GLORIA LANGSTON

Gloria Vivienne Cockerham Langston, 85, died June 12, 2011 at Inova Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, Va.
Funeral services are today at First Baptist Church with Rev. Lewis Kalil officiating. Burial will follow at Glenwood Cemetery under the direction of Stricklin-King Funeral Home.
Mrs. Langston was born July 4, 1925 in Eden, where her father was a telegraph operator for the Illinois Central Railroad. After the Great Flood of 1927 the family moved to Canton, where she graduated from Canton High School in 1943. She graduated from Hinds Junior College and attended a summer institute for high school band directors at Vandercook School of Music in Chicago.
She then served as the band director at the high school in Monticello until marrying Dr. John Andrews Langston, a dentist, in 1948.
The family moved to Yazoo City in 1949, where the couple raised their six children. Mrs. Langston was a noted Girl Scout leader in the community for many years.
She was preceded in death by her husband, who died Jan. 8, 1977.
Survivors include her daughters, Elizabeth Pennebaker and Janice Allen (Steve) of Bryan, Texas; June DeHart (Dan) of Alexandria, Va.; and Carolin Jarboe (Brian) of Cheverly, Md.; sons, John Langston Jr. of Jackson and Paul Langston (Peggy) of Baton Rouge, La.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.
Memorials may be made to Christian Family Montessori School, 201 Allison Street, NW, Suite B, Washington DC 20011 or Inova Fairfax Hospital, Medical Surgical Care Unit and Acute Pulmonary Unit, 3300 Gallows Road, Falls Church, VA 22042.

CHARLES STEPHENS

Charles Andrew Stephens, 47, died Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland.
Funeral services were Thursday at Short Creek Cemetery with Rev. Bryan Abel officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Stricklin-King Funeral Home.
Mr. Stephens was born Jan. 31, 1964 in Yazoo County to Clarence A. and Mary Jane Powell Stephens. He was an oil field maintenance supervisor and a Baptist.
Survivors include his parents, C.A. and Mary Jane Stephens of Yazoo City; two sisters, Mary Douglas Paxton Lee of Birmingham, Ala. and Martha Paxton Farrish of Yazoo City; a brother, Robert Michael Stephens of Pontotoc; and numerous nieces and nephews.
Serving as pallbearers were Jimmy Isonhood, Jerry Alford, Billy Joe Isonhood, Adam Bounds, Jace Crimm, Jim Warrington, Jeff Hasty and Dwuane Harris.

JOHN TYLER

John Woodrow Tyler, 73, died Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at King's Daughters Hospital.
Funeral services are today at 2 p.m. Center Ridge Cemetery with Rev. Terrell Veazey officiating. Burial will follow under the direction of Stricklin-King Funeral Home.
Mr. Tyler was born Sept. 11, 1937 in Beaumont, Texas to John W. Tyler and Mary Elizabeth Toups Tyler. He was a retired conductor for Illinois Central Railroad and a member of Center Ridge Baptist Church.
He was preceded in death by a son, John W. Tyler III.
Survivors include his wife, Alyce Tyler of Yazoo City; three daughters, Dana Marie Williams, Jena Bennett and Mandy Williams, all of Yazoo City; a sister, Laura Curtis of Beaumont, Texas; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.