

## Obituaries



### HALL

#### Arles Eugene

March 8, 1936  
September 9, 2019

Arles Eugene (Gene) Hall, 83, of Queen Ann Lane, passed away Monday, September 9, 2019 at Caromont Health, Gastonia. He was born March 8, 1936 in Harlan County Kentucky to the late Silas Shelbourne Hall and the late Eva Ford Hall Brim.

Gene was a veteran of the United States Army. He was also an active member of The Church of God, Dameron Rd. Bessemer City.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Linda Adkins Hall; three brothers; Herman, Ralph, and Vernon; and one sister, Thelma.

Left to cherish his memory is his son and daughter-in-law, Michael Hall and Suzanne Landini; stepchildren; Beth Weaver, Tammy Boyd, Cindy Cox, and Kevin Hubbard; brothers, Larry, Phillip, and Millard; sisters, Juanita, Dorothy, Christine, and Janice; grandsons, Brandon Hall, Austin Hall, Zackery Hall, and David Martin.

Services will be private.

He will be buried at County Line Church of God of Prophecy, Patrick Springs, Va. at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Charles George VA Medical Center at [www.asheville.va.gov/giving/](http://www.asheville.va.gov/giving/)

Condolences may be made to [www.carpenterfuneralhome.net](http://www.carpenterfuneralhome.net)

### LINTECUM

#### Gladys Barlow

September 10, 2019

Gladys Barlow Lintecum, a founding and faithful member, with husband Carol, of Hillcrest Baptist Church, passed away on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carol Daniel Lintecum; father, Clyde Barlow; and mother, Glenna Barlow. She was the oldest of ten siblings and was preceded in death by brothers, Carl Barlow, Arlene Barlow, John Barlow, Gib Barlow; and sisters, Maxine Brown and Fredimae Farmer.

Mrs. Lintecum is survived by sisters, Gail Eastridge, Geraldine Blue, and Charolette Farmer. She is also survived by two sons, Boyd M. Lintecum and wife, Gale of Moneta, Va. and granddaughter, Nancy Virginia Carter of Richmond, Va., and C. Lee Lintecum, Sr. and wife, Lorraine of Richmond, Va. and

grandson, C. Lee "Charlie" Lintecum, Jr. and wife, Amanda of Richmond, Va.

A funeral service will be held at 12 p.m. on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at Norris Funeral services, Martinsville Chapel with Pastor Douglas Ramsey officiating. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. prior to the service. Burial will be at Roselawn Burial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hillcrest Baptist Church, 18075 A.L. Philpott Hwy, Ridgeway, Va. 24148.

Norris Funeral Services, Inc. and Crematory, Martinsville Chapel is serving the Lintecum family. Online condolences may be made at [www.norrisfuneral.com](http://www.norrisfuneral.com)

## Norris

### RIGGAN

#### Warren Wayne

June 28, 1938  
September 9, 2019

Warren Wayne Riggan was the son of Lloyd and Gertrude Riggan; brother, to Shirley, Bill, and Claude; husband to Jannette Lynn Frith Riggan; father to Phillip Michael and James Thomas Riggan; and grandfather to Mitchell, Carly, Chayce, Avery, Zephyr, and Ollie.

Mr. Riggan was proud to have honorably served in the United States Air Force. He achieved a Master's Degree in Political Science from the University of Richmond and also graduated from Syracuse University of Linguistics for Military Service Members. Mr. Riggan traveled the world making working relationships and many friends. He had a life-long study of history and languages, enjoyed golf, and had a gifted memory of old sayings, adages, limericks, proverbs.

"May you be received in heaven an hour before the devil knows you have died."

The service for Warren Riggan will be at 1 p.m. Friday, September 13, 2019 at Roselawn Burial Park. A small visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at Roselawn Chapel Funeral Home. Donations in his memory may be made to Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care.



### SCALES

#### Lafartane

September 7, 2019

Mr. Lafartane Scales, 85, died Saturday, September 7, 2019.

Funeral services will be held 11:30 a.m. Saturday, September 14, 2019 at Mayo Missionary Baptist Church in Ridgeway, Va., with family visitation beginning at 11 a.m.

Arrangements entrusted to Perry-Spencer Funeral Home, Madison.

## Death Notices

Jerry Duane Vaught, 61, of Henry, Va., passed away Monday, September 9, 2019.

Wright Funeral Service & Crematory is handling arrangements.

## Help

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"When Hurricane Katrina hit south Mississippi, I was serving as CEO of a regional economic development organization in Hattiesburg," Miss., she wrote in an email. "The complex where our office was located was a central distribution site, so we had [to get a] list of items as recommended by the major emergency management groups. We prioritized items, and I shared the top items" with the Hurricane Dorian relief crew.

They are all the first things people in disaster areas need, Hodges said — trash bags and bleach for cleanup, Pop Tarts as easy-to-transport non-perishable food.

People can bring those donations to all the collection sites through Saturday. SAGBC will be open to accept collections from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and between its services on Sunday, from about 12:30-5:30 p.m.

The other churches and Barry Nelson and the Nelson Family Dealerships will bring the donations they've collected to SAGBC on the weekend, and folks from SAGBC will sort and stack items to fit into the truck.

Jimmy Willard of Disaster Relief Food Ministries in Bassett has gotten together 10 pallets of donations from other donors and delivered them to the truck, Hodges said. He and his son, Caleb Willard, got it all loaded.

At Patrick Henry Community College, Athletic Director Brian Henderson is collecting shoes in a box at Stone Hall, Hodges said.

There's another connection to PHCC: Hodges's husband, Greg Hodges, is the vice president of Academic and Student Success Services at PHCC as well as the pastor of SAGBC.

Somewhat across the road from the church is GR Chevrolet Buick GMC Cadillac, where SAGBC member Debbie Craig has worked for about 30 years.

Dealership owner Barry Nelson is really helpful to communities and churches and anyone that has a drive to help others," Craig said. In her three decades on staff, "I have seen a lot of kindness he's shown to a lot of people, a lot of families."

She has helped through several partnerships of the dealerships and churches in response to natural disasters, she added, saying they've got the system down pat.

A box truck is on the dealership lot, and when people come up with donations, staff members unload their vehicles for them and load the truck, Craig said.

Thinking of what people in the hurricane-affected areas are going through "makes me feel spoiled knowing that they are just wanting to survive. ... You've got to get out of your comfort zone and support people going to the front line of these disasters. I can't go, but I sure can support someone who is going."

The truck leaves on Monday morning, Hodges said.

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## Moore

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Last year, Moore and his wife, Minnie Moore, moved to Missouri to be closer to their daughter. Minnie Moore recently had retired from many years as a Patrick County teacher.

Beyond the music was a deep friendship, said Greene, who said he had been planning a trip to Missouri to see the Moores. When he heard of Les Moore's passing, he said, "a chunk had been taken away just instantaneously from me."

"Topper" Greene said they met Moore at a strawberry festival in Stuart and ran into him again at a Black History Month program, when Moore "sang 'America the Beautiful,' and I played piano."

He called Moore "a music builder. He would bring folks together. It did not matter how good you were or how bad you were musically, if you were trying, he would put you on the pro-

gram," such as with Rural Music Coalition events.

"He is a person who brought such delightful music to the Reynolds Homestead" in Critz, said the homestead's director, Julie Walters-Steele. "He had a loyal gathering of fans who would come to almost every performance, here or at Honduras Coffee Shop in Stuart."

Though his musical style was eclectic, she said, at the Reynolds Homestead he played mostly jazz and blues. "Really, he would be happy playing anything," she said.

Moore would perform with his trio but also other musicians, such as Mike Mitchel, Tom Klingelhofer and David Oakes.

"Everything he did put a smile on your face," Willie Greene III said. Moore would joke around and keep a jovial attitude all the time.

Greene recalled a time the trio played in Floyd, when Moore was encouraging a teenager who appeared to be autistic. The teenager danced and played an

instrument on stage during the performance. When news of Moore's death got around, the teenager's mother posted on social media what a wonderful experience that had been for her son.

Drummer Camry Harris of Martinsville wrote in a message that Les and Minnie Moore "became my adopted family" after his mother died in 2014, when he was a teenager.

Moore came to be Harris's mentor "because when I first started traveling outside of the church, when I started to travel with him some and do pick-up gigs with him, I got introduced to so many amazing artists and people, but not only that, I had the experience to play grand openings to different things, and wineries and many other amazing places, but him and Topper Greene really showed me how to conduct myself in situations like that and really shine doing what I still do today."

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## Council

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"It appears MGTV will be back up for the next meeting, with the meeting posted to YouTube the following day," Towarnicki wrote by email Wednesday. "Our folks were able to rewire and bypass a piece of equipment that was giving us problems. That equipment was known as the 'Title Maker' and basically allowed the controller in the back room to type in a person's name and/or title on MGTV, so that info will no longer be displayed."

### School board member

The council appointed Dominique Hylton to the remainder of a vacated 3-year term on the city school board, which became open when Sammy Redd moved out of the area.

Hylton is a Martinsville native, he said Wednesday. In 2005 he moved to North Carolina to attend N.C. A&T University and moved back to the area in 2014. He is an insurance agent with Burton and Company, and he and his wife, Shantrice, have a son, Zion, 3. He is an elder of Rock Hill Primitive Baptist Church.

### Dilapidated houses

The city ran into some snags with getting 10 deteriorated houses demolished, but things are back on progress, City Building Official Kris Bridges said. He listed the progress on the houses targeted for action:

» 729 Rahlway St., 1320 Hillcrest Ave. and 534 Dillard St.: Surveys found asbestos-containing material, so the house is not safe to tear down in the normal way and will have to be disposed of using additional safety measures.

» 1673 Roundabout Road: The house has been demolished by the owner.

» 908 Fayette St., 537 Dillard St. and 908 Union St.: The house has been or will be demolished by the city.

» 807 Princeton St. and 408-408 Pond St.: The owners are repairing the houses' problems.

» 1210 Hickory St. and 122 Pony Place: Clear title or related information on properties is not available, so action on them will be postponed.

» 1137 Wray St.: Owner has acknowledged it needs to come down. The property was included in the Pine Hall Community Development Block Grant application, which the city is awaiting before taking action.

» 700 Fourth St.: A relative

of the owner has provided a plan of action to take care of the demolition.

For the houses left to demolish, a Request For Proposals seeking estimates on the costs is out, but from previous quotes the amount is not expected to exceed \$27,500, a report distributed at the meeting stated. There is about \$15,000 left in the budget, with an additional \$10,000 left over from last year, it states.

The next houses identified as needing action are:

- » 1210 Hickory St.
- » 808 D. St.
- » 127 Beaver St.
- » 210 Holt St.
- » 205 Holt St.
- » 417 Fayette St.
- » 201 Park St.
- » 550 Dillard St.
- » 200 Holt St.
- » 1007 Paul St.
- » 326 Cliff St.
- » 547 Dillard St.
- » 122 Pony Place

### Garbage disposal

The council adopted on first reading Ordinance 2019-6, which amends Chapter 18 "Solid Waste" of the Martinsville City Code to limit city garbage collection to only waste generated on site.

That change was suggested because of recent problems with someone dumping trash from somewhere else onto city property, expecting it to be picked up in normal garbage collection, according to the discussion of the situation.

"We just have to clean up our ordinance so we don't have to clean up a mountain of trash on one site," Assistant City Manager Eric Monday said.

### Volunteer fire department

City council presented a proclamation to the Martinsville Volunteer Fire Department to honor the department's 70th anniversary. The volunteer department helps "with many essential functions" of and fundraising for the city fire department, the proclamation states.

The Martinsville Fire Department was organized in 1891 with 25 volunteers, according to information from its history book. The alarm system was a bell on the H.B. Hundley Livery Stable, across the street from the present headquarters on Church Street. The original equipment was two hose reels with about 500 feet of hose.

Some time after the organization, preparations were made to use horses to pull the equipment, the history book states. An ordinance was passed authorizing fire-

men to stop and commandeer any horse-drawn vehicles in the area. When no horses were available, men pulled the equipment.

That unit became a paid unit in 1936. In 1949 the volunteer department was reorganized as a 35-man volunteer company.

### Also at the meeting, the council:

» Heard from Greg Myers, owner of Ladies & Gents on Starling Avenue, that the billing policy on electric service was unfair, particularly to small business owners. He has been in business for 16 years, he said, and generally he used a low enough amount of electricity to be billed under the lowest cost category of "small general." However, using more than 25 kilowatts in any billing period bumps up the user to the cost category of "medium general," which is billed at a higher rate. That higher rate of charge remains in effect for 12 months, he said, whether or not the user goes back up to 25 kilowatts. Towarnicki said the city would continue to review Myers' account. After the meeting, Myers said that, in general, now that he's been placed under the "medium general" cost-level, his power bills come in at about \$75 to \$100 a month more than when they were considered "small general." He said under the current system small business owners are under, "you're getting punished when you're just trying to conduct business."

» Heard during the public comment section, from social work students in the Longwood University program through New College Institute. Anita White, Tonia Jordan, Robin Wells, Theresa Burton, Tara Hamlett and Tchernavia Jordan asked what the city does to encourage employment and the middle class, and various members of council replied the city does not deal directly with employers but does set policy to make it easier or attractive to do business in Martinsville.

» Read a proclamation acknowledging the week of Sept. 17-23 as Constitution Week. Barbara Jackman and VonMarie Goddard of the Patrick Henry Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution spoke before council and accepted the proclamation. They said the DAR has provided pamphlets of the Constitution to fifth-graders, who are encouraged to sign an agreement to live by the Constitution's ideals.

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