

Anthony Billings Sr. Obt.

BAXTER -- Funeral services for Anthony Rodger Billings Sr., of South Carthage, formerly of the Boma Community, will be held at 1 p.m. on Wed., March 2, from the Baxter Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston & Horner Funeral Home.

Burial will be in Smellage Memory Gardens on Hopewell Rd.

The family will receive friends from 6-9 p.m. on Tues., March 1, at the funeral home.

Mr. Billings died on Sun., Feb. 27, 2005, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Swope Rd. in Carthage.

He was born on Sept. 17, 1983, in Cookeville to Carl Wayne and Jodi Lynn Jernigan Kirby of South Carthage. Mr. Billings was a cook at Waffle House.

In addition to his parents, his family includes his fiancée, Kim Swicegood and her sons, Caleb and Hunter, of South Carthage; a son, Anthony Rodger Billings Jr. of South Carthage; four sisters, Iris Jo Dyer of Cookeville, Virginia Kirby Wood of South Carolina, Amy Fulghum of Lancaster, and Cindy Phillips of Buffalo Valley; five brothers, Christopher Billings of Easley, S.C., Walter Dean Stafford of Cookeville, Eddie Wayne Davis of South Carthage, Carl Wayne Davis of Detroit, Mich., and Christopher Gene Kirby of Sparta; maternal grandparents, Bill and Iris Jernigan of Silver Point; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Jess and Claudia Kirby.

Pallbearers will be Chris and Josh Billings, Walter Stafford, Eddie Davis, Robert Briggs, Ross Hieatt Jr., Arthur Jernigan and Eric Gizon.

Pastor Steve Warren will officiate at the services.

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Four dead in area traffic accidents

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Four persons were killed in two traffic accidents in the Upper Cumberland over the weekend, three of them in one vehicle which was being chased, according to the Tennessee Highway Patrol.

Three Carthage men were killed in an accident in Smith County early Sunday morning, and a Crossville woman was killed in a wreck in Cumberland County on Saturday.

Dead in the Smith County accident were the following:

* Anthony R. Billings, 21, of Cedar St., Carthage, who formerly was a resident of the Boma community here in Putnam County.

* Tommy Lee Gooch, 35, of Jordan St., Carthage.

* Jimmy Calvin Bane, 34, of Carthage.

Killed in the Cumberland County accident was Jennifer Clark, 21, of Fox Creek Road, Crossville.

The Smith County accident happened just after 3 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, on Swope Road, according to a report by THP Trooper Shannon Brinkley.

Anthony R. Billings was driving a 1991 Toyota Tercel north on Swope Road. Tommy Lee Gooch was riding in the front passenger seat, and Jimmy Calvin Bane was riding in the right of the back seat, the report says.

Behind the Toyota car was a 2004 Dodge pickup. Michael W. Kemp, 43, of Old Sanders Creek Road, Carthage, was the driver.

According to Trooper Brinkley, Kemp was chasing the car and his truck struck it in the rear.

Billings lost control of the car, which ran off the shoulder of the road and struck a tree, the impact of which was in the driver's side door. The car came to rest in a creek, and the driver was ejected, the report says. The driver and both passengers were killed.

Kemp, the driver of the pickup, was not injured.

Neither Kemp nor the three in the car were using seatbelts, but in the opinion of the trooper, use of safety belts probably would have made no difference in the outcome.

Trooper Brinkley notes on the report that no drinking was involved in the crash, but investigation continues.

The report does not indicate the motive for the chase.

Also investigating that accident are THP Lt. Jimmy Beaty, Sgt. Keven Norris of the THP's Critical Incident Response Team, and Criminal Investigation Agent Pat Hester.

An obituary for Anthony R. Billings is being published elsewhere in today's Herald-Citizen.

The Cumberland County accident happened on Saturday, Feb. 26, at 1:05 p.m. on Fox Creek Road, according to a report by Trooper Mike Williams.

Jennifer Clark was driving a 1998 Pontiac on Fox Creek Road, traveling at a high speed, the report says.

The car ran off the road and struck a tree.

She was not using a safety belt, but in the opinion of the trooper, it might have made no difference in the outcome.

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William Charley Jernigan – b. 27 August 1915, TN – d. 20 August 1992
s/o Henry Woodrow Grady Jernigan & Nola Edna Lowe
md 28 August 1938, Betty Virginia Prichard – b. 7 July 1921, Putnam Co. TN
d. 20 July 2002 - d/o Bethel Robinson Prichard & Martha Carr –
Both Buried: +Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN
...Billie Ray Jernigan – b. 18 December 1942, Highland Pk., MI –
U. S. Navy – South Pacific.

md 1 August 1964, Iris F. Landers – b. 19 November 1946, Saginaw, MI
...Jodie Lynn Jernigan – b. 12 February 1965, Saginaw, MI –
md Carl Wayne Kirby, s/o Jess & Claudia Kirby
...Anthony Billings Sr. – b. 17 September 1983, Cookeville, TN –
d. 27 February 2005, Carthage, TN – *automobile accident.*

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