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## Mrs. Betty Tyson Funderburke

Our family matriarch Mrs. Betty Tyson Funderburke was called to her heavenly home on the morning of January 1, 2021.

A service to celebrate Betty's life was held on Monday, January 4, 2021, at Anson Memorial Park with Rev. Arnold Jackson officiating.

The family had requested that all those attending to please wear masks and practice social distancing. There was no visitation.

Betty was born November 29, 1934, in Ansonville, one of ten children born to Albert Eason and Beulah Aldridge Tyson. She worked at West Knitting which later became Reeves, Inc. for many years. Betty was also a member of Red Hill Baptist Church in Polkton.

Betty was revered by her family for her loving and peaceful spirit. She was a faithful Christian and an example of love to others. She most enjoyed time talking and laughing with her family. She was an amazing cook who was quick to share a meal with those she loved. We will miss her apple dumplings, chocolate cake, deviled eggs, biscuits and collard greens most. Betty was a selfless and devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Her spirit will live on in our hearts, but her earthly presence will be greatly missed.

Survivors include her children Tim Funderburke (Lou) of Polkton, Billy Funderburke of Greensboro, Betty F. Duncan of Hamlet, and Fred Funderburke (Debbie) of Hamlet; eight grandchildren, Robbie Funderburke (Tosha), Jennifer Brown (Ryan), Amanda Beller (David), Jamie Funderburke (Katie), Jeremy Funderburke (Stephanie), Tyler Funderburke, Dustin Funderburke (Lindsay) and Matthew Byron Davis; 11 great-grandchildren, Timothy James Funderburke, Abigail Lynn Funderburke, Riley Brown, Charlie Beller, Bayla Sue Funderburke, Bonnie Lee Funderburke, Peyton Riley, Madaylan Riley, Lucy Mae Funderburke, Liam Davis and Greyson Davis.

Also surviving are her brother and three sisters, Albert "Smokey" Tyson (Catherine) of Ansonville, Dorothy T. Fitton of Albemarle, Janie Randall (Max) of Polkton and Nancy McMillan (Jim) of Norwood; and a special niece, Geraldine Johnson.

In addition to her parents, Betty was preceded in death by her husband James Lee Funderburke, son Jeff Funderburke, a twin brother, Bobby, as well as five other siblings, Charles Tyson, Glenn Tyson, Joe Tyson, Mary T. Luther and James "Jimbo" Tyson.

The family suggests memorials be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Leavitt Funeral Home served the Funderburke family. Online condolences may be made at [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).

## Mr. Zackary Taylor Osborne

Mr. Zackary Taylor Osborne, 21, died Saturday, January 2, 2021, due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Luke Christy officiating. Interment will follow in Anson Memorial Park.

There will be no visitation.

Zackary was born October 24, 1999, in Mecklenburg County, a son of Amy Marie Osborne and Donald Davis Burr, II. He was a member of Peachland United Methodist Church.

Zackary had worked with his grandfather and father in their family poultry farm and was an avid dirt bike rider. He has been riding dirt bikes since he was a small boy, and riding and racing was his favorite pastime.

Those left to cherish his memory are his parents, Amy Osborne of Polkton and Davis Burr of Wadesboro; his brothers and sisters, Jaylin, Miracle, Chase, Ava and Mason; his grandparents, Donna Burr of Wadesboro and Eddie Osborne of Calabash; his great-grandmother Ruth Mercer of Polkton; his uncle Alston Osborne of Calabash; and his girlfriend Karrington Tupper of Wadesboro.

Zackary was preceded in death by his grandmother Katherine Gail Osborne and his grandfather Donald Davis Burr.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Peachland United Methodist Church, Youth Ministry, P.O. Box 330, Peachland, NC 28133.

The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).

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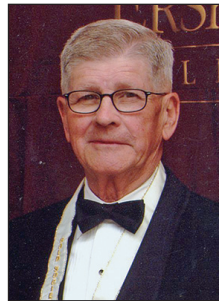
### Museum of History Presents

#### History Corner:

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Once upon a time...hear a tall tale, or two, and learn about North Carolina storytellers! The North Carolina Museum of History will present an online program for kids ages 6-9. Parents are invited to participate with their children during the program. This virtual program is designed to make learning history fun and interactive. It will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 13, from 1 to 2 p.m.

Visit [ncmuseumofhistory.org/history-corner/nc-legends](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org/history-corner/nc-legends) to register. You will receive a confirmation email with information about joining this online presentation.



## Mr. James Boyce Hunter, Jr.

James Boyce Hunter, Jr., highly decorated U.S. Marine Corps veteran of World War II, devoted husband, faithful son, beloved uncle, lifelong Charlotte resident, and refined Southern gentleman, died peacefully at his home on Sunday, January 3, 2021. He was 99.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, January 9 at 1 p.m. in Eastview Cemetery, Wadesboro, conducted by the Rev. Timothy Hushion, Rector of Calvary Episcopal Church, Wadesboro. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the service will be private and there will be no visitation.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, 18900 Jefferson Davis Highway, Triangle, VA 22172, or the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center at UNC, 101 Manning Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

Leavitt Funeral Home of Wadesboro is in charge of arrangements.

A complete obituary can be found at [leavittfh.com](http://leavittfh.com).



## Mr. Joseph Eugene Dutton

Joe Dutton passed into heaven on Friday, December 25, 2020, from complications of COVID.

A service to celebrate Joe's life was held on Saturday, January 2, 2021, outside of Peachland United Methodist Church. It was a drive-up service, and attendees rolled down their windows and remained in their cars. Following the service there was a procession through Peachland Cemetery where the family acknowledged those attending as they rode by.

Joe was born in Wadesboro on October 23, 1956, to Gene and Myrtle Johnson Dutton. He was the brother that his sisters prayed for, and he was THE best brother ever. He was the apple of his daddy's eye and Joe followed him around as much as he could, learning things such as how to trade guns, ride and trade horses, hunt, chase drunk drivers, chauffeur the Lt. Governor, and having many other adventures.

Joe was a 1975 graduate of Bowman High School. While at Bowman he loved being in the marching band and jazz ensemble, playing his trumpet. His passion for music most likely originated from this. He was a quick study when Rick Matthews, his brother-in-law, later taught him to play the guitar.

Joe attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and was a member of the first Bachelor's degree class of Wingate University in 1979. After graduating from Wingate he was employed at B.C. Moore and Sons, in their home office in Wadesboro, as credit manager for the Moore's chain. Most recently he has been employed by Anson County Government in the tax office as the county Tax Collector.

There is no greater booster and advocate for Anson County than Joe. He liked to say, "There's always something good happening in Anson County." He loved his local community and was proud to be an Ansonian. Joe had been a member of the Anson County Chamber of Commerce board of directors since 2012. He would volunteer time to make good things happen in his hometown. Joe was an active member of Peachland United Methodist church for many years. You would often find him doing "children's time" during the worship service or helping his wife Jennie keep the nursery. He had many close friends, more like family, from his church, that he held dear to his heart.

Joe always loved sports, whether on the field himself or watching and coaching his children. He spent many days years ago playing church softball. In recent times he had a passion for Anson Middle and High School sports as a proud Daddy watching his son Kole play football, baseball and wrestling, or his daughter Desi play softball. He always encouraged school spirit no matter what the occasion.

If you met Joe, even only once, you knew that Joe was a "people person." He has always been one to reach out and help others during trying circumstances, and he never met a stranger. If you knew Joe, you have probably been hugged by him. He loved music and enjoyed picking and singing with friends. At most every Thanksgiving and Christmas get-together at his sister Marilyn's home he would end up playing the piano or his guitar for everyone to sing or just sit and listen. If you have been around Wadesboro and heard music in the streets uptown or inside the Country Club, Joe was strumming his guitar with his friends and band members, "Knights at the Museum." They started up their group for fun and fellowship, and then began getting invitations to perform because they made people smile.

Joe has always been a collector, a trader and a seller. He once told his niece, the only thing that did not have a price tag on it was his wife and kids, other than that, he would negotiate. In 1996 Joe started his hand at his own auction company, Circle 8 Auction. He would sell a few things here and there, then began working estate auctions. He enjoyed this the most because of the people he would get to see, old friends, and making new friends.

Joe had three nieces and two nephews who adored him. He was always the cool young uncle, and from early on he told them he was not "Uncle Joe," but instead "Just Joe." He would ride them on his horses, teach them about life, and just let them hang out whenever they wanted. To this day, they would still call him for advice.

The day that Joe became a father was probably the happiest day of his life. And then a second child made him even happier. His time with them has been cut short, but he and Jennie have already instilled values, faith and ethics that point them toward a fine adulthood. They are a source of great pride.

Joe is survived by his wife, Jennie Bailey Dutton, his children, Desi and Kole Dutton and Hunter Hayes; his sister, Carolyn Dutton Matthews and her husband Rick of Winston-Salem, their children, Mark Dutton Matthews (Florence) and children of Fuquay-Varina and Kelly Matthews Silliman (Shawn) and children of Mills River; sister, Marilyn Dutton Allison of Peachland and her children, Dr. Holly Allison Kiker (Jason) and children of Wadesboro, Adam Allison of Peachland and Dr. Jill Allison Greene (Ken) and children of Shallotte; also, sister, Brenda Gene Dutton Tcherkezian (Roland) of Charlotte; and sister, Mickey Sue Dutton Ritter (Darrin) of Siler City and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by his brother-in-law Charles Allison, who also passed on December 25, 2020.

"What are the things that you can't see that are important? I would say justice, truth, humility, service, compassion, love. You can't see any of those, but they're the guiding lights of a life." -- Jimmy Carter

It is requested that any memorial donations be made to a custodial account for Desi and Kole. These may be sent to: Carolyn Dutton Matthews, 1857 Faculty Drive, Winston Salem, NC 27106, Email: [carolyn@thematthews.ws](mailto:carolyn@thematthews.ws).

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