

OBITUARIES

Rita Kay (Karnes) Utzinger

Rita Kay (Karnes) Utzinger, 72, passed away on Sunday, April 7, 2019 at Centra Southside Community Hospital in Farmville, Virginia. Mrs. Utzinger, daughter of Odell and Jean Karnes, was born on March 11, 1947 in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Rita spent her early years in Michigan where she attended Orchard View High School and Muskegon Business School. On December 30, 1966 she was united in marriage to John Donald Utzinger in Muskegon, Michigan. She raised three sons and she always said, "I love them so much and they make me proud".

Rita was a voracious reader, a dedicated homemaker, an avid quilter, and a superb cook. During the fifty-two years of marriage, the family lived in seven different states. She always found a tennis team, a quilt shop, and a church where she could study the Bible and sing in the choir. Her favorite hymn was "Victory in Jesus". A helpful, gracious, and compassionate woman of deep faith she lived her life secure in that victory. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband John; her three sons, J. Michael Utzinger and wife Joy of Hampden-Sydney, Virginia, Timothy Utzinger and wife Michelle of Kansas City, Missouri, and Daniel Utzinger and wife Sandrine of Greenwich, Connecticut; six precious grandchildren, Claire, Catherine, Eve, Emily, Madison, and John; one brother Donald Karnes and wife Terri of Clearwater Beach, Florida; and many beloved nieces and nephews, relatives and friends.

Rita was a member of Faith Bible Fellowship Church in Farmville where she served on a brunch team, faithfully attended Precepts Bible study, sang in the seasonal choir and was her church contact point for FACES food pantry.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday April 28, at 2 p.m. at Puckett Funeral Home in Farmville. There will be visitation with the family starting at 12:30 p.m. Memories and pictures may be shared on the Puckett web site. A reception following the service will be held at the John's Memorial Parish house. A celebration of life will be held in Muskegon, Michigan on Wednesday, July 3, 2019.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made in Rita's name to the Pregnancy Support Center, P.O. Box 281, Farmville, Virginia 23901 or FACES food pantry, P.O. Box 644, Farmville, Virginia 23901.

Puckett Funeral Home is serving the family. www.puckettffh.com.

Christopher Hunter McCraw

Christopher Hunter McCraw, 19, of Blackstone, arrived at home plate April 11, 2019, alongside his buddy, Austin Daniels of Victoria.

Born August 18, 1999, Hunter was preceded in death by uncles Joseph Adkins and David McCraw; and grandfather Wayne Adkins. Hunter is survived by his parents, John (Jr.) & Stephanie McCraw of Blackstone; his sisters, Shauna & Kayla; maternal grandmother Diana Glover of Meherrin; paternal grandparents Tricia Abel (Billy) of Crewe and John McCraw, Sr. (Connie) of Blackstone; maternal

great-grandmother Peggy T. Newman of Meherrin. Hunter is also survived by the love of his life, Courtney Daniels of Victoria, who was Austin's sister; along with numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Hunter was a 2017 High Honors graduate of Nottoway High School and was scheduled to graduate in May from Southside Virginia Community College. He was employed by Swift Creek Contracting.

Hunter had a huge heart and always had a smile on his face. He loved the outdoors, hunting, and fishing. He had a love for the game of baseball. He was free-spirited and lived life to the fullest.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, April 27th at 4 p.m. at Golubic Stadium in Crewe. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made at any branch of Citizens Bank & Trust.

Malcolm Junius Oliver

Malcolm Junius Oliver, 94, of Dillwyn, familiarly known as "Bug" or "Red", died April 23, 2019. He was born September 28, 1924 in Buckingham County, a son of the late Robert Aubrey and Mary Brock Oliver. He was a retired employee of A. H. Robins, now known as Pfizer. He was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Rufus Oliver and a nephew, Robert Ray Oliver.

He is survived by Kathy Huddleston Rondeau, of Palmyra, whom he thought of like a daughter; godson, Benjamin Bennett of Nelson County and numerous cousins and friends.

A graveside service was held on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 11 a.m. in the Cedar Baptist Church cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Rocky Mount United Methodist Church.

Dunkum Funeral Home is serving the family.

Mary Ellen Laird

Mary Ellen Laird, 100 of Farmville, died Thursday, April 18 2019.

She was born March 26,1919 in Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania, a daughter of the late Paul and Maria Zakrewsky.

Prior to living at the Woodland for 10 years she lived in Cumberland for 32 years.

Her late husband was Joseph Robert Laird. They were married for 49 years before his passing.

Surviving are two sons, Ronald J. Laird and wife Irina of St. Lucie Florida, Joseph R. Laird Jr. and wife Patsy of Shenandoah, Virginia and a daughter Bonnie Laird Vrettos and husband Nicholas of Williamsburg Virginia. There are seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

The visitation will be held on Saturday April 27 at 10 a.m. at Saint Theresa, Farmville, followed by a funeral Mass at 11 a.m. The interment will be at the Nativity Catholic Cemetery, Buckingham at 2 p.m.

Dunkum Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Patriot Day event set for Saturday

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CUMBERLAND

The annual event celebrating Cumberland County's first call for independence from Great Britain, Patriot Day, is set for Saturday from noon-5 p.m. at the Cumberland County Courthouse.

Organizer Barbara Gamage said the event will kick off with an ap-

pearance from the Deep Run Hunt Club horses and hounds.

Following their appearance, the Cumberland High School Band will perform and the Cumberland JROTC will present the colors. There is set to be a skit that includes information about the

county's history, which will include a chorus of children from the school and the Cumberland Singers.

The event is set to feature live music from the

band Deep Blue Express.

"We have about 20 vendors for the afternoon as well as many children's games that are free with prizes at the end of the day," Gamage said.

Market broken into

The Prince Edward County Sheriff's Office is seeking a suspect believed to have robbed the County Line Market at the 2000 block of Prince Edward Highway on Route 460 Wednesday, April 17.

According to Sheriff Wesley Reed in a news release, the owner of County Line Market called the Prince Edward County Sheriff's Office upon receiving a burglar alarm call.

After an investigation, police said a suspect entered the business in the early hours of the morning and got away with an undetermined amount of money. No one was injured.

The investigation is still ongoing, according to the release.

Those with information about the incident are asked to contact Lt. Joseph Sprague at (434) 392-8101.

DEATHS

Lisa Nelson Atkinson Kerns of Farmville, passed away April 7, 2019. A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 27, 2 p.m. at Payne Memorial Methodist Church, Cumberland.

Irvin Rufus Forbes Sr., 82 of Dillwyn, Virginia, passed away April 22, 2019. Services will be held Friday, April 26, 1 p.m. at Slate River Baptist Church, Dillwyn with interment in the church cemetery. Reid's Funeral Home of Dillwyn is serving the family.

Gary Stephen Wright, 70 of Jamaica, New York, passed away April 18, 2019. A graveside service will be held Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m. at the Wright Family Cemetery, Gladstone, Virginia. Bland-Reid Funeral Home of Farmville is serving the family.

Paulus Irving Hatcher, 89 of Farmville, Virginia, passed away April 29, 2019. Service will be held Saturday, April 27, 2 p.m. at Sharon Baptist Church, Cumberland with interment in the church cemetery. Bland-Reid Funeral Home of Farmville is

serving the family.
Joan Repass Evers, 70, of Buckingham died April 22, 2019. Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 27, at 11 a.m. at Chestnut Grove Baptist Church with interment in the church cemetery. Family will receive friends one hour before the service.



Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration

Where: Moton Museum
900 Griffin Boulevard, Farmville Va. 23901

Children who will turn 4 years old on or before September 30, 2019 are eligible.

Registration Date:
Wednesday, May 1st of 2019 12 p.m. -7 p.m.

Required documents:
Birth certificate, physical and immunization record, proof of residency, and proof of income. If you are registering for Pre-K you must bring your child.
For more information, please visit www.pecps.k12.va.us



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