

# Messick Obituaries

Radford W. Rosebrough

R. E. Brick Mason

Dorothy Chiles

Marcia Ann Black May Class of 1965

John Norman Hughes Class of 1965



**RADFORD WILLIAMS ROSEBROUGH JR.**, 86, of Memphis, retired principal for Messick High School after 17 years, died of heart failure Friday May 19, 2000 at Kirby Pines Manor. Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, where he was a lifetime member, with burial in Edmondson Chapel Cemetery. Memphis Funeral Home Poplar Chapel has charge. He was also a principal at South Park Elementary, taught at Sherwood Elementary and Longview Heights Elementary, was past president of East Memphis Lions Club, a member of Loyalty Sunday School class and a World War II Marine Corps captain serving in the Pacific. Mr. Rosebrough, the husband of Edith Elam Rosebrough, also leaves a daughter, Emma Rosebrough Shockley of Loveland, Colo.; a son, Dr. Radford W. Rosebrough III of Glendora, Calif.; a sister, Billie McCullough of Valdosta, Ga.; a brother, Richard Foster Rosebrough of Memphis, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. The family requests memorials be sent to St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

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**MARCIA ANN BLACK MAY**, 53, of Germantown, homemaker, died of cancer Sunday April 30, 2000 at her home. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Memorial Park Funeral Home with entombment in Memorial Park Mausoleum. She was a member of Ridgeway Baptist Church. Mrs. May, the wife of Forrest S. May Jr., also leaves two sons, Kristopher Alan May of Memphis and Timothy Forrest May of Germantown; her stepmother, Alice A. Black of Memphis; a sister, Susan Durrett of Paducah, Ky.; a brother, Robert C. Black of Memphis, and a grandchild. The family requests that any memorials be sent to the West Clinic Wings Foundation - Race for the Cure - National Ovarian Cancer Coalition.

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**R.E. 'Brick' Mason** was known as a player's coach on the football field and a loyal friend off of it. Mr. Mason, who coached area high schools for three decades, died Friday November 17, 2000 of pneumonia at Cordova Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. He was 81. In the late 1960s, he became the head of the city school system's driver education program and retired in 1979. He also coached at Northwest Mississippi Junior College and his 1959 Messick High School team won the city championship. "Anytime his boys needed something he got it for them, and he was the same way with his coaches," said Pat Fleming, who coached with Mr. Mason at Messick during the 1960s. "He made you want to give your all. He had a large number of players who went on to play in college." Fleming recalls that Mr. Mason once bought graduation suits for two of his players who could not afford them. "But he took one of them up to the office that same week and paddled him," Fleming said. "If they needed discipline he gave it to them, but he was very caring." Mr. Mason, who served in the Navy in World War II, also coached at Whitehaven, Collierville and Memphis Catholic schools during his career. He was a running back at Mississippi State University in 1941, the last year they were outright SEC champions. Mr. Mason later graduated from Memphis State University. "Football, football, football - his life was football," said his daughter, Vivian Mason of Cordova. "He had hundreds of players, and a lot of them stayed in touch with him. I think

he made a big impression on them and vice versa." Mr. Mason also taught physical education, social studies and history and in retirement devoted much of his time to his custom framing hobby.

He served as president of the national Association of Driver Educators for the Disabled.

"I want to make Memphis known as the hub for handicapped, the hub for people who want to get back into the mainstream of life," he said in a 1979 interview.

Services for Mr. Mason, who was a member of First Presbyterian Church, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Memorial Park Funeral Home with burial in Memorial Park.

Mr. Mason, the husband of Ione `Snookie' Mason, also leaves two other daughters, Connie Mason and Jackie Saunders, both of Cordova; two sons, Charles Robert Mason of Decaturville, Tenn., and Robert Ellis Mason Jr. of Dallas; a sister, Shirley Mason of Memphis, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be sent to First Presbyterian Church.

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**DOROTHY LINDENMAYER CHILES**, 80, of Memphis, retired teacher at Messick High School, died of heart failure Thursday August 2, 2001 at her home. Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Bellevue Baptist Church, where she was a volunteer tour guide, with burial in Arlington (Va.) National Cemetery. Memphis Funeral Home Poplar Chapel has charge. Mrs. Chiles, the widow of Lt. James Olin Chiles, leaves two daughters, Charlene Chiles Imholz (*Class of 65*) of Hickory Withe, Tenn., and Diana Mae Chiles (*Class of 66*) of Memphis; a brother, William Henry Lindenmayer of Memphis, and three grandchildren. The family requests any memorials be sent to 'Love Worth Finding' at Bellevue Baptist Church.

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**JOHN NORMAN "BUTCH" HUGHES**, 57, of Como, died Saturday, February 26, 2005 at Baptist Hospital in Oxford. Mr Hughes was a retired truck driver, a graduate of Messick High School and Mississippi State University, and a member of Harmontown Baptist Church. Services were Wednesday, March 2 at Pate-Jones Funeral Home in Senatobia with interment in Senatobia Memorial Cemetery. Hughes was preceded in death by his wife Linda Faye Hughes. He is survived by two daughters, Jennifer Hughes Gossett and Jessica Erin Hughes, both of Oxford; one son, Chris Hughes of Senatobia; and his mother, Virginina B. Hughes.

