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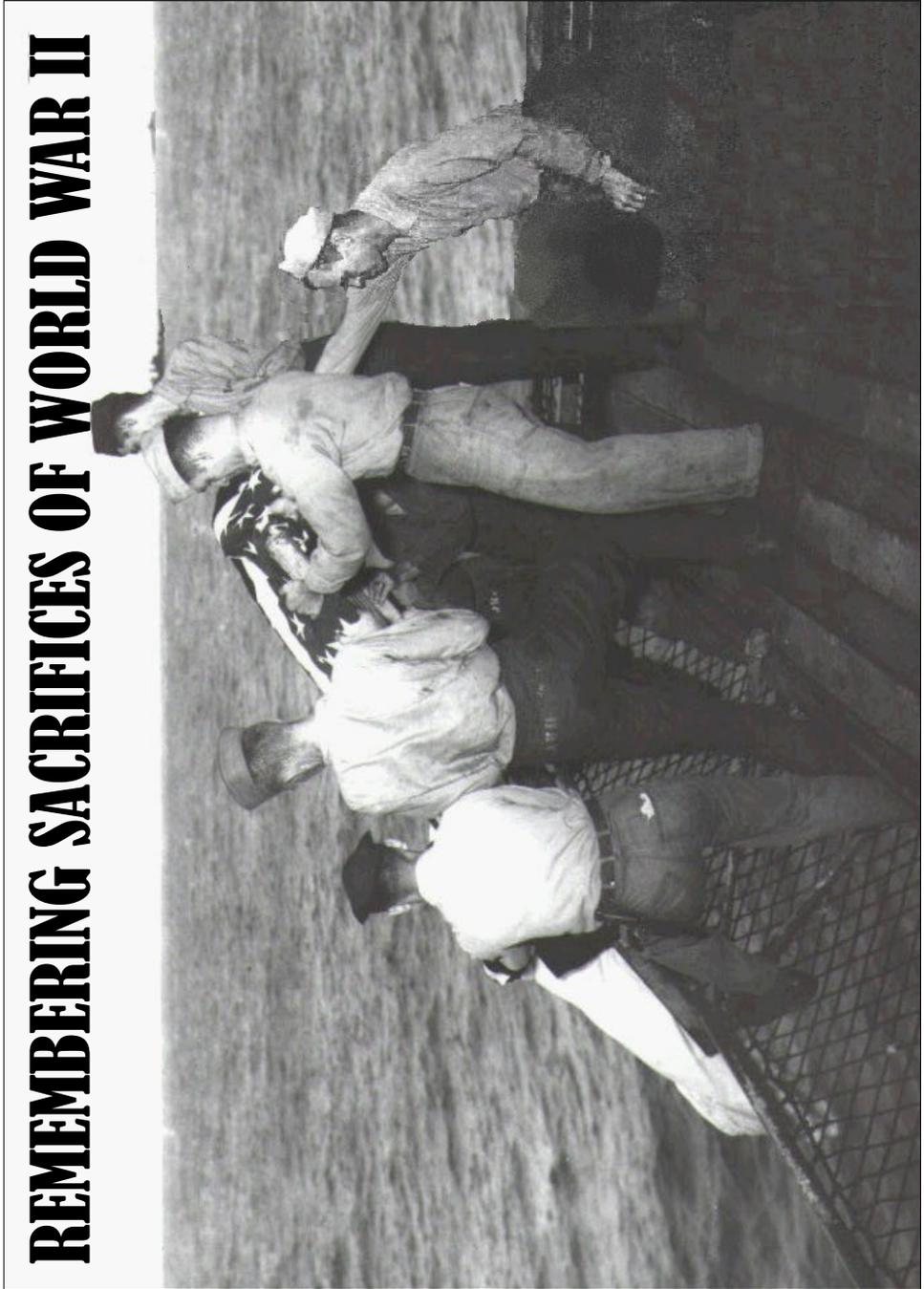
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REMEMBERING SACRIFICES OF WORLD WAR II

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Henry

DEATHS

Kathleen Yvonne Akau, April 20, 2024



Kathleen Muliwai Yvonne “Kathy” Akau, mother of Joelle Akau Hussey and husband Kealii, Dodi Akau Jr. and wife Brooke, Tita

Akau and husband Tracy, and Josiah Akau and sister of Douglas Stancil Sr., died at 79 on April 20, 2024, in Kailua, Hawaii. She was born Aug. 20, 1944, in Honolulu, Hawaii. She is the daughter of the late George Guy Stancil and Frances DeMello Peoples, widow of Joseph “Dodi” Akau Jr., and sister of the late Ted Stancil. She is the grandmother of Kea Boy, Kawailani, Alapaki, Alakea, Alanui, Poni, Akilah, Alisha, Piehu, Jayce, and great-grandmother of Ekahi, Judah, Kanelo, Kaulanakila and Leimomi. Kathleen’s career began as a professional hula dancer and she later pursued her passion for mechanics by founding the Family Automotive Service Team (FAST), which she operated for 33 years until retirement. (Oscar)

Gary Rudolph Stancil, April 19, 2024



Gary Rudolph Stancil, husband of Chandra Stancil, father of Eric Stancil, Trina Stancil Finley and husband Ricky and A.J. Stancil and

wife Becky and brother of Steve Stancil, died at 72 on April 19, 2024, at his home in Christiansburg, Virginia. He was born Sept. 14, 1951. Gary is the son of the late Henry “Doc” and Dorothy “Dot” Stancil. He is the grandfather of Stephen, Taylor, Cassidy, Alexis, Marcus, Stephanie, Tyler, Sean, Kyle, and Kayleigh and great-grandfather of Zakai. Gary loved to ride motorcycles, always had a smile on his face. He was kind-hearted to animals. (Oscar)

Geraldine Ann Creech, Nov. 30, 2023



Geraldine “Gerry” Ann Creech, mother of Janet Brink Maddox and husband Clint and Kenneth Allan Brink and wife Sherrie and sister of Marie Creech

Leffler and Joseph Lee Creech, died at 80 on Nov. 30, 2023, in Virginia Beach, Virginia. She was born Sept. 5, 1943. She is the daughter of the late Joseph Manley and Willie May Currin Creech and sister of the late Nancy Creech Kell. She is the grandmother of Erica, Hunter, Kelsie, Alyssa, Dana and Natalie. She is buried in Rosewood Memorial Park in Virginia Beach, Virginia. (Lillian)

Frances Pope Patterson, July 29, 2021



Frances Pope Patterson, wife of Kevin Douglas Patterson and mother of William Charles Patterson and wife Cameron and sister

of Libby Pope and Myra Pope Bridgers, died at 64 on July 29, 2021. She was born Sept. 2, 1956, in Wilson, North Carolina. She is the daughter of the late Charles Ray and Betty Lou Pope. Frances taught children in the Virginia and North Carolina Public School Systems for more than 30 years. After retiring from teaching, she served as North Carolina Senate assistant Sergeant of Arms. (Agnes)

Bettie Williams Graham, Nov. 25, 2023



Bettie Williams Graham, mother of Ron Christmas and wife Amy, Steven Graham and wife Michele, Marty Graham and wife Aileen and Joy Simmons and wife Andrew, died at 92 on Nov. 25, 2023, in Hillsborough, North Carolina. She was born April

28, 1931, in Durham, North Carolina. She is the daughter of the late James Williams and Essie Stancil Williams, widow of Otis James Graham Sr. and sister of Jimmy Lee Williams. She is the grandmother of Ron Planck, Brittany Prine, Brandon Graham, Brooke Graham, Hunter Simmons and Lucas Simmons. Bettie spent many years teaching the “Good News Club” out of her home to hundreds of children. She is buried in Gospel Baptist Tabernacle Church in Hillsborough, North Carolina. (Walter Greene)

Fact Box: Henry

Henry received 100 acres from his Pa. He grew cotton, peas, beans, tobacco and corn. Henry raised hogs, cows and had mules and horses. When there was open range, he had sheep. Tractors became available, but Henry didn’t invest in one. He farmed with mules all his life.

123rd Stancil Family Reunion

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EXPLAINER: WHAT ARE THE PARENTHESES ALL ABOUT?

The parentheses after each item show how people relate to the sons or daughters of John Thomas Stancil. We generally identify the closest living relative early in each item (father or mother or spouse), but this helps break it down.

Henry

GRADUATIONS

Kendal Nevaeh Hartley



Kendal Nevaeh Hartley, daughter of Kevin and Brenda Moore Hartley, graduated from Pamlico County High School in Bayboro, North Carolina, on June 7, 2024. She also received her associate's degree from Pamlico Community College in Grantsboro, North Carolina, on May 10, 2024. Kendal received three scholarships – Coastal Carolina Council of the Navy League of the United States, NC Teaching Fellows and Committee of 100, New Bern Elks Lodge. She is attending East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina. She is the granddaughter of Marsha Johnson Barfield and the late Ernest. (Agnes)

Maci Elizabeth Tedder



Maci Elizabeth Tedder, daughter of David and Paige Langston Tedder, graduated cum laude from North Johnston High School on June 7, 2024, in Kenly, North Carolina. She was a member of the National Honor Society, received the Blake Stallings Memorial Scholarship and the Kenly Masonic Lodge Scholarship and made the principal's list. Maci is attending UNC Wilmington. She is the granddaughter of Jay and Faye Parrish Langston. (Elizabeth/Ruby)

Rylan Drew Brummer

Rylan Drew Brummer, son of Helge and Dawn Capps Brummer, graduated from Orange High School on June 7, 2024, at Auman Stadium in Hillsborough, North Carolina. Rylan was a swimmer and wrestler for Orange High. He is the grandson of Jimmy Durante Capps. (Lillian/Creola)

Desiree Lark Bynum

Desiree Lark Bynum, daughter of David and Teresa Wilson Bynum, received her associate's degree as a Wilson Early College Academy graduate from Wilson Community College on May 17, 2024, in Wilson, North Carolina. She was recognized as one of the top award-winning seniors. (Bessie Lee/Emma Lee/Jane)

Camden Ray Aycock

Camden Ray Aycock, son of Chuck and Kelly Pope Aycock, received his bachelor's degree in exercise science from Barton College in Wilson, North Carolina, on May 11, 2024. He is the grandson of Terry Koger Pope and the late Randy. (Agnes/Gene)

Natalie Renae Brink

Natalie Renae Brink, daughter of Kenny and Sherrie Brink, received her master's degree in elementary education from Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia, on May 11, 2024. (Lillian/Joseph Manley/Gerry)

WEDDINGS

Brink-Naczas

Natalie Renae Brink, daughter of Kenneth and Sherrie Osolnick Brink, married Aaron Naczas on June 29, 2024, at Atkinson Farms in Danville, Virginia. (Lillian/Joseph Manley/Gerry)

Messier-Simmons

Hunter Andrew Simmons, son of Andy and Joy Graham Simmons, married Zoe Messier on May 22, 2024, in New Hanover County, North Carolina. (Walter Greene/Essie/Bettie)

Bynum-Bullock

Avis Virginia Bynum, daughter of David and Teresa Wilson Bynum, married Timothy Ennis Bulluck Jr. on May 4, 2024, in Wilson, North

Carolina. Avis is the granddaughter of Roger and Jane Cayton Bynum. (Bessie Lee/Emma Lee)

Collins-Bynum

Adam Bynum, son of David Allen Bynum, married Kourtney Collins on April 6, 2024. Adam is the grandson of Roger and Jane Cayton Bynum. (Bessie Lee/Emma Lee)

Carnahan-Edmondson

Kylie Madison Carnahan, daughter of Brett Cayton Carnahan, married Noah Edmondson on March 30, 2024, in Stantonsburg, North Carolina. She is the granddaughter of Wesley and Peggy Cayton Carnahan. (Bessie Lee/Emma Lee)



Marissa Briann Dodd and Michael Angel Keli'iahiopuni Limé

Dodd-Limé

Michael Angel Keli'iahiopuni Limé, son of Angel Michael Limé and Charmaine Renee Kekahualani Stancil, married Marissa Briann Dodd on Jan. 9, 2024, at the Multnomah County Courthouse in Portland, Oregon. (Oscar/George Guy/Ted/Charmaine)

Henry

WEDDING

Ketterer-Headley

George Grayson Headley, son of Cole and Dodie Moore Headley, married Marley Ketterer on Nov. 5, 2023, in Emerald Isle, North Carolina. (Nancy Agnes/Mary Frances/Connie)

NEWS



Geoff Bichler with Paolo Longo in Chicago.

Geoff Bichler

Geoff Bichler was inducted into The College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers on March 16, 2024, at The Union League Club in Chicago. The organization honors workers' compensation plaintiff's attorneys, defense attorneys, professors and judges nationwide. (Walter Greene/Thomas Ruffin/Anemari)

The Glass Jug

The Glass Jug, co-owned by Chris and Katy Creech of Durham, North Carolina, celebrated its 10th anniversary on Sept. 7, 2024. The Glass Jug is a local craft brewery with sites in Durham. Chris is the son of Byron Creech. (Oscar/Ruby)

KELLEN STANCIL JOINS 'THE LION KING' NATIONAL TOUR



Kellen Stancil, son of Mark and Cathy Stancil, has achieved significant milestones in his dance career. In August 2024, he was appointed as the resident dance supervisor for the national tour of "The Lion King."

This role follows his impressive 16-year tenure as the dance captain for the Broadway production of "The Lion King" in New York City.

Additionally, Kellen serves as the director of Broadway Bares, showcasing his leadership and expertise in the dance community.

Kellen's journey reflects his dedication and passion for dance, making him a prominent figure in the performing arts world.

His inspiration to pursue dance stems from his deep passion for creativity and expression. He has always viewed the dance studio as a sacred space where he can explore and create art with his cast members.

Kellen believes in seeing every person as a human first, not just a dancer, which allows him to cultivate honest and meaningful moments through his choreography.

His journey in dance has been marked by a desire to inspire and connect with others, leading him to create captivating and provocative productions. This passion for dance has driven Kellen to achieve great success in his career.

Kellen has a deep appreciation for various forms of art beyond dance.

Kellen attended California State University, Fullerton, where he majored in dance. Later he danced for Walt Disney World in shows like "Beauty and the Beast," "Dream Along with Mickey," and "Celebrate the Season" in Orlando. (Oscar/George Guy/Ted)

'Lion King' Tour

Sept. 30-Oct. 20: Fox Theatre, Atlanta, Georgia
 Oct. 21-Nov. 10: National Arts Centre, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
 Nov. 11-Dec. 1: The Bushnell, Hartford, Connecticut
 Dec. 2-15: Landmark Theatre, Syracuse, New York
 Dec. 16, 2024-Jan. 5, 2025: Shea's Performing Arts Center, Buffalo, New York
 Jan. 6-26: Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, Appleton, Wisconsin
 Jan. 27-Feb. 9: Miller Auditorium, Kalamazoo, Michigan
 Feb. 10-March 2: Hippodrome Theatre, Baltimore, Maryland
 March 3-30: Broward Center, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
 March 31-April 20: Straz Center, Tampa, Florida
 April 21-May 18: Dr. Phillips Center, Orlando, Florida
 May 19-June 1: Kansas City Music Hall, Kansas City, Missouri
 June 2-July 6: Music Hall at Fair Park, Dallas, Texas
 July 7-27: Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
 July 28-Aug. 17: Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
 Aug. 18-Sept. 14: Queen Elizabeth Theatre, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
 Sept. 15-28: Keller Auditorium, Portland, Oregon



◀ **Scan this QR code** to watch video of Kellen talking about "The Lion King" on New York Live.

Samuel

DEATHS

Jerry Lee Woodlief Sr., June 18, 2024



Jerry Lee Woodlief Sr., father of Jerry Lee Woodlief Jr. and Gregory Scott Woodlief Sr., died at 82 on June 18, 2024, in Hayes,

Virginia. He was born Nov. 11, 1941, in North Carolina. He is the son of the late Henry Lepoe and Virginia Grace Smallwood Woodlief and ex-husband of the late Shirley Ann Pipkin. He is the grandfather of Morgan, Megan, Jerry III, Cory, Taylor and Gregory Jr. Jerry worked for 41 years at Newport News Shipbuilding. He was a member of Masonic Lodge 336 AF & AM in Warwick and Elks Lodge 366 in Hampton. He is buried in Hampton Memorial Gardens. (Thelma)

Kenneth George Ellis Sr., May 6, 2024



Kenneth George Ellis Sr., husband of Sheila Gail Jones Ellis and father of Kenny Ellis, Mathew Ellis and Melissa Ellis Roberts, died

at 78 on May 6, 2024, in Lincoln, Arkansas. He was born July 12, 1945, in North Hampton County, Virginia. He is the son of the late Archie and Lillie Stalings Ellis. He is the grandfather of Abigail, Ethan, Emily, Logan, Ryan, Alexis, Kenny, Lucas, Christian, Caleb, Clarissa and Carter. Ken, who received a Purple Heart for injuries sustained in the Vietnam War, served in the Army. He is buried in Fayetteville National Cemetery in Fayetteville, Arkansas. (Freeman Elbert/Annie)



Wayne Stancil, far right, attended the 2015 Stancil Family Reunion with grandson Justyn Perry, great-grandson Cody Perry and daughter Leia Stancil Perry in Wilson, North Carolina.

Gary Wayne Stancil, April 1, 2024

Gary Wayne Stancil, father of Leia Janine Stancil Perry and Jody Ryan Stancil, died at 79 on April 1, 2024, at Pruitt Health in Raleigh, North Carolina. He was born Sept. 29, 1944, in Wilson, North Carolina. He is the son of the late Freeman Elbert and Gladys Lamm Stancil and brother of the late Durward Stancil, Fernie Stancil, Thelma Stancil Pipkin, Eloise Virginia Stancil, Annie Laurie Stancil Jones, Shirley Gray Stancil, Jay Stancil, Sheila Stancil Davis and Chuck Stancil. He is the grandfather of Justyn, Emma, Aiva, Olivia and Noel and great-grandfather of Cody. Wayne spent more than 40 years building and remodeling houses. He loved to fish and hunt.

WEDDINGS

Vernon-Bartlett

Reece Bartlett, son of Robert and Joan Whitfield Bartlett, married Hannah Vernon at The Lewis Atkinson Home on May 25, 2024, in Princeton, North Carolina. (Lonnie Alfred/Patty)

Brown-Robie

Caroline Meredith Brown, daughter of Jeffrey Durward Brown, married Dave Robie on Oct. 5, 2023, in Boulder, Colorado. Caroline is the granddaughter of Roselyn Stancil Brown. (Freeman Elbert/Freeman Durward)

ENGAGEMENTS

Megan Jane Woodlief

Megan Jane Woodlief, daughter of Jerry Lee Woodlief Jr., is engaged to Tyler McLawhorn. The wedding is planned for Nov. 9, 2024, in Gloucester, Virginia. (Freeman Elbert/Thelma/Shirley)

Lillie Christine Groff

Lillie Christine Groff, daughter of DJ and Diane Faison Groff, is engaged to Caleb Mocnik. The wedding is planned for April 5, 2025. Lillie is the granddaughter of David and Cynthia Stancil Groff. (Freeman Elbert/Jay)

GRADUATION

Ann Marie Ballance McPherson

Ann Marie Ballance McPherson, daughter of Gerald and Deborah Lucas Ballance, received her master's degree in education from East Carolina University on May 5, 2023, in Greenville, North Carolina. She is married to Chris McPherson and the granddaughter of Johnny and Faye Boykin Lucas. (Annie)

Appreciation for newsletter

We send gratitude and love to the Hinton family from some California Stancils (Josiah)

The decades of archival research and sensitive reporting in the newsletter are a marvel. We salute you!

**Elisa Stancil
Levine,
James and
Cathy
Stancil,
Maeva and
Margaux
Stancil**

Josiah

DEATHS

Paul Edwin Stancil II, July 28, 2024



Paul Edwin Stancil II, father of Tiffany Stancil Goldsmith, Julie Stancil Campbell, Paul Edwin Stancil III and brother of

Debra Stancil Brooks, died at 74 on July 28, 2024, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was born Sept. 22, 1949, in Chattanooga. He is the son of the late Paul Edwin Stancil and Winifred Stancil. He is the grandfather of Morgan, Drew, Jessica, Madi and Peyton and great-grandfather of Maleah, Brantley, Layla, Clayton, Denver and Aspen. Paul was a member of Brainerd Hills Baptist Church. He was a lifelong resident of Chattanooga and a successful businessman as owner of Paul Stancil Insurance and Sunbelt Insurance Group. He is buried in Chattanooga Memorial Park. (Leumos)

Laura Woodard Edwards, Sept. 15, 2023



Laura Ellen Woodard Edwards, mother of Billie Jean Edwards Carter and husband John, and sister of Pat Woodard, died at 89

on Sept. 15, 2023, in Kenly, North Carolina. She was born Dec. 3, 1933, in Johnston County, North Carolina. She is the daughter of the late Linwood and Nancy Carter Woodard, widow of Willard Fernie Edwards, mother of the late Eugene Edwards and Ronnie Edwards, and sister of the late LB Woodard and Roy Woodard. She is the grandmother of Wesley Carter and Ronnie Carter. Laura loved working in her garden and spending time with her family. She played host to dozens of family every weekend of the Stancil Reunion. Bill Edwards, the only child of Leafy and Levi Edwards, grew up on a farm in



Billie Jean, Ronnie, Laura and Bill Edwards.

Wayne County. He and Laura began dating in March 1950 and attended the Stancil Family Reunion together. They were married in Bill's home in Wayne County, North Carolina, with elders from the Mormon Church officiating. Bill passed away from a heart attack on Sept. 21, 1998, and was buried with military honors. Bill and Laura are both buried in the Kenly Cemetery. (Leafy)

GRADUATIONS

Jacob Charles Stancil

Jacob Charles Stancil, son of Bret and Kylie Ferrari Stancil, graduated from Junipero Serra High School in San Mateo, California, on June 1, 2024, at Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco. Jacob played soccer and football during his high school years. He is the grandson of Janet Lazzarotti Stancil and the late Chuck. (Harry/Beverly)

Ian Rodney MacDonald

Ian Rodney MacDonald, son of John and Karry Eschenburg MacDonald, received his bachelor's degree in forestry from Cal Poly Humboldt on Dec. 15, 2023, in Arcata, California. He is the grandson of Sue Donna Eschenburg-Hook. (William Hubert)

WEDDING



Bruno Stancil

Tanner Gamble Stancil, son of Danny Stuart Stancil, married Kristina Marie Bruno on June 15, 2024, in Birmingham, Alabama. (Leumos/Jimmy)

ENGAGEMENTS

Elizabeth Langston

Elizabeth Langston, daughter of Anne Stancil Langston, is engaged to Zane Turnure. (Leumos/Jimmy)



Ronny McCray Carter

Ronny McCray Carter, son of John and Billie Jean Edwards Carter, is engaged to Ronda Blaise Long. The wedding is planned for June 28, 2025. (Leafy/Bill)

Josiah

NEWS



Ty Alexander Hinton, son of Renn Stancil Hinton of the George Branch, made a trip to California for an editors conference. After the four days in San Diego, he flew north to visit Josiah cousins in Glen Ellen and Sacramento. Kelly and Doreen Reed Mahoney played host to the family gathering featuring lunch and family stories and photos. Front row, from left, Kerri Mahoney Finley, Eleanor Joyce Stancil, Ty Hinton; back, Michelle Lynn Leonhardt Fallon, Gay Lynne Stancil, Elisa Stancil Levine, Kelly James Mahoney and Debby Collins Stevenot.

Elizabeth Langston



Elizabeth Langston, daughter of Anne Stancil Langston, became a

Pre-K 4 teacher at Belvoir Christian Academy in Chattanooga, Tennessee. (Leumos/Jimmy)

Rachel Gayle McKane

Rachel Gayle McKane, daughter of Joseph McKane and the late Gayle, became Assistant Professor of Sociology and the Jack Meyerhoff Chair in American Environmental Studies at Brandeis University in July 2023 in Waltham, Massachusetts. (Leumos/Billie Jean)



Skip Bowes, far right, portrays Santa Claus throughout the year around Florida. Pictured, from left, is his son Jason, daughter Carla, wife Donna and Jason's wife Christy. Bottom left is Carla's son Connor and Jason and Christy's daughter Sophia. (Herbert/Patricia)



Chuck and Elisa Stancil Levine kayak a fjord near Lofthus, Norway, in July 2024. (Harry Sr./Joe)

Tempy Ann

DEATHS

Billy Wayne Hill, June 5, 2024



Billy Wayne Hill, father of Billy Wayne Hill Jr. and brother of Phillip Ray Hill and Geraldine Hill Lewis, died at 79 on June 5, 2024, at

Wilson Healthcare and Rehab in Wilson, North Carolina. He was born Sept. 18, 1944, in Johnston County, North Carolina. He is the son of the late Tonie Hill and Ludie Edwards Hill and brother of the late Braxton Hill, Ralph Hill, Josephine Parrish and an infant brother. He is the grandfather of Roger. Billy Wayne served in the National Guard and worked as an electrician. He loved fishing and hunting in his younger years. He is buried in New Jerusalem Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery in Kenly. (Tonie)

Joseph Weldon Crocker, April 5, 2024



Joseph Weldon Crocker, father of Jeff Crocker and wife Renee Hill Crocker, died at 82 on April 5, 2024, in Raleigh, North Carolina.

He was born Aug. 29, 1941, in Johnston County, North Carolina. He is the husband of Betty Crocker, son of the late James Ransome Crocker and Lelia Stancil Crocker and brother of the late Elmer Crocker. He is the grandfather of Chase Crocker. Weldon and his brother owned and operated Automotive Paint and Parts, Inc. in Middlesex, North Carolina. He enjoyed interacting with customers and helping them diagnose and fix their cars. He also made birdhouses and enjoyed sitting down with his binoculars to watch the birds. He is buried in New Jerusalem Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery in Kenly. Renee, Jeff's wife, is the daughter of Phillip Ray Hill. (Tonie)

Melinda Ann Narron, March 12, 2024

Melinda Ann Narron, mother of Garrett Lee Bass and Tyler Ethan Bass and sister of Sherry Lynn Narron, died at 45 on March 12, 2024, in Middlesex, North Carolina. She was born April 22, 1978. She is the daughter of Willis and Elaine Narron. She is buried in New Jerusalem Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery in Kenly, North Carolina. (Delia/Annie)

Diane Alford McConnell, Feb. 20, 2024



Diane Alford McConnell, wife of Hal McConnell, mother of Jason McConnell and wife Jessica and Kevin Johnson and wife

Katie, died at 64 on Feb. 20, 2024. She was born Jan. 15, 1960, in Nash County. She is the daughter of the late Gladys Alford and Billy Alford and sister to the late David Liles. She is the grandmother of Jackson, Kevin Jr., Matthew, Ella and Anna. Her gardens were always filled with flowers, sunflowers and veggies. Diane's dreams came true with her horses, Bayaref, Patriot and Abby. (Delia/Annie)

Leon Wayne Wright, Nov. 30, 2023

Leon Wayne Wright, husband of Jeannie Lorraine Stancil Wright, father of Chris Wright and Kevin Wright and brother of Laverne Crocker Murray and Greg Wright, died at 76 on Nov. 30, 2023. He was born Nov. 19, 1947, in Johnston County, North Carolina. He is the son of the late Leon Massey "Shine" and Hazel Hill Wright and brother of the late Linwood Massey Wright and Donald Ray Wright. He is the grandfather of Kasey, Madison, William and Evan. Wayne served with the Army and was a superintendent for Carolina Bridge for 40 years. (Millard)

NEWS

Eric Boyette retires from state service



Eric Boyette, husband of Dana Edwards Boyette, retired as North Carolina Department of Transportation Secretary on Oct.

1, 2023. He worked with the state government for 27 years.

"Secretary Boyette has served North Carolina with distinction during my term as governor, first as secretary of the Department of Information Technology and now as secretary of transportation," Gov. Roy Cooper said in a news release. "I'm deeply grateful for his hard work and commitment to the people of our state."

Before overseeing the state-maintained highway system and all modes of transportation he was Secretary of the Department of Information Technology, DOT Chief Information Officer, Inspector General and Division of Motor Vehicles Commissioner.

Eric was the chairman of the North Johnston Advisory Council. Eric earned his bachelor's degree from Barton College in Wilson, North Carolina. Dana is the daughter of Eloise Bailey Edwards. (Delia/Archie)

Me Fine Foundation

The Me Fine Foundation, founded in 2004 by Lori Lee in memory of Folden Lee IV, was awarded a \$2,500 grant by the Johnston County Community Foundation. Me Fine Foundation supports children in medical crisis. The Johnston County Community Foundation awarded \$51,970 to nonprofit organizations. The mission of the Me Fine Foundation is to provide resources and financial assistance to parents and caregivers with children at Duke and UNC Children's Hospitals. For information, go to mefine.org.

Tempy Ann

GRADUATIONS

Caroline Lafone



Caroline Lafone, daughter of Kenneth and Hailey Hill Lafone, graduated

from North Lenoir High School in La Grange, North Carolina, on June 8, 2024, at Lenoir Community College. She is attending NC State. She is the granddaughter of Jackie and Karen Foss Hill. (Edgar Resley/Jackie Sr.)

Morgan Delaney Boyette

Morgan Delaney Boyette, daughter of Eric and Dana Boyette, graduated summa cum laude from North Johnston High School on June 7, 2024, in Kenly, North Carolina. Morgan was the senior class president. She is majoring in pharmaceutical science at Campbell University in Buies Creek, North Carolina. She is the granddaughter of Eloise Bailey Edwards. (Delia/Archie)

Colton Nathaniel Robbins

Colton Nathaniel Robbins, son of Marty and Leslie Brewer Robbins, received his bachelor's degree in business administration with a major in accounting from Western Carolina University on May 10, 2024, in Cullowhee, North Carolina. He is the grandson of Rob and Frankie Wright Robbins. (William Moses/Gladie)

NEWS



Brenda Hill Pollard of the Tempy Ann Branch takes a photo with President Joe Biden.

Brenda Hill Pollard

Brenda Hill Pollard was elected as a delegate for Congressional District 4 in North Carolina in April 2024. She attended the 2024 Democratic National Convention from Aug. 19-22, in Chicago, Illinois.

Raegan Kolin Shepherd

Raegan Kolin Shepherd, daughter of Joshua and Wendy Peacock Shepherd, is entering her junior year on the equestrian team at the University of Georgia in Athens. Raegan was named to the All-SEC Reining team on April 11, 2024. Also, Raegan earned Most Outstanding Performer honors in the 2024 SEC championship against South Carolina by picking up a 72 in reining. Georgia finished third in the SEC championship on April 6, 2024. (Ronja/Mozelle/Peggy)

Alex Clifton Crosby

Alex Clifton Crosby, son of Cliff and Janell Hill Crosby, joined the

Virginia Military Institute as pitching coach for the 2024 baseball season. He received his bachelor's degree from Tusculum University in Greeneville, Tennessee. He is the grandson of Jackie and Maxine Hill. (Edgar Resley)

Ethan Perrine

Ethan Perrine, son of Lyndon and Kellie Brinckek Perrine, won first prize in August 2024 at the Nevada County Fair in Grass Valley, California, for the American flag table he constructed. Ethan is a sophomore FFA member at Bear River High School in Grass Valley. He is the grandson of Geraldine Hill Lewis. (Tonie)

WEDDINGS

Barnes-Houser

Caitlyn Elizabeth Barnes, daughter of Chris and Cathy Strickland Barnes, married Sean Houser on May 17, 2024, at The Ridge House in Spring Hope, North Carolina. (Millard/Mavis/Dianne)

Eldridge-Lewis

Kaitlyn Eldridge, daughter of Scott and Lynn Hill Edridge, married Dereck Lewis on Jan. 20, 2024, in Harkers Island, North Carolina. Kaitlyn is a pharmacist at CVS Pharmacy. (Jack/Ed)

Sidelinger-Jones

Sarah Catherine Sidelinger, daughter of Lyndon Earl Sidelinger, married Dustin Jones on Oct. 14, 2023, in Blairsville, Georgia. (Millard/Eloise)

ENGAGEMENTS

Narron-Daughtry

Mandy Carol Narron, daughter of Freddy and Linda Jones Narron, is engaged to marry Will Daughtry. The wedding is planned for Sept. 28, 2024, in Kenly, North Carolina. (Ronja/Mozelle)

Carolyn Sidelinger

Carolyn Grace Sidelinger, daughter of Lyndon Earl Sidelinger, is engaged to marry Jake Howard. The wedding is planned for Nov. 2, 2024, in Talking Rock, Georgia. (Millard/Eloise)

80 YEARS AGO: Remembering World War II

Harold Lloyd Stancil: A Hero Remembered

Harold Lloyd Stancil, born and raised in Kenly, North Carolina, felt the call to serve his country. Inspired by the film "Wings of the Navy," he made a decision that would shape his destiny.

At just 17 years old, with his cousin Glenn Stancil by his side, Harold's mom Eva signed him up to join the Navy. His older brother, G.I., had already enlisted in December 1940.

Assigned to the USS Franklin (CV 13), Harold's journey took him from the U.S. Naval Training Station in Newport, Rhode Island, to the vast expanse of the Pacific. The USS Franklin, an Essex-class aircraft carrier, played a crucial role in the war effort. On Jan. 31, 1944, she set sail through the Panama Canal, bound for the theater of conflict.

But fate intervened on that day nearly



Harold Lloyd Stancil

80 years ago—Oct. 13, 1944. The USS Franklin faced the horrors of war when a Japanese plane crashed onto her flight deck. Amid the chaos, Aviation Machinist's Mate First Class Stancil lost his life. His name now graces the Tablets of the Missing at the Manila American Cemetery in the Philippines—a solemn tribute to his sacrifice.

Harold was buried at sea, the vast ocean becoming his final resting place. For his unwavering dedication and courage, he posthumously earned the Purple Heart.



▲ Scan this QR code to read more about Harold Lloyd's Purple Heart.

Harold Lloyd Stancil

Branch: Navy

Born: May 7, 1924
Johnston County, NC

Died: Oct. 13, 1944,
on USS Franklin, South Pacific

Served from May 1941 to Oct. 13, 1944. Died in South Pacific and has a monument at Fort William McKinley, Manila, The Philippines. He also has a marker at Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Cemetery in Kenly, NC. The piece of the Japanese aircraft that killed Harold on the USS Franklin in 1944 is in the Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum exhibit in Charleston, S.C. Hale Ralph Stancil toured it and saw the piece that killed Harold.



Harold with brother G.I.

Harold Lloyd Stancil's uniform was donated to the Tobacco Farm Life Museum in Kenly, North Carolina.



A marker for Harold Lloyd Stancil at Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery in Kenly, North Carolina.

WILSON SAILOR KILLED IN PACIFIC WAR AREA

Aviation Machinist Harold L. Stancil Dies in Action, Navy Reports

Wilson, Oct. 23.—The fifth man in the area to have been reported killed in action this month, AMM Harold Lloyd Stancil, 1-c of Kenly, Route 2, son of Mrs. G. L. Stancil and the late M. Stancil, was reported killed in action in the Pacific area by the Navy Department today.

Young Stancil was 20 years old and had been in the service for three years. He was a first class petty officer.

He is survived by his mother and 11 brothers and sisters, including T. E. Stancil of Wilmington, Ralph of Ocala, Fla., G. I. Stancil in the Navy at Jacksonville, Fla., Mrs. J. N. Stancil of Rocky Mount, Mrs. J. R. Renfrow of Kenly, Route 2; Mrs. J. C. Hales of Kenly, Mrs. J. G. Renfrow of Lucama, Route 2; Mrs. Eddie Carraway of Farmville, Mrs. Grover Eason of Selma, Mrs. Robert E. Dennison of Hempstead, N. Y., and Mrs. W. H. (Bill) Batts of Wilson.

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NORMAN MARION NARRON

Born: Oct. 10, 1898 Johnston, NC

Died: May 17, 1956 Wilson, NC; Buried in Narron Family Cemetery in Middlesex, Nash, NC

Second husband of Neta "Veta" Lee Hill. [Temy Ann/George]

GEORGE GUY STANCIL



Army National Guard, Technical sergeant

Born: Oct. 23, 1911 Johnston, NC

Died: Feb. 25, 1986 Honolulu, Hawaii; Buried in Valley of the Temples Memorial Park, Honolulu, Hawaii

Enlisted Oct. 15, 1940, and was sent to Hawaii. He was released from the Army after marrying Frances Louis DeMella.

Son of Oscar Stancil [Henry]

EARNEY WHITEHURST CAYTON



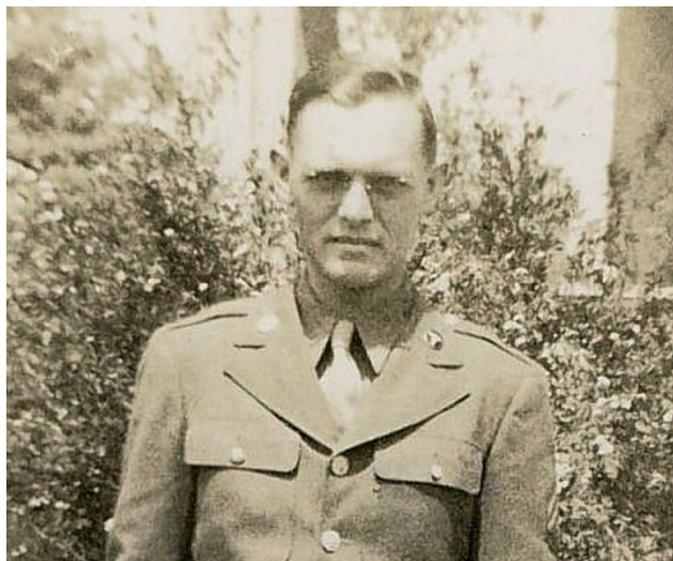
Army, Cpl

Born: Oct. 17, 1913 North Carolina

Died: June 28, 2006; Wilson, NC; Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Wilson, NC

Enlisted Feb. 7, 1942.

Husband of Emma Lee Godwin [Bessie/Henry]



FREEMAN DURWARD STANCIL

Army

Born: Oct. 11, 1914 Middlesex, Johnston, NC

Died: April 25, 1998 Wilson, NC; Buried in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, Wilson, NC

Enlisted Jan. 23, 1943, at Fort Bragg, NC.

Son of Freeman Elbert Stancil [Samuel]

ROBERT "BOB" EARNEST DENNISON



Army & Air Force

Born: Nov. 5, 1914 Philadelphia, Pa.

Died: Dec. 19, 1998 Wilson, NC

Enlisted Jan. 22, 1942, at Fort George G. Mead, Maryland. Later transferred to Air Force. He was a mechanic and a navigator in the service. His plane crashed in France

after he was married.

Husband of Dot Stancil [George Ira]

WILLIAM CARL STANCIL



Army, 2nd Lt

Born: Sept. 9, 1915 Johnston, NC

Died: Dec. 14, 1979 Fayetteville, Cumberland, NC; buried in Lafayette Memorial Park, Fayetteville, NC

Enlisted Feb. 3, 1941, at Camp Patrick Henry in Newport News, Va. Carl suffered

a shrapnel wound in the Battle of Anzio in Italy from Jan. 23 to May 25, 1944. The battle concluded with the liberation of Rome on June 5, 1944.

Son of Harvey

THOMAS RUFFIN STANCIL

Navy

Born: Nov. 3, 1915 Smithfield, NC

Died: Dec. 3, 2007 Grayling, MI; Buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling, Crawford, MI

Served in the Pacific. Prior to joining the Navy he wired tanks for the military in Detroit.

Son of Walter Greene Stancil [Henry]

JEROME CLINTON KELLY



Army

Born: June 9, 1916 Panther Branch Township, Wayne, NC

Died: March 21, 1968 Chapel Hill, Orange, NC; Buried in Montlawn Memorial Park, Raleigh, NC

Enlisted Oct. 16, 1944, at Fort Bragg, NC.

Served in 9201st Technical Service Unit Transportation Corps Military Police Detachment #13. Discharged Dec. 10, 1945.

Husband of Mildred Ruth Stancil [Samuel/Lonnie]

CHARLES MYRON "JACK" CRABTREE SR.

Army Air Corps

Born: Oct. 6, 1916

Died: June 9, 1975 NC; Buried in Hawfields Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Alamance, NC

Enlisted Oct. 28, 1941.

Husband of Gurnie Patricia Stancil. [Henry/James Oscar]

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VERNON "JIM" FLETCHER HILL

Army, Master sergeant

Born: March 10, 1917 Johnston, NC

Died: Sept. 9, 1973 Johnston, NC; Buried in Fred Hill Cemetery, Kenly, Johnston, NC

After enlisting on March 4, 1942, he had basic training at Fort Bragg, NC. He was then sent to the Armored Cavalry Regiment at Camp Polk, Louisiana, where he learned to drive a tank. Jim was stationed in Paris and Berlin. He earned six ribbons and medals. He served until Dec. 23, 1945.

Son of Millard Hill [Tempy Ann]



STANLEY ANTHONY JANIUK JR.

Army

Born: Jan. 19, 1918 Erie, Pa.

Died: Sept. 5, 1999 Pa.; Buried in Wintergreen Gorge Cemetery, Harborcreek Township, Erie County, Pa.

Served from Aug. 27, 1941, through Oct. 13, 1945.

Husband of Ruth Stancil [Henry/James Oscar]

"TOM" ELDRED FRANCIS DEANS

Navy, MM1

Born: March 31, 1918 Wilson, NC

Died: July 18, 1998 Wilson, NC; Buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Wilson, NC

Enlisted Jan. 9, 1942, at Fort Bragg, NC.

Husband of Myrtie Hill [Tempy Ann/James Clarence]

GEORGE GARLAND STANCIL



Army

Born: June 6, 1918 Beulah, Johnston, NC

Died: Oct. 24, 2010 Durham, NC; Buried in Antioch Baptist Cemetery, Johnston, NC

After being drafted Oct. 12, 1942, he spent three days at Fort Bragg, NC. He was sent to Camp White, near Medford,

Ore., for basic training. He served until 1945.

Married to Doris [Harvey]

JOHN ANGELO GUZZO SR.



Army, First Sergeant

Born: June 19, 1918 Yonkers, Westchester, NY

Died: April 4, 1988 Wilson, NC
Entered service April 23, 1943.

Discharged April 11, 1946.

Husband of Claudia Mavis Hill [Harvey/

Delanie Mavis]

FLETCHER BLYTHE HALES

Army, TEC5

Born: Sept. 18, 1918 Wilson, NC

Died: June 21, 2006 Kenly, Johnston, NC; Buried in Batten Family Cemetery, Micro, Johnston, NC

Enlisted March 4, 1942, at Fort Bragg, NC. Discharged Sept. 28, 1945.

Son of Delphia Pearl Hill Hales [Tempy Ann]



NEEDOM RALPH CREECH

Army TEC5, Quartermaster Corps

Born: Oct. 1, 1918 Micro, Johnston, NC

Died: May 17, 2003 Durham, NC; Buried in Selma Memorial Gardens, Selma, Johnston, NC

Registered for draft Oct. 16, 1940, and later enlisted in the Army on Nov. 21, 1942, at Fort Bragg, NC. He entered the hospital in March 1944 with appendicitis and acute suppurative until April. He served until Dec. 14, 1945.

Received two purple hearts.

Married Ila Stancil [Henry]

JOSEPH "J.M." MANLEY CREECH JR.

Merchant Marines

Born: Dec. 18, 1919 Johnston, NC

Died: Jan. 10, 2003 Norfolk, VA; Buried in Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Norfolk, VA

Son of Joseph and Lillian Stancil Creech. [Henry]



MIGUEL L. ASCAR-MARCH

Army

Born: Dec. 24, 1919 Manati, Puerto Rico

Died: Dec. 16, 2005 Puerto Rico; Buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section 8-N4, Row 16, Site 4), Arlington, VA

Enlisted Sept. 24, 1942.

Second husband of Barbara Campbell [Josiah/Mozelle]

CLAYTON LEWIS BOWES SR.

Army Air Corps, Sgt

Born: March 1, 1920 Somerville, Suffolk, MA,

Died: Oct. 14, 1996 Winthrop, MA; Buried in Pine Hill Cemetery (Section 8, Avenue T, Lot 901), Dover, Strafford, NH

Enlisted: Aug. 17, 1942 at Fort Devens, MA. Served through Jan. 30, 1946

Second husband of Patricia Ann Stancil. [Josiah/Herbert]

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LEON DAUGHTRIDGE HALES

Army

Born: March 12, 1920 Kenly, Johnston, NC

Died: April 23, 1984 Riverside Hospital, Newport News, Isle of Wright, Va.; Buried in Saint Luke's Cemetery, Smithfield, VA

Enlisted at Fort Bragg, NC, on March 30, 1942. He was admitted into the hospital in April 1944 with urticaria and rheumatic fever. He was discharged from Army on July 6, 1944.

Son of Delphia Pearl Hill Hales [Tempy Ann]

HENRY "ED" EDWARD WALLACE

Air Force

Born: June 17, 1920 Philadelphia, Pa.

Died: Nov. 23, 2013 Newport News, Va.

Enlisted May 13, 1941, at Fort Bragg, NC. Ed was trained to be a bomber pilot. He was shot down during raids over Germany in 1943.

He was taken as a POW, was released in 1945 after 14 months when the Allied Forces were victorious.

Husband of Mable Irene Pittman [Harvey/Gertrude]



GEORGE IRA STANCIL JR.

Navy

Born: Nov. 6, 1920 Beulah, Johnston County, NC

Died: Feb. 8, 1995 Kenly, Johnston, NC; Buried in Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Kenly, NC

Enlisted Dec. 10, 1940. Assigned to

Bombing Squadron 4, Operational Training Unit 2, in Jacksonville, Florida, from July 26, 1944, to Dec. 1, 1945. Discharged Aug. 1, 1963.

Son of George Ira



JAMES WALTER SWEESY

Air Force, LtCol

Born: Nov. 9, 1920 Foxburg, Clarion, PA

Died: Aug. 7, 1971 Goldsboro, NC;

Buried in Arlington National Cemetery
Signed up for Air Force in 1937 in

Pittsburgh. Retired in 1968.
Married to Rose Marie Stancil [George

Ira/Emmette]



LAWRENCE ELMO HOUSE

Marine Corps, Pfc.

Born: Feb. 15, 1921 Wake, NC

Died: Aug. 9, 1997 Greensboro, Guilford, NC; Buried in Westminster Gardens, Greensboro, NC

Enlisted Nov. 25, 1943. served with the 2nd Marine Division of the 6th Marine

Corps. Was a sharpshooter, seeing action in Saipan and Tinia. Discharged March 6, 1946.

Husband of Reba [George Ira/DeLanie]



JAMES "JIMMY" HARDING STANCIL

Merchant Marines, Lieutenant

Born: June 20, 1921 Kenly, Johnston, NC

Died: Feb. 18, 2009 Chattanooga, TN; Buried in Chattanooga Memorial Cemetery, Chattanooga, Hamilton, TN

Registered for draft Feb. 16, 1942. Served from Oct. 19, 1942, to May 1946. He was the

medic and purser.

Son of Leumos Stancil [Josiah]



JAMES ORVILLE STANCIL

Marine Corps, Platoon sergeant

Born: Oct. 10, 1921 Kenly, Johnston, NC

Died: Sept. 23, 2014 Virginia Beach, VA; Buried in Rosewood Memorial Park, Virginia Beach, VA

Enlisted June 3, 1940, at Parris Island, SC. Sent to Naval Torpedo Station in Newport,

Rhode Island in October 1940.

Son of Oscar Stancil [Henry]



PAUL DOUGLAS CREECH

Army

Born: Dec. 12, 1921 Selma, Johnston, NC

Died: July 7, 1997 Norfolk, VA; Buried in Selma Memorial Gardens, Selma, NC

Registered for draft Feb. 16, 1942, while in Durham, NC. Enlisted at Fort Bragg, NC, on Sept. 15, 1942. Discharged Jan. 21, 1946.

Son of Lillian Stancil Creech [Henry]



JOHN FREDERICK HILL

National Guard & Marine Corps

Born: May 20, 1922 Beulah, Johnston, NC

Died: May 10, 1973 Clinton, Sampson, NC; Buried in Harrells Cemetery, Harrells, NC

Enlisted Sept. 16, 1940, in Smithfield, NC. He was in the Field Artillery Unit, a member of the National Guard. He enlisted in the Marine Corps on Jan. 11, 1942, and was discharged Nov. 16, 1945.

Son of John Fletcher Hill [Tempy Ann]



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JAVIS "RAS" GODFREY HILL

Army, Corporal

Born: Nov. 18, 1922 Johnston, NC

Died: April 15, 1999 Kenly, NC; Buried in New Jerusalem Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery, Kenly, NC
Enlisted Jan. 25, 1943, at Fort Bragg, NC.
Son of William Moses Hill [Tempy Ann]

PAUL EDWIN STANCIL



Merchant Marines

Born: Nov. 8, 1923 Kenly, Johnston, NC

Died: Aug. 29, 2020 Chattanooga, TN;
Buried in Chattanooga Memorial Park,
Chattanooga, TN
Served from September 1943 to 1948.
Son of Leumos Waverly Stancil [Josiah]

WILLARD LEVI BURGESS

Navy, PHM2

Born: Dec. 14, 1923 Corinth, Alcorn, MS

Died: Oct. 22, 1988 Broward, FL; Buried in Chattanooga National Cemetery, Chattanooga, TN
Registered for draft, June 30, 1942, and enlisted Nov. 26, 1942, as Pharmacist's mate 2nd class. He was discharged Nov. 24, 1945.

Husband of Gloria Maxine Stancil Burgess Woods [Josiah/Leumos]

ELMER LEON GODWIN



Army, Sergeant

Born: March 11, 1924 Johnston, NC

Died: Feb. 9, 1998 Wilson, NC; Buried in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, Wilson, NC
Enlisted May 25, 1944. He served in France where he met and married Dolly Jacqueline Vella.

Son of Bessie Stancil Godwin [Henry]

"TOM" WORTH HAYES STANCIL



Army, Pvt

Born: May 16, 1924 Kenly, Johnston, NC

Died: Dec. 28, 1985 Manassas, VA;
Buried in Holland and Bass Cemetery,
Pinkney, Wayne, NC
Enlisted Aug. 16, 1943, at Fort Bragg, NC.
Discharged June 4, 1946.

Son of William Arthur Stancil Sr. [John Archer]

NELSON WHITFIELD FURR



Army & Army Air Corps

Born: May 18, 1924 Waynesboro, Va.

Died: July 22, 1981 Hampton, VA; Buried in Parklawn Memorial Park, Hampton, VA
Enlisted April 29, 1943, in Richmond, Virginia. He transferred to the Army Air Corps. Stationed in the Pacific on Tenya Island. Discharged in 1946.
Husband of Dorothy Clell Hales [Tempy Ann/Delphia]

OLLIE FULTON HILL

Army

Born: June 14, 1924 Johnston, NC

Died: July 15, 1957 Wilmington, NC; Buried in Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery, Kenly, Johnston, NC

Served from Aug 23, 1945-Dec. 17, 1945.

Son of Raymond and Delanie Mavis Stancil Hill. [Harvey]

JOSEPH "JOE" DOWNING STANCIL



Marine Corps & Merchant Marines

Born: July 31, 1924 Wayne, NC

Died: Jan. 27, 2000 Wilson, NC

Enlisted into Marine Corps on Aug. 13, 1941. Served through July 7, 1942. Joined Merchant Marines on June 30, 1944, and served until Sept. 26, 1946.

Son of John Millard Stancil [John Archer]

KENNETH WESLEY COLLINS



Navy, Signalman second class

Born: Sept. 6, 1924 Placerville, CA

Died: Dec. 29, 2010 Stockton, San

Joaquin, CA; Buried in Georgetown Pioneer Cemetery, El Dorado, CA
Entered service April 2, 1943. Stationed at Owendi Island in the South Pacific.

Discharged Feb. 4, 1946.

Husband of Betty Stancil [Josiah/Harry Sr./Harry Jr.]

HENRY RUDOLPH STANCIL



Navy

Born: Sept. 17, 1924 Kenly, Johnston, NC

Died: Dec. 4, 1993 Clifton Forge, Va.;

Buried in Alleghany Memorial Park, Low Moor, Alleghany, VA

Enlisted Aug. 31, 1942. He was stationed aboard a PT boat in the Pacific theater.

Discharged March 12, 1946.

Son of Oscar Stancil [Henry]

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PAUL GRADY "PG" HILL



Army

Born: Sept. 24, 1924 Johnston, NC

Died: May 9, 2001 Kenly, NC; Buried in New Jerusalem Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery, Kenly, Johnston, NC

Enlisted Aug. 28, 1944, at Fort Bragg, NC. Served with Gen. Alexander McCarrell

"Sandy" Patch in the 7th Army, which invaded southern France. He was awarded the Purple Heart.

Son of William Moses Hill [Temy Ann]

JIMMIE ROBERT PRICE

Army, Corporal

Born: Oct. 3, 1924 Johnston, NC

Died: Jan. 7, 2000 Kenly, NC; Buried in Bethany Church Cemetery, Kenly, NC

Enlisted Nov. 28, 1945, at Camp McCoy, Sparta, Wisconsin, for one year. He guarded prisoners in Wisconsin.

Husband of Alice Stancil Price [Temy Ann/Ronia]

LLOYD THOMAS SELLERS

Army, Pfc



Born: Oct. 13, 1924 Kenly, Johnston, NC

Died: July 28, 2018 Spring Hill, FL; Buried in Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL

Enlisted July 26, 1943, at Fort Bragg, NC. He was a member of Company B 710th tank battalion. Served in Guam, Leyte,

Okinawa. Discharged on Jan. 24, 1946.

Husband of Margaret Stancil Sellers. [John Archer/William Arthur]

GLENN WARREN STANCIL

Army, Pfc

Born: Nov. 30, 1924 Johnston, NC

Died: Oct. 27, 2008 Johnston, NC; Buried in Center Ridge Church Cemetery, Kenly, Johnston, NC

Enlisted Nov 25, 1945, at Camp Pickett at Blackstone, Va. Had a one-year

assignment.

Son of Alvin

THOMAS "JUNIOR" EMMETTE STANCIL JR.



Navy, S1C

Born: Dec. 15, 1924 Kenly, Johnston, NC

Died: May 23, 1980 Johnston, NC; Buried in Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Cemetery, Kenly, Johnston, NC

Enlistment Dec. 12, 1942, in Raleigh, NC. Received his discharge on April 24, 1944.

Son of Emmette Stancil Sr. [George Ira]

JOAN MURIEL SWEETLAND STANCIL



Lt. Joan Sweetland

Joan Muriel Sweetland was born on July 3, 1921, in Orient, South Dakota. She pursued a career in nursing, becoming a registered nurse and later serving as a First Lieutenant in the Army during World War II. Joan's dedication took her to Italy, Egypt, and Africa, where she was assigned to military hospitals.

On Sept. 13, 1943, Joan was aboard the hospital ship HMHS Newfoundland when it was bombed by German forces in the Salerno Gulf. The fifth attack set the ship ablaze. Joan and the other 102 American nurses lost all their belongings but were rescued and taken back to North Africa. They returned to Italy to continue their vital work with an evacuation unit.

After the war, Joan married Joe Stancil Sr., the son of Harry Lester Stancil Jr., and they had three children in Placerville, California.

Joan passed away on Aug. 23, 1999, in Placer County, California. Her legacy as a brave and dedicated nurse who served her country during one of its most challenging times continues to be remembered.

LETTER HOME: 1943

Lt. Joan Sweetland writes home from North Africa in 1943:

Hello Everybody,

Here I am again in North Africa. Thought I would never see it again. Also, I am on land and we have beds with mattresses, pillows and sheets. Lost everything I own but a pair of fatigues and my GI shoes. The Jerries bombed our hospital ship we were on. Tried 3 or 4 times and were really successful the 5th time. The lights were all on, it was about 3 am so it was no mistake and I hate them. Hope I have a chance to take care of one of them again.

Some of the British aides and most of their medical officers were killed. None of ours were, don't know where our men and officers are.

There's no doubt about it, every one of us on the ship owe our lives to the British crew. They were swell. Not one of the girls became hysterical so we're pretty proud of ourselves.

Not much to write about. We're just resting now. Everybody spoiling us, feels good though. I'll write again. Haven't had mail for two weeks. Been moving. Don't worry, I'm fine.

**Love, yours truly,
Joan**

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HAROLD STANCIL



Coast Guard & Army
Born: June 25, 1925 Nash, NC
Died: March 24, 2011 Marietta, GA;
 buried in Marietta National Cemetery,
 Marietta, Cobb, GA
 Served from September 1943 to August
 1953 in Coast Guard. Drafted into the Army

in 1953 as a mess sergeant.

Son of Leumos Waverly Stancil [Josiah]

WILLIAM "BILL" ARTHUR STANCIL JR.



Army, Pvt.
Born: Aug. 8, 1925 Kenly, Johnston, NC
Died: April 16, 2003, Fairfax, Va.; Buried
 in Elmwood Cemetery in Fremont, NC
 Enlisted Nov. 23, 1943, in Fort Bragg,
 NC. Trained as a cook in Company F 260th
 infantry regiment 65th Division.

Son of William Arthur Stancil Sr. [John Archer]

WINIFRED HILL HALES

Army, Pvt

Born: Aug. 13, 1925 Smithfield, Johnston, NC

Died: Aug. 4, 1960 Buried in Kenly Cemetery, Kenly,
 Johnston, NC

Enlisted April 22, 1946, at Fort Bragg, NC.

Son of Delphia Pearl Hill [Tempy Ann]

AMOS ALTON ESTES

Navy

Born: Nov. 1, 1925 Hackleburg, Marion, AL

Died: June 29, 2005 Middlesex, NC; Buried in
 Montlawn Memorial Park, Raleigh, Wake, NC

Enlisted: Nov. 1, 1926.

Second husband of Myrtle Alene Hill [Arnettie/Arthur]

JOSEPH "JOE" ELIJAH STANCIL SR.



Navy
Born: Dec. 16, 1925 Letart, Mason, WV
Died: June 6, 2018 Placerville, CA

Joe reported to basic training after
 enlisting in the Navy on Dec. 16, 1943. On
 Jan. 27, 1944, he was sent to Navy School
 in San Diego, California. Joe worked on
 landing barges which unloaded supplies. The ship Joe was
 on was the first to see Nagasaki after the atom bomb.

Son of Harry Lester Stancil Sr. [Josiah]

WILLARD GROVER CREECH



Army, Pvt

Born: April 1, 1926 Kenly, Johnston, NC

Died: Jan. 20, 2022 Smithfield, Johnston,
 NC; Buried in Selma Memorial Gardens,
 Selma, NC

Enlisted Oct. 13, 1944 at Fort Bragg, NC.

He served in the 45th Army Division in
 Germany until the war ended in Frankfurt and Munich.

Married Ruby Irene Stancil [Henry/Oscar]

RICHARD ALTON SAVAGE

Corps of Engineers

Born: Oct. 4, 1926

Died: Dec. 24, 2006

Enlisted Nov. 23, 1945.

First husband of Barbara Campbell [Josiah/Mozelle]

GEORGE PRESTON HILL JR.



Coast Guard & Army, CW2

Born: Oct. 15, 1926 Johnston, NC

Died: April 14, 1988 Durham, NC

Served in Coast Guard for four years
 from 1942 to 1946. Joined Army on Sept. 7,
 1948, at Fort Bragg, NC. He was a tug boat
 pilot and licensed harbor pilot.

Husband of Margaret Pope [Tempy Ann/Preston Hill]

BARDIN JEFFERSON "B.J." BUNN JR.

Army, TEC 4

Born: March 16, 1927 Wilson, NC

Died: July 27, 2006 Wilson, NC; Buried in Marsh
 Swamp Church Cemetery, Wilson, NC

Enlisted into Army on June 27, 1945, at Fort Bragg, NC,
 and served in Germany.

Husband of Velma Hill [Tempy Ann/James Clarence]

FLOYD EVERETTE HALES

Army

Born: Aug. 20, 1927 Kenly, Johnston, NC

Died: Feb. 9, 1980 Wilson, NC; Buried in Kenly
 Cemetery, Kenly, Johnston, NC

Enlisted Dec. 17, 1945, at Fort Bragg, NC.

Son of Delphia Pearl Hill [Tempy Ann]

"JIMMY" DONALD EUGENE RENFROW

Army, Pvt & Air Force, Ssgt

Born: Nov. 8, 1927 Wilson, NC

Died: June 22, 2017 Langdon, NH; Buried in
 Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Agawam,
 Hampden County, MA

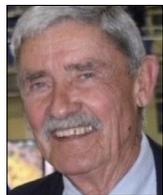
Drafted January 1946 and was sent to Fort Bragg, NC.
 He joined the Army Air Corps.

Son of James Graydon Renfrow [George Ira]

John Archer

DEATHS

Robert Middleton Jr., Sept. 24, 2023



Robert Maurice “Bobby” Middleton Jr., father of Robert Middleton III and Lynn Middleton Rys, ex-husband of Gail Stancil Roberts and

brother of Jane Olivia Middleton, died at 81 on Sept. 24, 2023, in Moneta, Virginia. He was born May 16, 1942, in Lynchburg, Virginia. He is the son of the late Robert Sr. and Virginia Harris Middleton and brother of the late William “Billy” Andrew Middleton. He is the grandfather of Robert, Alaina, Kyla and great-grandfather of Robert. He ran Bernard’s Realty Company at Smith Mountain Lake for most of his career. Bobby began flying in 1970 and loved to fly every kind of plane. Many of his relatives went on to become pilots as well. (Beaman)

WEDDING

Holleman-Stancil

Luke Harrison Stancil, son of Jackson Stancil Jr., married Bailee Megan Holleman on March 23, 2024, at All Saints Chapel in Raleigh, North Carolina. (Kermit/Jackie)

BIRTHS



Lakeyn Grey Erickson

Lakeyn Grey Erickson, daughter of Olaf Erickson and Maura Stancil, was born March 27, 2024, in Wilson, North Carolina. She is the granddaughter of Richard and Cindy Price Stancil and great-granddaughter of Edward and Mary Boykin Stancil. (Arthur)

Bennett Delton Edwards

Bennett Delton Edwards, son of Matt and Rachel Brown Edwards, was born Aug. 1, 2023. He is the grandson of Michael and Robin Brown and great-grandson of Betty Stancil Brown. (Arthur)



Fact Box: John Archer

John Archer Stancil was born on Aug. 6, 1871, in Johnston County, North Carolina, to John Thomas and Delaney Catherine Sasser Stancil. He was the fifth child and fourth son in his family. John attended the Boyette School, a graded school established in a former slave house on the Larkin Boyette Plantation.

John married Pinettie Edwards on Feb. 3, 1895. They had several children, including William, Sarah,

John Millard, Mary, Martha, Beaman, Kermit, George, and Carletta. John was known for his black hair, blue eyes, and tall stature, standing about six feet tall. He was also musically inclined and played the banjo.

Throughout his life, John was involved in farming, a common occupation in his community. John passed away on May 27, 1934, in Johnston County, leaving behind a legacy of hard work and dedication.

NEWS



Kyla Yu Rys

Kyla Yu Rys, daughter of Stephen and Lynn Middleton Rys, had her photo “Sally’s Jacket” win the top prize in All About Photo’s Colors competition in 2023.

“Sally’s Jacket,” an image of a woman with her back to the camera wearing a red jacket which shows her collar and red hair, is on the November 2023 cover of AAP Magazine #35. The magazine features several photos by Kyla. The first-place winner also received \$500.

Kyla, who lives in New York City, graduated from Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia on June 2, 2023. She is now working for Ralph Lauren. For information, go to kylarys.com. She is the granddaughter of Larry and Gail Stancil Roberts. (Beaman)

Harper Lee Dillon

Harper Lee Dillon, daughter of Reed and Karen Roberts Dillon, is a senior on the cross country and track teams at Hollins University in Roanoke, Virginia. She is a political science major. Harper is the granddaughter of Larry and Gail Stancil Roberts. (Beaman)

Harvey Arthur

DEATHS

James Robert Hooks, March 11, 2024



James Robert Hooks, husband of Brenda Florence Hare Hooks and father of Michelle Hooks Bennett, died at 78 on March 11, 2024,

at Kitty Askins Hospice Center in Goldsboro, North Carolina. He was born Sept. 13, 1945. Robert is the son of the late Herman and Ada Smith Hooks and brother of the late Billy Hooks and Linda Hooks Fields. He is the grandfather of Abbie. Robert worked hard for years in farming the family farm. Robert spent hours ringing the Salvation Army bell and selling brooms and light bulbs for the Pikeville Lions Club, for which he served as president twice. He is buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Fremont. Brenda is the daughter of Patsy Jane Stancil Hare, daughter of Harvey.

WEDDINGS

Hinnant-Metz

Emily McCay Hinnant, daughter of Liz DiMaria Hinnant and the late Stephen, married Bailey Metz on Feb. 17, 2024, in Irmo, South Carolina. (Gertrude/Jenny)

Langston-McCraney

James "Trey" Langston III, son of Jim and Rhonda Strickland Langston, married Riss McCraney on Jan. 27, 2024, at The Garden at Bella Sera in Loxley, Alabama. (Gertrude/Ruth)

ENGAGEMENT

Grace Ann Hinnant

Grace Ann Hinnant, daughter of Elizabeth DiMaria Hinnant and the late Stephen Dennis Hinnant, is engaged to Charles Crocker. The wedding is planned for Nov. 9, 2024, in Columbia, South Carolina. (Gertrude/Jennifer)

NEWS



At the age of 74, Bill Wallace won the Hampton Heat 200 Supertruck race at Langley Speedway in Hampton, Virginia, on July 20, 2024. (Gertrude/Mable)

GRADUATIONS

Elysia Marie Vanegas



Elysia Marie Vanegas, daughter of Tiffany Christian Vanegas, graduated from South Garner High School on June 13, 2024, in Raleigh, North Carolina. Elysia is planning to enter the Army National Guard. (Gertrude/Thomas/Sandra)

She was named to the All-State Volleyball First Team as a junior and Second Team as a senior. Ramsie is attending Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. (Gertrude/Mac)

Chloe Azoff

Chloe Azoff, daughter of Eric and Michelle Guzzo Azoff, graduated from Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School in Yarmouth, Massachusetts, on June 8, 2024, on Cape Cod. She played shooting guard for the basketball team, ran cross country and was a track athlete. She is playing basketball at Bridgewater State as a freshman. Chloe was named to the First Team of the Cape Cod Times Basketball All-Star Team, Cape Cod Times All-Scholastic first team, along with being named a Cape & Islands League All-Star in the Atlantic Division and was selected to play in the Cape & Islands High School All-Star game for basketball. She is the granddaughter of John and Mildred Cervia Guzzo. (Delanie/Claudia)

Ramsie Jewel Pittman



Ramsie Jewel Pittman, daughter of Chris and Jodie Hughes Pittman, graduated from York High School in Yorktown, Virginia, on June 8, 2024, at William & Mary's Kaplan Arena in Williamsburg. She was vice president of the senior class. Ramsie played volleyball during her high school years at York, which won the Class 3 state championship on Nov. 19, 2022, as a junior.

Arnettie

DEATHS

Dale Edward McVey, May 11, 2024



Dale Edward McVey, father of Cindy McVey Ferguson and Misty McVey Isenhour and brother of Diane Dickson, died at 77

on May 11, 2024, in Vidor, Texas. He was born Sept. 16, 1946, in Berryville, Arkansas. He is the son of the late Bill and Margie McVey and father of the late Margie Elaine McVey. He is the grandfather of Trent, Randall, Madison, Summer, Derick and Hunter and great-grandfather of Raylee. He worked for Dupont as a maintenance worker for 35 years until retirement. Dale loved watching NASCAR races and baseball, especially the Arkansas Razorbacks. Misty is the wife of Ronnie Lee Isenhour. (Arthur/Myrtle)

David Anthony Ruffin, Sept. 30, 2022



David Anthony Ruffin, brother of Kristina Blair Mosley and Dennis Mosley Jr. and wife Angela, died at 34 on Sept. 30, 2022. He was

born May 12, 1988. He is the son of the late Robin David Ruffin and Angela Murph. (Wilbert/Marvelene)

GRADUATION

April Murph Boykin

April Murph Boykin, wife of Larry Keith Boykin, received her master's degree in elementary education from Western Governors University in May 2024. April teaches fifth grade at Middlesex Elementary School in Nash County, North Carolina. She is the daughter of Kip and Wanda Murph. (Wilbert/Marvelene)

NEWS



Kip and Wanda Murph and Larry and April Murph Boykin went on a seven-day Alaskan cruise on the Carnival Luminosa starting June 20, 2024. (Wilbert/Marvelene)

Leslie Ann Isenhour



Leslie Ann Isenhour, daughter of Larry Isenhour, will be a speaker in a panel discussing "Bridging the Skills Gap in the Biopharmaceutical Industry" on the main stage for the 2024 BioProcess International Conference on Sept. 25, 2024, at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston. Leslie is dean of the Biotechnologies Division at Wake Technical Community College in Morrisville, North Carolina. (Arthur/Myrtle)

Alvin

WEDDING

Serpan-Blackburn

Josh Blackburn, son of Michael and Tammie Williams Blackburn, married Mallory Nicole Serpan on Nov. 4, 2023. Josh is the grandson of Hilbert and Margaret Mercer Williams. (Beulah)

George Ira

NEW BUSINESS



COTTON TAILS & CO.
- FINE CHILDREN'S BOUTIQUE -

Cotton Tails and Co. in Wilson

Shelley and Dustin Stancil purchased a local children's boutique, Cotton Tails, located in Wilson, North Carolina, in July 2024.

The store Cotton Tails has been a fixture of the Wilson community for almost 20 years and is well known for offering high quality children's clothing and gifts, infant to tween.

The store has been online only at shopcottontailsnc.com since the purchase in July. The family will also bring the store back to Wilson with a new location.

The store will open on Oct. 5 within Hilton's Clothing on the second floor (the old women's section), at The Shoppes at Brentwood, 2801 Ward Blvd., Suite 3P, Wilson, NC 27893.

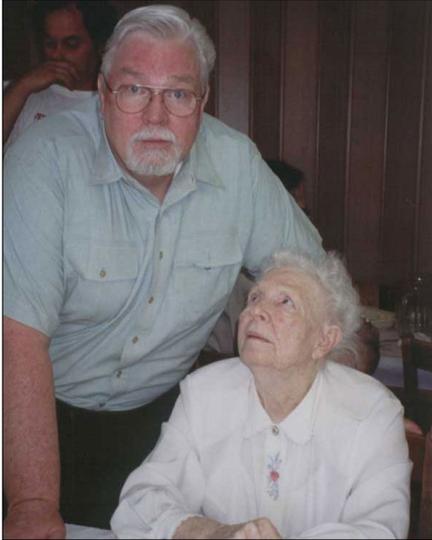
The Stancil family is excited for this adventure and would love to see some family in the store once it reopens. (GI/Don)



◀ **Scan this QR code**
to find out more about
Cotton Tails clothing
store in Wilson, NC

George Ira

DEATHS



Jes Hales stands by his mother Hilda at the 2002 family reunion in North Carolina.

Jesman Arnold Hales, April 10, 2024

Jesman Arnold Hales, husband of Betsy Jean Lane Hales, father of Jeff Hales and wife Carolyn Smith, Jessica Hales and Joseph Mark Hales, and brother of Mary Ann Hales Weisiger and husband Lewis, died at 83 on April 10, 2024, in Prattville, Alabama. He was born Nov. 4, 1940, in Fremont, North Carolina. He is the son of the late Jesmon Cedric Hales and Hilda Maie Stancil Hales Stover. He is the grandfather of Ashley Hales Hamilton and husband Jordan Hamilton and Lauren Hales Boutwell and husband Jace Boutwell. Jes served in the Air Force as a pilot and Air-Crew Commander. He served in Southeast Asia (Vietnam) from 1967 to 1973 (seven Temporary Duty tours totaling 865 days). Arnold was an officer in the Air Force from 1963 to 1984. He also served as a B-52 instructor pilot and was a faculty member at the Air Command and Staff College from 1976-1980. He is buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Fremont. His parents are also buried in Elmwood Cemetery.

Hale Ralph Stancil, March 21, 2024



Hale Ralph Stancil, husband of Rebecca "Becky" Faye Warner Stancil, father of Stephanie DellaVecchia and husband Matthew, Karen Stancil and husband Ken Capps, Suzanne Stancil and husband John Svercek, Kathryn Riechert and husband Scott Whitten, and John Stancil and wife Jennifer and brother of Renn Stancil Hinton and Harold Stancil, died at 78 on March 21, 2024, in Ocala, Florida. He was born Jan. 3, 1946, in Ocala. He is the son of the late George Ralph and Ethel Octavia Stancil and brother of the late Georgeanne Stancil Schore. He is the grandfather of Ashlyn, Audrey, Andrew, Mason, Ella, Lily, Tyler, Jordan, Miles, Grant, Everett, Nathan, Brooke, Grace, Corban, Caleb and Alden. Hale served in the Marine Corps and retired as a Circuit Court Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida after 33 years in 2015. He previously served as Assistant Public Defender for the Fifth Judicial Circuit and County Judge of Marion County. He was a member of First Christian Church Ocala. He loved making sugar cane syrup each fall. Hale enjoyed attending annual family reunions. He is buried at Good Shepherd Memorial Gardens in Ocala.

Mark Christopher House, Feb. 8, 2024



Mark Christopher House, brother of Larry House and wife Janey, Jane House Burton and husband Frank and Bradley Steven House and wife Jane, died at 63 on Feb. 8, 2024, in Asheboro, North Carolina. He was born Jan. 19, 1961, in Greensboro, North Carolina. He is the son of the late Lawrence and Lucy Reba Stancil House. He is a 1989 graduate of Guilford College in Greensboro. (DeLanie)

Bonnie Marsh Martin, Oct. 9, 2023



Bonnie Sue Marsh Martin, mother of David O'Brian Kanoff, Michael Justin Martin, Benjamin Joseph Martin and sister of Randy Marsh, Sara Harrell and Michael Everett Brooks, died at 62 on Oct. 9, 2023, in Griffin, Georgia. She was born Feb. 18, 1961, in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. She is the daughter of the late Rupert Henry and Janet Moore Marsh Winkler and the widow of Jeffery Scott Martin. She is the grandmother of Noah, Kaysen, Bailey, Kinsley, Tucker and Waylon. She is buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Griffin. (DeLanie/Norma)

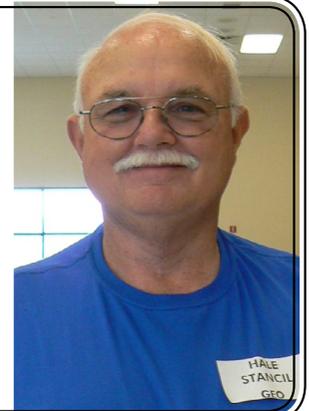
In Loving Memory of Hale R. Stancil

Jan. 3, 1946-March 21, 2024

Hale was a cherished member of our family, whose legacy will forever be remembered.

His dedication to family and his passion for genealogy brought us closer together,

Renn Stancil Hinton and Harold Stancil



George Ira

GRADUATIONS

Ella Irisa Champ

Ella Irisa Champ, daughter of Karen Stancil, graduated summa cum laude from West Port High School on May 28, 2024, at the World Equestrian Center in Ocala, Florida. Ella is attending the University of South Florida in Tampa. She is the granddaughter of Becky Warner Stancil and the late Hale. (Ralph)



Abigail Williams received her master's degree from UNC Chapel Hill, but the Wolfpack logo was displayed because she comes from a family of NC State grads.

Abigail Katherine Williams

Abigail Katherine Williams, daughter of Steve and Katherine Renfrow Williams, received her master's degree in social work from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on May 11, 2024. She is the granddaughter of J.G. and Denise Renfrow. (Rachel)

Anna Padgett

Anna Padgett, son of Barry and Bobbie Padgett, received her associate's degree in culinary arts from Shelton State Community College on May 4, 2024, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. She is the new 3-year-old Pre-K teacher at St. Patrick's Catholic School in Chanute, Kansas. Anna previously worked as a 3-year-old Pre-K teacher's aide. She is the granddaughter of Donna Moore Padgett. (DeLanie/Norma)

BIRTHS

Cecilia Spicer

Cecilia Marie Spicer, daughter of Aaron and Sylvia Padgett Spicer, was born Nov. 9, 2023, in Wichita, Kansas. She is the granddaughter of Barry and Bobbie Padgett and great-granddaughter of Donna Moore Padgett. (DeLanie/Norma)

Adelaide Goodspeed

Adelaide Goodspeed, daughter of Byron and Catherine Padgett Goodspeed, was born Oct. 11, 2023, in Dallas, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Barry and Bobbie Padgett and great-granddaughter of Donna Moore Padgett. (DeLanie/Norma)

WEDDINGS



Julia DeHuarte married Travis Kline on Aug. 21, 2024, in Salisbury, Maryland.

DeHuarte-Kline

Julia Ann DeHuarte, daughter of Tiffini Nelson Beauchamp, married Travis Joseph Kline at Emmanuel Wesleyan Church on Aug. 21, 2024, in Salisbury, Maryland. Julia is the granddaughter of Andy and Sharon LaVie Nelson and great-granddaughter of Jean Eason LaVie and the late Al. (Myrtle)

Hernandez-Padgett

Thomas Padgett, son of Barry and Bobbie Padgett, married Joyce Marie Hernandez on March 10, 2024, in Orlando, Florida. Thomas is the grandson of Donna Moore Padgett. (DeLanie/Norma)

30TH ANNIVERSARY



Barry and Bobbie Padgett

Barry and Bobbie Padgett, son and daughter-in-law of Donna Moore Padgett, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in December 2023 with an all-expenses-paid trip to New Orleans, Louisiana, courtesy of their adult children. (DeLanie/Norma)

ENGAGEMENTS

Rachel Strother

Rachel Strother, daughter of Meredith Renfrow Braswell, is engaged to Eric Hayes. She is the granddaughter of J.G. and Denise Renfrow. (Rachel)

Brenden Hunter

Brenden Hunter, son of Renee Batts Hunter, is engaged to Sammy Buckley. He is the grandson of Jim Batts. (Vazelle)

George Ira

NEWS

Emma Luyendijk

Pianist Emma Luyendijk, wife of Bryan Burton, was among the 14 artists selected to join the Palm Beach Opera's 2024 Season Bailey Apprentice Artist Program in October 2023. During her five-month residency in West Palm Beach, Florida, she performed in supporting roles on the PBO mainstage, participated in local concerts, and received training from guest faculty. Emma graduated from Boston University and the Julliard School. Go to emmacollaborativepianist.com. Bryan is the son of Frank and Jane House Burton. (DeLanie/Reba)



◀ **Scan this QR code** to watch Emma Luyendijk play Tom Cipullo's Meditation No. 1 for Piano.

Thomas Padgett

Thomas Padgett, son of Barry and Bobbie Padgett, was promoted to Navy Petty Officer First Class in the summer of 2024 and will be reassigned to a Joint Operations command stationed out of Fort Liberty in North Carolina. He had spent most of last year deployed in Djibouti, Africa, working at a joint operations command and he returned in early 2024. Thomas is the grandson of Donna Moore Padgett. (DeLanie/Norma)

Kodey Alston Butler

Kodey Alston Butler, son of Michael and Becky Butler, is a junior criminal justice major at the University of Mount Olive in North Carolina. Kodey, as a member of the wrestling team, was named a Scholar All-American by the National Wrestling Coaches Association on May 22, 2024. He is the grandson of Ronnie and Gerri Benedict Butler. (Emmette/Martha)



Andrew DellaVecchia

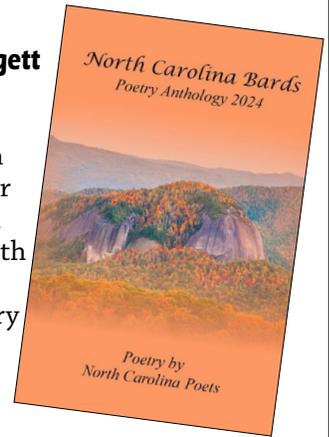
Andrew DellaVecchia, son of Matt and Stephanie Stancil DellaVecchia, collected five awards in the 57th annual Academic Games National Tournament on April 20-22, 2024, in Atlanta. Andrew, from Wellington Landings Middle School in Wellington, Florida, was among 55 students representing 17 schools across Palm Beach County. He earned first place in Current Events, second place in Theme, Presidents and Propaganda and eighth place in LinguisHTIK. The competition included more than 850 players from across the U.S. Andrew is the grandson of Becky Warner Stancil and the late Hale. (Ralph)

Benjamin Hunter

Benjamin Hunter, son of Renee Batts Hunter, is brewery sales representative with Denver Beer Co. in Colorado. The brewery won gold in July 2024 in the U.S. Open Beer Championship for Tangerine Yum Yum (American Fruit-Tangerine) and Blind Tiger Pilsner (American-Style Pilsener). He is the grandson of Jim Batts. (Vazelle)

Donna Padgett

Donna Padgett had a poem accepted for publication in the "North Carolina Bards Poetry Anthology 2024," which was published July 24, 2024. The book celebrates NC poets of any age. The paperback version is available at many sites, including Amazon.com for \$18.95. (DeLanie/Norma)



Joyce Marie Hernandez

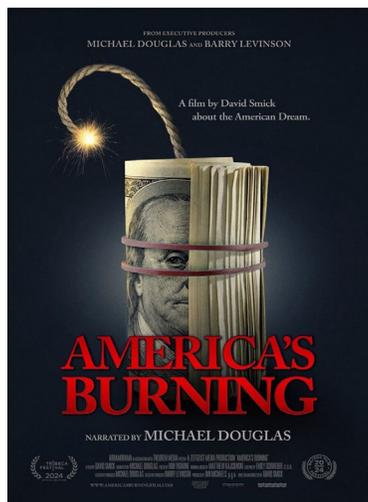
Joyce Marie Hernandez, wife of Thomas Padgett, became a pharmacy resident at the West Haven VA Medical Center in West Haven, Connecticut, in July 2024. She received her PharmD from the University of Florida College of Pharmacy on May 13, 2023, in Gainesville, Florida. Thomas is the son of Barry and Bobbie Padgett and grandson of Donna Moore Padgett. (DeLanie/Norma)

Alexander Padgett

Alexander Padgett, son of Barry and Bobbie Padgett, is a freshman football player at Holy Spirit Catholic School in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. As an eighth-grader, he lettered on the school's soccer team. During the summer of 2024, he attended Camp Horne in Cottdale, Alabama, with the Boy Scouts. He also attended the University of Alabama's LEAP (Leaders Exploring Academic Possibilities) program, which offers students an opportunity to engage in academic, leadership and service-oriented activities over five days. Alexander is the grandson of Donna Moore Padgett. (DeLanie/Norma)

George Ira

NEWS



David Smick/Ian Michaels

Director and writer David M. Smick Sr., alongside his son-in-law, producer Ian Michaels, have brought a powerful documentary to the big screen. "America's Burning," narrated by the iconic Michael Douglas, premiered in U.S. theaters on July 12, 2024. This compelling film features insightful interviews with notable figures such as James Carville, James Baker, Derek Black, Ian Bremmer, Arthur Brooks, Amy Chua, Stan Druckenmiller, Katherine Gehl, Hawk Newsome, Leon Panetta, and Larry Summers. With executive producers Barry Levinson and Michael Douglas, and nationwide distribution by Abramorama, this documentary is a must-watch. Smick is the husband of Vickie Marlowe Stancil Smick. (DeLanie/George Arnold)



◀ Scan this QR code to watch the official trailer of "America's Burning"

90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



Jean Eason LaVie was able to gather with close family to celebrate her 90th birthday throughout August 2024 in her Maryland home. Those visiting with Jean for the special occasion included her daughters Karen LaVie Luciano and Kim LaVie Roberts and sister Jo Ann Eason Alexander, her niece Christy Eason Greene and Christy's mother and Cleve Eason's first wife Carolyn Horne. Jean is the oldest daughter of Myrtle.



SPAIN & MOROCCO



Kip Austin Hinton and wife Amalia Ortiz took a trip to Spain and Morocco in June 2024. While in Morocco, they stand in the Grand Socco, in Central Tangier. Above, they walk around Tarifa, Spain. Kip is the son of Renn Stancil Hinton. (Ralph)

A Look Back | 50 years ago

This article was originally printed in The Smithfield Herald in 1974:

Stancil Reunion staged in Kenly

Descendants of John Thomas and DeLanie Sasser Stancil held their annual family reunion on Aug. 25, 1974, at the Glendale Community Club on Route 2, Kenly, N.C.

Those attending ranged in age from 85 years old to five weeks old. The total number present was 160. The family is now scattered from Boston, Mass., to San Diego, Calif. Those from outside of North Carolina came from Florida, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Walter Greene Stancil and Esther Peedin Stancil, both past 80, were the oldest present.

All the families of J.T. and DeLanie were represented except Arnettie.



Members of the George Branch visit the annual reunion on Aug. 25, 1974, at the Glendale Community Club in Kenly, North Carolina.

Tempy Ann had three present: Eula Stancil, Shirley Cockrell and Betty Jo Bunn. DeLanie's brother, Thomas

Sasser, had one representative, a grandson, Haywood Sasser of Norfolk, Va.

Family burials

STANCIL CEMETERY

2160 Glendale Road:

Daughter of Henry and Frances Stancil, May 9, 1887

Thomas Ruffin Stancil, May 14, 1907

Sarah Beatrice Stancil, Sept. 18, 1909

Fannie Stancil, Jan. 16, 1909

Gladis Stancil, Sept. 3, 1914

Fannie Columbia Pittman Stancil, Jan. 26, 1915

Delaney Catherine Sasser Stancil, Jan. 11, 1915

Arnettie Stancil Hill, June 3, 1916

Allie Edwards Stancil, Feb. 8, 1920

John Thomas Stancil, Jan. 27, 1922

Henry Stancil, March 25, 1933

Alvin Rosco Stancil, April 1, 1935

Josiah Stancil, July 5, 1939

Infant son of Glenn and Erma Lee Stancil, May 1941

Minnie F. Sasser Stancil, Dec. 15, 1943



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Frances Barnes Stancil, May 29, 1946

William Leonard Stancil, Nov. 30, 1980

Theodore Rudolph Kalikookala Stancil, June 30, 2016

FRED HILL CEMETERY

Glendale Road:

Fred Hill, Aug. 18, 1918

Tempy Ann Stancil Hill, Aug. 16, 1909

Un-named Hill, Aug. 16, 1909

Millard L. Hill, Sept. 18, 1956

Condary D. Stancil, Dec. 20, 1963

James Clarence Hill, Dec. 17, 1971

Vernon "Jim" Fletcher Hill, Sept. 9, 1973

Arthur Hill, Sept. 16, 1975

Bertha C. Hill, July 20, 1990

Mary Ella Renfrow Hill, Jan. 16, 1991

Zilphia Stancil Hill, Feb. 19, 2003

CENTER RIDGE CEMETERY

2712 Glendale Road

Bessie Lee Stancil Godwin, Dec. 18, 1974

James Marvin Godwin, April 27, 1978

Esther Peedin Stancil, Sept. 30, 1980

James Alton Fulghum, July 14, 1988

Erma Lee Stancil, Sept. 22, 1992

Glenn Warren Stancil, Oct. 27, 2008

Virginia Penny Stancil Fulghum, Dec. 16, 2008

Donell Franklin Stancil, Feb. 15, 2016

Esther Godwin Narron, Dec. 24, 2020

Cemeteries in Kenly, NC

