's College and University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

She was an active member of Christ Episcopal Church in Raleigh. Mary will be remembered for her service to others in many capacities. She was a volunteer with Transitions LifeCare, she enjoyed knitting caps for newborns at Rex Hospital, and she lovingly supported underprivileged children on an international level. In her free time she enjoyed the beach, playing bridge, and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her children, Christopher Lawrence Jackson (Lorrie), Weldon Jackson Byrtus (Jimmy), and Russell Parham Jackson (Debbie); sister, Liza Parham Avery (David); grandchildren, Liza Byrtus and Waylan Jackson.

A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at 11 o'clock, at Christ Episcopal Church, 120 E. Edenton Street, Raleigh. A reception will immediately follow at the church. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to Christ Episcopal Church, Transitions LifeCare, Saint Mary's School, or to The Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center at Duke University.

# **Emerson Kemp Winstead (2018)**

Emerson Kemp Winstead, 55, died Saturday, March 3, 2018.

Funeral, Wednesday, 3:00 pm at Maplewood Cemetery.

Kemp was a resident of Caswell County at the time of his death. He was born September 10, 1962 to the late Emerson Clarence Winstead, Jr. and Laura Battle Winstead.

He enjoyed playing rock music on his guitars and was an avid fan of everything related to Star Trek. Kemp was a member of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church.

Kemp is survived by a brother, Thomas Terry Winstead, several nieces and nephews and a cousin, Henry Grossberg.

Many thanks to Wanda Philips and David Boswell who did a fine job of caring for Kemp in his final days.

Donations may be made to the Wilson County Mental Health Association, 509 Nash Street W., Wilson, NC 27893-3744, or St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, PO Box 1527, Wilson, NC 27894-1527.

# **J Roy Nicholas (2017)**

## **Former Royal Insurance President & CEO J. Roy Nicholas Dies at 94**

03/13/2017

J. Roy Nicholas, who retired in 1982 as President and Chief Executive Officer of Royal Insurance, an Arrowpoint Capital predecessor company, died February 25, 2017, in Winston-Salem, NC. Born in 1922 near Hampton Court in the United Kingdom, he was 94 years old.

Mr. Nicholas enjoyed a long and successful career with Royal, joining the company in 1948 as a claims adjuster in New York City. Later, he had extensive experience in the methods and planning department and office administration. He then returned to claim and loss activities and was named a senior official in 1967.

Mr. Nicholas was appointed president in 1974 and chief executive officer the following year. He was also the first chairman of Royal Group Inc., a US holding company formed in 1978. In addition, he was a director of various companies of Royal Insurance PLC, located in the UK. He served on the board of numerous institutions, including Chemical Bank, the American Insurance Institute and The College of Insurance. He retired in 1982.

Mr. Nicholas enlisted in the Royal Air Force in 1940, serving mostly in Africa, Malta and the Middle East, attaining the rank of Squadron Commander. He left the Air Force in 1948 when he joined Royal.

He is predeceased by his wife Westray, who died in 2007. He is survived by his son Stacy and his daughter-in-law Kathy

## **Robert C. (Adam) Laughlin, Jr (2015)**

Robert C. Laughlin, Jr. (Adam) peacefully passed away September 20, 2015 at the Oregon Veteran's Home in the Dalles. Adam was born March 6, 1943 in Orange, CA to Robert C. and Mary A. (Cowan) Laughlin. Adam served in the Air Force from 1962 to 1966. For his service in Vietnam Adam was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service. Adam attended the Westminster School in Simsbury, Connecticut and graduated from the University of Puget Sound in 1969. During his lifetime Adam was an independent business man, owning several establishments in the community. Adam was preceded in death by his mother, father, and younger brother Peter Laughlin. He is survived by his wife Lana, step-daughter Tami Junt (Monte), step-son Chad Wright (Joanna), grandchildren Tyler and Trevor Junt, Jordan, Brayden and Madysen Wright, sister Alston Laughlin, brother Christopher Laughlin, a niece, and a nephew. Respecting Adam's wishes there will be no funeral services.

# Augustus Winniett Peters (2015)



Augustus Winniett Peters

Wilson

Augustus Winniett Peters, of Wilson, died Thursday, May 7, 2015 at his home.

Funeral, Sunday, 3:00 PM, First Presbyterian Church. Interment, Maplewood Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by Sarah Walston Peters, his wife of 54 years, and their eldest son, Augustus Winniett Peters, Jr.

He is survived by his sons, Coalter Paxton Peters of Jackson, Mississippi and his son, Paxton, Jr., and his mother, Romaine Woodard Peters of Wilson, Hyman Walston Peters and his wife, Beth, of Wilson, and their children, Sarah Battle Peters Allgood and her husband, Matt Allgood, of Augusta, Georgia and Elizabeth Paxton Peters Rascoe and her husband, Hunter Rascoe, of Wilson and Thomas Battle Peters and his wife, Blair, and their children, August, Cordelia, Hall and Indiana of San Francisco, California; his brother, William Coalter Paxton, Jr. and his wife, Webber, of Wilson and his sister, Sallie Paxton Smyth of Elora, Ontario.

Mr. Peters was a graduate of the Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, the Zeta Psi Fraternity, the Order of Gimghoul and the UNC Board of Visitors.

He was the CEO and Chairman of the Jas. I. Miller Tobacco Company, CEO and Chairman of the Standard Commercial Tobacco Company, and a Director of BB&T Corporation. He served in the US Navy and was active in the First Presbyterian Church and the Wilson community.

The family will be at home, 1009 Woodland Drive.

Memorials are suggested to the Augustus Winniett Peters, Jr. Memorial Fund, First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 3184, Wilson, NC 27895.

Arrangements by Wilson Memorial Service, 2811 Fieldstream Dr, Wilson, (252) 237-7171, [www.wilsonmemorial.com](http://www.wilsonmemorial.com) Published in The News & Observer on May 9, 2015

# Harry L. Hinson (2014)

Harry Hinson was a legend in the design world in New York and a descendant of Elisha Battle through a daughter who married a Horn. He was a distant cousin even if not of the James Smith Battle line.



HINSON--Harry Lee, III, a leading figure in the home furnishings industry, died in Manhattan on September 4, 2014. Hinson was born on March 30, 1938 in Rocky Mount, NC. After attending local schools, he went on to graduate from the Richmond Professional Institute of the Colleges of William and Mary in 1962. Immediately upon graduation, he joined the Executive Training Program at Bloomingdale's where he focused his interest on interior design and became assistant to the firm's widely acclaimed interior designer, Barbara Darcy. Following his successful launch into the international world of interior design, Hinson joined the illustrious retailer Bonwit Teller where he worked with the renowned store president Mildred Custin. Bonwit's, as the store was known, specialized in high-end

apparel, catering to an elite "carriage trade." Hinson designed branch stores in the burgeoning suburbs of Westchester County, Long Island and major cities across the country and served as director of interior design for all of the Bonwit Teller stores. While still at Bonwit's, he and three other men opened the wallpaper and fabric firm, Quadrille, which continues to be a major supplier today. In 1971, Hinson inaugurated Hinson & Co., Ltd. It soon became the leading wallpaper and fabric firm in the United States. After Hinson's retirement the firm was acquired by Brunschwig & Fils and has subsequently closed. A lifelong member of the Episcopal Church, Hinson was active in both St. Bartholomew's and St. Thomas parishes in New York City. He was Commander in the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. In 1982, Hinson was chosen to design wallpapers and fabrics for the New American Wing Collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. He was selected in 1985 to design the Wildflowers of America fabric and wallpaper collection for Lady Bird Johnson's National Wildflowers Collection. He was a member of the board of trustees of the Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club and served for thirty-three years to organize the Kips Bay Decorator Show House and also as its chairman for many years. He was a member of the board of directors of the Decorative Fabrics Association and a member of the American Society of Interior Designers. In addition to his apartment in New York City, Hinson was a longtime resident of East Hampton, Long Island, New York. At his request, there will be no burial or memorial service. His remains will be interred in the columbarium of the Chapel of The Resurrection at St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, New York City. Harry Hinson is survived by his spouse Tripp March. Hinson and March were companions for twenty-eight years. They

were married on June 6, 2013. Memorial contributions may be made to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, 1275 York Avenue, New York, NY 10065.

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# **Treadwell Downing Covington (2014)**

Treadwell Downing Covington of Southampton died at his home on July 9, 2014, his 88th birthday, from heart failure.

Born in Coral Gables, Florida, the son of Treadwell Downing Covington and Elizabeth Battle Covington, he was raised in the Miami area. He attended the University of Virginia, and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1950. During World War II, he was a cadet-midshipman in the U.S. Merchant Marine.

Mr. Covington worked for a number of advertising agencies until 1960, when he and three partners formed Total Television Productions Inc., an independent television production company in Manhattan. The company created and produced "King Leonardo and His Short Subjects," "Tennessee Tuxedo and His Tale," "The Beagles" and "Underdog." When he retired from television and advertising, he worked in real estate in Manhattan and Southampton.

He moved permanently to Southampton in 2004 and to Charleston, South Carolina, for the winters, in 2012.

He was a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and the University Club.

Mr. Covington is survived by two daughters, Caroline Armistead Gordon Covington of Rhode Island and Coline Elizabeth Covington of London; and two grandsons, Justin Carrington Kesser of Rhode Island and Charles Wister Kesser of London.

A memorial service will be held at the Dune Church in Southampton in September. Arrangements are under the direction the Brockett Funeral Home in Southampton.

Memorial donations may be made to East End Hospice, P.O. Box 1048, Westhampton Beach, NY 11978.

# Marion "Peter" Coe Laughlin (2014)



LAUGHLIN Marion "Peter" Coe of Lexington, died peacefully at his home on May 8, 2014. The son of the late Dr. Robert Clark Laughlin and Mary Alston Cowan Laughlin, he was born on July 26, 1944 in Baltimore, Maryland. After his family moved to the Northwest, Peter grew up in The Highlands of Seattle, Washington. He attended the Westminster School in Simsbury, Connecticut and the University of North Carolina where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting. Peter served honorably in the U.S Air Force during the [Vietnam War](#) from 1968 until 1971. After his military service, he moved to Farmville, North Carolina where he started Mandarin Antiques. He became manager of Boone's Antiques in Lexington in 1977 and created hundreds of clients and friends around the country and the world during his 24-year tenure there. An expert in European and Asian antiques, Peter owned the Saturday-Sunday Market in downtown Lexington along with several historic properties in the West Short Street Historic neighborhood. He received the Barbara Hulette Award from The Bluegrass Trust for Historic Preservation for his restoration efforts in the downtown area. "Pete," as his friends knew him, lived life to its fullest. He was a genuine, loving, generous, and perpetually cheerful person with a wonderfully infectious laugh. Pete loved to travel with friends and was a legendary storyteller. He was particularly devoted to little children and generously supported those who were in need. Pete was well loved in return and will be fondly remembered by people of all ages. He is survived by a sister, Alston Sommerville Laughlin of San Francisco, California; brothers Robert "Adam" Clark Laughlin, Jr., Tri Cities, Washington and Christopher Kent Laughlin of Seattle, Washington; niece, Francesca La Posta of Media, Pennsylvania; nephew Peter Alston Vizzini and his wife, Mary Goering Vizzini; and great-nieces Isabella, Pieta, and Mary Rita Vizzini. His family and friends will hold a graveside service at the Cowan Family Plot in Christiansburg, VA. Kerr Brothers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Memorials are to be directed to Hospice of the Bluegrass ([hospicebg.org](http://hospicebg.org)), 2312 Alexandria Dr., Lexington, KY 40504.

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# **E C. Winstead (2012)**

Wilson

Emerson Clarence "E.C." Winstead, 88, died Friday, January 13, 2012.

Funeral, Sunday, 3:00 p.m., Maplewood Cemetery, Section J.

The visitation will follow at the home, 3415 London Church Rd, Elm City.

He was born in Wilson, September 7, 1923 and was preceded in death by his wife, Laura Battle Winstead and parents, E.Clarence and Anne Gill Winstead.

He was a graduate of The University of the South, Sewanee, TN with a BA (Optime Merens), where he was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity; he also studied in a graduate program at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD. For two years he was Administrative Assistant to Superintendent of Charleston, SC, County Schools before returning to Wilson to be head of purchasing department at Eastern NC Sanatorium for 20 years. He later transferred to Eastern NC School for the Deaf to be Administrative Officer for grants and programs. E.C. was a World War II Army Veteran, serving in England, France and Germany.

E.C. was a member of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church where he served as lay reader, lay communicant, and member of the Vestry. He was active in the NC Alliance for the Mentally Ill and was an honorary member of the Poetry Society of South Carolina.

Surviving are sons, Emerson Kemp Winstead of Chapel Hill and Thomas Terry Winstead of Clayton; several grandchildren and a nephew, Henry Gordon Grossberg of New York City.

Special thanks to Mrs. Joyce Merritt for her years as nurse and caretaker for the Winstead Family and to Janie Williams, Betty Barnes and Patricia Hall, the doctors and staff of Wake Medical Center and Hospice of Wilson Medical Center. Special thanks to his bookkeeper and assistant, Ann Sutton.

Memorials are suggested to the National Alliance for The Mentally Ill, 1312 Beal Street, Rocky Mount NC 27804 or to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 1527, Wilson, NC 27894. Wilson Memorial Service, 2811 Fieldstream Dr, N, Wilson, (252) 237-7171,

# Margaretta "Peggy" Calvert (2011)

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Margaretta "Peggy" Calvert, accomplished artist and beloved wife of Vice Admiral James F. Calvert, died peacefully on March 19, 2011, at Beaumont at Bryn Mawr. She was 84. Peggy was raised in Ardmore, the second of five children born to Joseph Harrison, Jr. and Rita Heckscher Harrison. She graduated from the Shipley School and was Vice President of the Class of 1944. Following her marriage to Hyman L Battle, Jr., she moved to Princeton N.J., where she raised four sons and was an active member of the Princeton arts community. After her divorce, Peggy met and married Jim Calvert, at the time the youngest Admiral in the U.S. Navy. He was posted to the United States Naval Academy as Superintendent and together they spent four years as a dynamic team in a very public role. After the Navy, many successful years in business and numerous sailing adventures, Jim and Peggy retired to Beaumont. Their marriage lasted more than four decades and their final years at Beaumont were peaceful and happy before Jim's death in 2009. Peggy was a passionate and skilful painter. She studied at the Art Students League in New York and the Silvermine Guild of Artists in Connecticut. She apprenticed with Charles Reid, Ted Goerschner and Burt Silverman; they recognized and encouraged her talent. Whether a still life, pastoral scene or portrait, her canvases shimmered with light and color. Beaumont at Bryn Mawr is currently hosting an exhibition of over 60 of her paintings. Peggy's radiant vitality and wonderful sense of humor touched everyone she met. She was a cherished sister, devoted mother and grandmother, as well as a loyal and compassionate friend. She is deeply mourned and will always be deeply missed. She is survived by two sisters Henrietta Armit Marshall and Josephine Lea Bolling, two brothers, Stevens Heckscher Harrison and Joseph Harrison, III, four sons, Craig, David, John and Kemp Battle, two stepsons James and Charles Calvert as well as 14 grandchildren. A memorial service will take place at the Church of the Redeemer in Bryn Mawr at noon, Saturday April 2, 2011. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made in her name to Heartland Hospice Memorial Fund, 333 N. Summit St., PO Box 10086, Toledo, Ohio 43699-0086 or make a donation online at [www.heartlandhospicefund.org](http://www.heartlandhospicefund.org). Stuard F.H., Ardmore, Family owned since 1822.

# **J. Marshall Bruce Jr. (2010)**

J. Marshall Bruce Jr. dies at age 89.

A beloved eccentric who was a clinical psychologist and head of the English department at Boys' Latin School

August 01, 2010 By Frederick N. Rasmussen, The Baltimore Sun

J. Marshall Bruce Jr., a clinical psychologist and teacher who headed the English department at Boys' Latin School for more than two decades, died Wednesday of heart failure at the Presbyterian Home of Maryland in Towson.

The longtime Elkridge Estates resident was 89.

Mr. Bruce, the son of a Mount Royal Avenue automobile dealership owner and a homemaker, was born in Baltimore and raised on Greenspring Valley Road.

After graduating from Gilman School in 1939, he entered Princeton University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1943. He completed graduate studies at Harvard University and was a research fellow in clinical psychology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

In 1953, Mr. Bruce was co-author with Dr. Caroline Bedell Thomas of "A Method of Rating Certain Personality Factors as Determined by the Rorschach Test For Use in the Study of the Precursors of Hypertension and Coronary Artery Disease."

Mr. Bruce had taught at the Severn School, St. Paul's School and the Hill School in Pottstown, Pa., before joining Boys' Latin in 1960 as assistant headmaster and English department chair.

Mr. Bruce's tenure at Boys' Latin began as the school moved from its old Brevard Street home in downtown Baltimore to its present location on Lake Avenue in North Baltimore.

During his 24-year career, Mr. Bruce had been dean of the faculty, director of guidance and counseling, chairman of the modern language department, senior prefect, director of the psychology seminar and adviser to the school newspaper.

"He was an icon and a giant here at Boys' Latin," said Lee McCardell "Mac" Kennedy, who graduated from the private school in 1976 and is the school's director of alumni affairs.

"He was an eccentric guy but well-loved within the Boys' Latin community. He was my adviser for four years and I knew him very well," Mr. Kennedy said.

"He was one of the best English teachers I ever had, especially with Shakespeare's 'Hamlet' and Tennessee Williams plays, especially 'Streetcar Named Desire.'"

Mr. Kennedy recalled that his teacher had an "incredible vocabulary and all BL students remember some of the multisyllabic words he taught us: excoriating, altruistic, sycophant, bombastic, titillating, elucidating, maudlin and vitriolic."

He said that Mr. Bruce carried a walking stick, which he dubbed an "Etonian beezzer-bopper," and that his favorite expression was "I'll say!"

"He was an incredible teacher and he really made the school work," said Dr. Bruce L. Regan, a Baltimore psychologist who graduated from the school in 1966.

"He was a nervous, neurotic, nerdy guy who was a 'Mr. Chips' in need of Prozac, and I loved him," Dr. Regan said with a laugh.

"He was very bright and was incredibly interested in not only teaching English but getting us to think, read and write, and helping us how to make it in the adult world. He made you think whether you wanted to or not," he said.

Mr. Bruce was not a big fan of the high school sports "jockistic" culture, whose various aspects he more or less tolerated, Mr. Kennedy said.

"At a school like BL that wasn't too big in those days, everyone played a sport and especially lacrosse," Dr. Regan said. "But despite his anti-jock views, everyone loved Mr. Bruce. There was something about his personality and his dedication to teaching, and everyone had a great relationship with him."

Dr. Regan said his teacher had been a tremendous influence in his decision to become a psychologist.

A quiet, diminutive, modest figure, Mr. Bruce regularly shunned the spotlight, former students said.

For nearly 40 years until moving to the Presbyterian home, Mr. Bruce lived at nearby Elkridge Estates and each day walked from his home to school.

After retiring in 1986 he became something of a recluse, but while he wouldn't see former students, he'd talk with them by telephone.

Mr. Bruce was an accomplished jazz drummer and vibraphonist. "He also collected erotic art," said his niece and only survivor, Dancy Bruce Mills of Glen Arm.

At Mr. Bruce's request, no services will be held.

## **Marion Battle (2009)**

Marion Somerville "Bugs" Battle Jr. died on Friday, Aug. 7, 2009. He was born in Roanoke on Aug. 29, 1923, the son of the late Marion Somerville Battle Sr. and Julia Ravenel Battle. He spent his teenage years in Lexington and attended Episcopal High School in Alexandria and the University of Virginia before enlisting in the armed services during World War II. He served in Germany, North Africa and Northern Italy.

After the war, he returned to UVa and subsequently moved to Houston, Texas, where he married his wife, Karolyn. They moved to Lexington in 1958 where they raised their four children. Locally, he is remembered as an investor in commercial real estate, including the former Kroger shopping center on the south side of East Nelson Street.

While they lived in Lexington, Karolyn Battle competed in the NBC television quiz show, "Jeopardy," in 1971, becoming the show's 77th undefeated champion. The couple retired to the Florida Keys in 1982, finally living in Ponte Vedra Beach.

He is survived by his four children and eight grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery this Saturday, Oct. 3, at 2 p.m.

News-Gazette, The (Lexington, VA) - Wednesday, September 30, 2009

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## **Thomas Braswell Battle (2008)**

Thomas Braswell Battle, 79, died Sunday, December 21, 2008. He was born in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, July 16, 1929 to the late Mamie Braswell Battle and Hyman Llewellyn Battle. He was a graduate of the Choate School Wallingford, CT. and The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Charlotte Timberlake Battle; daughter, Charlotte Battle Robbins and her husband, Dr. Edward Todd Robbins; two granddaughters, Charlotte Jordan Battle Robbins and Margaret Falconer Robbins.

He is also survived by his nephews, Craig Llewellyn Battle, David Harrison Battle, John Martin Battle and Kemp Plummer Battle. He was predeceased by his brother Hyman Llewellyn Battle, Jr.

He was formerly Chairman of the Board and President of The Rocky Mount Mills and Vice President of The Rocky Mount Cord Co.

Graveside service will be conducted by the Rev. Scott White at Pineview Cemetery, Rocky Mount, NC on Tuesday, December 23, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

Memorials, if desired can be sent to: The Church of The Good Shepherd, P.O. Box 7791, Rocky Mount, NC 27804 or to Friends of Hospice at Nash General Hospital, 2460 Curtis Ellis Drive, Rocky Mount, NC 27804.

Wheeler & Woodlief Funeral Home is serving the Family of Thomas B. Battle.

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# Reine Battle (2008)

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Reine King Battle died on June 10 at Southampton Hospital. She was 64.

Born in 1944 in Ballina, County Mayo, Ireland, she was 12 years old when her mother died. She was sustained through her childhood by her father, an editor at The Irish Press, and her seven brothers and sisters.

After graduating from the Kings Inn Street Convent School, she attended University College Dublin where she began to study architecture, a discipline that became a lifelong passion. She emigrated to the United States in 1962 and worked in Manhattan for several real estate and investment firms before meeting and marrying Hyman L. Battle. According to the family, her devotion to him was the hallmark of her life. Together they travelled the world and made homes in Connemara, Ireland, and in Sagaponack, where she remained until her death. Survivors recalled last week that Mrs. Battle had a gift for creating beautiful space; she would transform an empty field into a home with wide windows and long views, and she would turn grass and stone to flower gardens and trees, meadows and bushes. She built two houses in Sagaponack that were much admired and refurbished an old Irish cottage into what some referred to as "a marvelous destination." She entertained friends from all over the world and welcomed a steady stream of family for more than three decades.

She is survived by five sisters, Noreen King of New York City, Teresa Breen and Ann Latoff, both of New Jersey, and Mary Duffy and Patricia King, both of Ireland; two brothers, James and Mark King, both of Ireland; four stepsons, John Battle of Sag Harbor, Kemp Battle of West Shokan, New York, Craig Battle of New Jersey and David Battle of Connecticut; nine grandchildren; and an abundance of family and friends.

She was predeceased by her husband of more than 30 years, Hyman L. Battle Jr. in 2002. A memorial service was held at her home in Sagaponack on June 14. In lieu of flowers, contributions to East End Hospice, P.O. Box 1048, Westhampton Beach, NY 11978 would be appreciated by the family.

# Laura Maud Battle Winstead (2006)

Laura Maud Battle Winstead, 78, died August 11, 2006.

She was born July 7, 1928, in Rocky Mount to Kemp Davis and Maud Bunn Battle and was preceded in death by her only sister, Elizabeth Battle Grossberg.

Mrs. Winstead graduated from St. Margaret's School, Tappahannock, VA, and Randolph Macon Woman's College. At the University of North Carolina at Chapel, she received a master's degree and continued as a doctoral student at the Sorbonne, University of Paris, for two years.

Her first teaching position was at Brennan College, Gainesville, GA. In Wilson, she taught at Atlantic Christian (Barton) College and Greenfield School.

Active in her church, she taught Sunday School and was in the choir, Hispanic Ministry, St. Francis Guild and the Community Soup Kitchen. She held membership in the National Society of the Colonial Dames of North America in the state of North Carolina and enjoyed her friends in The Book Club.

She had a special concern for the work of the Mental Health Association and Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

Funeral, 2 p.m. Monday, St Timothy's Episcopal Church. Interment, Maplewood Cemetery, Section J.

Survivors are: her husband, Emerson C. "E.C." Winstead, Jr; sons, E. Kemp Winstead of Benson, Terry Winstead (Lynn) of Clayton; granddaughter, Michele Flowers (Chris) of Wilson; Terry's children, Tabita, T.J. and Deven; a nephew, Henry Grossberg of Manhattan, NY; an aunt, Mary Battle Shannon of Rocky Mount.

The family will be at home, 3415 London Church Rd, Elm City.

Memorials are suggested to: St Timothy Episcopal Church, PO Box 1527, Wilson, NC 27894, or to a charity of one's choice.

A special thanks to long term caregivers is extended to: Joyce Merritt, Sheron Clay and Janie Williams as well as devotion with a caring concern to the St. Francis Guild.

## **Hyman L. Battle Jr. (2002)**

Hy died Mar. 6, 2002, of cancer at home in Sagaponack, Long Island. A native of Rocky Mount, N.C., where his father was president of the family-owned Rocky Mount Mills, the oldest cotton mill in the country, Hy graduated from the Rectory School and Choate and at Princeton played football.

He joined the Marines at Princeton, going into officer training in 1944, then the reserves in 1946. After earning his LLB from Penn in 1949, Hy practiced in NYC with Battle Fowler, Stokes & Kheel, where he was managing partner until he retired in 1988. He continued of counsel until his death.

Hy first married Peggy Harrison in 1945 and had four sons, Craig, John, David, and Kemp. Divorced, he then married Reine and enjoyed summers with her in Ireland, where they kept a cottage. She survives, as do his sons, seven grandchildren, and a brother, Tom.

# Newsom P Battle (1990)

## Retired surgeon Battle, dies

ROCKY MOUNT — Dr. Newsom P. Battle, a retired Parkview Hospital surgeon and World War I veteran, died Saturday at the age of 93.

Dr. Battle was born in Tarboro in 1896, the son of John Wilkes Booth Battle and Cornelia Pittman Battle.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Margaret W. Battle; a son, Octave B. Battle of Wilmington; a daughter, Anne Battle Poole of Reston, Va.; and four grandchildren.

Memorial services were held Tuesday at the Church of the Good Shepard Episcopal, with the Reverends Charlie Penick and Jane Bruce officiating.

# Nell Gupton Battle (1961)

Mrs. Nell Battle, First City Librarian, Stricken (from the Rocky Mount Telegram)

Mrs. Nell Gupton Battle, Rocky Mount's first librarian and a recognized community leader for many years, is dead. Mrs. Battle died on Sunday, almost on the eve of her 86<sup>th</sup> birthday following a long period of declining health.

Funeral services will be held at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning from the Church of the Good Shepherd with the Rev. James Cox of Battleboro officiating. Interment will be in the Battle family cemetery at "Old Town" on N.C Highway 97. Out of respect for Mrs. Battle, the Thomas Hackney Braswell Memorial Library will be closed during the funeral hour.

Among Mrs. Battle's outstanding services to the community was the organization of the city's first public library, which took the name of Thomas Hackney Braswell Memorial Library, and was founded in April, 1922. She was Rocky Mount's first and only librarian for 22 years, and during 1940 she, accompanied by Mrs. Effie Vines Gordon, K. T. McIntyre of Red Oak and Miss Marjorie Beal, secretary of the North Carolina Library Commission, drove all through Nash County and selected 30 stations for bookmobile service.

She had the first bookmobile built, which was taken over by the government for use as an ambulance during the Second World War. However, this work was kept up, and these 30 stations serviced by responsible volunteer workers from each station who came after and returned the books to the local library. This schedule was used until another bookmobile was purchased and a librarian hired, and the work now is done on a regular schedule.

During the Second World War, Mrs. Battle was appointed by the late Millard Jones to keep a record of all servicemen and women from Rocky Mount for the Stat Historical Association.

Mrs. Battle was organist and choir director of the Church of the Good Shepherd for twelve years, president of the Episcopal Women's Auxiliary for three years, and served this same organization as secretary and treasurer for an additional two years. She served many times as teacher in the Episcopal Sunday School, and served in an active and advisory capacity to many civic committees.

She was a charter member of the Research Club, which was the first library club organized in Rocky Mount, and from this beginning, the many literary clubs in the city regularly go to the public library for help on program planning.

In October, 1943, after a severe heart attack, it was necessary for Mrs. Battle to resign her work as librarian, which she did in January, 1944, and the work was taken over by Mrs. Ruth Jeffreys, who had served with Mrs. Battle as assistant librarian for 15 years.

Mrs. Battle was born on October 25, 1875. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gupton. She was married on November 6, 1896, to Judge Jacob Battle. She was the mother of three children, Mrs. Frank S. Wilkinson and Mrs. E. L. Eatman, both of Rocky Mount, and a son, the late Turner W. Battle.

After Judge Battle's death, Mrs. Battle for a time ran "Cool Springs" plantation n Edgecombe County in addition to her other activities.

In addition to her two daughters, Mrs. Battle is survived by a brother, W. V. Gupton or Rocky Mount; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers for the funeral tomorrow were announced as follows: Edward L. Eatman, Jr., Turner Westray Battle, Jr., Frank S Wilkinson, Jr., Lee Folger, III, Thomas B. Battle, and Turner B. Bunn, Jr. The family requested that flowers be omitted.

# Richard Henry Lewis (1917)

## DR. R. H. LEWIS DEAD.

### **Veteran Physician and Prominent Man of Kinston Passes Away.**

Kinston, N. C., May 15.—Dr. Richard Henry Lewis, one of Kinston's best-known citizens, died at 1:30 this morning. His condition had been poor for several days. Dr. Lewis was about 85 years of age. He retained his vigor and exercises regularly until the present spring, when his years took toll of his strength. He was an adored character; probably no person in this section was better known or more liked.

Dr. Lewis was born in Edgecombe county, three miles east of Rocky Mount, the second son of Dr. John Wesley Lewis and Catherine Lewis (nee Battle). His family removed to Warrenton in 1837, and from there to Raleigh in 1839. The elder Dr. Lewis became one of the leading physicians of the State. Richard H. Lewis was given an excellent education, attending the famous military school of James M. Lovejoy until 1848, when he entered the University of North Carolina, graduating with the degree of A. B. in June, 1852. Among his classmates were Zebulon B. Vance, Gov. Thos. M. Holt, and Maj. J. W. Wilson, who projected the Western North Carolina railroad through the Blue Ridge, and others who won fame.

After leaving Chapel Hill Dr. Lewis taught school for two years. Then he began the study of medicine, graduating in April 1856 from the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania. He practiced medicine for 14 years, excepting a time that he served in the Confederate army as captain of a company of the 15th North Carolina regiment. Ill health compelled him to resign his commission. His practice of medicine included seven years in Edgecombe county, N. C., and seven years in Halifax county, Va. He gave up the profession, when he became principal of St. John's College at Oxford. He was president of the State Teachers' Assembly for two years. He continued to teach for 40 years. He was connected with several leading institutions of the State. He was chairman of the Lenoir county board of education for a time. Hundreds of former pupils of the venerable pedagogue are scattered through State and Nation.

The following children survive: Col. William Lewis, U. S. A.; E. B. Lewis, private secretary to Congressman Kitchin; Frank Lewis, and Mrs. Katherine L. Patrick, the last named three of this city.

# Samuel Westray Battle, Jr. (1906)

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**BURIAL OF YOUNG BATTLE.**

It Occurred at Asheville, Mr. George W. Vanderbilt Acting as One of the Pall-Bearers.

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 22.—Samuel Westray Battle, Jr., son of Dr. Westray Battle, of this city, the midshipman in the Naval Academy, who died suddenly while on his way to dinner at Annapolis Sunday last, was buried here to-day. No ceremony other than that at the grave was performed. A carriage load of floral tributes was sent to meet the train, and the immense load of flowers from Annapolis was taken into the different carriages. Geo. W. Vanderbilt acted as one of the pall-bearers, Mrs. Vanderbilt following in her carriage.

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