PHYLLIS BEARD
Phyllis Annette Beard, 52, of Benton, died Feb. 11, 2013 at her home.
Funeral services were Feb. 14 at the Stricklin-King Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at Midway Baptist Cemetery.
Mrs. Beard was born Aug. 9, 1960 in Madison County to Charles and Dorothy McCool Saxton. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.
Survivors include her husband, James M. Morgan of Benton; two daughters, Brooke Nicole Hawthorned of Brandon and Toni Hardy of Brandon; two sisters, Jennifer Gaylord of Macon and Samantha Blalock of Meridian; a brother, John Moss of Durant; and five grandchildren, Nathaniel Warrell, Carlee Warrell, Bud Warrell, Sean Gill and Joshua Langston.
Serving as pallbearers were John Moss, Richard Gaylord, Josh Hardy, Tyler Cox, Pat Blalock and Kody Sanderson.

BETTY CLARK
Betty June Clark, 86, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013 at Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland.
Funeral services were Tuesday at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Wayne Johnson officiating. Burial followed at Chapel Cemetery in Petal under the direction of Stricklin-King Funeral Home.
Mrs. Clark was born May 9, 1926 in Petal to Paul Wilburn Morris and Genevia Virginia Copeland Morris. She was a homemaker and a Methodist.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Clark.
Survivors include a son, Robert David Clark of Brandon; two daughters, Sharon Clark Byrd of Ridgeland and Martha Clark Mitchell of Brandon; a sister, Rosemary Bryant of Shreveport, La.; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.
Serving as pallbearers were Brandon Mitchell, Dustin Mitchell, Blythe Byrd, Clark Mitchell, Jared Clark and Gregory Morris.

EDDIE GREEN
Eddie Lee Green, 72, died February 12, 2013.
Funeral services were Saturday at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in Vaughan with Bishop Michael B. Nesby officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery under the direction of Century Funeral Home.
Serving as pallbearers were Moses Gordon, Steve Davis, Melvin Mosely and Albert Woodberry.
Honorary pallbearers were Terrell Green, Kenneth Green, Michael Green, David Green, Joseph Green, Donnell Green, Henry Williams Jr., Hubert Green and Jason Proctor.

MARGARET MAGEE
Margaret A. Magee, 60, died Feb. 17, 2013 at University Medical Center in Jackson.
Funeral services are today at 2 p.m. at the Stricklin-King Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jerry Wayne Dillon officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.
Mrs. Magee was born Dec. 24, 1952 to Jack Lee Glascoe and Margaret Francis Cessna Glascoe. She was a homemaker.
Survivors include her husband, Edwin Magee of Tinsley; two sons, Edwin Dent Magee III of Jackson and Timothy Wayne Magee of Jackson; parents, Jack Lee and Margaret Francis

Glascoe; two sisters, Donis Shields of Tinsley and Susan Glascoe of Yazoo City; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

JESSE McGRUDER

Jesse James McGruder, 73, died Feb. 11, 2013.
Funeral services were Saturday at Union Second M.B. Church in River Rouge, Mich. with Rev. Kenneth L. Brown officiating. Burial followed at Woodmere Cemetery in Detroit.
Mr. McGruder was born Oct. 11, 1939 in Yazoo City to Houston and Emdell McGruder. He was the sixth of 14 children. He graduated from Yazoo City Training School in 1961. He moved to Detroit in 1968 and worked with Chrysler Corporation and General Dynamics until he retired in 1993.
Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Mae Bryant McGruder; three sons, Jesse Jr., Kenneth (Octavia) and Dwayne; five daughters, Beverly (Thomas), Carolyn, Sarah, Pearlie and Regina; five brothers, Thomas Sr., Malachi, Nathaniel, Alfonzo and Ike (Linda); four sisters, Johnny B. (William), Patricia Ann, Jo Juanita and Annie Francis; 16 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.
Serving as pallbearers were Donald Evans II, Bryant McGruder, Thomas Mitchell Jr., Brandon McGruder, Kedric Mitchell and Terrance Warren.
Honorary pallbearers were Alfonzo McGruder, Malachi McGruder, Thomas McGruder Sr., Ike McGruder, Nathaniel McGruder and Quentin Singleton.

ZERIA TAYLOR

Zeria Mae Woods Taylor,
Funeral services were Saturday at St. Matthew Church of God in Christ with Rev. Charles Thurman officiating.
Mrs. Taylor was born Jan. 13, 1947 in Vaiden to O.Z. and Pauline Woods. After graduating from McNair High in Belzoni, she moved to Yazoo City in 1966. She was employed for many years with Delta Pride Catfish in Belzoni and Yazoo Industrial in Yazoo City until her husband's health failed and she became his caregiver. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd D. Taylor.
Survivors include her son Willie Jones (Michele) of Houston, Texas; three sisters, Joyce Ann Rankin (Frank) of Upland, Calif., Mable Grayson (Frank) of Dolton, Ill. an Clara Roger of Chicago; five brothers, Willie Woods (Katherine) of Spring Lake, N.C., Cornelius Woods (Sharon) of Chicago, Clyde Woods (Lola) of Kalamazoo, Mich., Eddie Woods (Corine) of Chicago and Roy Woods of Isola; stepdaughters, Beulah Jefferson, Carrie Felton (Robert) and Betty Taylor, all of Yazoo City; stepsons, J.C. Taylor and John Taylor (Letha Ann) of Jackson, James Taylor (Patricia) of Yazoo City, Roosevelt Taylor (Carolyn) of Madison and Rickie Taylor of Wilmington, Delaware; two granddaughters; and a host of other relatives and friends.

KIMBERLY THOMAS

Kimberly Plechette Thomas, 39, died Feb. 11, 2013 at University Medical Center in Jackson.
Funeral services were Saturday at Community M.B. Church with Rev. Larry Thomas officiating.
Ms. Thomas was born March 19, 1973 in Vicksburg to Herbert Moten and Mary Alice Thomas. She was a member of Community M.B. Church, where she served as pianist until her health failed.
Survivors include a daughter, Kiara Thomas; son, Demarcus Thomas; mother Mary Alice

Thomas, sister, Angela Geralds, all of Yazoo City; two brothers, Henry Geralds (Mikita) of Ridgeland, Darnell Geralds (Tasha) of Jackson; and a host of other relatives and friends.