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daughters, Patricia Harris (Jeffery Willoughby), Sherika Pickett, Khadijah Pickett and Constance Pickett, all of Lilesville; her son Robbie Rakim Harris of Lilesville; her grandchildren, Jeffery Willoughby, Jr., Ja'quez Willoughby, Mariah Massey, Ivyana Teal and C'Miyah Tillman; her sister and brothers, Eldis (Carl) Horton of Indian Trail, Dennis Hammond and Rodney Polk, both of Wadesboro and Derik Hammond of Wingate; her sisters-in-law Alice Hammond (Jonathon Clegg), Effie (Everette) Williams and Rosalyn Harris, all of Wadesboro; her brothers-in-law, Vernon Lee Harris, Jermaine Harris and Grant (Laquita) Collins, all of Wadesboro; her former husband and great friend Robbie Harris, Jr.; and former mother-in-law Rosa Lee Forte; and a host of nieces and nephews and their families and many cousins and other family members and friends.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to all who have called or visited during this time. A very special thanks to the staff at Carolinas Medical Center Union in Monroe for the compassionate and professional care they provided for Teresa and family. Thank you to everyone for every act of kindness shown during our time of bereavement.

Miss Shelby Leigh Harrington

Miss Shelby Leigh Harrington, age 24, died suddenly on January 4, 2018, at her home.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 6, 2018, at Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Angel Christ and Rev. Jeff Medford officiating.

Shelby was born in Richmond County on September 22, 1993, a daughter of

ter of Monica and Tim Harrington. She graduated from Anson High School, and was working at the Derby Restaurant in Monroe.

Survivors include her parents, Tim and Monica of Polkton; two brothers, Brandon Meggs and Dalton Meggs of Polkton; paternal grandmother Eloise Harrington of Polkton; maternal grandfather Randall Bartram of West Virginia; two very special nieces, Kylie and Payton Meggs; and a number of uncles, aunts and cousins.

Leavitt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Mr. Henry Carpenter Martin, Jr.

Mr. Henry Carpenter Martin, Jr., age 93, died Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at his home in the Brown Creek community.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, January 7, 2018, in Brown Creek Baptist Church with Rev. Curtis Williams officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Martin was born in Anson County on August 13, 1924, a son of the late Henry Carpenter Martin and Daisy Flake Martin. He graduated local schools and was drafted into the US Army where he served in the Philippines immediately following the end of World War II. He returned home to continue working on the family farm and to start a family of his own. Mr. Martin was one of the first machinists hired when Duff-Norton Corp. expanded their operations to Wadesboro. He retired some twenty years later to enjoy both family and community life. A faithful member of Brown Creek Baptist Church for many years, Mr. Martin

played his violin in church for special services.

Survivors include his wife of 71 years, Flora Burgess Martin of the home; two sons, John Martin of Newton, NC and Kenneth David Martin (Jan) of Marietta, GA; daughter Wanda M. Caruso (Fred) of Fayetteville; and seven grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Martin was preceded in death by two sisters, Ann Cromartie and Alyce Fagan.

Memorials may be made to the Brown Creek Cemetery Fund, c/o Mary T. Moore, 151 Cameron Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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This notice is given in accordance with provisions of Chapter 15, Section 12, and the General Statutes of North Carolina.

Ms. Teresa Hammond Harris, also known as, "Ms. Jackson," departed her life on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, while a patient at Carolinas Medical Center Union at the age of 51.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, January 7, 2018, at Christ Bible Discipleship Worship Center in Marshville. Interment followed in Crossroads AME Zion Church Cemetery in Peachland.

Teresa was born June 18, 1966, in Union County, NC, a daughter of Maggie Sturdivant Hammond and the late Coy Madison Hammond.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her brothers and sister, Coy Lee Hammond, Thomas Hammond and Lisa Ann Hammond, and by special friend John David Pickett.

Teresa was a 1984 graduate of Bowman High School. She worked for a number of years with Tyson Foods and other poultry facilities until declining health, and she then became a homemaker. Surviving are her

NC Insurance Commissioner Rejects Proposed Homeowners Insurance Rate Increase, Sets Hearing Date

North Carolina Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey has set July 23 as the hearing date for the North Carolina Rate Bureau's proposed 18.7 percent homeowners insurance rate increase.

"We are not in agreement with the Rate Bureau's proposed increases filed Nov. 17, 2017. The next step, according to statute, is to set a hearing date," said Commissioner Causey. "After hearing and reading the more than 9,000 comments from residents across the state and studying the figures in the filing, it is now necessary to hold a hearing to reach a resolution that will make the most financial sense for our residents and insurance companies."

The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. in the Second Floor Hearing Room in the Albemarle Building, 325 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh.

The hearing will be held unless the N.C. Department of Insurance and N.C. Rate Bureau are unable to negotiate a settlement before that date. State law gives the Insurance Commissioner 45 days to issue an order once the hearing concludes. This means the order could be issued in October 2018. Once the order is issued, the NCRB has the right to appeal the decision before the N.C. Court of Appeals. A Court of Appeals order could then be appealed to the N.C. Supreme Court.

The NCRB and DOI can settle the proposed rate increase at any time during litigation.

The NCRB filed the average 18.7 homeowners increase Nov. 17, 2017. The filing covers insurance for residential property, tenants, and condominiums at varying rates around the state. Under the NCRB proposal, the biggest increases would be felt along the coast. The NCRB has requested certain areas of western North Carolina receive small rate decreases. These areas include Haywood, Cherokee, Mitchell and Avery counties. Anson, Montgomery, and Richmond counties would also see small rate decreases.

The NCRB represents insurers that write the state's homeowners policies. It is a non-profit unincorporated rating bureau separate from the Department of Insurance. The NCRB also represents auto and workers compensation insurance companies.

The NCDOI held a public comment forum regarding the NCRB rate filing Dec. 12, 2017. Six people attended the forum, including Rep. Bob Muller, R-Brunswick, and Sen. Bill Cook, R-Beaufort. The department also received comments via email and U.S. mail through Dec. 29, 2017.

The last NCRB homeowners rate increase filing was in 2014 that resulted in an order of "no change" from the Commissioner of Insurance. In 2012, the NCRB requested a 17.7 percent increase, which was settled for an increase of 7 percent that took effect in 2013.

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