

Obituaries

Mr. JD Tucker

On Thursday, January 7, 2021, Mr. JD Tucker, 74, passed away at his home.

Services, with military honors will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 15, 2021, by the graveside in Anson Memorial Park with Rev. Mark Perko officiating.

Family and friends are invited to pay their respects and sign the register on Thursday, January 14, 2021, from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. and again on Friday, January 15, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The family will not be present.

Due to the continued COVID-19 risks, we ask that you practice social distancing at all times. The family would like for all attending the service to please wear a face covering.

JD was born March 16, 1946, in Anson County, and was a son of the late John A. Tucker and the late Janie Miles Tucker. He retired from Coffing Hoists in Wadesboro with more than 30 years of service.

He proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Those left to cherish his memory are his sons, Kevin Tucker and wife Beverly of Morven and Jeff Harris and wife Wanda of Peachland; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; his former wife, Edna Tucker of Wadesboro; his brothers, Duncan Tucker of Jacksonville, FL, Mac Tucker and wife Pat of Ruby, SC, Frank Tucker and wife Donna of the Burnsville Community and Stevie Phillips of Wadesboro; and his nieces

and nephews and their families.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his great-grandson Russel Harris and his brothers, Robert Ray Tucker, Ike Tucker and Eddie B. Tucker.

JD dearly loved his family and his community. He enjoyed spending time with his friends at the store at Cason Old Field. He was blessed with many friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Anson County Veterans Council, Inc., PO Box 791, Wadesboro, NC 28170 for their local veteran projects.

The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Rebecca Ann Ramsey

Rebecca Ann Ramsey, 74, went to be with her mother, Elizabeth Ann Ramsey and her Savior, Jesus Christ, on Thursday, January 7, 2021.

Services will be private with Rev. Rodney Clements officiating. Interment will be in Red Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.

Those who desire may pay their respects and sign a register at the funeral home on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. or on Thursday, January 14, 2021, from 9:00 until 11:20 a.m. The family will not be present.

Rebecca was born April 9, 1946, in Albemarle, NC. She was a graduate of Anson High School and a member of Red Hill Baptist Church.

She is survived by her cousins.

The family would like to express heartfelt appreciation to the minister and members of Red Hill Baptist Church for their many years of dedicated Christian love and numerous acts of kindness.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to Red Hill Baptist Church, c/o Stephanie Maner, P. O. Box 207, Ansonville, NC 28007; Hospice of Union County, 700 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 28110, or a charity of one's choice.

The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Martin Luther King's Birthday – January 15

January 18 is Martin Luther King Day

On January 15 we celebrate the birthday of civil right's leader, Martin Luther King. When we hear his name, we most often think of his legendary "I Have A Dream" speech, the civil rights movement, and, sadly, his assassination. When we celebrate his birthday, let's take a few moments to look into the personal story of the man himself.

History of Martin Luther King's Birthday Martin Luther King, Jr. was born January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia to Reverend Martin Luther King, Sr. and Alberta Williams King. King's given name at birth was Michael King, which was also his father's original name, but after a period of gradual transitioning by the elder King, he changed both his and his son's names in 1934.

King was a middle child, between older sister Christine King Farris and younger brother A.D. King. He sang with his church choir at the 1939 Atlanta premiere of the film "Gone with the Wind" and enjoyed singing and music. When King was a child, he befriended a white boy whose father owned a business near his family's home. When the boys were six, they started school: King attended one for African Americans and his friend went to one specifically for white children. Their friendship ended because the boy's father didn't want his son playing with a black child.

In 1955, Dr. King received his Ph.D. in systematic theology at Boston University, with a dissertation titled "A Comparison of the Conceptions of God in the Thinking of Paul Tillich and Henry Nelson Wieman." While pursuing his doctoral studies, King worked as an assistant minister at Boston's historic Twelfth Baptist Church with Reverend William Hunter Hester, who was an old friend of King's father and a huge influence on the young man. Also in 1955, Claudette Colvin, a fifteen year-old black schoolgirl in Montgomery, and a few months later Rosa Parks both refused to give up their seats on busses to white men. This lead to the Montgomery bus boycott, urged and planned by Edgar Daniel Nixon and led by King. His role in the bus boycott transformed him into a national figure and the best-known spokesman of the civil rights movement.

Martin Luther King's Birthday timeline

- January 15, 1929 Birth of a Visionary - Martin Luther King is born in Atlanta, Georgia
- June, 1948 King Graduates - King graduates with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Morehouse College, Atlanta.
- January, 1957 President of SCLC - King is elected President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.
- September, 1958 First Publication - King writes and publishes his first book on the Montgomery bus boycotts, titled 'Stride Toward Freedom.'
- April, 1963 Letter from Birmingham Jail - Birmingham became the center of the Civil Rights Movement after King was arrested during protests.
- August 28, 1963 "I Have a Dream" - King delivered his revolutionary "I have a dream" speech at the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.
- December 10, 1964 Nobel Peace Prize - For his work on the Civil Rights Movement, King is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.
- April 4, 1968 Assassination - James Earl Ray assassinated Martin Luther King, catalysing massive riots across the United States.

Martin Luther King Jr. Statistics

- 29 Arrests - According to the King Center, the civil rights leader went to jail 29 times. He was arrested for acts of civil disobedience and on trumped-up charges,

such as when he was jailed in Montgomery, Alabama in 1956 for driving 30 miles per hour in a 25mph zone.

- 15 years old - Martin was a smart child, so smart that he skipped the 9th and 12th grade before enrolling at Morehouse College in 1944, the alma mater of his father and maternal grandfather. King originally did not intend to follow the family vocation of becoming a preacher until the Morehouse president convinced him otherwise. He was ordained before graduation.
- 3 Grammy nominations - When you think Dr. King, you probably don't think Grammy award winner and chart topper, but the affluent speaker released albums of his sermons and speeches, receiving 3 Grammy nominations and winning the award posthumously in 1971.

3 Martin Luther King's Birthday FAQs

- **Why do we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday?** We celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday in honor of his life achievements and influence as an American civil rights leader.
- **When was the first MLK Day?** The first MLK Day was celebrated on the third Monday of January - January 17 - in 1983.
- **Is January 18 Martin Luther King's birthday?** Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday is January 15, however, we celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on the third Monday of January, which sometimes lands on the 18th.

MLK Day: 5 Steps To A National Holiday

- 1) **The campaign for a new national holiday began:** Although the campaign for a federal holiday in Martin Luther King Jr.'s honor began soon after his assassination, it would not be officially observed in all 50 states until 2000.
- 2) **The first bill was defeated in the House:** The bill first came to a vote in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1979, but the result was five votes short of the number needed for passage.
- 3) **The campaign heated up with celebrity support:** After the King Center sought support from the corporate community and the general public, musician Stevie Wonder released the single "Happy Birthday" to popularize the campaign in 1980.
- 4) **Some states delayed holiday name changes:** In New Hampshire, for example, the holiday known as Civil Rights Day was not changed to Martin Luther King Day until 1999, when the State Legislature voted to change the name.
- 5) **The final state made MLK Day official:** In 2000, Utah became the last state to have a holiday named after King, by officially changing Human Rights Day to Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Why Martin Luther King's Birthday is Important

- **He had a dream** More than just a speech, Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream that he hoped would someday become a reality. He pushed to end segregation and hoped to create a world where people were seen as people, not as the skin color they were born with.
- **He inspired a nation** King wouldn't be able to change the world on his own, but his words ignited the spark inside the hearts of every activist at the time waiting for the right moment to make a difference. As a leader, he inspired countless people to fight for equality around the nation.
- **We wouldn't know some of our best friends without him** Odds are, you have a pretty diverse friend group made up of people from different religions, backgrounds, and ethnicities. Without the efforts of Dr. King and people like him, you would never have gotten the chance to have these friends in your life!

Valentine's Day Dinner for Two to Go!

Make this Valentine's Day extra special and help support the arts! The Anson County Arts Council is taking orders for baked spaghetti dinners that will be available for pickup on Friday, February 12 at noon at the Arts Council office. All you have to do is heat and eat!

The dinner for two menu consists of baked spaghetti (heat & serve), garden salad with choice of dressing, garlic bread and brownie bites with chocolate covered cherries...all for only \$30.

Text your order to 704-221-3038 or call 704-694-4950 to leave a message. The Arts Council is located at 110 South Rutherford Street in Wadesboro, next door to the Ansonia Theatre.

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Anson County's
Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Anson County is updating its Comprehensive Land Use Plan and County leadership believes your input is essential. We are in the final stage of the update and would like your input before completing the Plan.

Once complete, the Comprehensive Land Use Plan will guide the County Board of Commissioners, County Planning Board and County staff in making day-to-day decisions related to land use, capital improvements, and regional coordination.

You can learn about this project and provide input in two ways:

- 1) By visiting this webpage: www.surveymonkey.com/r/AnsonPlan
- 2) Or, by reviewing informational posters and completing a paper survey. Posters and paper surveys can be found at the Anson County Government Center, the REV Uptown, and the Hampton B. Allen Library.

Once you have completed the paper survey, return it to the Anson County Government Center, Office 103, located at 101 S. Greene Street, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

All surveys are due by Monday, February 1, 2021. No personal identifiers will be associated with your name, address, or survey responses.

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