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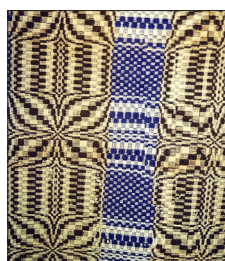
## REMEMBERING TRAGIC PACIFIC FISHING TRIP 90 YEARS LATER



Pedro Point along the California coastline was where Harry Lester Stancil and friends installed three cables with a chair on pulleys. This is where they often fished and perished on Nov. 11, 1935. Read more about the tragedy, **page 12**

### ALSO INSIDE

**167 years ago:**  
The Stancil family tapestry was made by Delaney Sasser less than a year before she married John Thomas Stancil. Read more, **page 14**



**60 years ago:** More than 100 people attended the 1965 Stancil Family Reunion in the Glendale Community Center. Read more, **page 24**



## NOW ON STANCILREUNION.COM

This year at stancilreunion.com, we've made quiet but meaningful progress across the archive—refining layouts, honoring family stories, and preparing for the future. Here are five highlights we're proud to share.



### Artist Gilda Renfrow Six

Gilda, of the George Ira Branch, was an accomplished artist. She created paintings, mosaics and the four-generation family tree displayed at each reunion. <https://www.stancilreunion.com/gildagallery.html>



### Past newsletters

The Stancil Record has been published yearly since 2006, when it was just four pages. It was created by the late Renn Stancil Hinton. All previous editions are available. <https://www.stancilreunion.com/news.html>



### Stancil family burials

A large index of burials in and around Johnston County are set up. The pages are always being worked on. Pass along any information that is missing. [https://www.stancilreunion.com/cemetery\\_records.htm](https://www.stancilreunion.com/cemetery_records.htm)



### Stancil family obituaries

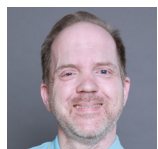
See Stancil family obituaries dating back to 2007. You can also see the family connection along with links to biographies when available. [www.stancilreunion.com/stancildeath.html](http://www.stancilreunion.com/stancildeath.html)



### Contribute a Memory

Scan the QR code to share a story, photo, or detail about a loved one in our archive. Every voice helps preserve our legacy. [www.stancilreunion.com/share.html](http://www.stancilreunion.com/share.html)

## Help keep the Stancil Reunion going



**Ty Hinton**  
Editor  
Stancil Record

I want to thank everyone for attending the 124th Stancil Family Reunion this year at the Wilson Moose Lodge in Wilson, North Carolina.

We have lost many family members over the past five years who played a role in the reunions. My family has been grieving the loss of my mother, Renn Stancil Hinton (see her obituary on page 20). Her work with all aspects of the reunion was well known, including collecting news, finding volunteers, creating

nametags, taking photos and so much more. She will be missed by many Stancils.

Since the 2021 reunion, we've had smaller crowds. But they've been getting bigger. The next few years we can keep the reunion going strong. If you are interested in supporting the reunion or getting involved let someone know (including me). We can use the help and ideas.

Thanks for being at the reunion and thanks for being interested in keeping it going.

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## 2024 REUNION



**Youngest and oldest:** Meredith Eason Boone holds daughter Abigail (19 days old) with Jean Eason LaVie at 90 years old. **Kim LaVie Roberts/George Branch**

The 123rd Stancil Family Reunion of the descendants of John Thomas Stancil and Delaney Sasser Stancil was held Sept. 22, 2024, at the Moose Lodge in Wilson, North Carolina. We are grateful for the 79 family members who attended.

The youngest and oldest present at the reunion were both from the George Ira Branch. Abigail Boone was youngest at 19 days old and Jean Eason LaVie was oldest at 90 years old.



◀ **Scan this QR code** to read more about the future and past family reunions.

## 124<sup>th</sup> Stancil Family Reunion

### PRODUCTION

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# Henry

## DEATHS

### Rebecca Ann "Becky" Pedigo Stancil

April 8, 1954-June 27, 2025

Rebecca Ann "Becky" Pedigo Stancil, mother of Chad Stancil; and sister of Robert Pedigo and Richard Pedigo; died at 71, on June 27, 2025, at home in Clifton Forge, Virginia. Becky was born April 8, 1954, in Covington, Virginia. She is the daughter of the late Lloyd and Lucille Clark Pedigo; and mother of the late Nathan Alan Stancil. She was a lifelong member of First Christian Church in Covington. She loved her cat Gretchen. Becky is buried in Alleghany Memorial Park. **JAMES OSCAR STANCIL » DOC STANCIL » STEVE STANCIL**

### Andrew Richard Gallant

Sept. 16, 1984-May 11, 2025



Andrew Richard Gallant, son of Rich and Kathy Pope Gallant; and brother of Mary-Marshall Gallant Kunicki, and her husband

David; died unexpectedly of a heart attack at 40 on May 11, 2025, in Mexico City where he had lived for three years. He was born on Sept. 16, 1984, in Wilson, North Carolina. Andrew, who went by Andy and Drew, launched many successful coffee ventures in both the U.S. and Mexico, including in Puerto Vallarta and most recently in Mexico City. He shared his adventures with his faithful cocker spaniel, Patrick, who was always by his side. Andy also held immense love for his late Papa, Marshall Pope. **AGNES STANCIL POPE » MARSHALL BARNES POPE**

### Douglas Randolph Mahealani Stancil Sr.

Aug. 15, 1940-Dec. 12, 2024



Douglas Randolph Mahealani Stancil Sr., father of Diane Lori Nohola Stancil Nifong, and her husband Mark;

Sherri Lee Clara Stancil Gabin, and her husband Stan; Douglas Randolph Mahealani Stancil Jr.; Braddick Payne Stancil; Chadwick Lane Stancil, and his wife Vickie; Keith Dane Stancil, and his wife Suzanne; Sandi Stancil Pontes, and her husband Ernesto; Kehaulani Kimberly Mei Ling Stancil Lee, and her husband Victor; died at 84 on Dec. 12, 2024, at his home in Kāne'ohe, O'ahu, Hawai'i. Douglas was born Aug. 15, 1940, in Honolulu, O'ahu, Hawai'i. He is the son of the late George and Frances Kanohola DeMello Peoples Stancil; husband of the late Sheila Lou Akina Stancil and Ivanette Kehaulani McGregor Stancil. He is the grandfather of Lorilee Kehaulani Freitas Watt, and her husband Andrew; Christopher Freitas; Darren Quinsa; Desilee Gabin Santiago; Brandon Stancil, and his wife Kimberly; Randol Stancil, and his wife Larissa; Brendee Stancil Kaona, and her husband Chad; Bradley Stancil; Briana and Travis Stancil; Shane Stancil; Mason Stancil Watanabe; Josiah Stancil and Noah Stancil; Shayli, Jordan, Skyli and Jet Pontes; Benjamin, Dominic and Connor Lee. He is buried in Hawaiian Memorial Cemetery in Kaneohe. **JAMES OSCAR STANCIL » GEORGE GUY STANCIL**

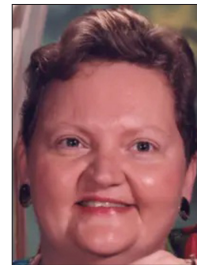
### Troy Wilson Greenwood

May 20, 1970-Feb. 25, 2024

Troy Wilson Greenwood, husband of Charmaine Kekahualani Stancil; and step-father of Salisa Lehuanani Lime Canjura, and her husband David; Nani Renee Kekahualani Malupu'uwai Lime, and her husband Victor Serrato; and Michael Angel Keli'iahi'opuni Lime, and his wife Marissa; died at 53 on Feb. 25, 2024, in California. Troy was born May 20, 1970, in Contra Costa, California. **JAMES OSCAR STANCIL » GEORGE GUY STANCIL » THEODORE RUDOLPH KALIKOOKALA STANCIL**

### Vivian Elizabeth Pope

April 24, 1954-Aug. 22, 2025



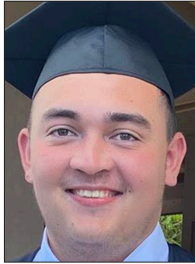
Vivian "Libby" Elizabeth Pope, wife of 53 years to Jackie Pope; mother of Cathi Pope, and fiancée Randy Driver; and sister of Myra

Pope Bridgers, and husband Ricky; died at 71 at her home with her family by her side on Aug. 22, 2025. Libby was born April 24, 1954, in Johnston County, North Carolina. She is the daughter of the late Charles and Betty Lou Hare Pope; and sister of the late Frances Pope Patterson. She is the grandmother of Kaycee Roberson. Libby was a teacher for 30 years. Libby's devotion to family left a lasting impression on all who knew her. Libby was a member of Piney Grove OFWB Church. She is buried in the Dixon Family Cemetery, Piney Grove Church Road in Kenly. **AGNES STANCIL POPE » CHARLES RAY POPE**

# Henry

## GRADUATIONS

### Owen Andrew Watt



Owen Andrew Watt, son of Andrew and Lorilee Freitas Watt, graduated summa cum laude from King Kekaulike High School

on Maui on May 22, 2025, in Pukalani, Hawaii. Owen played percussion with the King Kekaulike bands. He is attending the University of Hawaii Maui. He is the grandson of Diane Stancil Nifong. **JAMES OSCAR STANCIL » GEORGE GUY STANCIL » DOUGLAS RANDOLPH STANCIL**

### Kainoa Alexander Stancil

Kainoa Alexander Stancil, son of Michael and Hilary Kazakoff Stancil, graduated from Terra Nova High School on May 22, 2025, in Pacifica, California. Kainoa played varsity soccer for Terra Nova. **JAMES OSCAR STANCIL » GEORGE GUY STANCIL » THEODORE RUDOLPH KALIKOOKALA STANCIL**

### Kenan Jase Collins



Kenan Jase Collins, son of Emily Baldree Smith, graduated from Hunt High School on June 7, 2025, in Wilson, North

Carolina. Kenan played lacrosse and soccer for Hunt. He is attending Wilson Community College pursuing a degree in criminal justice. He is the grandson of Nancy Cayton Baldree and the late Lee. **BESSIE LEE STANCIL GODWIN » EMMA LEE GODWIN CAYTON**

### Dorian Koa Ali'i Kaimoana Lokahipono Canjura



Dorian Koa Ali'i Kaimoana Lokahipono Canjura, son of David and Salisa Lehuanani Lime Canjura, received his bachelor's

degree in kinesiology from Fresno State on May 17, 2025. He is the grandson of Charmaine Kekahualani Stancil. **JAMES OSCAR STANCIL » GEORGE GUY STANCIL » THEODORE RUDOLPH KALIKOOKALA STANCIL**



### Olivia Barnes Boswell

Olivia Barnes Boswell, daughter of William and Winifred Baldree Boswell, received her bachelor's degree in chemical engineering with a minor in Biomanufacturing and Spanish from NC State on May 3, 2025, in Carter-Finley Stadium in Raleigh, North Carolina. Olivia is getting her master's degree in biomanufacturing. She is the granddaughter of Jane Cayton Baldree and the late Lee. **BESSIE LEE STANCIL GODWIN » EMMA LEE GODWIN CAYTON**

### Lanie Rae Headley

Lanie Rae Headley, daughter of Cole and Lynn Moore Headley, received her master's degree in business administration from East Carolina University on May 3, 2024, in Greenville, North Carolina. She is now serving as Community Development Project Manager with the Nash County (N.C.) government. She is the granddaughter of Clifton Ray Moore and the late Connie. **AGNES STANCIL POPE » MARY FRANCES POPE JOHNSON**

## ENGAGEMENTS

### Ashley Crabtree

Ashley Crabtree, daughter of Guy Crabtree and Deborah Difiore Crabtree, is engaged to marry Drayton Williams on March 21, 2026, in Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina. **JAMES OSCAR STANCIL » GURNIE STANCIL CRABTREE**

### Sarah Ashley Leffler

Sarah Ashley Leffler, daughter of Michael and Karen Powell Leffler, is engaged to marry Alexander Carl Winkley. Sarah is the granddaughter of Marie Creech Leffler and the late Dale. **LILLIAN STANCIL CREECH » JOSEPH MANLEY CREECH JR.**

## BIRTHS

### Endeavor Lynn Leffler

Endeavor Lynn Leffler, daughter of Megan Elizabeth Leffler, was born May 13, 2025. She is the granddaughter of Michael and Karen Powell Leffler and great-granddaughter of Marie Creech Leffler and the late Dale. **LILLIAN STANCIL CREECH » JOSEPH MANLEY CREECH JR.**



# Henry

## WEDDINGS

### Lanie Rae Headley

Lanie Rae Headley, daughter of Cole and Lynn Moore Headley, married Josh Daniels on Sept. 6, 2025, at Highgrove Estate in Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina. Her niece Uma Headley served as a flower girl. She is the granddaughter of Clifton Ray Moore and the late Connie. **AGNES STANCIL POPE » MARY FRANCES POPE JOHNSON**



### Stallings-Boswell

William Lee Boswell, son of William and Winifred Baldree Boswell, married Taylor Nicole Stallings on Sept. 21, 2024. Will is the grandson of Nancy Cayton Baldree and the late Lee. **BESSIE LEE STANCIL GODWIN » EMMA LEE GODWIN CAYTON**

### Baldree-McCarthy

Alyson Jeanette Baldree, daughter of Nancy Cayton Baldree and the late Lee, married James McCarthy on July 20, 2024. **BESSIE LEE STANCIL GODWIN » EMMA LEE GODWIN CAYTON**



## NEWS

### Emma Kathryn Boswell

Emma Kathryn Boswell, daughter of William and Winifred Baldree Boswell, co-wrote two research papers in 2025: Rural-urban differences in substance use during pregnancy for The Journal of Rural Health, Volume 41, Issue 2 on March 24, 2025; and Geographic disparities in unpaid caregiving for The Journal of Rural Health, Volume 41, Issue 2 on June 13, 2025. Emma is a research associate at the Rural and Minority Health Research Center with the Arnold School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, South Carolina. **BESSIE LEE STANCIL GODWIN » EMMA LEE GODWIN CAYTON**

### Kean Stancil

Kean Stancil, son of Mark and Cathy Stancil, completed his first ultramarathon at the Lake Hodges Trail Festival – 50k on Oct. 20, 2024, in San Dieguito River Park in Escondido, California. He ran the 50k in 5:40:35 for 46th place out of 182 competitors. **JAMES OSCAR STANCIL » GEORGE GUY STANCIL » THEODORE RUDOLPH KALIKOOKALA STANCIL**

### Stephanie O'Brien

North Carolina filmmakers and University of North Carolina Asheville professors Stephanie O'Brien, daughter of Jane Crabtree O'Brien, and Anne Slatton screened their documentary-short, "Preserving a Legacy: The Ava Gardner Museum," on Day 3 of the Ava Gardner Festival on Oct. 6, 2024, in Smithfield, North Carolina. It was shown in the Ava Gardner Museum's Mal Vincent Theatre. **JAMES OSCAR STANCIL » GURNIE STANCIL CRABTREE**

### Capt. Spencer Carnahan

Capt. Spencer Thomas Carnahan, son of Brett Cayton Carnahan and Susan Worrell Weekley, earned his captain's license in March 2025 and now runs a successful fishing charter business, Flyin Tide Charters, out of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina. For information, go to flyintidecharters.com. He is the grandson of Wes and Peggy Cayton Carnahan. **BESSIE LEE STANCIL GODWIN » EMMA LEE GODWIN CAYTON**

# Samuel

## DEATHS

### Melinda Barber Stancil

Oct. 10, 1966-Aug. 27, 2025



Melinda Barber Stancil, mother of KayCee' Pearl Stancil, and her fiancé Drew Oliver; Jeremy Parker; and ex-wife of Matthew

Watson Stancil, died at 58 on Aug. 27, 2025, in Elm City, North Carolina. Melinda was born Oct. 10, 1966, in Wilson, North Carolina. She is the daughter of the late Jeanette Barber Woodard; and brother of the late Wayne "Peanut" Lamm. She is the grandmother of Lylah Arizpe. She is buried in Upper Black Creek Cemetery in Lucama. **LONNIE ALFRED STANCIL » LONNIE PEARL STANCIL SR. » MATTHEW WATSON STANCIL**

### Glenn Clinton Kelly

Oct. 23, 1937-Oct. 19, 2024



Glenn Clinton Kelly, father of Michael Kelly, and his wife Lori; and Sharon Bissette-Martin, and her husband Andy; and brother of Ann

Etheridge; Rose Southern, and her husband Mike; and Butch Kelly; died at 86 on Oct. 19, 2024, in Wilson, North Carolina. He was born Oct. 23, 1937, in Wilson. He is the son of the late Jerome Clinton and Mildred Stancil Kelly; widower of Rachel Sasser Kelly; and brother of the late Jerome Carlton Kelly. He is the grandfather of Corey Bissette. He is buried in Evergreen Memorial Park in Wilson. **LONNIE ALFRED STANCIL**

## WEDDINGS

### Groff-Mocnik

Lillie Christine Groff, daughter of DJ and Diane Faison Groff, married Caleb Mocnik on April 5, 2025, at The Barn at King Hill in Knightdale, North Carolina. Lillie is the granddaughter of David and Cynthia Stancil Groff. **FREEMAN ELBERT STANCIL » JAMES "JAY" ELBERT STANCIL**

### Woodlief-McLawhorn

Megan Jane Woodlief, daughter of Kimberly Parsons-Woodlief, married Tyler McLawhorn on Nov. 9, 2024, in Gloucester, Virginia. **FREEMAN ELBERT STANCIL » THELMA STANCIL PIPKIN » JERRY WOODLIEF JR.**

### Bartlett-Davidson

Allison Bartlett, daughter of Robert and Joan Whitfield Bartlett, married Logan Davidson on Sept. 28, 2024, in Angier, North Carolina. Allison is an instructor at the East Carolina University's Human Performance Laboratory in Greenville. **LONNIE ALFRED STANCIL » PATTY STANCIL WHITFIELD**

### Kelly-Heinrich

Katelyn Alice Kelly, daughter of Kenneth Gene Kelly and Lesha McBride Kelly, married Derrick Heinrich on Aug. 30, 2024. **LONNIE ALFRED STANCIL » MILDRED RUTH STANCIL KELLY GOOCH » JEROME CARLTON KELLY**

## ENGAGEMENT

### KayCee' Pearl Stancil

KayCee' Pearl Stancil, daughter of Matt and Becky Wilson Stancil, is engaged to marry Drew Oliver on Sept. 27, 2025, in Farmville, North Carolina. **LONNIE ALFRED STANCIL » LONNIE PEARL STANCIL SR.**

## GRADUATIONS

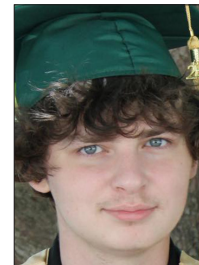
### Mason David Stancil



Mason David Stancil, son of Dave and Allison Perry Stancil, graduated from East Wake Academy in Zebulon, North

Carolina, on June 3, 2025, in Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh. He played varsity soccer, as East Wake defeated Southside 3-0 for the Class 1A championship on Nov. 12, 2024. He is the grandson of Lonnie and Martha Stancil. **LONNIE ALFRED STANCIL » LONNIE PEARL STANCIL SR.**

### Kaleb Tristan Kelly



Kaleb Tristan Kelly, son of Kevin and Brandi Johnson Kelly, graduated from Pinecrest High School on June 7, 2025, in Southern

Pines, North Carolina. He is the grandson of Kenneth Gene Kelly and Lesha McBride Kelly. **LONNIE ALFRED STANCIL » MILDRED RUTH STANCIL KELLY GOOCH » JEROME CARLTON KELLY**

### Ollie Mann

Ollie Mann, son of Oliver and Alison Stancil Mann, graduated from Greenfield School in Wilson, North Carolina, on May 23, 2025. Ollie was involved in the theater program, including teaching younger students about acting, and played tennis. Ollie is studying biology at Wake Forest. He is the grandson of Jerry Durward Stancil. **FREEMAN ELBERT STANCIL » FREEMAN DURWARD STANCIL**



# Josiah

## GRADUATIONS

### Conner Clayton Williams

Conner Clayton Williams, son of Carla Marie Bowes, graduated from Concord High School on June 14, 2025, at Memorial Field in Concord, New Hampshire. He is the grandson of Skip and Donna Bowes. **HERBERT ANDREW STANCIL » PATRICIA ANN STANCIL REED**

### Jevin Mace Bradley



Jevin Mace Bradley, son of Brian and Wynona Fitzgerald Bradley, graduated from Amarillo High School

on May 19, 2025, in Amarillo, Texas. **HERBERT ANDREW STANCIL » BARBARA STANCIL MATHESON BRADLEY**

### Madison Leonie Stancil

Madison Leonie Stancil, daughter of Bret and Kylie Ferrari Stancil, received her bachelor's degree in public health from the University of Arizona on May 16, 2025, in Tuscon. She is the granddaughter of Janet Stancil and the late Chuck. **HARRY LESTER STANCIL SR. » HARRY LESTER STANCIL JR.**

### Elizabeth Leonhardt

Elizabeth Leonhardt, daughter of Jeffrey and Krystin Tschacher Leonhart, received her bachelor's degree in communications from Utah State on April 30, 2025, in Logan, Utah. She is the granddaughter of Gay Lynne Stancil. **HARRY LESTER STANCIL SR. » HARRY LESTER STANCIL JR.**

## BIRTHS

### Matthew Blakely Carter



Matthew Blakely Carter, son of Wesley and Sabrina Carter, was born Aug. 5, 2025. He is the grandson of John and Billie Jean Edwards Carter.

**LEAFY IRENE STANCIL EDWARDS » WILLARD "BILL" FERNIE EDWARDS**

### Sonny Lee Dickerson

Sonny Lee Dickerson, son of Travis and Ashlyn Smith Dickerson, was born May 3, 2025. He is the grandson of John and Christy Michelle Horton Smith and the great-grandson of Allen and Debra Sue Stancil Brooks. **LEUMOS WAVERLY STANCIL » PAUL EDWIN STANCIL SR.**

### Lochlan Brooks Repecko

Lochlan Brooks Repecko, son of John and Kristen Brooks Repecko, was born Aug. 3, 2024. He is the grandson of John "Jay" Repecko Jr. and the late Florence Repecko. **HERBERT ANDREW STANCIL » PATRICIA ANN STANCIL REED » CHERI WILLARD REPECKO**

## WEDDING Langston-Turnure

Elizabeth Langston, daughter of Anne Stancil Langston, married Zane Turnure on June 17, 2025, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Elizabeth is the mother of Lily Angela Pierce. **LEUMOS WAVERLY STANCIL » JAMES HARDING STANCIL**



## DEATH

### Florence Hope Mullins Repecko

Feb. 27, 1965-Dec. 26, 2024



Florence Hope Mullins Repecko, wife of John Repecko Jr. for nearly 38 years.; mother of John Repecko III, and his wife Kristen; and

Lauren Cyr, and her husband Nicholas; and sister of Lynn Ann Peterson, and her husband Bruce; Frank Mullins, and his wife Lisa; Ronda Ponte, and her husband Charles; Lori Tivay, and her husband Kamyar; Robert Mullins; and Nancy Tomasik, and her husband Stanley; died at 59 on Dec. 26, 2024, with AL Amyloidosis. Florence was born Feb. 27, 1965. She is the daughter of the late George and Lorraine Mullins; sister of the late Reed Mullins; and grandmother of the late Melody Rose Repecko. She is the grandmother of Shawn, Kylie and Thomas Griffeth, Madison Cyr and Lochlan Repecko. **HERBERT ANDREW STANCIL » PATRICIA ANN STANCIL REED**

# Tempy Ann

## DEATHS

### Thomas "Tommy" Arthur Hill

June 14, 1961-June 27, 2025



Thomas "Tommy" Arthur Hill, Tempy Ann Branch, brother of Gilda "Sis" Hill Cooke, died at 64 on June 27, 2025,

at his home in Mount Airy, North Carolina. Tommy was born June 14, 1961, in Surry County. He is the son of the late George Leon and Violet Marie Thomas Hill; and brother of the late Tony Ray Hill and Albert Preston Hill. Tommy loved to go fishing and play golf. **PRESTON HILL**

### Michael "Troy" Willis

Dec. 1, 1968-June 23, 2025



Michael "Troy" Willis, son of Patricia Willis and the late Michael Jay Willis; brother of Laurie Willis Jordan, and her husband

Howard; Ryan Willis, and his husband Rodney Harkey; died at 56 on June 23, 2025. Troy was born Dec. 1, 1968. Troy grew up in Virginia Beach and Currituck and then headed to UNC Chapel Hill and Atlanta, and ultimately returning to Virginia Beach. Troy was deeply devoted to giving back to those who experienced domestic abuse and older adults in nursing homes, which brought joy to those around him. Troy was a beloved son, brother, grandson and cherished friend.

**MILLARD LEE HILL » BEATRICE LARUE HILL RENFROW**

### Ollie Ray Starling

Dec. 1, 1983-April 11, 2025



Ollie Ray Starling, son of Jeff Ray Starling; nephew of Reg Mosley, and his wife Lisa; and cousin of Joey Mosley; died at

41 on April 11, 2025, in Kenly, North Carolina. Ollie was born Dec. 1, 1983, in Wilson, North Carolina. He is the son of the late Lisa Kay Mosley Starling. He most recently worked as a garage door technician at Absolute Garage Doors in Kenly. **DELIA HILL BAILEY » RECTOR BAILEY » JOAN KAY BOYKIN**

### Randall Scott Godwin

Sept. 15, 1969-March 15, 2025



Randall Scott Godwin, son of Randall and Patsy Daughtridge Godwin; and older brother of Sean Godwin; died at 55 on

March 15, 2025, at home in Graham, North Carolina. Scott was born Sept. 15, 1969. He is the grandson of the late Narvin and Mavis Godwin. Scott was actively involved in the Boy Scouts of America through the First Baptist Church of Graham, where he was a member. Scott attended the 15th World Scout Jubilee in 1983 on the slopes of the great Rocky Mountains in Alberta, Canada. He earned the highest rank of Eagle Scout. Scott loved and cherished his family. He is buried in Graham Memorial Park in Graham, North Carolina. **MILLARD LEE HILL » MAVIS HILL GODWIN**

### Philip Ray Hill

Aug. 17, 1942-Nov. 17, 2024



Philip Ray Hill, husband of Mollie Sue Brewer Hill; father of Renee Crocker, and her husband Jeff; and brother of Jeri Lewis; died

at 82 on Nov. 17, 2024, at SECU Hospice House in Smithfield, North Carolina. Philip was born Aug. 17, 1942, in Johnston County, North Carolina. He is the son of the late Tonie and Ludie Edwards Hill; and brother of the late Josephine Parrish, Ralph Hill, Braxton Hill and Billy Wayne Hill. He is the grandfather of Chase Crocker. He is buried in New Jerusalem Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery in Kenly. **TONIE HILL**

### Donald Gray Murray

May 23, 1937-Oct. 17, 2024

Donald Gray Murray, husband of Laverne Crocker Murray; father of Bobby Glenn Murray; and Donald Keith Murray, and his wife Lynn; and brother of Margaret Batten; and Wilbert Murray, and his wife Mary Ellen; died at 87 on Oct. 17, 2024, in Kenly, North Carolina. Donald was born May 23, 1937. He is the son of the late Robert and Elvie Murray; and brother of the late James Murray. He is the grandfather of Michelle Peedin, and her husband Jacob; Lauren Murray; Brandon Murray, and wife Harley; and great-grandfather of Dylan Peedin. He is buried in Mount Zion OFW Baptist Church Cemetery in Kenly. Laverne is Hazel Hill Crocker Wright's daughter. **MILLARD LEE HILL » HAZEL HILL CROCKER WRIGHT**



# Tempy Ann

## DEATHS

### Bruce Narron

April 14, 1933-Sept. 7, 2024



Bruce Narron, grandfather of William Cahoon; Steven Dale Narron Jr. and wife Lauren; Bryan Keith Narron; and Dustin

Chuck Narron; brother of Willis Narron and wife Elaine; and Ella Narron Everett, died at 91 on Sept. 7, 2024, at Kitty Askins Hospice Center in Goldsboro, North Carolina. He was born April 14, 1933, in Johnston County, North Carolina. He is the son of the late Willard Narron and Annie Bailey Narron, widow of the late Judy Narron, father of the late Chuck Eugene Narron and Steven "Steve" Dale Narron Sr.; and brother of the late Rexall "Rex" Narron, Gladys Narron Alford, Wallace Narron and Evonne Narron. Bruce, a member of New Jerusalem Free Will Baptist Church in Kenly, is buried in the church cemetery. **DELIA HILL BAILEY**

### Duke Nelson Hales

Jan. 24, 1964-May 23, 2024

Duke Nelson Hales, father of Bradley Hales; Timmy Hales; and Allie Hales; and brother of Vicki Lyn Hales; died at 60 on May 23, 2024, in Villa Rica, Georgia. He was born Jan. 24, 1964, in Raleigh, North Carolina. He is the son of the late Duke Hales and Vicki Alexander; and brother of the late Joey Cox. Nelson was a member of Church on the Word in Douglasville and made his career as a handyman. Duke was cremated. **DELPHIA PEARL HILL HALES**

## GRADUATIONS

### Emily Beasley

Emily Beasley, daughter of Stacy and Amy Price Beasley, graduated from Wayne Community College's Dental Assisting program and received a pin during a ceremony on July 23, 2025, in Goldsboro, North Carolina. She served as secretary of the Dental Assisting Student Association. Emily is the granddaughter of Sammy and Winnie Price. **RONIA HILL STANCIL » ALICE STANCIL PRICE**

### Connor Perrine

Connor Perrine, son of Lyndon and Kellie Paige Brinchek Perrine, graduated from Bear River High School on June 13, 2025, in Grass Valley, California. Connor played football, soccer and tennis and participated in FFA at Bear River. He is the grandson of Jeri Hill Brinchek Holt. **TONIE HILL**

### Eden Minh Vu



Eden Minh Vu, daughter of Ginger Renee Davis, graduated from New Hanover High School on June 6, 2025, in Wilmington, North Carolina. **DELIA HILL BAILEY » TEMPIE ESKER BAILEY » LINDA FAYE JOHNSON DAVIS**

### Paige Barnes

Paige Mackenzie Barnes, daughter of Chris and Cathy Strickland Barnes, received her bachelor's degree in biological sciences from NC State University at Reynolds Coliseum on Dec. 14, 2024, in Raleigh, North Carolina. **MILLARD LEE HILL » MAVIS HILL GODWIN » DIANNE GODWIN STRICKLAND**

## BIRTHS

### James Leon Hales

James Leon Hales, son of Bradley and Kasey Wright Hales, was born Aug. 7, 2025. He is the grandson of Kevin and Joy Wood Wright and the great-grandson of Jeannie Lorraine Stancil Wright and the late Wayne. **MILLARD LEE HILL » HAZEL HILL CROCKER WRIGHT**

### Asher Rhett O'Berry

Asher Rhett O'Berry, son of Cole and Mackenzie Bragg O'Berry, was born May 13, 2025. He is the grandson of Mike and Amy Joyner O'Berry and great-grandson of Robert and Vickie Hill Joyner. **GEORGE PRESTON HILL » GP HILL JR.**

### Brielle Ricks

Brielle Ricks, daughter of Tyler and Cierra Davis Ricks, was born Sept. 6, 2024. She is the granddaughter of Chris and Cheryl Parrish Ricks. **TONIE HILL » JOSEPHINE HILL PARRISH**

### Louanna Grey Baker

Louanna Grey Baker, daughter of Lewis and Hannah Denton Baker, was born July 21, 2024. She is the granddaughter of Creamy Douglas Denton III and great-granddaughter of Tammy Narron. **GEORGE PRESTON HILL » NETA LEE HILL NARRON GODWIN » DAN NARRON**

### Easton Drake Winship

Easton Drake Winship, son of Nicole Currie and Chris Winship, was born March 7, 2024. Easton is the grandson of Chris and Robyn Edwards Mitchell and the great-grandson of Eloise Bailey Edwards and the late Dennis. **DELIA HILL BAILEY » ARCHIE BAILEY**

# Tempy Ann

## WEDDINGS

### Carreno-White

Evan Carter White, son of Tina Hill Jones, married Evelyn Carreno on June 10, 2025. He is the grandson of Joseph and Linda Sutton Hill. **GEORGE PRESTON HILL » GEORGE PRESTON HILL JR.**

### Harrington-Schoppa

Hannah Patterson Harrington, daughter of Jimmy Patterson Harrington and the late Rhonda Lucas Harrington, married Cameron Schoppa on May 1, 2025, at Prospect House in Dripping Springs, Texas. Hannah is the granddaughter of Phil and Susan Diane Bunn Lucas. **JAMES CLARENCE HILL » VELMA HILL BUNN**

### Daniel-Batten

Lawson Avril Batten, son of Jeff and Kimberly Parris Batten, married Emily Daniel on April 19, 2025, at The Beaufort Hotel in Beaufort, North Carolina. Lawson is the grandson of Janice Hales Batten and the late Sonny. **DELPHIA PEARL HILL HALES**

### Branch-Baird

Tanner Baird, son of Darren and Melody Jo Parrish Baird, married Kiley Branch on March 22, 2025, at The Farm in Selma, North Carolina. **JOSEPHINE HILL PARRISH**

### Price-Burdette

Hannah Brooke Price, daughter of David and Kim Reardon Price, married Cameron Burdette on Feb. 25, 2025. She is the granddaughter of Lucille Price and the late Joe. **RONIA HILL STANCIL » ORA STANCIL PRICE**

### Sidelinger-Howard

Carolyn Grace Sidelinger, daughter of Lyndon Earl Sidelinger, married Jake Howard on Nov. 2, 2024, in Talking Rock, Georgia. **MILLARD LEE HILL » VIRGINIA ELOISE HILL SIDELINGER**



### Narron-Daughtry

Mandy Carol Narron, daughter of Freddy and Linda Jones Narron, married Will Daughtry on Sept. 28, 2024, in Kenly, North Carolina. **RONIA HILL STANCIL » MOZELLE STANCIL NARRON**

### Harrington-Noska

Hailey Bunn Harrington, daughter of Jimmy Patterson Harrington and the late Rhonda Lucas Harrington, married Nicholas Noska on March 17, 2024. Hailey is the granddaughter of Phil and Susan Diane Bunn Lucas. **JAMES CLARENCE HILL » VELMA HILL BUNN**

## ENGAGEMENT

### Colton Nathaniel Robbins

Colton Nathaniel Robbins, son of Marty and Leslie Brewer Robbins, is engaged to Kaitlyn Evers. Colton is the grandson of Rob and Frankie Wright Robbins. **WILLIAM MOSES HILL » GLADY RUTH HILL WRIGHT**

## NEWS

### Raegan Kolin Shepherd

Raegan Kolin Shepherd, daughter of Joshua and Wendy Peacock Shepherd, is in her senior year on the equestrian team at the University of Georgia in Athens. She is majoring in applied science – agribusiness and agricultural business operations. Raegan went undefeated at the 2025 NCEA National Championship and was named to the NCEA All-Championship Team for Reining. Also, Raegan rode in all 15 meets with an 8-6-1 record in Reining. For the first time, she was named SEC Reining Rider of the Month in November 2024. Georgia won its eighth National Collegiate Equestrian Association (NCEA) national title in April 2025. **RONIA HILL STANCIL » MOZELLE STANCIL NARRON » PEGGY LOUISE NARRON PEACOCK**



## Tempy Ann

### NEWS

#### Matthew Lee Mangin

Matthew Lee Mangin, son of Mike and Rhonda Evans Mangin, is a junior playing lacrosse at Whitewater High School in Fayetteville, Georgia. He also plays for Deep South Thrashers, a club/travel team based in Atlanta. He is the grandson of Betty Jo Pender Willoughby. **DELPHIA PEARL HILL HALES » BETTY LOIS HALES PENDER**

#### Ethan Perrine

Ethan Perrine, son of Lyndon and Kellie Brinchek Perrine, is a junior playing water polo at Bear River High School in Grass Valley, California. He is the grandson of Jeri Hill Lewis. **TONIE HILL**

#### Sheds Direct of the Pee Dee

Cam and Crystal Askew Lovett, daughter of Sharon Godwin Askew, opened Sheds Direct of the Pee Dee on March 23, 2025, at 2415 East Highway 76 in Marion, South Carolina. It sells barns, sheds, carports and garages. For information, go to [shedspeedee.com](http://shedspeedee.com). **GEORGE PRESTON HILL » NETA HILL NARRON GODWIN**

## John Archer

### BIRTHS

#### Lillie Ann Stancil

Lillie Ann Stancil, daughter of Luke and Bailee Holleman Stancil, was born March 26, 2025. She is the granddaughter of Kermit "Jackson" Stancil Jr. **KERMIT STANCIL » KERMIT JACKSON "JACKIE" STANCIL SR.**

#### Ainsley Jane French

Ainsley Jane French, daughter of Joshua and Alaina Middleton French, was born June 15, 2025. She is the granddaughter of Rob and Cheryl Middleton and great-granddaughter of Larry and Gail Stancil Roberts. **BEAMAN LAWTON STANCIL**

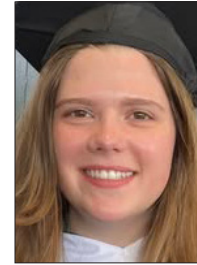


#### Bennett Delton Edwards

Bennett Delton Edwards, son of Matt and Rachel Brown Edwards, was born Aug. 1, 2023. He is the grandson of Michael and Robin Webb Brown and the great-grandson of Betty Stancil Brown. **WILLIAM ARTHUR STANCIL SR.**

### GRADUATIONS

#### Harper Lee Dillon



Harper Lee Dillon, daughter of Reed and Karen Roberts Dillon, received her bachelor's degree from Hollins University on May 18, 2025, at the

Berglund Center Coliseum in Roanoke, Virginia. She is the granddaughter of Larry and Gail Stancil Roberts. **BEAMAN LAWTON STANCIL**

#### Alaina Middleton French



Alaina Middleton French, daughter of Rob and Cheryl Middleton and wife of Joshua, received her doctorate in physical therapy degree at the University of

Lynchburg on May 16, 2025, in Virginia. She is the granddaughter of Larry and Gail Stancil Roberts. **BEAMAN LAWTON STANCIL**

#### Rivers Andrews



Rivers Andrews, daughter of Shannon Sawyer, became a paramedic at Wake County EMS after graduating valedictorian from the Internal

Paramedic Program on May 15, 2025. She is the granddaughter of Johnny Michael Sawyer Sr. **CARLETTA STANCIL SAWYER**

Remembering Tragedy at Pedro Point: 90 years later

# Disaster at Pedro Point:

*Family devastated after Harry Lester Stancil Sr., 2 others go missing while fishing off the California coast on Nov. 11, 1935*

Harry Lester Stancil Sr. had a deep love for fishing in the Pacific Ocean.

As his own young children were too little to join him, he often took his wife Laura's son, Chuck Sayre, on his fishing expeditions.

Harry and Chuck particularly cherished their time fishing off the high cliffs of Pedro Point, a place known as a "fisherman's paradise" where fish were plentiful. They consistently returned with abundant catches.

In August 1935, Harry and Chuck were once accompanied by Harry's cousin, Ralph Stancil. After parking their car, they used a small cable car—which Harry and his friends had built—to travel across the rocks, moving from one vantage point to another.

They left their lunches and jackets near the top of the cliffs and descended to the lower rocks, where the fishing was excellent during low tide.

However, even at low tide, the waves crashed forcefully over the rocks, frightening Ralph. He spent the day observing them fish, vowing never to return.



This is a modern-day view of Pedro Point which overlooks the Pacific Ocean in San Mateo County, California. Harry and his friends used cables to travel across rocks to get to their fishing spot.

## About Harry Lester Stancil

Harry Lester Stancil was born Oct. 5, 1900, and died Nov. 11, 1935. He married Eleanor "Laura" Christine Eyler Sayre in 1923 in Mason, West Virginia.

### Harry Lester's children with Laura

- Harry Lester Stancil Jr.
- Joseph Elijah Stancil Sr.
- Elizabeth "Betty" Jean Stancil
- Eleanor Joyce Stancil
- Harriet Edwina Stancil



## The Disappearance and Its Aftermath

Just a few months later, on Monday, November 11, 1935, Harry and Chuck went fishing at Pedro Point as they often did. They did not return home. Their lunches and jackets were found high up on the rocks, but there was no other trace of them. Authorities believed they were swept off the rocks by unexpectedly high waves,

or perhaps they became so engrossed in fishing that they lost track of the time and the rising tides.

This tragic disappearance was an especially devastating blow to their families. Harry's wife, Laura, was left to care for their four young children: Lester (11), Joseph (9), Elizabeth (7), and Eleanor Joyce (6).

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## Remembering Tragedy at Pedro Point: 90 years later

# A Tragic Disappearance

## STRATOSPHERE RECORDS BROKEN

### BRIEFLY TOLD

ANOTHER \$10,000,000  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—(AP)—The administration today dropped another \$10,000,000 into the works relief program, bringing the total cash allotted for speedy employment projects to \$1,006,741,966. Project values by states include California, \$1,533,300.

SHEARER STAYS IN JAIL  
SACRAMENTO, Nov. 11.—(UP)—Unable to obtain the \$10,000 property surety, or \$5000 cash bond, necessary for his release, William B. Shearer, state treasury cashier, remained in jail today awaiting arraignment on a charge of embezzling state funds.

NAVY PLANE DOWN  
LAGUNA BEACH, Cal., Nov. 11.—(UP)—An amphibian, believed to be a navy plane, was forced down to sea a mile and a half off Dana Point (San Juan point) today. A second amphibian, flying with it, landed, then took off again, presumably to crash land.

### Weather

SAN MATEO COUNTY  
Increasing cloudiness followed by rain tonight or Tuesday; cool; moderate westerly wind becoming southeast.

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## SEA SWEEPS

## THREE TO DEATH



A monument in memory of Harry Lester Stancil is at the Stancil Cemetery off Glendale Road in Kenly, North Carolina.

### Relatives of S. M. Family In Shipwreck

100 Cling All Night to Small Rock

### SAVED BY NAVY

Brother of Mrs. Ehrman and Wife on Vessel

One hundred persons, passengers and crew of the British freighter Silver Hazel, were rescued from a small rock off the Island of Luzon in the Pacific after having been marooned there all night, according to a cablegram received this afternoon by Mrs. Alexis L. Ehrman of Alherton.

Among the hundred persons who experienced the night of terror was Mrs. Ehrman's brother, George, and his wife, who were on a four-day fishing trip.

### Bandit Trio Leaves Trail Of 6 Robberies

Steal Car From Couple Near Beach

### ROB TAMALE CAFE

Gas Station, Four Places in S. F. Robbed

A heavily-armed bandit trio who threatened two young women and their male escorts with death at Coyote Point in order to obtain an automobile, and then engaged in a series of robberies that left a trail of looted cash registers in two counties, were being sought by deputies of Sheriff James J. McGrath and police of San Francisco and Peninsular cities.

The crime wave began late Saturday when the bandits, who were on a four-day fishing trip, robbed a couple near the beach.

### TWO MEN, BOY MISSING FROM PEDRO POINT ROCK ON SUNDAY FISHING TRIP

A Burlingame man and his stepson, and a San Mateo man today were believed to have been swept to their deaths in the ocean by a giant wave that washed over a jutting rock from which they were fishing at Pedro Point on the coastside yesterday morning.

**SCHOOL BOY LOST**  
Missing for more than 32 hours, and believed to have drowned or been dashed to their deaths on the rocks were: **HARRY L. STANCIL**, unemployed salesman of 113 Victoria road, Burlingame, and father of four. **CHARLES SAYRE**, 15, Stancil's stepson, and a Burlingame High school student. **ANTON A. ARMS** of 423 North Claremont street, San Mateo, father of six children and an employee of the San Mateo Feed & Fuel company.

First word of the tragedy was brought to anxious relatives early today by Stancil's father-in-law, **Elijah Eyer** of 2335 Twenty-first street, San Francisco. Eyer and a grandson, Joseph Stancil, 9, reached the shore at 11:30 a.m. after a fishing trip.

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Laura was also pregnant at the time, and their youngest daughter, Harriet Edwina, was born on January 5, 1936, just three months after Harry's death. Sadly, Harriet ended up dying from an accident in 1941.

Ralph and Ethel Hales Stancil, who had been married and living in northern California for about nine months, received a call about the disappearance and also read about it in the San Francisco Chronicle and San Mateo Times. Ralph, Harry's first cousin, was a ranch foreman.

In the summer of 1936,



◀ Scan this QR code to read more about Harry Lester Stancil and the fatal California fishing accident

amidst the profound grief, Laura made arrangements for her children.

Joe, 10, was sent to stay with Ralph and Ethel Stancil in Dos Rios, California.

Laura kept her three young daughters, Bettie, Eleanor Joyce, and baby Harriet, with her.

Harry Jr. was sent to Arizona to stay with Harry Sr.'s brother, Herbert.

In a moment of raw grief, Harry's father, Josiah—who was not known for his

diplomatic skills—reportedly said that after Harry's death, he would give Laura to Herbert if he could.

The mystery of Harry and Chuck's disappearance remains, a poignant reminder of the unpredictable power of the Pacific Ocean.

In 1938, three years after the death of Harry and Chuck in the drowning accident, Laura still lived at 113 Victoria Road in Burlingame, California.

Laura, a trained nurse, decided to move her family up to mountainous northern California. They settled in the small town of Camino.

— Written by Renn Stancil Hinton

## Stancil Family Tapestry

# Woven Legacy



The Stancil Family Tapestry woven by Delaney Sasser in 1858 when she was 16 years old.

## *Stancil Family Tapestry created by teen Delaney Sasser in 1858*

Delaney Catherine Sasser (April 5, 1842-Jan. 11, 1915) made the Stancil Family Tapestry in 1858. It was created on a homemade four-harness counterbalance floor loom made in Beulah Township. Delaney, the daughter of Henry and Martha Patsy Bagley Sasser.

She married John Thomas Stancil on July 17, 1859, when she was 17 years old.

The yarns Delaney used were a deep brown, a pale cream and a brilliant purple. The yarn was spun and dyed by Delaney. The design is intrigue and was called the Cross of Tennessee.

The tapestry can be seen in the John Thomas Stancil Family picture made in 1902. This marked the beginning of the annual Stancil Reunion in Johnson County that continues today.

Josiah Stancil acquired the tapestry at his father's estate sale in 1923 after John Thomas

died in 1922. The tapestry was passed on to Josiah's son, Herbert Andrew Stancil of Amarillo, Texas.

After Herbert's death in 1972, the tapestry was passed on to his daughter Barbara Marie. Barbara, along with her sisters Patricia and Beverly agreed to present the tapestry to her first cousin Bill Edwards of Pickney Church Road for safekeeping.

Bill talked about entrusting the tapestry to the Tobacco Farm Life Museum in Kenly several years before his untimely death. The museum has the facilities to maintain the tapestry in its pristine condition for generations of Stancils to come.

Upon Bill's death in September 1998, his widow Laura presented it to the Tobacco Farm Life Museum in Kenly, North Carolina.

— Written by Renn Stancil Hinton

## Stancil DNA

### New research looking into Stancil Y-DNA

There is a new Stancil Y-DNA research group at <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/stancil/about>.

Unlike autosomal DNA where fathers and mothers each contribute half of their DNA to their children, fathers pass 100% of their Y-DNA along to their sons.

Therefore, men with the Stancil surname that descend from Stancil male lines will share nearly identical Y-DNA.

Recent advancements in Y-DNA testing can reveal genetic relationships among Stancil men that share a common Stancil ancestor that lived hundreds of years ago. This is important for determining relationships with shared Stancil ancestors that lived in North Carolina in the 1700s or potentially farther back into England in the 1600s.

Vann Stancil from the Alvin Branch has tested his Y-DNA at the Big Y-700 level. Additional Stancil men can test their DNA at this level, but we also need to test more Stancil men whose most recent common ancestor is farther back than John Thomas Stancil.

Big Y-700 testing is needed to assess these distant Stancil lines, but it's not cheap. If you want to help, you can also make a donation to help reduce the costs of Big Y-700 testing for Stancil men.

Contact Vann at [vannfs@gmail.com](mailto:vannfs@gmail.com) for details.



# Anniversaries



## Huggins

Ronnie and Alice Stancil Huggins celebrated their 50th anniversary on July 20, 2025, with a luncheon with children Dale and Marenda and their families in Clayton, North Carolina. The lunch was followed by a beautiful cake handcrafted by oldest grandchild, Scarlet Huggins. At 15 years old, she's quite a talented baker. Ronnie and Alice were married July 20, 1975. **GEORGE IRA STANCIL » THOMAS EMMETTE STANCIL SR. » THOMAS EMMETTE STANCIL JR.**



Alice Stancil and Ronnie Huggins married in 1975.



## Bowes

Skip and Donna Bowes celebrated their 50th anniversary in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico on July 12, 2025. The family held an anniversary celebration near Gatlinburg, Tennessee, from Aug. 25-29 in a cabin. Skip and Donna were married July 23, 1975, in Exeter, New Hampshire. **JOSIAH STANCIL » HERBERT ANDREW STANCIL » PATRICIA ANN STANCIL REED**



## Pollard

Larry and Brenda Hill Pollard celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 1, 2025. They were married June 1, 1985. **TEMPY ANN STANCIL HILL » MILLARD LEE HILL » VERNON "JIM" FLETCHER**



# Alvin

## GRADUATION

### Rebecca Ann Stancil

Rebecca Ann Stancil, daughter of Vann and Amy Jackson Stancil, graduated summa cum laude from North Johnston High School on May 23, 2025, in Kenly, North Carolina. Rebecca, who served as president of the Student Government Association, gave the commencement address like her older brother Andrew did three years earlier. Rebecca is attending NC State in Raleigh with a double major in agricultural science and communications as a member of the Thomas Jefferson Scholar program and a member of the University Honors Program. **DONELL FRANKLIN STANCIL**



Andrew, Rebecca, Amy and Vann at the North Johnston High School graduation on May 23, 2025. Rebecca is a freshman at NC State in Raleigh and Andrew has started his senior year at East Carolina in Greenville.

## DEATHS

### Rickie Eugene Kornegay

June 9, 1958-August 5, 2024



Rickie Eugene Kornegay, father of Robert Lee Kornegay; and brother of Mark Stephen Kornegay, and his wife LaVonda;

died at 66 on Aug. 5, 2024, in Raleigh, North Carolina. Rickie was born June 9, 1958, in Goldsboro, North Carolina. He is the son of the late Eldon Lee Kornegay Sr. and Ann Mercer Kornegay; brother of the late Eldon Lee Kornegay Jr.; and Ronnie Lee Kornegay, who passed away in infancy. Rickie was a man of many talents and passions. After high school, he learned to weld, and then became a cross-country truck driver. He was also a painter and musician. Rickie had a big heart, always there for his family. **BEULAH STANCIL MERCER » COLUMBIA ANN MERCER KORNEGAY**

### Shirley Thigpen Mercer

Feb. 24, 1935-July 4, 2024



Shirley Thigpen Mercer, mother of Earl Trent Mercer and his wife Barbara; and William Frederick Mercer Sr.,

died at 89 on July 4, 2024, at her home in Beulaville, North Carolina. She was born Feb. 24, 1935, in Beulaville. She is the daughter of Clarence Gibson Sr. and Rowena Lanier Thigpen, widow of the late Reuben Earl Mercer, and was the last of her siblings to pass. She is the grandmother of Candice, Wendy, Will, Kaylin, Emily, and Robert; and great-grandmother of Grace, Rylee, Lucas, Liam and Emryn. Shirley found joy in traveling, gardening, sewing, and painting. She is buried in East Duplin Memorial Gardens in Beulaville. **BEULAH STANCIL MERCER » REUBEN EARL MERCER**

## WEDDING

### James-Davis

Tricia Annsley James, daughter of Patti West James, married Jay Davis on April 27, 2024, at Tara Creek in Faison, North Carolina. She rode her childhood horse, Nick, to meet Jay at the altar. Tricia is the granddaughter of Barbara Stancil West and the late George West. **VERNARD ALVIN STANCIL**

## BIRTH

### Hayes Thomas Broadway

Hayes Thomas Broadway, son of Matthew and Victoria Williams Broadway, was born Nov. 23, 2024, in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He was born eight weeks early, but is doing better each day. He is the grandson of Ginger Stancil Williams and the great-grandson of Joan Woodard Stancil and the late Cecil Stancil. **GLENN WARREN STANCIL**

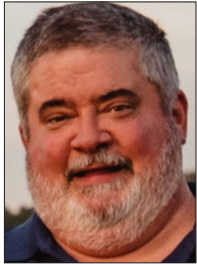


# Harvey

## DEATHS

### George McArthur "Artie" Pittman Jr.

May 4, 1964-Aug. 24, 2024



George McArthur "Artie" Pittman Jr., son of Diane Davis Hill; husband of Sandy Lynn Walker Pittman; father of Amanda Wiggins; Parker Pittman; and George McArthur "AJ" Pittman III; and brother of Chris Pittman; died at 60 on Aug. 24, 2024, at his home in

Gates County, North Carolina. Artie was born May 4, 1964, in Newport News, Virginia. He is the son of the late George McArthur Pittman Sr. Artie spent over 40 years of his life working at Newport News Shipbuilding in various departments. He loved his family and enjoyed classic cars and hunting. **GERTRUDE STANCIL PITTMAN**

## GRADUATIONS

### Savannah Brooke Azoff

Savannah Brooke Azoff, daughter of Eric and Michelle Guzzo Azoff, graduated from Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School in Yarmouth, Massachusetts, on June 7, 2025, on Cape Cod. She played basketball and softball. Savannah was named an Atlantic Division All-Star basketball player by the Cape Cod Times in March 2025. She was also named an Atlantic Division All-Star honorable mention softball player in June. She is the granddaughter of John and Mildred Cervia Guzzo. **DELANIE MAVIS STANCIL HILL STANCIL » CLAUDIA MAVIS HILL GUZZO**

### Samuel Aaron Hovater

Samuel Aaron Hovater, son of James and Lisa Buchanan Hovater, received his master's degree in computer science from the Georgia Tech College of Computing on Dec. 14, 2024, in Atlanta, Georgia. **GERTRUDE STANCIL PITTMAN » GERTIE MAE PITTMAN BUCHANAN**

## WEDDING

### Hinnant-Crocker

Grace Ann Hinnant, daughter of Elizabeth DiMaria Hinnant and the late Stephen, married Chase Crocker on Nov. 9, 2024, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Columbia, South Carolina. **GERTRUDE STANCIL PITTMAN » JENNIFER KAYE PITTMAN**

## ENGAGEMENTS

### Samuel Aaron Hovater

Samuel Aaron Hovater, son of James and Lisa Buchanan Hovater, is engaged to Kaitlin Bell on May 30, 2026, in the Cedar Kroll Inn in Alexandria, Virginia. **GERTRUDE STANCIL PITTMAN » GERTIE MAE PITTMAN BUCHANAN**

### Annabelle Marie Hovater

Annabelle Marie Hovater, daughter of James and Lisa Buchanan Hovater, is engaged to Francis Celentano on Oct. 4, 2026, in Richmond, Virginia. **GERTRUDE STANCIL PITTMAN » GERTIE MAE PITTMAN BUCHANAN**

## NEWS

### Chloe Azoff

Chloe Azoff, daughter of Eric and Michelle Guzzo Azoff, played guard for the Bridgewater (Massachusetts) State basketball team as a freshman. She played in 16 games, averaging 4.3 points per game, making 35.6% of her shots. She is the granddaughter of John and Mildred Cervia Guzzo. **DELANIE MAVIS STANCIL HILL STANCIL » CLAUDIA MAVIS HILL GUZZO**

### Ramsie Jewel Pittman

Ramsie Jewel Pittman, daughter of Chris and Jodie Hughes Pittman, was named to the Virginia Tech Dean's List for the second straight semester for the Spring 2025 semester. She is a sophomore communications major at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia. **GERTRUDE STANCIL PITTMAN » GEORGE MCARTHUR PITTMAN SR.**

### Adam Garland Dale

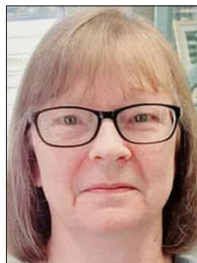
Adam Garland Dale, son of Donald and Katie Stancil Dale, co-wrote two recent research papers for the journal Crop Science, Volume 65, Issue 1 in the January/February 2025 edition: Investigating multi-trophic effects of St. Augustinegrass cultivar blends in the Southeastern United States; and Molecular analysis of St. Augustinegrass cultivar mixtures composition over time and latitude for the journal Crop Science. Read these papers at <https://acsess.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/csc2.21370>. Adam is an associate chair for Extension and associate professor for turfgrass and ornamental entomology at the University of Florida in Gainesville. **HARVEY ARTHUR STANCIL » GEORGE GARLAND STANCIL**

# Arnett

## DEATHS

### Debra Ann Hill Walston

Aug. 14, 1955-June 21, 2025



Debra Ann Hill Walston, Arnett Branch, wife of Donald R. Walston; mother of Cindy Walston and Bobby Walston; and sister of Linda Hill White, Karen Hill Taylor, Sharon Hill Turnage, Elizabeth Hill Boyette, and Sandra Hill Phillips; died at 69, on June 21, 2025, in Charleston, South Carolina. Debra and Donald were visiting for their 50th wedding anniversary. Debra was born Aug. 14, 1955, in Guilford County, North Carolina. She is the daughter of the late Wilbert and Mayzell Boykin Hill; sister of the late Marvelene Hill Carico; Imogene Hill Murphy; and William "Toot" Hill. Debra was co-owner of A-1 Mobile Home Parts and Service and was an active member at Tabernacle Baptist Church. She and her family often attended the Stancil Family Reunion. She is buried in Maplewood Cemetery in Wilson, North Carolina. **WILBERT HILL**

### James Alvin Stancil Jr.

October 14, 1946-April 24, 2025



James Alvin Stancil Jr., husband of Catherine Perry Stancil; father of Tish Stancil Summerlin, and her husband Steve, of the Arnett Branch; father of Kelly Stancil Barnes, and her husband Billy; and Lee Anne Edwards, and her husband Justin; died at 78 on April 28, 2025, in Wilson. James was born Oct. 14, 1946. He is the son of the late Alvin and Peggy Stancil; brother of the late Joan Thompson, Danny Stancil and Steve Stancil. He is the grandfather of Brooke Meador and Sage Meador. Steve is the son of Thomas and Sharon Hill Summerlin. **WILBERT HILL » SHARON HILL TURNAGE » STEVE SUMMERLIN**

## BIRTHS

### Kensleigh Brooke Morris

Kensleigh Brooke Morris, daughter of Jobie and Julie Wallace Morris, was born March 19, 2025. She is the granddaughter of April Murph Boykin and great-granddaughter of Kip and Wanda Murph. **WILBERT HILL » MARVELENE HILL MURPH CARICO**

### Betty Carol Baker Reason

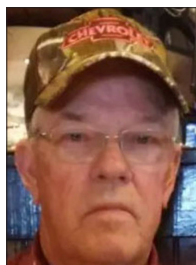
July 29, 1946-March 31, 2025

Betty Baker Reason, wife of Douglas Reason; mother of Douglas Mike Reason, and his wife Christal, of the Arnett Branch; Betty "Missy" Webb, and her husband Herschel; Angela Hoffman, and her husband Rodney; and sister of Edgar Baker, and his wife Regina; died at 79, in Carteret General Hospital in Morehead City, North Carolina. Betty was born July 29, 1946. She is the daughter of the late Edgar Hines and Margaret Mae Baker; and great-grandmother of the late Brycen Corbett. She is the grandmother of Dale Batchelor, and his wife Macyna; Daniel Batchelor; Zachary Reason; Emily Reason; Carly Reason; Mark Reason, and his wife Amy; Douglas "Mikey" Reason; Krysten Patton, and her husband Mark; Charles Morris; and Jonathan Corbett, and his wife Lissi. She is the great-grandmother to 13. She is buried in Macclesfield Cemetery in Macclesfield, North Carolina.

**WILBERT HILL » MARVELENE HILL MURPH CARICO**

### William Janell Hill

Nov. 27, 1939-Nov. 19, 2024



William Janell Hill, husband of Martha Porter Hill; father of Joy Hill Copeland, Jill Hill Wall, Jeffrey Hill and William Hill Jr.; and brother of Karen Taylor, Elizabeth Boyette, Sandra Phillips, Linda White, Debra Walston and Sharon Turnage, died at 84 on Nov. 19, 2024, in Smithfield, North Carolina. He was born Nov. 27, 1939, in Johnston County. He is the son of the late Wilbert and Mayzell Boykin Hill; and brother of the late Imogene Murphy and Marvelene Carico. William is the grandfather to 11 and great-grandfather to 11. He is buried in the Boykin Family Cemetery at 13688 Highway 42 in Johnston County. **WILBERT HILL**

### Khelyc Denver Batchelor

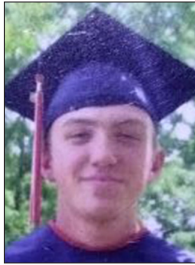
Khelyc Denver Batchelor, daughter of Dale and Macyna Riley Batchelor, was born Oct. 29, 2024. She is the granddaughter of Douglas and Christal Gail Murph Reason and great-granddaughter of Kip and Wanda Murph. **WILBERT HILL » MARVELENE HILL MURPH CARICO**



# Arnett

## GRADUATIONS

### Zachary Shane Reason



Zachary Shane Reason, son of Douglas and Christal Gail Murph Reason, graduated from Southern Nash High School on June 13, 2025, in Bailey, North Carolina. He is the grandson of Kip and Wanda Wilson Murph.

**WILBERT HILL » MARVELENE HILL MURPH CARICO**

### Brianna Faith Brown



Brianna Faith Brown, daughter of Laura Nicole Brown, graduated from Hunt High School on June 7, 2025, in Wilson, North Carolina. She is the granddaughter of Joy Hill Copeland and great-granddaughter of Martha Porter Hill and the late William Hill.

**WILBERT HILL**

### Nathan Aaron Wakefield



Nathan Aaron Wakefield, son of Joshua and Amber Narron Wakefield, graduated from North Johnston High on May 23, 2025, in Kenly, North Carolina. He is the grandson of Ray and Angela Narron Wiggins.

**ARTHUR HILL » MILDRED BERTHA HILL NARRON**

### Maygan Sunflower Parnell



Maygan Sunflower Parnell, daughter of Donald Parnell, received her associate's degree in nursing at Johnston Community College in Smithfield, North Carolina, to become a registered nurse. The

pinning ceremony was May 9, 2025, and she received notice that she passed her National Council Licensure Examination on May 24, 2025. She is the granddaughter of Sandra Hill Parnell Phillips. **WILBERT HILL**

## NEWS

### Jackson Murph

Jackson Murph, son of Chris and Carly Moore Murph, led the TPA National Prime 11U baseball team to the Silver Bracket Top Gun World Series championship on June 15, 2025, in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Chris, who also coaches the team, is son of Kip and Wanda Murph. **WILBERT HILL » MARVELENE HILL MURPH CARICO**

### Rayleigh Grayce Summerlin

Rayleigh Grayce Summerlin, daughter of Kevin and Penny Rhodes Summerlin, played on the varsity softball team as a freshman for Nash Central High School in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. She played in 22 games with a .424 batting average and 11 steals. She is a sophomore this year. She is the granddaughter of Sharon Hill Turnage. **WILBERT HILL**

### Batchelor's Lawn Care

Daniel Batchelor, son of Christal Gail Murph Reason, has started Batchelor's Lawn Care doing work in Nash and Wilson counties in North Carolina. His business services include lawn maintenance, trimming bushes and more. Call 252-299-1745. Daniel is the grandson of Kip and Wanda Murph. **WILBERT HILL » MARVELENE HILL**



**The Stancils of Northern California Josiah Branch extend their loving thanks and appreciation to Renn Stancil Hinton, her parents, and her children. Renn, you are forever in our hearts.**

# George Ira

## DEATHS

### William "Bill" Henry Batts Jr.

July 3, 1937-May 19, 2025



Commander William "Bill" Henry Batts Jr., husband of Jacqueline "Jackie" Lewis Batts; father of David Henry Batts, and his wife Lea; and brother of James

"Jim" Ralph Batts, and his wife Kathy; and uncle of Jamey Batts, and his wife Lisa; and Renee Batts Hunter, and her husband Gil; died at 87 on May 19, 2025, in High Point, North Carolina, after a lengthy battle with dementia. Bill was born on July 3, 1937, in Wilson, North Carolina. He is the eldest child of the late William and Eva Vazelle Stancil Batts – Vazelle later married Francis Nixon Jessup; and the father of the late Claire Suzanne Batts Green and William Timothy Batts; widower of his first wife Brenda, the mother of his children; and widower of his second wife Helen; and step-grandfather of the late Martin IV. He is the grandfather of Parker Batts, Hattie Batts, Eva Batts and Nick Batts. After graduating high school, Bill received an appointment to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and reported immediately in June 1955. He earned a bachelor's degree and was commissioned as an Ensign in the Navy in 1959. Bill retired from the Navy as a commander on Aug. 1, 1980, and went to work for Carolina Power and Light Company near Raleigh. He retired in August 1995. He and Jackie, who both grew up in Wilson, married on June 6, 2007. They were residing in Pennybyrn, a continuing care retirement community. Bill wished to be buried at sea by the Navy. **EVA VAZELLE STANCIL BATTS JESSUP**

### Renn Stancil Hinton

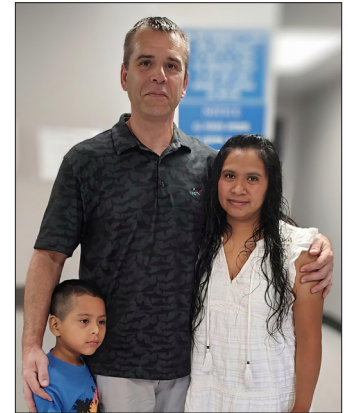
Dec. 5, 1944-Dec. 26, 2024



Renn Stancil Hinton, George Ira Branch, mother of Darcee Anne Sams and husband Jimmy; Kip Austin Hinton and wife Amalia Ortiz; Ty Alexander Hinton;

Brent Ashley Hinton; and Coree Anne Hinton; and sister of Harold Stancil (Kim Brown), died at 80 on Dec. 26, 2024, at home in Palatka, Florida. Renn was born Dec. 5, 1944, in Ocala, Florida. She is the daughter of the late Ralph and Ethel Stancil; widow of the late Bobby Brown Hinton; stepmother of the late Jay Benjamin Hinton; and sister of the late Georgeanne Stancil Schore and Hale Ralph Stancil. Renn had been struggling with the effects of Lou Gherig's disease for more than 20 years. It became harder for her to communicate and eat, but she was in good health two weeks before she died. In December 2024 she spent eight days at the Mayo Clinic hospital in Jacksonville. She turned 80 just 21 days before she died. Numerous Stancil cousins will hold on to the memories of her generous work with the annual Stancil family reunions in North Carolina. She had a lifelong dedication to the Stancil family and the reunion, reaching out to many members across the country for many years. She has dozens of binders where he collection of historic documents are stored. With her son Ty's help, she created this annual newsletter in 2006 and also started stancilreunion.com as a way to share Stancil history. Because of the pandemic and health concerns, the last Stancil Family reunion she was able to attend was in 2019. Renn was cremated. **GEORGE RALPH STANCIL**

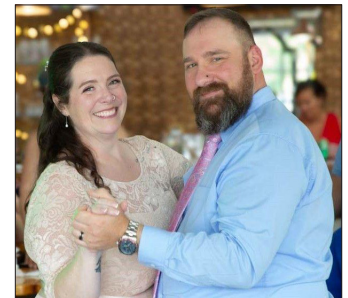
## WEDDINGS



Walter, Joshua and Celina on May 10, 2025.

### Powell

Joshua Powell, son of J.D. and Shirley Stancil Ginn, married Celina Chuc on May 10, 2025. **GEORGE IRA STANCIL JR.**



### Stancil-Phillips

Meghan Stancil, daughter of Tommy and Marty Bright Stancil, married Robert Phillips on May 4, 2025. **THOMAS EMMETTE STANCIL SR. » THOMAS EMMETTE STANCIL JR.**

### Buckley-Hunter

Brenden Hunter, son of Gil and Renee Batts Hunter, married Sammy Buckley on Oct. 19, 2024. Brenden is the grandson of Jim Batts. **VAZELLE STANCIL BATTS JESSUP**



# George Ira

## BIRTHS



Julie and Travis with Ella and Brailyn.

### Ella Maria Kline

Ella Maria Kline, daughter of Julie and Travis Kline, was born May 16, 2025, in Salisbury, Maryland. Julie is the daughter of Tiffini, granddaughter of Sharon LaVie Nelson, and great-granddaughter of Jean Eason LaVie and the late Al LaVie. **MYRTLE STANCIL EASON**

### Sebastian Louis Stancil

Sebastian Louis Stancil, son of Evan and Kristen Van Dusen Stancil, was born March 31, 2025, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He is the grandson of Ira and Carol Stancil. **GEORGE IRA STANCIL JR.**

### Julie Hunter

Julie Hunter, daughter of Brenden and Sammy Buckley Hunter, was born Feb. 6, 2025. She is the granddaughter of Renee Batts Hunter and great-granddaughter of Jim Batts. **VAZELLE STANCIL BATTES JESSUP**

### Mackensie Brubaker

Mackensie Brubaker, daughter of Chris and Julia Stancil Brubaker, was born Oct. 19, 2024. She is the granddaughter of Ira and Carol Stancil. **GEORGE IRA STANCIL JR.**

### Abigail Johanna Boone

Abigail Johanna Boone, daughter of Frank and Meredith Eason Boone, was born Sept. 3, 2024. Abigail is the granddaughter of Lelon Eason Jr. and great-granddaughter of Brenda Wiggins Merry. **MYRTLE STANCIL EASON » LELON WOODROW EASON SR.**

## GRADUATIONS

### Everett Stevens



Everett Stevens, son of Suzanne Stancil, graduated with high honors from Forest High School, on May 30, 2025, in Ocala, Florida. Everett is studying computer science at the College of Central Florida in Ocala. He is the grandson of Becky Warner Stancil and the late Hale Stancil.

**GEORGE RALPH STANCIL » HALE RALPH STANCIL**

### Francesca Judith Weisiger

Francesca Judith Weisiger, daughter of Jonathan and Marissa Jackson Weisiger, graduated from Benbrook Middle-High School in Benbrook, Texas, on May 29, 2025, in Dickies Arena in Fort Worth. Francesca was a member of the National Honor Society. She participated in the Benbrook choir, qualifying for all-region all four years, and qualified for the Texas Music Educators choir as a soloist in 2025. She is attending Baylor University in Waco, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Lewis and Mary Ann Hales Weisiger. **HILDA MAIE STANCIL HALES STOVER**

### Grant Stevens



Grant Stevens, son of Suzanne Stancil, graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in cybersecurity from the University of South Florida in Tampa on May 11, 2025. He started a master's program in cybersecurity at USF. He is the grandson of Becky Warner Stancil

and the late Hale Stancil. **GEORGE RALPH STANCIL » HALE RALPH STANCIL**

### Miles Stevens



Miles Stevens, son of Suzanne Stancil, graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in information technology and minor in secure computing and networks from the University of Central Florida in Orlando on May 2, 2025. He started a master's program in cybersecurity at Georgia Tech

in Atlanta. He is the grandson of Becky Warner Stancil and the late Hale Stancil. **GEORGE RALPH STANCIL » HALE RALPH STANCIL**

# George Ira

## NEWS



### Andrew DellaVecchia

Andrew DellaVecchia, son of Matt and Stephanie Stancil DellaVecchia, collected eight awards in the junior division (grades 9-10) at the 58th annual Academic Games National Tournament from April 25-28, 2025, in Arlington, Virginia. Andrew, from Wellington High School in Wellington, Florida, earned second place in Current Events, sixth place in Theme, sixth place in Presidents and ninth place in sweepstakes. His team received first place in Current Events, first place in Presidents, second place in Theme and second place in Propaganda. The competition included more than 1,000 players from across the U.S. Andrew is the grandson of Becky Stancil and the late Hale Stancil. **GEORGE RALPH STANCIL » HALE RALPH STANCIL**

### Las Hijas de la Madre

Las Hijas de la Madre, the band led by Amalia Ortiz, wife of Kip Austin Hinton, will release their first album "Diatribas Punk" in late fall 2025. **GEORGE RALPH STANCIL » RENN STANCIL HINTON**



Eleanor, Liam and Ethan Gunst hold their awards at the annual swim banquet. They are the children of Ross and Elizabeth Stancil Gunst and grandchildren of Tommy and Marty Stancil.

### Ethan, Liam, and Eleanor Gunst

Ethan (13), Liam (11), and Eleanor (8) Gunst, children of Ross and Elizabeth Stancil Gunst, participated on their neighborhood swim team again this summer and were each awarded the Work Horse Award for their age group at the annual swim banquet. Ethan was also awarded the Leadership Award, a recognition given to just one male and one female on the swim team. They are the grandchildren of Tommy and Marty Bright Stancil. **THOMAS EMMETTE STANCIL SR. » THOMAS EMMETTE STANCIL JR.**

## ENGAGEMENT

### Emily Rhiann Benedict

Emily Rhiann Benedict, daughter of Dale and Brenda Haley Benedict, became engaged to Tyler Bond on Aug. 30, 2025, at White Lake, North Carolina. **THOMAS EMMETTE STANCIL SR. » MARTHA STANCIL BENEDICT**



Emily Benedict with Tyler Bond at White Lake, North Carolina.



# George Ira

## NEWS



### Audrey DellaVecchia

Audrey DellaVecchia, daughter of Matt and Stephanie Stancil DellaVecchia, was weightlifting Florida District 15 champion in the traditional category with 160 bench and 135 clean and jerk for a 295 total at Wellington High School in Wellington, Florida. She finished second at regional and 10th at the Class 3A state championships with a 160 bench and 140 clean and jerk for a 300 total. She was on the Sun-Sentinel girls weightlifting first team. Audrey is the granddaughter of Becky Stancil and the late Hale Stancil. **GEORGE RALPH STANCIL » HALE RALPH STANCIL**

### Easton Ausbon



Easton Ausbon, the 12-year-old son of Todd and Marendra Huggins Ausbon, is now a brown belt in GAMA

Goju karate in Winterville. He will test for his black belt in 2026. Easton is following in the footsteps of his uncle Dale Huggins, a 3rd Degree Black belt. Easton is the grandson of Ronnie and Alice Stancil Huggins. **THOMAS EMMETTE STANCIL SR. » THOMAS EMMETTE STANCIL JR.**

### Greyson Ausbon

Greyson Ausbon, son of Todd and Marendra Huggins Ausbon, had bilateral hip surgery in August at Duke Children's Hospital in Durham. Greyson is the grandson of Ronnie and Alice Stancil Huggins. **THOMAS EMMETTE STANCIL SR. » THOMAS EMMETTE STANCIL JR.**



### Pie Ladies

Jean Eason LaVie and her daughter Karen LaVie Luciano, known as "The Pie Ladies," collect blueberries to use in pies in Ocean City, Maryland. Jean started her own career when she moved to Bishopville, Maryland, in 1978, baking pies for upscale restaurants. She was successful and known affectionately as the "Pie Lady." **MYRTLE STANCIL EASON**

### Donna Moore Padgett

Donna Moore Padgett had poems accepted for The Stafford Challenge Anthology: 2024-25, the North Carolina Bards Poetry Anthology 2025, and The Eagle and The Maple: A United States & Canadian Poetry Anthology. **GEORGE IRA STANCIL » DELANIE ETHEL STANCIL STANCIL » NORMA ETHEL STANCIL MOORE**



George Ira Branch cousins enjoy lunch at Parker's Barbecue in Wilson, North Carolina. Clockwise, from left, are Chris Sweesy (**Emmette » Rose**), J.G. Renfrow (**Rachel**), Jim Batts (**Vazelle**), Tommy Stancil III (**Emmette » Junior**) and Derek Benedict (**Emmette » Martha**).



## A Look Back | 60 years ago

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Members of the Alvin Branch at the 1965 Stancil Reunion: C.S. Sullivan, Glenn Stancil, Pluma Stancil Sullivan, Erma Lee Stancil, Flave Mercer, Beulah Stancil Mercer, Virginia Stancil Fulghum, Esther Peedin Stancil, Magdalene Stancil, Vernard Stancil and Donell Stancil.

### Annual Stancil Reunion held in Kenly clubhouse

The Stancil reunion of the descendants of the late John Thomas Stancil and DeLaney Sasser Stancil that began in 1903 was held Sunday, August 29, in the Glendale Community Clubhouse on Route 2, Kenly. About 100 attended.

Mrs. Effie Stancil Renfrow was in charge of the registrations, and Clyde Stancil of Raleigh made a short talk, encouraging attendance, and gave thanks before the picnic dinner.

The seven sons: Henry,

Samuel, Josiah, John Archer, Alvin R., Harvey A., and George Ira were all represented. The two daughters, Tempy Ann and Arnettie Hill, were not represented. However, Fred Hill and wife, Tempy Ann, were present in 1903 with eight children: Delia, Ronia, Fletcher, Millard, Moses, Pearl, Clarence, and Preston -- the most grandchildren at that time. Other children born after this date were Ressie, Jack and Tony.

Arnettie had three children: Arthur, Wilbert, and Nancy.

Esther Peedin Stancil, wife of Alvin R. Stancil, is the only survivor of the first generation.

DeLaney Sasser Stancil had two brothers, John and Thomas, who attended during the early years of the reunion and some of their descendants

were present: Eunice Sasser Wells' children: Joseph Sasser of Reidsville, grandson of Thomas, and Lyda Holt Oliver, also a granddaughter of Thomas Sasser, and husband, Rayford Oliver of Smithfield.

Relatives attending from out of state included Ethel Harris Stancil of Chattanooga, Tenn., wife of the deceased Leumos Stancil; Warren Dennison of Philadelphia, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stancil and grandson from Amarillo, Texas.

Several attended from Norfolk and Newport News in Virginia. One of the few visitors was Miss Lou C. Harency of Greenville, girlfriend of Donell Stancil.

Beginning in 1966, the reunion will be on the fourth Sunday in August instead of on the last Sunday.