

WOOD

MOUNT AIRY — Mr. John L. Wood, 67, of 141 Wesmon Street, the husband of Faye Southern Wood, passed away Sunday, June 2, 2002, at Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem. Mr. Wood was born in Surry County on June 25, 1934, to the late Monnie Washington and Bessie Brown Wood. Mr. Wood graduated from Beulah High School and earned his Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees from Appalachian State University. John served our country from 1956 to 1958 in the United States Army, having served as a cryptographer, United States Intelligence Okinawa. Mr. Wood worked several years at P.H. Hanes Knitting Co. and was owner and operator of Wood's Self Service along with his wife, Faye, from 1959 to 1972. From 1972 to 1997, he was an instructor at Surry Community College and was later the chairman of the Division of Business at Surry Community College. In 1994, he received the Excellence in Teaching Award. He was a member of the Beulah Ruritan Club for 43 years with 38 years perfect attendance. He served as club president, district governor, national director, and many other district and national capacities. John had 22 years of service with the Skull Camp Volunteer Fire Department as firefighter, first responder, secretary and board member. He was a 10-year volunteer reservist with the Surry County Emergency Medical Services and, as EMT-IV, received multiple life-saving awards. He was a trustee of Northern Hospital of Surry County for nine years, a member of the advisory council of North Surry High School, past president of the North Surry Band Boosters, and a member of Roaring Gap Baptist Church. John volunteered with the Surry County American Red Cross for 21 years and was a 10-gallon blood donor. Survivors include his wife, Faye Southern Wood of the home; two sons and daughters-in-law, Monnie John and Traci Wood of Nashville, Tenn., and Wesley McKinley and Ann Wood of Mount Airy; three grandchildren, Adam Wood, Leah Wood and Hannah Wood; two stepgrandchildren, Rob Young and Sarah Young; a sister, Annie Nichols of Mount Airy; three sisters-in-law, Emma Wood, Helen Wood Margaret "Peg" Southern; a brother-in-law, Lee Southern; and a special sister-in-law and brother-in-law/golfing buddy, Lynn and Kyle Norman of King. In addition to his parents, Mr. Wood was preceded in death by a son, Neal Southern Wood and three brothers, Brady Wood, Glenn Wood and Leonard Wood. The funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 4, 2002, at Oak Grove Baptist Church. The service will

THOMPSON

Mr. James Howard Thompson, 67, of 4165 Rock Hill Road, Pfafftown, passed away on May 17, 1996, at his home. He was born in Surry County to J. Kyle and Blanche

Cockerham Thompson on February 15, 1929. Both parents have preceded him in death. The only child in the family, Howard grew up on the farm on Mitchell's River where he became interested in animals and agriculture. At an early age, he professed his faith in Christ and joined the Rocky Ford Baptist Church. After graduation from Mountain Park High School, he enrolled at North Carolina State University from which he graduated with a degree in Animal Husbandry in 1952. He was commissioned into the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant in the fall of 1952 and served at Fort Jackson and Fort Benning. After fulfilling his military duty, he became an assistant agriculture extension agent for one year before entering the poultry industry. He worked in poultry management for forty years, holding positions at New Market, Virginia, Sanford and Dobson, North Carolina. He was a past president of the North Carolina Poultry Federation and a longtime member of their Board of Directors until his retirement from Wayne Farms in Dobson on May 31, 1995. Mr. Thompson married Clarice Mitchell of Sparta, North Carolina in 1952. He is survived by his wife of the home and their three children, Dr. Lynn Bryant and husband, Michael, of Akron, Ohio; Tim Thompson and wife, Jamie, of Florence, Alabama; and Joan Cannon and husband, John, of Stow, Ohio. Six grandchildren, Andrew and Heather Bryant, Natalie and Emily Thompson, Kelly and Kristen Cannon, also survive. Since moving to Pfafftown, Howard has been a member of Pfafftown Baptist Church where he served as a deacon and a co-teacher of an adult Sunday School Class. A Mason and Shriner, he was a member of Copeland Lodge No. 390. Funeral services will be held at Pfafftown Baptist Church on Monday, May 20, 1996, at 11 a.m. Graveside services will be conducted at Shiloh United Methodist Church Cemetery in Sparta at 3 p.m. The body will lie in state at each church prior to the services. The family will receive friends at Vogler's Reynolda Chapel Sunday, May 19, from 7-9 p.m. Flowers will be appreciated or memorials may be made to Pfafftown Baptist Church, PO Box 27, 4336 Transou Rd., Pfafftown, NC 27040-0027

FERN HOLDER

MOUNT AIRY

— Mrs. Fern Elizabeth Martin Holder, 90, of Mount Airy, passed away Wednesday afternoon, September 9, 2015, at her home. Mrs. Holder was born March 23, 1925, in Surry County, one of three children born to the late Claude Swanson and Nealy Wiley Atkins Martin. Fern graduated from Beulah High School in 1943. She was educated as a teacher at Appalachian State Teachers' College. She taught 4th grade at Beulah School for a while under Glenn Robertson, principal. She married June 30, 1946, to Arnold McDaniel "Mac" Holder at Haymore Memorial Baptist Church in Mount Airy. They moved to Richmond, VA, where they made their home for ten years and owned and operated a grocery store and service station. Mac died unexpectedly September 8, 1957. After selling the business, Fern and her three children moved back to Surry County and lived with her parents at Skull Camp Dairy Farm. She worked as a substitute teacher and listed taxes for the Surry County Tax Department for several years. In addition, she volunteered as a 4-H Club leader. As a strong Democrat, Fern was a member of the Democratic Women's Club, Stewarts Creek #1 Precinct Chairman for eight years, served on the Surry County Executive Committee for two years, and was a member of Senior Democrats. She was appointed by county commissioners to serve on the Surry Nursing Domiciliary Homes Community Advisory Committee and on the Surry County Coalition for Aging and Family Life Council. She was an active member of the Beulah Extension and Community Association for 50 years and held the office of treasurer for many years. Fern was of the Primitive Baptist Faith. She was baptized while with Laurel Springs Primitive Baptist Church and she especially enjoyed attending Flower Gap



Primitive Baptist Church as well as many others. Above all, she was faithful to her Lord. She is survived by a daughter/caregiver and

son-in-law, Dana H. and Randy Collins of Mount Airy; a son and two daughters-in-law, Douglas Michael and Peggy Golding Holder of New Bern and Brenda Johnson Holder of Mount Airy; five grandchildren, Lisa Johnson and her husband, Michael, Amanda Holder, Jessica Holder, Dustin Collins and his wife, Kayla, and Amy Angel and her husband, Tim; five great-grandchildren, Dylan Johnson, Samantha Childress, Hailey Childress, Josh Holder, and Liam Collins; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ned Herman and Ivylyn Martin of Mount Airy and Wiley Clarence and Charlotte Martin of Boone; and five special nieces, Gail Shelton, Joy Richardson, Daphne Speer, Angela Petrey, and Andrea McDonough. Mrs. Holder was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold McDaniel "Mac" Holder; a son, McDaniel "Danny" Holder; and her parents, Claude Swanson and Nealy Wiley Atkins Martin. The funeral service will be held Saturday, September 12, 2015, at 2:00 PM at Moody Funeral Home Chapel in Mount Airy, with Elder Carlton Brown officiating. Burial will follow at Skyline Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends Friday from 5:00 until 7:00 PM at the funeral home. The family wishes to express their gratitude for the love and compassion shown by the staff at Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the cemetery fund at Laurel Springs Primitive Baptist Church, c/o Paul Flippen, 211 Richland Trail, Mount Airy, NC 27030; or the American Cancer Society, 4-A Oak Branch Drive, Greensboro, NC 27407-2145. Online condolences may be made at www.moodyfuneralservices.com.