**Area deaths**

**ROSA LEE ADAMS**
A memorial service was held March 19 at the Cherrystone United Methodist Church in Rocky Mount for Rosa Lee Adams, 83, of Middlesex.

She is survived by her chil-

Arrangements by William Tony’s Funeral Home.

**MARGARET PREDING**
A memorial service was held March 21 at Whetzer Woodland Funeral Home for Margaret Joyner Preding, 86, of Spring Hope, who died March 16 at her home. A graveside service was held March 27 at Brooks Memorial Park.

She is survived by her brother, Fred Woodson of Winton, and attending Spring Hope Pentecostal Holiness Church and People Fellowship Baptist Church.

She is survived by a son, Ricky Ervin Preding of Spring Hope; two daughters, Ona Joyner of Guantlet and a sister-in-law, Edie Joyner LeBlanc.

**BILLIE R. HARDEE**
A funeral service was held March 18 at Independence Pentecostal Holiness Church in Bailey for Jim Hardie Hardee, 65, of Middlesex, who died March 13. Emountment fol-
lowed in Hollywood Cemetery.

A native of Columbus County, he served in the U.S. Air Force until his retirement as a Master Sgt. After retiring, he worked in construction and as a respiratory tech in home health care.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Norma Hopkins; brother, Carroll Hardie of Buchanan, Tenn.; and sister, Sue Hopkins of Manteo.

Arrangements by Strickland Funeral Home.

**ODELL ELLIS**
A funeral service was held March 14 at Mt. Olive Holiness Church in Nashville for Odell Ellis of Spring Hope, who died March 13. Emountment fol-
lowed in Oakland Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Delores Langley Ellis, daugh-
ters, Tanya Best of Columbus and Mario Lynn Lucas of Middlesex; sisters, Willie Mae Best, Bonnie Lee McKean, Cynthia Best, and Mary Lucas; nieces and nephews, Bessie Lee McKinnon, Ruth Richardson, all of Rocky Mount; and Lisa Langley-Lucas of Arizona.

She is survived by a son, Ricky Ervin Preding of Spring Hope; two daughters, Ona Joyner of Guantlet and a sister-in-law, Edie Joyner LeBlanc.

**Brenda Maree Fraser**
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