LUGENE APRIL

Lugene April, 68, of Vaughan, died September 16, 2011.

Funeral services were held September 24, 2011 at Bells Chapel M.B. Church in Vaughan with Rev. Danny Harris officiating. Burial followed at Bells Chapel Cemetery in Vaughan under the direction of Century Funeral Home.

Mr. April was born on Jan. 4, 1943 to the late Arnette Davis April and S.B. April in Vaughan. He was a member of Bells Chapel M.B. Church. He was married to the late Marie Williams.

He was employed by the Anheuser Busch Brewery, where he worked for more than 20 years.

He was preceded in death by his son, Earvin Lugene April Sr. and two brothers, Johnny April Sr. and Hubbard April.

Survivors include his children, Percell April and Travey April of St. Louis; four grandchildren; siblings, Doris Marshall of St. Louis, Willie B. April of Jackson, Louise Woodberry of Jackson, B.B. (Louise) April of Vaughan and Minnie April of St. Louis.

Honorary pallbears were Willie April Sr., Earvin April Jr., B.B. April, Johnny April Jr. and Eddie Woodberry Jr.

Pallbearers were Eddie Marshall Jr., Willie April Jr., Dwayne April, Donnie Hudson, Damon Foote and Timothy Kincaide.

LORAINE BURRELL

Loraine Burrell, 89, of Yazoo City, died September 27, 2011 at Passages Hospice in Jackson.

Funeral services will be held today at 11 a.m. at the Stricklin-King Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Al Franks officiating. Burial will follow at Glenwood Cemetery under the direction of Stricklin-King Funeral Home.

Mrs. Burrell was born on June 18, 1922 in Attala County to Ben Jenkins and Corine Jones. She was married to the late Allen Burrell of Yazoo City. She was a homemaker and a member of the Yazoo City Church of Christ.

Survivors include three daughters, Sherry Reynolds of Yazoo City, Linda Starnes of Orange Beach, Ala. and Billie Jones of Madison; two sons, Ben Burrell of Blythville, Ark. and Lonnie Burrell of Alvin, Texas; two sisters, Joan Hearn of Alvin, Texas and Pauline Jones of Florence; four brothers, Lamar Jenkins, Yazoo City, John Jenkins of Union, Joe Jenkins of Canton and Randall Jenkins of Benton; 11 grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Chuck Reynolds, Drew Starnes, Bob Burrell, Andy Reynolds, Michael Jones and Ray Burrell.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Martha Coker Green Houses at 2041 Grand Ave., Yazoo City, MS 39194.

NORMA JASKEN

Norma Jean Johnson Jasken, age 75, of Houston, Texas, formerly of McComb and Vaughan, was called home by the Lord September 23, 2011. At her side was her beloved husband of 56 years, Robert J. Jasken.

Norma was born in Mississippi, October 21, 1935, the oldest child to Maybelle Dixon Johnson and Thomas Upton Johnson of Vaughan, both deceased.

She is survived by her husband Robert, twin daughters Karen Burke and her husband Johnny, Victoria Jenkins and her husband Paul, son Robert Jasken and wife Mischelle, son David

Jasken and his beloved Judy, sister Gloria Peitz and her husband Gary, brothers Thomas Johnson and his wife Nita and Clark Johnson. Also surviving her is sister-in-law Kathy Mercord.

Norma Jean was a doting, loving grandmother and is survived also by her precious grandchildren Taylor Gibson, Ashley Gibson, Blake Jasken, Morgan Jasken, Brady Nails and Abigail Nails. They were her pride and joy.
Norma attended Mississippi State College for Women (The W) and met the love of her life, her partner and husband Bob while he was attending flight school at Columbus AFB. They were married in Vaughan and were later stationed at Elgin Air Force Base.
Upon returning to Mississippi, Norma was an active member of the McComb Garden Club where she is noted to have chartered the first Junior Garden Club of Mississippi, The Busy Bees, still in existence today, as was a Chairman of the Azalea Trail.
In addition she was an avid member of the Junior League of McComb.
One of Norma's delights in her professional career was being the Preschool Director at Mangum Oaks Baptist Church. The children loved her and she loved them more. While living in Houston Norma owned a successful business, Ms. Tex, an accessory and design shop known to many. Bob and Norma are lifetime members of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo serving on numerous committees over the past 23 years.
Norma was a long-time member of Houston's First Baptist Church and Tallowood Baptist Church of Houston. During her time at Houston's First Baptist, she and Bob were directors of the Cornerstone Class and a member of the choir. Norma and Bob were also involved in mission work through the church sponsoring many mission trips and churches throughout the country.
Known for her social grace, Norma planned many of the social activities at Houston's First Baptist. She never met a stranger. She was a gifted hostess and put those skills to work for many organizations. Later in life Bob and Norma enjoyed traveling around the world and being with their extensive family and friends.
The family is grateful for the many years of happiness and love she brought to them. She was a devoted wife, loving mother and caring grandmother. She will be missed by all.
A memorial service was held September 29, 2011 in the Morris Chapel at Houston's First Baptist Church in Houston. Interment will take place on Saturday the 1st of October 11 o'clock under the direction of Stricklin-King Funeral Home at Black Jack Cemetery in Vaughan. A reception will follow at Black Jack Church.
In lieu of customary remembrances, donations may be directed to Houston's First Baptist Church Missions, 7401 Katy Freeway, Houston 77024 and a scholarship program close to the families heart, The Sean Giroir Memorial Fund, Spring Branch Education Foundation, 955 Campbell Road, Suite 206, Houston, 77024. Romans 8:28: and we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called to his purpose.

DOUGLAS WILLIAMS
Douglas V. Williams, 98, of Bentonia, died September 27, 2011 at his home.
Funeral services were held September 30, 2011 at Satartia United Methodist Church with Rev. Skipper Maxwell officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Yazoo County under the direction of Stricklin-King Funeral Home.
Mr. Williams was born on Feb. 2, 1913 in Yazoo County to James Resin Williams and Margaret Eloise Butts. He was married to the late Sarah Logan. He was a farmer and member of Mt.

Olivet United Methodist Church.
He joined the United States Army in 1936, heading overseas in 1941 to Iceland, Ireland and France. During combat, he served as a mortar guman. He spent three years, and seven months overseas during World War II with the 5th Division 10th Infantry. He was a Corporal and was awarded the Bronze Star for his combat duty.

JAMES C. WILLIAMS
Retired Lt. Commander James Curtis Williams, 79, of Bell Buckle, Tenn. died Sept. 25, 2011 at his home after an extended illness.
He was born on June 13, 1932 in Yazoo City to the late Clarence Sylvester and Allie Pearl Sanders Williams. He was a retired Lt. Commander in the United States Navy.
He was preceded in death by a son, Curtis Ronald Williams, and a brother, Lorenzo Williams.
Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Bonnie Evins Williams of Bell Buckle, Tenn.; daughter, Brenna Stowell and her husband Gary of Unionville; brother, Robert E. Williams of Yazoo City; and sisters, Pearl Cerda and Mary E. Woodward, both of Yazoo City.
Per his request, his remains were cremated. There will be no services.
Lt. Commander Williams will be interred in West Tennessee Veterans Cemetery in Memphis.
Feldhaus Memorial Chapel Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.