

remembering

OBITUARIES AND IN MEMORIAM

Gladys Rich Ferguson

Gladys Rich Ferguson, a native of Caroline County, died Jan. 2, 2013. She was 91.

Ms. Ferguson, who was born to Charles Rich and Sallie Beasley Rich in an area now contained within Fort A.P. Hill, graduated from Union High School and married Nathaniel B. Ferguson in 1941.

After living in Stafford County from 1941-42, they moved to Spotsylvania County for 18 years and operated an 88-acre family farm and raised six children. They returned to Stafford County in 1964 and settled in Falmouth.

Over a span of more than 70 years, Ms. Ferguson was active in church and community activities, including the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank, Order of the Eastern Star, and the American Cancer Society. She devoted 40 years to Mount Lawn Cemetery in Woodford and for 35 years managed the School Dressing Days program of the Inter-Faith Council; the program helps provide back-to-school clothes for needy families in the Fredericksburg area, including Caroline.

She was pre-deceased by her husband, Nathaniel B. Ferguson; five sisters; three brothers; and a son-in-law.

Ms. Ferguson is survived by six children: Vashtye Ferguson, June R. Brown, Nathaniel B. Ferguson, Virginia Woolfolk, Carl Ferguson, and Pocahontas Wadkins. She also leaves eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; several nieces; and a host of caring friends.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 9 at Shiloh Baptist Church, 801 Sophia St., Fredericksburg.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank.



Gladys Ferguson

Mary Elizabeth Burke Warden

Mary Elizabeth Burke Warden passed away peacefully at her home in Virginia Beach on Jan. 27, 2013.

She was born May 7, 1921 to the late James DeJarnette Burke and the late Beatrice Louise Knapp.

Ms. Warden graduated from high school in Chesterfield County and Smithdean Massey Business College in Richmond. She was a highly respected business professional throughout her career and retired from the Veterans Administration in Richmond.

She is survived by her son, Dean Allan Warden of Norfolk; her brothers, Thomas Randolph Burke of Woodford and his wife, Jeannette, and George Burke of Deltaville; and a niece, Donna Burke Allred of Greensboro, N.C.

The family extends a special thanks to her friend and caregiver, Tammy Eason.

In addition to her parents, Ms. Warden was preceded in death by her husband, James Olin Warden of Virginia Beach; a sister, Dorothy Burke Hall of Hampton; and brother, James DeJarnette Burke Jr. of Kinston, N.C.

A graveside memorial service will be held in the spring at the Burke family cemetery at Braynefield in Caroline County.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Virginia Beach at www.vbspc.com.



Mary Elizabeth Warden

Ollie R. Boulware

Ollie Reno Boulware, 93, entered into eternal rest Jan. 24, 2013 at Bowling Green Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She leaves precious memories to those who mourn her loss: two nieces, Arley Woolfolk and Louise Gray; three nephews, Ryland, Jack and Linwood Boulware, all of Ruther Glen; and a host of other relatives and friends.

A funeral service was held Feb. 2 at St. John Baptist Church in Woodford, and interment followed at the church cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were by C.W. Edwards Funeral Home.

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fire truck, and it needs to drill new wells that would cost an estimated \$500,000.

With its debt service increasing, the county would have to obtain more revenue from real estate taxes, sales taxes, or other sources. For example, the \$630,000 annual payment for the radio system would be equal to another 2.54 cents on the real estate tax rate, which is currently 72 cents per \$100 in assessed value.

In fact, Davenport projected the county will need new, additional revenue equivalent to a 13.4-cent increase in the real estate tax rate in the next fiscal year – whether the revenue is raised from real estate taxes, personal property taxes, or other taxes or fees.

Caroline's real estate tax rate was as low as 48 cents in 2006, but that was after a reassessment drove property values higher. The most recent reassessment was in 2011.

In the current budget, one penny of the real estate tax rate generates \$245,683 in revenue.

Davenport expects the county to conduct its next reassessment in 2015. An increase in property values of 1 percent would provide the county with \$180,000 in additional revenue for fiscal year 2015-16 and beyond.

The county faces other significant costs, too. The supervisors and the School Board have been assembling a citizens panel to help guide a major new project to expand and renovate Caroline High School, which would cost in the range of \$20 million. Improvements planned for Madison Elementary School would cost an estimated \$3 million. The county may need to undertake a major water supply project that could cost in the neighborhood of \$20 million. The county may expand its solid waste convenience site in Ladysmith for \$200,000, and it is making plans for a new ambulance for \$150,000.

The weak economy of recent years has hurt, noted Cully. "Few people in government have dealt with this type of economic downturn," he said. "I've been in government for 26 years and nothing I've seen has been this long and strong and with unemployment this high."

The total taxable value of residential, commercial, and agriculture property in Caroline County dropped from \$2.86 billion in 2008 to \$2.46

billion in 2012, according Sharon Carter, the county's commissioner of revenue. It may be inching back up because it was \$2.43 billion in 2011.

Davis leads Planning Commission again

MILFORD – Members of the Caroline County Planning Commission have re-elected 'Pete' Davis as chairman for 2013.

They unanimously tapped Davis for another term as chairman and also Milton Bush as vice chairman at the commission's regular meeting on Jan. 16.

Davis, who lives in Ruther Glen and represents the Madison District, has nearly three years left in his term as commissioner and has been on the panel since 2006. He has served as chairman since 2007.

Bush, a retired educator whose term as commissioner expires in October this year, also lives in Ruther Glen but represents the Mattaponi District. He has been a member of the Planning Commission since 2004 and has served as

vice chairman since 2006.

During an organizational session at the start of the meeting, the commission also adopted a schedule of regular meetings for 2013 and revised procedures for conducting meetings.

Under the revised rules of order, in the event of a tie vote a case would be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors with no recommendation.

In addition, the revised rules of procedure clarify that a majority vote is required to advance a motion. In other words, if a motion to approve a request does not receive a majority vote, it is not transmitted to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation of denial; a separate motion to deny the request would have to be approved by a majority of the commission.

Doswell Ruritans plan breakfast Feb. 16

DOSWELL – The Doswell Ruritan Club will host an all-you-can-eat salt fish breakfast Feb. 16 at the Doswell Community Center, 16433 North Washington Highway.

Breakfast will be served from 6:30-9 a.m. and also will include eggs, bacon, apples, biscuits, combread, potatoes, juice, and hot coffee.

The cost will be \$8 for adults and \$4 for children, ages 4 to 10.

IN MEMORY OF
John W. Richardson, III

They say memories are golden, well, maybe that is true. We never wanted memories, we only wanted you. A million times we've needed you, A million times we've cried. If love alone could have saved you, You would never have died. If tears could build a stairway And heartache make a lane, We'd walk the path to heaven and bring you back again.



January 22, 1949 – February 11, 2011

Wife Thelma, daughters: Kaci, Christen, & LaVenus, Sister, Rosemary & Brother Lancaster (Skeeter)

Words of Encouragement

Blessed with relationships Part II

Continued from last week

By Rob Carter, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church of Ladysmith, a missionplant of Redeemer Lutheran, Fredericksburg

When we take the time to be a blessing for others we are able to learn patience, to be selfless and sacrifice, grow in our sense of responsibility, as well as hope and forgiveness as we invest time in relationships with those around us. Recognizing the people in our lives are there not because of what they can do for us, but to honor the opportunity that we have to be present and serve them, allows us the precious moments where we can see God's presence in our relationships with others. As we enter into other people worlds we have a moment in each interaction, each relationship where we are given the precious gift of being a blessing for them. Taking a moment to care for their needs before our own, to carry their burden,

to take a moment and reflect for them the love that Christ has for each of us, as they see the love and care that we are expressing for them.

In a short time the season of Epiphany will be over, with that we begin Lent. During those seven weeks leading to Easter we will examine our hearts and minds more fully as we answer the call to repentance that will be a part of our worship and prayer focus. A time when instead of looking at how we are a Blessing for others, we will be focusing on the Blessing that Christ has been for us, and His journey to the cross, leading to His death and resurrection which is our salvation from Sin and gives us the promise of eternal life with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as well as all the Saints who have gone before us.

In His Grip,
Pastor Rob

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Ladysmith, VA 22546

Join us and be part of the new beginning!

Sunday School/
Adult Bible Study 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 9:30-10:30 a.m.

17470-B Center Drive
Ladysmith Business Park
(Between I-95 and US 1)
Ruther Glen, VA 22546
804-832-4609
www.christlutheranchurchofladysmith.org
Ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

EPISCOPAL CHURCH
St. Asaph's Episcopal Church

Welcomes You

Sunday Worship Services 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Group 9:30 a.m.
St. Asaph's Episcopal Church
130 Main St. Bowling Green
804-633-5660
www.stasaphs.org

County Line Baptist Church
3461 Ladysmith Rd.
Ruther Glen VA 22546
804-448-2915

Contemporary Service.....8:30 a.m.
Traditional Service.....11:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Wednesday Night Prayer Service and Mission Groups.....7:00 p.m.

Dr. Fred R. Skaggs, Pastor
Email-countylinechurch@wildblue.net



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Milford Presbyterian Church

Caroline's Historic Presbyterian Church

Sunday School.....10 a.m.
Contemporary Service.....9 a.m.
Traditional Service.....11 a.m.

Pastor: Robert Knox
17283 Blatt Street,
Milford, VA 22514
804-633-4334

All are welcome
St. Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

Tuesday Mass.....10 a.m.
Saturday Mass.....5 p.m.
Sunday Mass.....8:30 & 11 a.m.

Rev. Joseph Biber, Pastor
www.saintmarycc.org
office@saintmarycc.org
Reconciliation will be at 4:30 p.m.
Saturday and by appointment at other times
10306 Ladysmith Rd., Ladysmith, Va
Church is located 2 miles east of I-95,
Ladysmith exit 110.



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
St. Paul United Methodist Church

Signboard Rd. Ruther Glen
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Worship - 11 a.m.
5th Sunday Worship - 9:30 a.m.
804-633-7881

Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church
21075 Frog Level Rd. Ruther Glen
Worship - 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:15 a.m.
5th Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.
994-5859
Pastor: Rev. Mark Lawrence
540-903-3568