

OBITUARIES

Octavia Humphrey

Services for Octavia Humphrey of Brookhaven are 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 2, at Avery Chapel A.M.E. Church with burial in St. Paul on the River Cemetery.

Visitation is Friday from noon until 6 p.m. at Williams Mortuary with family hour from 7-8 p.m. at the church.

Mrs. Humphrey, 76, died Jan. 27, 2002, at University Medical Center. She was born in Jefferson County on Oct. 15, 1925, to Jack Queen and Melissa Queen.

She was a retired cafeteria worker for Brookhaven Public Schools. She was a member of Avery Chapel A.M.E. Church, where she was president of the stewardess board. She was a member of Elks Temple #698, the Community Club, and the Heroines of Jericho.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, Woodrow Humphrey Sr.; her brothers, Nehemiah, Anderson, and Cameo; her sisters, Mary and Lucy; and one great-grandchild, Marcus.

Survivors are her sons, Jesse Humphrey and Eugene Humphrey, both of Milwaukee, Wis., Willie Humphrey of Fayette, and Curtis Humphrey of Galveston, Texas; her daughters, Bobbie Jean Bledsoe of Brookhaven and Carolyn Humphrey of Milwaukee, Ill.; her brother, Jesse Humphrey of New Orleans; and 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Irene G. Smith

Services for Irene G. Smith of Monticello are 11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 1, at Shiloh Baptist Church with burial in the church cemetery.

Visitation is today from 5-9 p.m. at Wilson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Smith, 93, died Jan. 30, 2002, at Lawrence County Nursing Center. She was born in Sontag on Feb. 6, 1908, to Matthew and Etta Rembrandt Gibson.

She was a retired seamstress with Monticello Manufacturing. She was a member of Shiloh Baptist Church.

Preceding her in death were her parents, and her husband, Kirby Smith.

Survivors are her sons, Jack Smith and Floyd Smith, both of Sontag; her daughters, Ernestine Minton of Venice, La., and Frances Easterling of Sontag; and 10 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Senat

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JACKSON, Miss. — A committee approved Thursday to create a state-administered program for Mississippians who don't want to pay for services from telemarketers.

Sen. Tommy Roberts of Point, chairman of the Utilities Committee, says he hopes to produce legislation to produce legislation to business and the program failed in the past two years. The bill was introduced in session by telecommunication WorldCom and others.

The bill now goes to the floor. Opponents have argued that the program is a legitimate sales program and there are ways to address companies who don't want to register for telemarketing calls.

Stefanie Scott, a spokeswoman for WorldCom in Austin,

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Mississippi also has approved Medicaid services in recent years.

The bill addressing Medicaid was cleared Monday after lawmakers held a room-only meeting at the Capitol to examine Gov. Ronnie Muscarella's Medicaid budget ideas.

Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Jack Gordon, D-Okla., says the governor's proposal is not acceptable because it relies on mo-

Local Weather Statistics

From 7:30 a.m. Wednesday to 7:30 a.m. Thursday, the high temperature was 74 degrees, the low was 66 degrees and the thermometer stood at 68 degrees today at 7:30 a.m. with no rainfall recorded at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.