

Maxine Gray

Honored for Red Cross work

Maxine Gray, 83, of Williamsburg died on Thursday, July 16, 2009, after a short stay at Hospice House & Support Care.

She was born on Aug. 31, 1925, in Union, W.Va., the daughter of John Preston Walker and Eva Linkenholker Walker. She was the second of five children and leaves behind one sister, Vera Walker Rodgers.

She graduated in 1946 from St. Lukes Hospital School of Nursing. As a registered nurse, she helped pioneer the Red Cross blood donor program in 1950. In 1983, she worked and retired at Williamsburg Community Hospital. In 1989, she was honored for her 39 years of devoted work for the American Red Cross.

Mrs. Gray was an active member of the Williamsburg community, the Woman's Club, Daughters of the American Revolution, Presbyterian Church, Queens Lake Garden Club, local bridge clubs and the Williamsburg Country Club. Among her achievements, she was an avid gardener and an acknowledged spokesperson on wildflowers, native plants and herbs of the mid-Atlantic region.

She relocated to Calabash, N.C., with her husband in 1991 and was active in Renegade Ladies Golf, Presbyterian Church, and the community bridge club. She returned to Williamsburg after the death of her husband, James Louis Gray, in November of 2005.

She is survived by two married sons, James Walker and Holly Marshall Gray and Louis Preston and Sheila Hickman Gray. Her surviving grandchildren are Meagan, Lauren, Cameron, Michael, Kera, Chris, and Clinton; and great-grandchildren are Kalena, Kaydin, Kierson, Camden, Trinity and Hunter.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday at 1 p.m. at Brandon House on Treyburn Drive in the Chambrel community.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Hospice House & Support Care of Williamsburg, 4445 Powhatan Pkwy., Williamsburg VA 23188.

Henry G. Hamby Jr.

Decorated Air Force veteran

Retired Air Force Col. Henry G. Hamby Jr. died Sunday evening, July 19, in Fairfax, at age 93.

Col. Hamby was a 29-year resident of Williamsburg and parishioner of Bruton Parish Church. He and his late wife, Dorothy, resided on Cole Lane until her passing in 2007, when he moved to Fairfax to be close to his family.

He was born in Dawson Springs, Ky., on Jan. 10, 1916. In 1941, he was commissioned in the Army Air Force and got married in March 1942.

He continued his career after World War II in the Air Force. He was the first commanding officer of the 310th Troop Carrier Squadron, dropping paratroopers in combat at Normandy and Holland in 1944, and was decorated with the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, and Polish Cross of Valor.

Following his retirement from military service in 1969, Col. Hamby was director of College Development & Planning for Slippery Rock College, Pa.

He and his wife settled in Williamsburg in 1978, becoming active members of the community, including Meals on Wheels, the Chamberlain Society, hospital volunteers, patrons of Colonial Williamsburg, and Bruton Parish Church.

Col. Hamby is survived by his three sons, Henry G. Hamby III, Miles M. Hamby, and William O. Camille Glen, 96, of Louisville, Ky.

Col. Hamby's remains will be cremated and interred next to his wife's at Bruton Parish Church at a memorial service in the fall, date to be announced. For more information, contact mileshamby@cox.net.



Margaret Britton

Former historical interpreter

Margaret "Peggy" D. Britton died on July 18, 2009, following an extended illness of dementia.

She was born in Century, W.Va., but was raised in Buckhannon, W.Va. She was the youngest of five children born to Dr. & Mrs. L.W. Deeds.

She graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan College in 1944. While in college, she met her future husband, George Britton Jr., who was sent to the college by the Army Air Corps to get some college training.

After college, she taught school in Midlothian for one year and worked briefly for the EI duPont Co. in Richmond. When Mr. Britton returned from the war in Europe, they were married on July 6, 1945, in Richmond. She subsequently worked at Va. Tech, the highway department in Williamsburg, and 17 years as a historical interpreter for Colonial Williamsburg.

She was a longtime member of the Williamsburg Lady Lions and a past member of the Queens Lake Garden Club. She loved her family, had a great sense of humor, never met a stranger, and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years; three children, Dianne and her husband, Charles Fannin, George III, and David and wife, Christine; two grandchildren, Amber and her husband, Eric Hull, and Lorie Spence; four great-grandchildren, Nash and Mason Spence and Chase and Averie Hull; and two step-great-grandchildren, Lauren and Marilyn Hull.

A memorial service will be held at Williamsburg Baptist Church at 10 a.m. July 31. Burial will be private.

In Mrs. Britton's memory, donations may be made to Williamsburg Baptist Church Endowment Fund, 227 Richmond Rd., Williamsburg VA 23185.



Anna Lucille Cicero

Retired registered nurse

Anna Lucille Canepa Cicero, 84, of Williamsburg died on Saturday, July 18, 2009.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Enrico A. Cicero; her parents, Claude and Nellie Canepa; and sister, Nancy Canepa Manley.

Mrs. Cicero was a registered nurse with Eastern State Hospital for over 30 years.

During World War II she trained with the Nurses Corps of St. Vincent DePaul Hospital in Norfolk. She was a member of St. Olaf Catholic Church, the Williamsburg Garden Club, and Nurses Club. She loved gardening, reading, cooking, and home decorating.

She is survived by her sister, Jacqueline C. Stieffen (Wallace); eight children: Claudia C. Krick (Lee), Maria C. Bowen (Allen) of Cincinnati, Ohio, Suzanne C. Darden of Buford, Ga., Mary Lucille Cicero of Madison, Wis., Victoria C. Morie (Paul), Anthony C. Cicero (Brenda), Michael R Cicero, and John E. Cicero (Susan); 11 grandchildren: Allyson, Bethany, Andrew, Emily, Zachary, Anna, Lindsay, Elizabeth, Austin, Ashley, and Alicia; four great-grandchildren: Lilly, Henry, William, Samuel; many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family will receive friends 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, at Nelsen Funeral Home. A Memorial Mass will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, July 23, at St. Olaf Catholic Church. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Olaf Catholic Church Building Fund, 104 Norge Lane, Williamsburg VA 23188; or the American Cancer Society, 11835 Canon Blvd Ste. A102, Newport News VA 23606.

The family is compiling a memory book in her honor, and contributions of photographs and special memories may be taken to the family visitation or to the service. Online condolences may be registered at www.nelsencares.com.



Priorities for seniors focus of meeting

The Senior Services Coalition will introduce the Williamsburg Community Plan on Aging at 2 p.m. July 23 to assure that greater Williamsburg is a more livable community for seniors.

The meeting will be held at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 500 Jamestown Rd.

Through input from forums in which citizens of the area indicated priorities for seniors, it became evident that the following priorities must be addressed: awareness of and access to resources; vulnerable seniors; housing and neighborhood support, and seniors as a resource.

Members of the implementation committee will present the plan and answer questions.

The program is open to the public. For more information call 220-3480.

Outdoor movies at Colonial Heritage

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