

OBITUARIES

Earnest Turner Veteran

Earnest Turner, 81, of Blakely died Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009.

Mr. Turner was born in Blakely Oct. 29, 1928, to the late Bishop Turner and Lucinda Powell Turner. He was a member of Sowhatchee Baptist Church and served in the U.S. Army. He retired from St. Regis Paper Company, but also worked with the Early County Road Department, Harvey's Supermarket, farmed and volunteered at the Blakely Senior Center.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jennifer Fleming Turner.

Survivors include five sisters, Selma Turner Rutledge of Jacksonville, Fla., Norma Harris Great of Blakely, Ruth Foster of Hallandale, Fla., Linda Turner Duke of Albany and Brenda Turner Hagan of Columbus, Ohio.

Funeral services were Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009, at noon, at Bethlehem African Methodist Church with Pastor Hubert Smith officiating. Interment followed at Friendship Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Charles Harris, Maurice Harris, Shawn Harris, Eric Harris, Keith Harris and Chris Harris.

Honorary pallbearers were Ben Turner, John Lester Turner, Sinclair Lewis, Frank Echols and Wayne Turner.

Peoples Funeral

Home was in charge of arrangements.

Daniel Ward Jr. Veteran

Daniel Webster Ward Jr., 80, of Uvalda, died Monday, Nov. 2, 2009, at Triad Healthcare and Rehab in Lumber City.

Mr. Ward was born in Early County Sept. 18, 1929, to the late Daniel Webster Ward Sr. and Lucille Parker Ward. He lived most of his life in Greenville, S.C., and Atlanta. He moved to Montgomery County in 1994 and retired as an automotive mechanic. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was preceded in death by a son, Charles Andrew Ward; and a grandson, Daniel Eugene Ward.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Matthews Ward of Uvalda; two daughters, Cynthia Byrd and husband Bertram of Jacksonville, Fla., and Theresa Ward of Uvalda; four sons, Barry Ward and wife Kim of Greenville, S.C., Ronnie K. Ward and John A. Ward, both of Uvalda, and David A. Ward of Lumber City; one aunt, Sarah Gladys Harrell of Blakely; 22 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009, at 10 a.m. in the chapel of Ronald V. Hall Funeral Home with Pastor Reece Mincey and Rev. Owen Waters officiating. Interment followed at 3 p.m. at Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist

Church in Taylor County.

Ronald V. Hall Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

I.H. Cleveland Jr. Retired

I. H. Cleveland Jr., 82, died Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009, in Tallahassee, Fla.

He was a native of Blakely and had lived in Quincy since 1953. He was a former police officer with the City of Quincy for 15 years and retired from Southwest Georgia Oil Co.-Inland Oil with 34 years of service. He was a member of Thomas Memorial Baptist Church and a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Cleveland; two sons, Ivy Cleveland and wife Carol and Ronnie Cleveland and wife Joyce, all of Albany; one daughter, Cheryl Blanchard and husband Luke of Quincy; one sister, Elizabeth Rentz of Blakely; two grandchildren, Sherri Merritt of Savannah and Dana Youngblood and husband Matt of Tallahassee; and three great-grandchildren, Matthew, Austin and Layla Rose.

Funeral services were Friday, Nov. 6, at 2 p.m. at Thomas Memorial Baptist Church in Quincy. Interment followed at Hillcrest Cemetery.

Independent Funeral Home of Quincy was in

charge of arrangements.

Annetta Tiner Hollington Retired

Annetta "Netta" Tiner Hollington, 90, died Nov. 5, 2009.

Mrs. Hollington was born in Blakely Oct. 28, 1919, to the late Luther O. and Ruth D. Tiner. After serving in the Army with her husband, they moved back home and worked in their grocery store. Later, they became a distributor for Tom's products in Blakely and Cuthbert, moving to Brunswick in 1956 and naming their new distributorship Hollington Tom's Sales. She was a member of Glyndale Baptist Church and a member of Eastern Star, having served as Worthy Matron.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Riley Hollington; and five siblings: Odel Tiner, Virginia Houston, Frances Williams, Lemuel Tiner and Don Tiner.

Survivors include a son, John R. Hollington, Jr. and wife Faye; three grandsons, Justin and wife Melinda, Jason, and Josh and wife Amanda; and five great-grandchildren, Kelsey, Jenna, Jeremy, Makenzie and John Riley.

Funeral services were Monday, Nov. 9 at 3 p.m. at Glyndale Baptist Church with Pastor Ken

Creekmore officiating. Interment followed at Brunswick Memorial Park Cemetery at the chapel mausoleum.

Pallbearers were Kenneth Arnett, Norman Blood, Gerald Corbitt, Robert Davis, Von Drew, Frankie Faulk and Pete Hamilton.

Honorary pallbearers

were Linda Blood, Carlos Champion, Helen Davis, Markie Drew, Mary Jo Hamilton, Chester and Edna Wheeler, Willing Workers Sunday School Class and Golden Harvest.

Edo Miller and Sons Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Health Notes

Ginger, A Useful Herb

by Bob Hall, R.Ph.

Ginger has been used for centuries in China and India to treat gastrointestinal disorders. Today, it is used to relieve nausea and vomiting during pregnancy, and has also been shown to be helpful in treating motion sickness. Ginger may have several other actions that may benefit cancer patients. Ginger has analgesic properties and is effective in blocking the release of several pain messengers in our bodies. Patients with chronic pain often suffer from constipation caused by the strong pain relievers they take. Ginger works to relieve pain and increase the motility of the gastrointestinal tract, thereby relieving constipation. The herb can also help with intestinal discomfort by relaxing smooth muscles that may spasm and cause cramping. Ginger is an excellent example of a complex herb with many uses.

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Veterans

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weapons fire that was still coming from the house. He got anti-tank grenades from across the street and used the weapons to drive the German tankers from their vehicles into the enemy-occupied house.

In full view of the Germans, he found a machine gun whose crew had been killed and opened fire on the retreating Germans, allowing the five trapped Americans to escape.

For his actions, Sgt. Currey, who was previously judged by his military superiors as "too immature" to be an officer, earned the Medal of Honor.

When then-Governor Ronald Reagan introduced returning POW John McCain at a speaking engagement in 1974, the future president asked, "Where do we find such men?"

He was speaking of many veterans, when he answered, "We find them in our streets, in the offices, the shops and the working places of our country and on the farms."

In other words, President Reagan was referring to ordinary people accomplishing extraordinary things. And it isn't just the men.

It is America, not America's military, that al Qaeda and other terrorists have declared war on.

But it is our Armed Forces that carry the great burden and responsibility of defending us. Fortunately, our military is made up of ordinary people accomplishing extraordinary things.

Fewer than 10 percent of Americans can claim the title "military veteran." And what a list of accomplishments can those 10 percent claim!

From defeating Communism, Fascism and Imperialism, to

keeping the peace during the Cold War and battling terrorism today, America owes a debt to her veterans that can never be repaid.

When remembering the millions of people who have been liberated by American forces around the globe from history's most evil oppressors, Winston Churchill's words about the Battle of Britain come to mind, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

Today is important because we choose to honor the living veterans from the Greatest Generation to the Latest Generation. But we must honor them with deeds, not just words.

We must heed the words of our first Commander-in-Chief, General George Washington who said, "The willingness with which our young people will fight in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly propor-

tional as to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their country."

Born of their extraordinary accomplishments comes our extraordinary debt. And part of that debt is owed to the military families who have sacrificed so much for their country.

We must honor all of these families and not just with Blue and Gold Star Banners, but with compassionate hearts. PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury and life-altering war wounds not only affect the veteran, but can also take an enormous toll on the family as well.

While veterans are often ordinary people who accomplish extraordinary things, it is often an extraordinary family that supports the ordinary veteran.

And it is the veterans that have given us this extraordinary country.

God bless our veterans and God bless America.

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To burn properly natural gas must mix with the right amount of air and be ignited by a spark or flame. Burning natural gas without enough air produces a deadly gas — carbon monoxide. Breathing natural gas is harmful because it contains no oxygen. And because natural gas is colorless and odorless, a chemical with a distinct smell is added to alert you of a leak. The added odor smells like rotten eggs. Teach all members of your family to recognize the "rotten egg" smell of natural gas, so they will know what to do if they smell it.

A faint odor of gas may mean that a pilot light has gone out and should be relit; however, a strong odor means you should leave the home at once and call your local utility or emergency personnel from a neighbor's home. Do not turn any electrical switches on or off or use a telephone or flashlight, because an electric spark could ignite the gas and cause an explosion. Never try to locate a leak yourself — it could be fatal. When in doubt — **GET OUT!** Let the experts who work for your local gas provider or emergency personnel handle this.

Be sure to keep all natural gas appliances clean. Never use the kitchen range as a space heater. This can produce dangerous carbon monoxide gas. Have your natural gas appliances installed, serviced and repaired by professionals. Keep chimney flues and vents for all appliances clean and in good condition. Keep areas around your gas water heater and furnace clean and free of flammable substances.

Teach small children to stay away from all gas burning appliances. Take them on a tour of your home's gas-burning appliances, emphasizing the importance of safe operation. Explain to them that they must never swing from or play with pipes leading into your home or to appliances or any outdoor meters.

Practice safety drills and emergency home evacuation drills. Keep emergency numbers handy and teach young family members how to call for help when needed.

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