RAY CLOWER

Ray Moore Clower, 58, of East Fork, and formerly of Yazoo City, died Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011 at Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center in McComb.

Visitation is today at East Fork Baptist Church from 8 a.m. until services there at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at the East Fork Cemetery. Rev. Tom Burris, Rev. Alton Foster and Rev. Talmage Smith will officiate. The services will be under the direction of Jones Funeral Home in McComb.

Mr. Clower was born February 14, 1953 in Clarksdale to H. G. "Jerry" Clower and Homerline Wells Clower. He was a 1971 graduate of Yazoo City High. He retired from Gulfport High School where he was a teacher and football coach for 25 years. He was also a teacher at Baker High School for 5 years. In 2010 he was inducted into the Holmes Community College Sports Hall of Fame. He was a faithful member of East Fork Baptist Church where he served on several committees, music leader and Sunday school teacher.

He was preceded in death by his father, H.G. "Jerry" Clower; one son, Wesley Clower; his paternal grandparents, Elliott and Mabel Moore; and maternal grandparents, Homer and Eleanor Wells; two uncles, William E. "Sonny" Clower and Kenneth Roberts.

Survivors include his wife, Chris Clower of East Fork; his mother, Homerline Wells Clower of East Fork; two daughters, Chantel Hormuth (Jeff) of Tallahassee, Fla. and Sarah Escala of Biloxi; three sisters, Amy Clower Elmore of Clinton, Sue Clower Hall (Ken) of Clinton and Katy Clower Johnson (Tommy) of Madison; four grandchildren, Eli Graham of Tallahassee, Fla., Tyler Clark of Biloxi, Sirela Escala of Biloxi and Fisher Moore Hormuth of Tallahassee; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Memorials may be made to East Fork Baptist Church.

JAMES JONES

James Earl Jones, 46, died Nov. 12, 2011.

Funeral services were Nov. 19 at Upper Room Fellowship Church in Belzoni with Rev. Willie Smith officiating. Burial followed at Huddleston Family Cemetery in Louise under the direction of Century Funeral Home.

Mr. Jones was born Sept. 15, 1965 in Louise to the late Daisy Lee Jones and L.J. Harris. The ninth of nine children, Jones was a 1983 graduate of Humphreys County High School. He served in the U.S. Navy before beginning his service as a minister. While in ministry, he served as chaplain to boxing great Evander Holyfield for several years. He had a love for fashion and created the Bless U clothing line and was featured in the Clarion Ledger’s religion section in 1995.

Survivors include two sons, Kevin Hayes of Belzoni and Omar Bankhead of Clinton; four brothers, Tyree Jones (Lisa) and Lonnie Jones, both of Louise, Willie Jones of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Larry Harris; five sisters, Blanchie Williams (Robert) and Daisy Jones, both of Louise, Joann Jones of Jackson, Jackie Jones-Ford (Tim) of Clinton, Charlean Jones and Sadie Brown, all of Chicago; three grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

PREVIOUS MITCHELL

Previous Mitchell, 78, died Sunday, Nov. 20, 2011.

Funeral services were Saturday at Ebenezer A.M.E. Church with Rev. Birdon Mitchell Jr. officiating. Burial followed at Jim Vaughan Cemetery in Benton under the direction of Century

Funeral Home.
Mr. Mitchell was born Jan. 1, 1933 in Yazoo County to Hardy and Hattie Giles Mitchell. He graduated from high school in New Jersey and worked with the Lilly Tulip Cup Company in Red Bank, N.J. and owned his own lawn service before moving back to Benton, where he was self-employed as a carpenter.
He was preceded in death by his sisters, Georgianna Bell, Flora Busby, Willie Jackson and Dearris Neal; and his brothers, Howard Mitchell, Claude Mitchell and Juke Pickett.
Survivors include his daughter, Patricia Davis of New York; and a host of other relatives and friends.
Serving as pallbearers were Tommie Neal, Previous Neal, Willie Major Bell, Robert Mitchell, Percy Mitchell and Calvin Williams.
Honorary pallbearers were Arie Neal, Bobby J. Carter, J.D. Carter, John L. Rucker, Johnny Taylor, Larry Carter, Jake Carter and Stanley Collins.

N.H. O'Reilly Jr.
Nolan Hayes O'Reilly, Jr., 91, died at his home in Ebenezer on Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011.
Funeral services were Saturday at Ebenezer Methodist Church. Burial followed at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Lexington.
Mr. O'Reilly began his career at an early age. When his father passed away at the age of 50, Mr. O'Reilly finished his father's term as supervisor. He then began a long career at Midway Gin, which lasted 70 years. Managing the gin under the guidance of three generations of Swayzes- Mr. C.C. Swayze, Mr. Harris Swayze and Mr. Johnny Swayze. N. H. loved his family, cotton and cattle and going to auctions. He also was a Methodist.
He was preceded in death by his parents, Nolan Hayes O'Reilly and Alice Burrus O'Reilly; his wife, Florence (Adene) Dew O'Reilly; sister, Liza O'Reilly Atkinson and brother, Craig O'Reilly.
Survivors include his 3 sons, Nolan Hayes O'Reilly III (long time friend Pamela), his family, Haley O'Reilly Woodward (Dr. David Woodward) and their children, John Davis Woodward and Anna Katherine Woodward of Starkville; Nolan Hayes O'Reilly IV and wife Terri of Ebenezer; Marvin Glen O'Reilly and wife Diane, their family, Mary Ashley and Marvin Glen O'Reilly, Jr. of Ebenezer; Will Webster O'Reilly and wife Sissy and their daughters, Jessica Megan and Sara Lynn O'Reilly of Ebenezer.
N.H. is also survived by two active employees that have been with him their lifetime, Lilly Irene Southern of Ebenezer and Floyd Julius of Yazoo County.
Serving as pallbearers were Dick Atkinson, Bill Atkinson, Craig O'Reilly, Billy Burwell, Bubba King, Larry Gnemi, John Swayze and Guy O'Reilly.
Honorary pallbearers were Robert O'Reilly, Tommy Vaughn, Bubba Barton, Wilburn White, Sam Sample, Dr. Robert Shurley, Jimmy Shurley, Johnny Gnemi, Floyd Julius and Tommy Haffey.
Memorials may be made to the Ebenezer Methodist Church, 3684 Hwy 14, Pickens, MS 39146.

JAMES CLIFTON PIGG
James Clifton Pigg, 76, died Friday, Nov. 25, 2011 at Regency Hospital in Jackson.
Funeral services were Monday at the Stricklin-King Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Glenn Warrington officiating. Burial followed at Melrose Baptist Cemetery.
Mr. Pigg was born July 23, 1935 in Yazoo County to Eugene J. and Lillian Irene Irwin Pigg. He was a retired propane truck driver for Yazoo Butane and a member of Concord Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Judy Pigg.
Survivors include his wife, Carrie Mae Pigg of Bentonia; a daughter, Carrie Jean Ripoll of Long Beach; a sister, Eugenia Parker of Houston, Texas; three granddaughters, Candi Husley Williams of Long Beach, Colby Parks of Bentonia and Caren Creel of Bentonia; and a grandson, Caleb Creel of Bentonia.
Serving as pallbearers were Lofton Pigg, Roger Hearst, Jason Bright, Danny Williams, James Lee Bright and John Bright.
Honorary pallbearers were Harvey Williams, Wayne Creel, Burt McDaniel and Poochie Osborn.

BELVIA POWELL
Belvia Arender Powell, 95, died Friday, Nov. 25, 2011 at Baptist Medical Center in Jackson.
Funeral services were Monday at Melrose Baptist Church with Rev. T.J. Jennings officiating. Burial followed at the church cemetery under the direction of Stricklin-King Funeral Home.
Mrs. Powell was born Aug. 26, 1916 in Smith County to Guy Warren Arender and Lela Frances Patterson Arender. She was a retired cafeteria manager for Yazoo County Schools and a member of Melrose Baptist Church.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman Anderson Powell; a son, Travis Powell; two sisters; and four brothers.
Survivors include a son, Norman A. Powell of Bentonia; a daughter, Susan Gordon of Louisville; eight grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

SANDIE TURNER
Sandy “Honey” Nichols Turner, 59, of Thibadeoux, La., formerly of Yazoo City, died Friday, Nov. 25, 2011.
Funeral services were Tuesday at the Stricklin-King Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at the Nichols Family Cemetery.
She was preceded in death by her parents, Aubrey and Alice Johnston Nichols; and a brother, Steve Nichols.
Survivors include her husband, Gene Turner; three daughters, Shondell Vancleave, Tanya Vancleave and Gina Mitchell (James); two sons, Cameron Turner and Cody Turner; seven grandchildren, Patrick Eldridge, Lakken McConnell, Makenzie McConnell, Kale Pitts, Gage Mitchell, Chance Vancleave and Kaylee Williams; a brother, Butch Nichols (DeShawn); four sisters, Brenda Restivo (Rusty), Bonnie McEwen, Cheryl Kendricks (George) and Anita Sartin; and a host of relatives and friends.
Serving as pallbearers were John Turner, Dino Turner, Terry Guillot Jr., Kyle Mann, Cody Nichols, Chris Nichols, Kyle Nichols, Michael Stephens and Shane Cloud.