

# Obituaries/Community

## OBITUARIES

### Garnie Lee Abercrombie

Mr. Garnie Lee Abercrombie, 83, of Blairsville, Ga., died Saturday, July 28, 2007 at his residence.

Mr. Abercrombie was born Sunday, April 6, 1924 in Union County, Ga., to the late Charlie Abercrombie and the late Callie Harkins Abercrombie. He was of the Baptist faith. Mr. Abercrombie had worked as a farmer, a builder, a brick mason, and a cabinet maker. He was a WWII U.S. Army Veteran. He was preceded in death by sons, Jerry, Kenneth and Larry Abercrombie; sisters, Myrtle Burnette and Gertrude Thweatt; and brothers, John and Emory Abercrombie.

Survivors include his loving wife of 59 years, Grace Abercrombie of Blairsville; grandson and wife, Barry and Jenny Abercrombie of Chatsworth, Ga.; granddaughter and husband, Melissa and Perry Groves of Blairsville; great granddaughters, Morgan and Savannah; great grandsons, John and Deacon; sis-

ter, Alma Little of Blairsville; and numerous other family and friends.

Funeral services were held Sunday, July 29, 2007 at 2 p.m. from the Chapel of Cochran Funeral Home with Rev. Don Hood and Rev. Scott McKechnie officiating. Music was provided by Brian Sosensky and Debbie Miller. Interment followed in Harmony Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. Pallbearers were Perry Groves, Barry Abercrombie, Bo Johnson, Herman Garrett, Bill Coker and Scott McKechnie. Honorary pallbearers were Johnny Evans, Bobby Sexton, Clarence Gibson, Richard Morgan, Glenn Gooch, Jimmy Everett and Eugene McClure.

Garnie will be missed by all who knew him. He will forever be remembered for his kindness and generosity. He truly touched the lives of all who knew him with his wonderful sense of humor.

Arrangements entrusted to Cochran Funeral Home of Blairsville. Family and friends may send condolences and sign the guest register at [www.cochranfuneralhomes.com](http://www.cochranfuneralhomes.com).

### Ann Tonita Chamberlin

Mrs. Ann Tonita Chamberlin, 59, of Copperhead Rd., Blairsville, Ga., formerly of Clearwater, Fla., died Sunday, July 22, 2007 in the Union County Nursing Home following an extended illness.



Mrs. Chamberlin was born Oct. 10, 1947 in Waterberry, Conn., the daughter of the late Ray Villanueva and the late Esperanza Sanduli Villanueva. She was preceded in death by a brother, Peter Villanueva, in 2006. Mrs. Chamberlin was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Clearwater.

Surviving Mrs. Chamberlin are son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Elizabeth Lindsey of Blairsville; daughters and son-in-

law, Nina and Edward Broyles of Clearwater, Fla.; Lori Lindsey of Clearwater; grandchildren, Hope, Wesley, Sarah, Jonathan, Julia, Danielle, Nadia, Harmony and Michael; special friends, Gladys Adams, Doris Chamberlin, Linda Mears and Cash; many other relatives and friends also survive.

A private memorial service will be held in Florida at a later date. In lieu of flowers if you wish, the family requests that memorials may be made to St. Judes Hospital in Mrs. Chamberlin's memory.

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](http://www.mountainviewfuneralhome.com)

### Linnie Leona Killian

Mrs. Linnie Leona Killian, 76, of Honeysuckle Ln., Blairsville, Ga., went home to be with Jesus on Friday, July 27, 2007 from an extended illness.



Leona was born March 12, 1931 to the late Henry Warren and the late Katherine Sparks Warren. She was also preceded in death by her wonderful husband of 45 years, John William (Bill) Killian; and infant son, Joey Killian. She built her life around her family and church. She was a member of NewHarmony Baptist Church and was very active in directing and singing in the choir.

Surviving Mrs. Killian are her sons and daughters-in-law, John Raymond and Donna Kay Killian, Royce Lee and Barbara Jean Killian all of Blairsville; daughter and son-in-law, Mary Helen and Zane Richard Marsh of Oakwood,

Ga.; sisters, Ana Lee Rogers of Fannin County, Odith Ballew of the Union County Nursing Home; six grandchildren, five step grandchildren, six great grandchildren, 10 great step grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews and many other relatives and friends also survive.

Funeral services were held Sunday, July 29, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. from the Mt. Zion Baptist Church with the Rev. Kenny Beavers and Rev. Chad Underwood officiating. Special music was presented by the Kelley Trio. Pallbearers were Joey Marsh, Corey Marsh, Darren Hughes, Blake Melton, J.E.Corn and Cecil Warren. Interment followed in the church 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](http://www.mountainviewfuneralhome.com)

### W. Horace Smith

Mr. W. Horace Smith, 79, of 12 Point Rd., Blairsville, Ga., formerly of Rootville, Ga., died Saturday, July 28, 2007 at his home following a brief illness.



Mr. Smith was born Oct. 9, 1927 in Bibb County, Ala., the son of the late Hugh Smith and the late Nora Levens Smith. He was a retired policeman and had served with the City of Denver for over 18 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marines of WWII. One of his favorite hobbies was his garden and also loved to travel. Horace never met a stranger and was a friend to all who knew him. He was preceded in death by a son, Martin Smith in 1995. Mr. Smith was a member of the Providence United Methodist Church.

Surviving Mr. Smith is his loving wife of 39 years, Barbara Allen Smith of Blairsville; daughters and

sons-in-law, Catherine and Gil Slegl of Barnesville, Ga., Monica and Louis Brindisi of Grand Junction, Colo.; son and daughter in law, Erik and Amy Smith of Aurora, Colo.; brother and sister-in-law, Hugh and Ramona Smith of Albany, Ga.; 11 grandchildren, two great grandchildren; many other relatives and friends also survive.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, August 1, 2007 at 10 a.m. from the Providence United Methodist Cemetery with the Rev. Charles Gibson officiating. In lieu of flowers if you wish, the family requests that memorials may be made to Providence U.M.C. Cemetery fund in Mr. Smith's memory.

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](http://www.mountainviewfuneralhome.com)



**Pastor Tommy Keith  
Calvary Worship Center**

Now there's even a "dial-a-prayer" for atheists. You call a number and

nobody answers.

...The fool has said in his heart, there is no God...Psalm 14:1

A story is told of a colony of mice that live at the bottom of a large upright piano.

Everyday, the dark areas of the piano were filled with the sound of lovely melodies and harmonies.

At first, the mice were impressed with the music. They found peace and comfort and realized that Someone unseen made the music-though invisible to them, yet still close

to them. They loved to tell the stories to their little ones about this Great Unseen Music Maker whom they could not see.

Then one day an adventurous mouse climbed up part of the way in the piano and returned with an elaborate explanation about how the music was made. He explained to the others that the music was made by tightly stretched wires of various lengths that vibrated from time to time. Well, this aroused the curiosity of a second mouse and he came back and told of hammers-many

hammers dancing and leaping on the wires.

The mice came together and decided that their old opinion of the Unseen Music Maker needed to be revised. The theory they developed was complicated, but complete with evidence. In the end, the mice concluded that they lived in a purely mechanical and mathematical world...The story of the Unseen Music Maker was relegated to mere myth.

But the Unseen Music Maker continued to play nonetheless.

## Today's Thoughts by Tommy Keith

# Heritage Walk & Festival slated Sept. 1

## Featuring tours, music, arts, crafts, markets & more

The Seventh Annual Heritage Walk & Festival begins in historic downtown Murphy, Cherokee County, North Carolina, on Saturday, Sept. 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This one-day event is packed with fun and interesting venues for all ages and families.

The Heritage Walk is guided walking tours of historic Murphy, featuring characters from times past. Check in at the old L&N Depot for departure times and tour details. Also at the depot, there will be a silent benefit auction, festival merchandise, festival information and a restroom.

New in 2007 will be Cherokee Indian Dancers from the Qualla Boundary. Story tellers will participate including the popular Freeman Owl. Several bed and breakfasts will be on the historic tour and the antique tractor exhibit will be expanded.

Mountain Song Stage will feature live

entertainment all during the day by traditional mountain region instrumentalists and vocalists.

Local and regional crafters will be offering original artwork and other items for sale and demonstrations.

Food vendors and the Farmers Market will be set up all over the downtown area, offering beverages, local produce, baked goods, canned goods and other tasty treats. Hospitality tables will be set up for rest and relaxation.

Hosted by the Heritage Partners of Cherokee County, a grassroots organization of volunteers working to preserve the county's heritage, the walk and festival brings together a partnership of over 30 local area organizations, businesses and more than 70 community volunteers to ensure the events success. For information

on the festival, visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.heritagepartners.org"](http://www.heritagepartners.org) [www.heritagepartners.org](http://www.heritagepartners.org). For lodging and travel and other events taking place over Labor Day weekend, call the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce, 828-837-2242; visit the web site at [www.cherokeecountychamber.com](http://www.cherokeecountychamber.com) or email [info@cherokeecountychamber.com](mailto:info@cherokeecountychamber.com). The chamber also has information on sponsorship and vendor applications.

"September 1 is just around the corner, so make plans today to visit Cherokee County and enjoy one of the region's grand events," said Sande Kimball, chamber executive director. "The chamber is proud to promote this wonderful event as well as be a contact for people having questions. So call us at 828-837-2242."

# \$60K Union County goal for Community Council Campaign reached



Left to right: Andy Williams, Union County Chairman, "Partners in Service" Campaign; Lou Ann Bleakley, 2006-7 Community Council Chairman; Joe Garner, Superintendent, GMRE Center.

The \$60,000 Union County goal in support of the "Partners in Service" Campaign of the Community Council of the GMRE Center has been reached, with \$62,500 committed. The announcement was made by Andy Williams, Union County Campaign Chairman.

"I am very grateful to the friends of the Community Council in Union County for their generous support of the

work of the Council. The success of the campaign is tangible endorsement of the programs and activities which benefit so many in Union County. And I want to acknowledge the great work of the Vice Chairmen, Marty Godfrey, Michelle Rowe, Rusty Royston and Kurtis Underwood, and their twenty-one Steering Committee Members who were enthusiastic and effective advo-


cates in the campaign. They led by example with their commitments of time, influence and financial support. It was a pleasure to work with them, the Community Council and the GMRE Center staff," said Williams.

Lou Ann Bleakley, the 2006-07 Chairman of the Council, said, "The success of the campaign in Union County is a tribute to the outstanding leadership of Andy and his organization of community leaders. The Community Council and the GMRE Center staff appreciate the partnership of these friends and other generous donors in support of our efforts to serve Union County and the region. We are pleased to report that in the recently concluded academic year we served 2,700 students, 1,200 of them from Union County. Over 900 adults benefited from our

seminars and workshops. Union County is also well represented on our Preservation Committee which conducted six projects during the year including the exciting Plant Rescue Project."

Joe Garner, Superintendent of the GMRE Center, said, "It is very satisfying to see the community and the Council working so well together to expand the services of the Center to the region. Last year over 200 volunteers helped the Council with its programs and projects. In its three years of operation, the Council has served over 9,600 students and adults. That is an impressive record."

Gifts to the "Partners in Service" Campaign are funding the Council's operation for the 2007-08 academic year which began on July 1. In its fourth year of service, the Council is operating on a \$75,000 budget. Region-wide support of the Campaign totaled \$78,000.



**Habitat for Humanity**  
Towns/Union Counties, Inc.

## Habitat for Humanity continues seeking land


Habitat for Humanity of Towns/Union Counties desperately needs property on which to build homes. We have selected two families for whom to build the homes, but cannot find the land to build them on! We are open to all offers for sale, and would greatly welcome anyone who would like to donate their land for the cause. For further consideration, please contact our Site Selection Committee Director, Bill Logan, at 706-781-1052. Thank you for your support.

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Communion . . . . . 1st & 3rd Sundays E-mail: [allsaintslutheran@brmemc.net](mailto:allsaintslutheran@brmemc.net)  
Bible Class . . . . . Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. . . . . Fax (706) 745-7757