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## Community Calendar

Saturday, Feb. 28, 7:00am - 10:00am  
Historical Society breakfast, Allen  
Community Hall.

Saturday, July 4, 2:00 pm - Lions Club July  
4th Parade and Celebration. Parade lines up  
by Friendship United Methodist Church on  
the Upper Ferry Rd. and ends at the Allen  
Community Hall on Collins Wharf Road.  
Hotdogs, hamburgers and homemade ice  
cream, as well as games.

## **Nabb Center Events Salisbury University**

Exhibit: Lincoln: The Constitution and the  
Civil War. Through March 4 at the Nabb  
Gallery. Open Mon., Wed., and Fri., 1:00pm  
-4:00pm

"Slave and Free on Virginia's Eastern Shore:  
From the Revolution to the Civil War,"  
lecture by Rev. Kirk Mariner, Thursday,  
Feb. 19, 7:00pm. Holloway Hall, Great Hall.

Exhibit: Delmarvans at War: The Civil War,  
March 23 - May 15, Nabb Gallery, Mon.,  
Wed., Fri. 1:00pm - 4:00pm

"This Is My Story; This Is My Song:  
Connecting the Shared History of African  
Americans in United Methodism," Lecture  
by David W. Brown, author of *Freedom  
Drawn from Within: A History of the  
Delaware Annual Conference*. Wed., April  
15, 7:00pm, Perdue Hall, Bennett Family  
Auditorium

American Spiritual Ensemble, Concert,

Friday, Feb. 13, 8:00pm, Asbury United  
Methodist Church, Salisbury, \$20 adults,  
\$15 seniors (60 and above), \$5 for non-SU  
students and children 12 and under

SU Gospel Choir, "Music in the Air: A  
History of the Negro Spiritual - Told  
through Song, Drama & Spoken Word,"  
Saturday, Feb. 28, 7:00pm, Holloway Hall  
Auditorium

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## **In Memoriam**

It has been the practice of this editor over  
the years to publish tributes in each edition  
to those members who have passed away  
since the last edition. Over the past year this  
Society and the community of Allen have  
suffered many losses. Each person that we  
lose to death represents the loss of another  
piece of our history. As we reflect on this  
sad fact, I hope that it will remind us of the  
importance of recording the stories of our  
family members, friends and neighbors.

## **Harold Huffington**



1925-2014

Harold "Huff" Huffington died on Friday, December 19, 2014. He was born in Baltimore, MD on June 16, 1925 to Harold Sydney and Marie Huffington. His grandparents were Alexander Jackson and Hester Elizabeth Malone Huffington. Alexander built the Allen School House, now the Community Hall. His great-grandparents were James and Eliza Pollitt Huffington. It was Eliza who was responsible for the construction of the Huffington-Pollitt house, currently being renovated by our Society.

A decorated United States Marine, he was a veteran of World War II during which he made 3 amphibious combat landings under heavy fire on the island of Tinian, Saipan and the Marianas with the 2nd Marine Division. In 1945 he served as part of the U.S. Occupational Forces in Nagasaki, Japan.

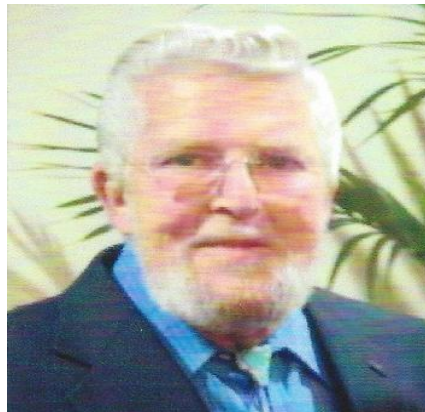
After the war, he attended Baltimore City Community College. He had a successful career in the insurance business in Maryland, Virginia, Delaware and West Virginia, eventually becoming Vice President of the Avery Hall Insurance Agency in Salisbury in September 1991.

Huff served the community in a number of ways. He was a champion of those who were battling addictions, serving on the Board of Directors of Hudson Health Service and Second Wind Halfway House in Salisbury. He was a longtime member of Wicomico Presbyterian Church, where he served as Clerk of the Session for more than 30 years. He was a lifetime member of the Elks Lodge No 817 in Salisbury and served as treasurer. Huff was an active member of our Society over the years and contributed a great deal to our projects.

Huff is survived by his wife of 53 years, Doris Ann Ramsey Huffington, by two daughters, Denise Zucchelli of Parsonsburg, MD and Margaret Ellen Carte and her husband Cam of Harrisonburg, VA, and his son Michael Cook and his wife, Liz, of

Bolton, MA. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Nichole Zucchelli of Sonoma, CA, Jenna Zucchelli of Phoenix, AZ, Jordan and Maddy Carte of Harrisonburg, VA and Ian Cook of Gardner, MA.

**Carroll N. Lentz  
1935-2014**



Carroll Norwood Lentz died on October 11, 2014. He was born in Cumberland, MD to Herbert J.J. and Loula Allen Lentz in 1935. He was a direct descendant of Mary Whittington Allen (1802-1882), Allen's first school teacher. The family home that she had built in the village still stands and was formerly known as Whittington Hall.

Carroll served six years in the Navy and sixteen in the Coast Guard, retiring in 1975. After retiring, he served as Administration and Business Manager to the Marin County, CA Sheriff. He later served as Marine Superintendent for the San Francisco Bay Stevedore Operations office at Marine Terminals Corporation.

Since moving back to the Eastern Shore in 1984, he had pursued the vocation that he loved, building things that last. He served in various construction positions and was a Certified Home Inspector.

Carroll was an active member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Princess Anne and served on the Vestry in numerous capacities. In 1993 he used his talents to

lead the preparation of the church tower to accommodate English Change Ringing Bells. He served as Tower Captain for the next 20 years.

Carroll is survived by his wife of 52 years, Patricia Riggin Lentz, by his son Eric Noel and wife Rachel, two granddaughters, Miranda and Rebecca, four brothers-in-law and their wives, and numerous nieces and nephews.

**John W. Shivers, Jr.  
1932-2014**



John W. (Jack) Shivers, Jr. died on Wednesday, November 12, 2014. He was born on May 3, 1932 to John W. Shivers, Sr. and Lillian Phillips Shivers. Jack grew up in Allen, where first his Grandfather Phillips and then his mother had a general store until the age of 14, when the family moved to the farm that had belonged to his paternal grandfather, Jay H. Shivers.

Jack loved the family farm, and especially enjoyed horseback riding with his father. He also enjoyed working with wood and other crafts. He graduated from Wicomico High School, where he was a member of the Future Farmers of America. He later attended Strayer's Business College in Washington, D.C. After graduation he worked briefly as a cabinet maker.

From 1954 until 1956 Jack served in the United States Army in the Medical Corps. His military service included a tour in Germany, during which he traveled in many of the countries in Europe. His photographs and many letters to his family recorded

those experiences. After leaving the Army, Jack worked briefly in management at McCrory's Five and Ten Cent Store in Salisbury, and later as proprietor of Shivers Gulf Service Station, also in Salisbury. In 1959 he relocated to College Park, MD, where he was manager of Canary Cottages and Mobile Home Village, owned by the A B & S Corporation, of which he later became part owner.

Jack married Joyce Harrington of Melson, MD on January 2, 1960, and they made their home in College Par until 1983, when, after his retirement from the A B & S Corporation they moved to Owings in Calvert County, MD. There he worked for a number of years with the Southern States Cooperative in Upper Marlboro. After his retirement he enjoyed his garden.

Jack enjoyed returning to Allen over the years, especially to attend Homecoming services at Asbury Church and the July 4th celebrations. He was a long-time member of the Allen Historical Society.

Jack is survived by his wife of 54 years, Joyce, by his sons Kelvin and partner Carrie, and Wade Allen, and by a grandson, Jack Michael. He is also survived by his brother George R. Shivers and wife Jeanette Sherbondy and his sister, Emma L. Shivers, all of Chestertown, and by nieces Julieta Tord Diggs and her husband David of Severna Park, MD and Dori Shivers and her partner Justin Fertig of Baltimore.

**Jacob Malone**



Jacob Earl "Jake" Malone, the father of Allen Historical Society member, Buddy Malone, died on June 18, 2014. He was the

youngest son of Frank and Lida Malone. Jake worked for J. Roland Dashiell and Son Construction and Carl J. Williams and Sons Construction. He was also a poultry grower for Perdue, Inc. from 1964 until 2008. He enjoyed growing vegetables in his garden and sharing them with everyone. He also enjoyed woodworking.

Jake was a charter member of the Allen Lions Club and a founding member of the Allen Volunteer Fire Dept. He was also a member of Asbury-Allen United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Susan Renshaw Malone, by his daughter Rebecca McElhone and her husband Harry, and by his son Buddy Malone and his wife Barbara. He is also survived by grandchildren Tom McElhone, Joe Bailey, Bobby Bailey, Debby Bailey Fields; great-grandchildren, Taylor Wright, Tyler, Reagan and Edyn Bailey, Craig and Alexis Bailey, Kayla and Bailey Fields; and great-great granddaughter Sophia Wright. He also leaves behind many devoted nieces and nephews.

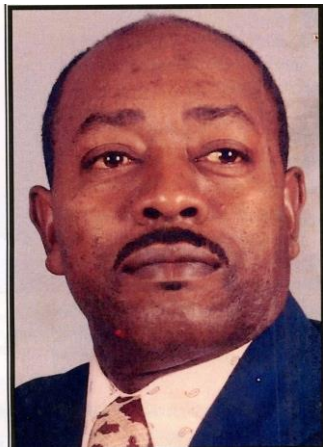
Mr. Polk was the brother of Allen Historical Society member Velmar Morris. He attended Allen Elementary School and Salisbury High School. He served in the Army during the Korean War.

He was a Third Degree Mason and a member of the Thomas E. Polk, Sr. chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers 9th and 10th Calvary Association. From 1984 through 1989 he was chairman of the Wicomico County Housing Authority. He had been an active member of Friendship United Methodist Church, Allen, since childhood, was an early member of the Methodist Men's Choir, and a trustee of the church.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Doris Reece Cottman, a son Reginald Polk of Allen, grandchildren Ashley and Reginald Brandon Polk, great-grandchildren Taina, Parys and Londyn; and siblings Leonor Battle and Velmar Morris, as well as many nieces and nephews.

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**Ulysses Samuel Arthur Polk, Jr.  
1928 - 2014**



Ulysses S. A. Polk, Jr. was born in Allen on January 11, 1928 to Ulysses S.A. Polk, Sr. and Velmar Frances Dorman Polk. His grandfather, Thomas E. Polk, Sr. was a Buffalo soldier who served on the western frontier in the late 19th century.



AT 4-H CAMP—These Marylanders are attending the silver anniversary of the National 4-H Club Camp in Washington. Left to right; Jayne R. Shivers, of Allen; Henry F. Comegys, of Centreville; Mary Lou Smith, of Mitchellville; Charles W. Coale, Jr., of Forest Hill, and Betsy Lovington, assistant home-demonstration agent in Frederick county.