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DEATHS

Vera Bishop

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LITTLE ROCK — Vera Matthews Bishop, 83, of Little Rock, formerly of Pine Bluff, died Monday at Briarwood Nursing Home here.

Born February 16, 1904, in Lincoln County, she was a daughter of John Wesley and Bertha Jane Chance Matthews.

She was a retired manager of the hat department at Grayson's Department Store in Pine Bluff.

Mrs. Bishop was a member of Markham United Methodist Church here and a former member of Lakeside United Methodist Church at Pine Bluff.

Survivors include a son Jerry H. Bishop of Irving, Texas; a daughter, Euna Pierce of Little Rock; a sister, Matnette Peacock of Little Rock; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Her funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Griffin Leggett Healey & Roth Funeral Home here, with the Rev. George Williams officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park North Cemetery in Pine Bluff.

The family asks that memorials take the form of contributions to Markham United Methodist Church here.

Fern Givins

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SHERIDAN — Fern Leota McWilliams Givins, 75, of Sheridan, a retired nurse's aide and homemaker, died Tuesday at her home.

Born November 23, 1911, in Angsley, Nebraska, she was a daughter of Frank D. and Ella L. Kruger McWilliams.

She was a member of Palestine Baptist Church here.

Survivors include her husband, Roy B. Givins; two sons, Frank E. Stevens of Springdale and Jesse R. Stevens of San Francisco, three stepsons, Gordon Givins of Sheridan, Billy D. Givins of Murfreesboro and Roy L. Givins of Greenville, South Carolina; three stepdaughters, Betty Lou Schmitt of Alaska, Louise Bates of Missouri and Barbara Ann Sheridan of Sheridan; 34 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Her funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Buie Funeral Home here, with the Rev. Harold Epperson officiating. Burial will be in Lost Creek Cemetery here.

Last Survivor of 1905 'Potemkin' Mutiny Dies

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — Ivan Beshoff, the last survivor of the 1905 mutiny on the Russian battleship *Potemkin*, a harbinger of the Russian Revolution, died Sunday. He was 102.

Odie Brazzell

Funeral services for Odie W. Brazzell, 69, of 2202 West 22nd Avenue, a homemaker who died Saturday at Jefferson Regional Medical Center, will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at P.K. Miller Mortuary, with the Rev. H.C. Curry officiating. Burial will be in the Cedar Grove Section of Graceland Cemetery.

Born October 20, 1918, in Prescott, she was a daughter of Jim and Doshia Washington. She received her early education at Jefferson County Training School.

She moved to San Francisco in 1942 and returned to Pine Bluff in 1980.

She was a member of St. Peter's Rock Baptist Church.

She is survived by four sisters, Alice Carter and Jimmie Harris of Pine Bluff and Clara Whiting and Katherine Harris of Cary, Indiana.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6 tonight at the mortuary.

The family will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Harris at 1206 South Highland Street.

John Ferguson

Funeral services for John Ferguson, 68, of 806 West Barraque Street, who died Friday at Jefferson Regional Medical Center, will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at P.K. Miller Mortuary, with the Rev. Richard Bullard officiating. Burial will be in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Born in Sherrill, he was a son of Charlie and Ethel Atlas Ferguson. He received his early education in Jefferson County public schools.

He was a retired employee of General Motors Corporation in Chicago.

He was a Baptist.

Survivors include a son, Sylvester Ferguson of Denver; a daughter, Janice Johnson of Muncie, Indiana; and a brother, William Ferguson of Chicago.

The family will be at the home.

Vera Blackburn

Vera Daniel Blackburn, 69, of Route 4, Box 962, a homemaker, died Tuesday at Jefferson Regional Medical Center.

Born December 6, 1917, in Ouachita County, she was a daughter of William F. and Bertha Mae Williams Daniel. She was the widow of James H. Blackburn.

Mrs. Blackburn lived most of her life in Jefferson County.

She was a member of Matthews Memorial Baptist Church and enjoyed gardening and crocheting, a family member said.

Survivors include a son, Bud Ashcraft of Yorba Linda, California; two daughters, Beth Devlin of Gouverneur, New York, and Cindy Greer of Chino, California; a brother, Billy G. Daniel of San Antonio; two sisters, Pearl Smith, with whom she lived, and Eunice Walker of Clearlake, California; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in New Hope Cemetery in Sheridan, with Dr. Edgar W. Bryan officiating. Ralph Robison & Son Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

The family will be at the home.

Anna Phillips

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WARREN — Funeral services for Anna Mae Phillips, 90, of Warren, a homemaker who died Monday at Wagon Place Nursing Home, will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Frazer's Funeral Home here, with the Rev. Wayman Mann officiating. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery here.

Monroe Tobias

Monroe Tobias, 71, of Route 6, died Tuesday at Jefferson Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Brown Funeral Home.

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Elderly Woman Dies in Fire at Her Home

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GOULD — An elderly woman died during a fire in her frame house Tuesday, according to Mayor... who is also a member of Volunteer Fire Department.

Lina Harrison, slumped over her bed in her bedroom of her home.

The fire was reported at 6:25 p.m., he said.

The cause of the fire is being investigated by firefighters that Mrs. had a habit of lighting her matches lying on the floor, they believed the cause of the leak.

Funeral arrangements were announced by P. K. Miller Mortuary in Pine Bluff.

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Money is usually the last thing a family wants to talk about when planning a funeral service for a loved one. And many times we have to encourage our families to ask questions. We believe it's important to them to fully understand the costs.

