

Community

OBITUARIES

Dave Crockett Cantrell

Mr. Dave Crockett Cantrell, 86, of Blairsville, Ga., died Saturday, July 7, 2007 at his home.

Mr. Cantrell was born Saturday, August 28, 1920 in Coker Creek, Tenn., to the late Harvey Cantrell and the late Viney Denny Cantrell. He has been a resident of Union County since he moved to Blairsville with his family in 1932. Dave was a member of Fairview Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, 6 brothers and 3 sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Mary "Dodie" Cantrell of Blairsville; daughter and son-in-law, Ruth and Jim Henson of Murphy, N.C.; son, Jack Cantrell; daughter and son-in-law, Lucille and Rex Taylor; son and daughter-in-law, Bobby and Brenda Cantrell; daughter and son-in-law, Martha and Bill Murrin; brother, Prior Cantrell—all of Blairsville; brother, Lank Cantrell of

Ballground, Ga.; 16 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren, and eight great great grandchildren. Many other relatives and friends also survive.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 10, 2007 at 2 p.m. from the Chapel of the Cochran Funeral Home with Rev. Tommy Jones, Rev. Leon McDonald and Rev. Chip Gribble officiating. Music was provided by Roy and Jonathan Swaney, Alice McDonald, Sandy Gribble, Heidi Sosebee and Joe and Lloyd Swaney. Interment followed in Pleasant Grove Baptist Cemetery. Pallbearers were Travis Cantrell, Larry Cantrell, Jody Cantrell, Roy Swaney, David Swaney and Jonathan Swaney. Honorary pallbearers were Eddie Thompson and Paul Swaney.

Arrangements entrusted to the Cochran Funeral Home of Blairsville. Friends and family may view the Video Tribute of Mr. Cantrell's, send condolences to the family and sign the guest register at www.cochranfuneralhomes.com.



Hazel Birdell Colbert

Mrs. Hazel Birdell Colbert, 85, of Crawford Rd., Blairsville, Ga., died Saturday July 7, 2007 at her home following an extended illness.

Mrs. Colbert was born Nov. 30, 1921 in Robbinsville, N.C., the daughter of the late Casey V. Jones and the late Mary R. Anderson Jones. She was a lifelong resident of Union County. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dorris George Colbert in 2006; brothers, Harold, Clyde and Toby Jones; and sister, Lina Seabolt. Mrs. Colbert was of the Baptist faith.

Surviving Mrs. Colbert are daughters and son-in-law, Jo and Carroll Weaver of Blairsville, Elouise Weaver of Douglasville; sons and daughters-in-law, Rev. James and Sharon Ingram of Harem, Ga., C.A. and Beverly Ingram of Mass.; sisters, Ida Jackson of Blairsville, Ruth Payne

of Forest Park, Ga., Shirley Moore of Fayetteville, Bobbie Lou Gentry of Forest Park, Polly Henson of Blairsville; brothers, Jack Jones of Blairsville and Rev. Tommy Jones of Blairsville; 103 grandchildren and great grandchildren; many other relatives and friends also survive.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 9, 2007 at 2 p.m. from the funeral home chapel with the Rev. James Ingram and Rev. Tommy Jones officiating. Special music was presented by the Dyer Family. The grandsons and great grandsons served as pallbearers. Interment followed in the Union Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Mountain View Funeral Home of Blairsville in charge of the arrangements. You may sign the family guest book and send condolences on line at www.mountainviewfuneralhome.com



J.D. Daniel

Mr. J.D. Daniel, age 80, of Blairsville, Ga., passed away Saturday, June 30, 2007 at his home.

Mr. Daniel was born Saturday, February 26, 1927 in Chula, Ga., to the late Zora Daniel and the late Ruth Dowdy Daniel. He had been a resident of Union County since 1980, moving here from Decatur, Ga. Mr. Daniel was a WW II Navy Veteran, having served with the Seabees and was a member of The American Legion. Mr. Daniel was also a private pilot. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Brenda Daniel, as well as his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zora Daniel.

Survivors include his daughter, Charlene Shearer of Dacula, Ga.; sister, Lila Canclin of Stone Mountain, Ga.; brothers, Jack Daniel and Jerry Daniel, both of

Covington, Ga.; grandson, Chris Norris; great granddaughter, Alexandria Norris; and great grandson, Taylor Gray Norris; many nieces, nephews and other relatives also survive.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 5, 2007 from the Chapel of the Cochran Funeral Home with the Rev. Jerry Helton officiating. Interment followed in Union Memory Gardens with graveside military honors provided by the North Georgia Honor Guard. Pallbearers were Chris Norris, Stephen Pye, Steve Cole, Matt Cole, Stewart Shearer and Jim Melvin.

Arrangements entrusted to the Cochran Funeral Home of Blairsville. You may send condolences to the family and sign the guest register at www.cochranfuneralhomes.com.



Raymond Doucette

Mr. Raymond (Ray) Doucette, 70, of Blairsville, Ga., died Thursday, July 5, 2007 at his residence.

Mr. Doucette was born Saturday, January 9, 1937 in Boston, Mass., to the late George Doucette and the late Edna Pitts Doucette. He was of the Catholic faith and was preceded in death by daughter, Annette Brewer; and brothers, George "Bud" and William Doucette.

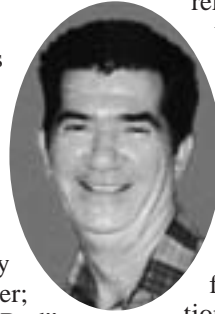
Survivors include his son, Ray Doucette of Blairsville; daughter, Shiela Doucette, also of Blairsville; brother, Donald E. Doucette of the Philippines; brother, Jerry Doucette of Cape Coral, Fla.; grandchildren,

Krista, Shane and Stephen Doucette, all of Blairsville; three great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and many other relatives and friends also survive.

Memorial services were held Thursday, July 12, 2007 at 7 p.m. from the Chapel of Cochran Funeral Home in Blairsville.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations may be made to Regency Hospice, P.O. Box 494, Hiawassee, GA 30546.

Arrangements entrusted to the Cochran Funeral Home of Blairsville, Georgia. Family and friends may send condolences to the family and sign the guest register at www.cochranfuneralhomes.com.



James "Jim" E. Holbrooks

Mr. James "Jim" E. Holbrooks, 86, of Blairsville, Ga., formerly of Ellijay, Ga., died Thursday, July 5, 2007, in Union General Hospital in Blairsville.

Mr. Holbrooks was born July 24, 1920, to his parents, Samuel and Mary Mason Holbrooks, in Union County, Ga. He was a member of the Baptist faith, a graduate of Gilmer County High School. A World War II veteran, he served in the United States Navy in the Pacific Theatre of War aboard the Aircraft Carrier U.S.S. Bon Homme Richard CV-31, as a seaman gunner 1st class. Mr. Holbrooks was a retired lawyer, and had been employed at Kiker Lumber Company.

Surviving Mr. Holbrooks is his wife, Bobbie Lee Holbrooks of Blairsville; sons and daughters-in-law, Earl and Debbie Holbrooks, and Carroll and Connie Holbrooks, all of Ellijay; grandchildren,

Tammy H. Bowen of Fairmount, Ga., Christy H. Powell and Brandy H. McClure, both of Ellijay; six great grandchildren; step-children, Barbara Everett Free of Blairsville, Betty Everett Bishop of Fayetteville, Ga., and Wayne Everett of Blairsville; nine step-grandchildren; and several step great and great great grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 7, 2007 at 2 p.m., at Logan Funeral Home Chapel in Ellijay with Rev. Jerry Banks officiating. Interment was in Riverhill Baptist Cemetery with military honors presented by North Georgia Honor Guard. Pallbearers were Jamie Powell, John McClure, Shane Bowen, Oran Walker, Wayne Everett and Mark Ralston.

Logan Funeral Home and Chapel in Ellijay in charge of arrangements and this notice is a courtesy of Cochran Funeral Home and Crematory in Blairsville.

Joshua Alan Jones

Mr. Joshua Alan (better known as Josh) Jones, 19, of Brooke Lane, Blairsville, Ga., died Monday, July 2, 2007 at his home following a sudden illness.

Josh was born Feb. 25, 1988 in Hall County, Ga., the son of Gary Alan Jones and Sheila Morris Jones. He was a lifelong resident of Union County and had attended the Union County School System. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and being outdoors. His hobbies were riding horses, motorcycles and being with his friends. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Grover Morris in 1980. Josh was of the Baptist faith.

Surviving Josh are his parents, Gary and Sheila Jones of Blairsville; brothers, Joey Jones of Blairsville and Jamie Lunsford of Blairsville; maternal grandmother, Viva Morris of Suches; paternal grandparents, Arnold and Billie Jones of Blairsville; several aunts,

uncles, cousins and many other relatives and friends also survive.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 5, 2007 at 2 p.m. from the funeral home chapel with the Rev. William Sisum, Rev. Chad Sisum and Rev. Randolph Jones officiating. Special music was presented by Casey and Britt Jones. Pallbearers were Stuart Whitener, Matthew Whitener, Pepper Ledbetter, David Burrell, Christopher Ledbetter, Mitchell Foster, Little Randy Ledford and Josh Cook. Honorary pallbearers were Shannon Jones, Travis Jones, Randy Ledford, Jason Lunsford, Cody Thomason, Gary Foster and Jamison Williams. Interment followed in the Liberty Hill Methodist Cemetery.

Mountain View Funeral Home of Blairsville in charge of the arrangements. You may sign the family guest book and send condolences on line at www.mountainviewfuneralhome.com.



New coach works to rebuild UGA Livestock Judging Team

By KATHERINE TIPPINS
University of Georgia

Since 1995, only four of the nation's collegiate livestock judging teams have competed from Georgia. Jary Douglas plans to change those statistics, but he can't do it alone. He needs the support of the state's livestock industry.

A former Oklahoma cattleman and junior college coach, Douglas is the new University of Georgia Animal

and Dairy Science Department's (ADS) livestock judging coach. Under Douglas' leadership, the program shows potential for revitalization. But finding a confident new leader is only the first step in reestablishing Georgia's livestock judging team.

"Now we need interested students and support funds," said former UGA ADS Department Head Dan Daniel. UGA's current livestock

judging team has held judging and showmanship clinics to raise funds, but these funds fall far short of what's needed to support the team. To meet the team's needs a fundraising campaign has been initiated. The campaign's goal is to raise \$100,000 by June 30, 2008.

"Funds will be used to pay entry fees for the team," Douglas said. "These funds will also be used for the costs associated with travel like lodging, airfare, and meals for the team."

To compete on the national level, livestock judging teams travel to various states for national competitions. Teams must also travel to practice and prepare for competitions. "Team members visit area farms, other universities, and nationally-known livestock breeders to practice their judging skills," Douglas said.

Due to a limited budget, the team relies and depends on private donations to cover its costs. "Last year \$1000 was budgeted by the UGA Animal and Dairy Science Department to support the 2007 UGA Livestock Judging Team," Douglas said. "A conservative cost estimate for the team to travel for a year is \$20,000."

The fundraising effort will not only allow the team to travel, but also help UGA attract and keep ADS students. The absence of a livestock judging team has caused students to attend other universities to seek their educational degrees and participate in livestock judging activities, Douglas said. "If students have left the

state to judge livestock elsewhere, it is very important that we entice them to return to UGA," Daniel said. "Hopefully, they will bring additional students with them. At the present moment, funding is crucial in order to make this happen."

Livestock judging is an essential part of an animal and dairy science student's academic experience. To be considered for the team, students must first enroll in an introductory livestock course.

"Students learn how to place classes of cattle, sheep, swine, horses, and goats. They develop a vocabulary to effectively describe the animals in a class," Douglas said. "They are also taught the communication skills and format necessary to present oral reasons that justify a ranking of class members."

From the interested students on campus a judging team is selected. To join the team, students must exhibit impressive judging skills and a strong desire to compete. An average team member also spends four hours per week in classroom and six to 14 hours per week practicing his or her placing and reasoning skills.

"Those students that maintain an interest in the team participate in workouts, where placing and reasons scores are totaled to select the team members that will represent the university in national contests," Douglas said.

Although Douglas stresses that participation in livestock judging provides valuable experience for agricultural majors, he says livestock judging team

membership isn't exclusive. Livestock judging team experience provides any student with skills that are transferable into all professions, he said.

"The ability to make decisions, defend the decisions they have made and the self assurance that comes from this logical thought process allows judging team members to make positive impressions on the people that they interact with. These three traits are most important in all walks of life and livestock judging teaches them" Douglas said.

UGA judging team alumnus William Reems, now a purebred Angus herdsman in Young Harris, Ga., agrees. "The livestock judging team experience is so valuable," he said. "You have to think on your feet while analyzing a class. You have to verbally express your opinion about placing a class with oral reasons."

Reems said the times he spent traveling to stock farms and operations as a member of the judging team were once-in-a-lifetime experiences. "The program rounded out my college career," he said. "And it made me more experienced to enter a job after college. Your speaking skills and confidence are all increased by this experience."

He also sees the networking potential of being a judging team member.

Patrick Bladon, annual giving coordinator for the UGA



UGA Livestock Judging Team Coach Jary Douglas (center, right) is shown accepting a \$1,000 contribution from Blue Ridge Cattleman's Association President George Daves (center, left) during the official kick-off of the team's funding campaign. Douglas and Daves are joined by UGA CAES Annual Giving Coordinator Patrick Bladon (third from right) and members of the Union County youth livestock judging team.

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, is helping coordinate the team's fundraising efforts.

"There's quite a buzz around the newly resurrected UGA Livestock Judging Team," he said. "The team's support fund has seen some success through a team alumni campaign as well as additional private gifts, but there remains a further need for continued support."

To learn more about how you can support UGA's Livestock Judging Program, contact Jary Douglas at jaryd@uga.edu or 706-583-8921 or Patrick Bladon at pbladon@uga.edu or 706-542-3390 or Steve Nickerson at scn@uga.edu or 706-542-6259.

Trike-A-Thon huge success



Thank you to everyone that participated in the Mountain Learning and Child Care Center's Trike-A-Thon for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Whether you gave a donation, helped with the Trike-A-Thon, rode or walked in the event or just came to watch, we thank you. The children raised \$1,215.00 for this worthy cause. If you would like to make a donation to St. Jude's, please call Margaret at 706-745-9800.