

# Obituaries

## Senior Chief Petty Officer, Gary H. Adams, US Navy Ret.

On Sunday, January 17, 2021, Senior Chief Petty Officer Gary H. Adams, US Navy Ret., entered into rest.

The family will greet friends from 1:00 until 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, during an informal visitation at Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro. A graveside service with full military honors will follow in Olivet United Methodist Church Cemetery in Lilesville with Pastor Cliff Henson officiating.

Gary was born January 25, 1938, in Anson County, and was a son of the late Ernest Washington Adams, Sr. and the late Louise Crepps Adams Shaver.

He served in the United States Navy with 27 years and 9 months of service. He served during the Vietnam War. Following retirement from the Navy, Gary received an associate's degree in criminal justice from Chesterfield Marlboro Technical College in Cheraw, SC and was the Chief of Police for Chesterfield, SC for four years.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Ollie Thompson Adams; his daughters, Janie (David) Demby of Lancaster, SC, Connie Dean of Seneca, SC, Tracy (Jeff) Spencer of Cheraw and Shannon (Ray) Barbour of Chesterfield; his grandchildren, Nicholas (Lori) Campbell of Florence, SC, Cody Spencer (Monika Eddins) of Cheraw, Kaine Simpson (Bethany Parks) of Chesterfield, Kayla (Rodney) Tyndall of Cheraw, Brianna Dean of Seneca and DJ Demby of Lancaster, SC; his great-grandson Coen Davis of Patrick, SC; his brother, Michael Adams of Elizabeth, PA; and several nieces and nephews.

Also, his stepchildren, Sherri Goodman of Martinsville, VA, Sonya (John) Baldwin of Athens, WV and Amber (Wayne) Beasley of Daniels, WV; his step-grandchildren, Timothy Goodman (krystal Kennedy) of Martinsville, Scott Thompson (Jordan Bradley), and Tony Baldwin both of Athens, WV, Paige Jenkins and Britt Beasley both of Daniels, SV and Trent Sagady of Bluefield, WV; and his step-great-grandchildren, Allison Goodman of Martinsville and Brynlee Thompson of Athens, WV.

The family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to Hospice of Stanly and the Uwharrie for the wonderful care they gave to Gary and their family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Stanly and the Uwharrie, 960 N. First St. Albemarle NC 28001 or by visiting their website [www.hospiceofstanly.org](http://www.hospiceofstanly.org).

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

## Mr. Johnnie Felton James

Mr. Johnnie Felton James, 74, of Seneca, SC and Morven, NC, died Monday, January 11, 2021, while a patient at Atrium Health Union in Monroe.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the family is choosing to postpone services until such time that the current restrictions can be eased or lifted.

Born in Stephens County, Georgia on January 12, 1946, Johnnie was a son of the late George Edward and Austeen Scoggins James. Shortly after his birth his family moved to the Oconee area of South Carolina where Johnnie grew up with his five brothers and one sister.

In 2000, after a long career spent as a police officer in Seneca, Clemson and Westminster, Johnnie decided to turn in his badge and enjoy retirement and family. He was an active member of Seneca Masonic Lodge #185 where he served as Treasurer for 17 years. Johnnie had also served the SC 15th District as a District Deputy Grand Master and was a Past Grand Tyler for the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. Because of his distinguished service to Masonry, Johnnie was honored with both the "Frederick Dalco Certificate of Merit" and the "Albert Gallatin Mackey Medal." These awards are the highest honors that can be conferred on a Mason in South Carolina.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 50 years, Margaret Short James of the home; his son David J. James of Seneca; a brother, Ronnie James of Habersham County, GA; a sister, Barbara J. Moore of Seneca; and many nieces, nephews and in-laws whom Johnnie greatly cherished.

In addition to his parents, Johnnie was preceded in death by four brothers, Joe Burgess, Gene James, Ernest James and Donnie James.

The family suggest memorials be made to: Office of Development, Shriners Hospitals for Children - Greenville, 950 W. Faris Road, Greenville, SC 29605 or to Prisma Health Hospice of the Foothills, c/o Oconee Memorial Hospital Foundation, 298 Memorial Drive, Seneca, SC 29672.

Leavitt Funeral Home is serving the James Family. Online condolences may be made at [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).

## Mr. Charles Wilson Northcutt, Sr.

On Tuesday, January 12, 2021, Mr. Charles Wilson Northcutt, Sr., loving husband and father, entered into rest surrounded by his immediate family. He was 82.

Services were held on Saturday, January 16, 2021, by the graveside in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in McFarlan with Rev. Butch Farrah officiating. Due to the continued COVID-19 risks, attendees were asked to practice social distancing at all times. The family requested that all attending the service please wear a face covering.

Charlie was born November 5, 1938, in McFarlan, and was a son of the late Raymond Henry Northcutt and the late Agnes Joyce Northcutt. He was a graduate of Wadesboro High School and a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He was a member of the Kilwinning Masonic Lodge #64 and was a Shriner.

He received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in Chemistry. He played football for the Tarheels. Charlie later graduated from the North Dakota State University with a master's degree in Radiation Physics. Following graduation there he worked for Evanston Hospital in Evanston, IL and later at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. Following his work with the medical field, he worked as a Radiation Safety Officer with Carolina Power and Light, retiring from Duke Energy.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Dorothy Wall Northcutt; his children, Chuck Northcutt and wife Kathy of Rockingham and Lynn Northcutt of Florence, SC; his half-brothers, Lee Northcutt of Charlotte and Steve Northcutt of Wadesboro; and his best friend "Poochie" Northcutt.

In addition to his parents, Charlie was preceded in death by his brothers, David Northcutt and James Northcutt.

Charlie was quite the outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed attending his children's sporting events.

He overcame many life adversities and health issues over the last several years, but fought the good fight and never gave up until the Lord called him home. He is loved and will be missed by many.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Shriner's Hospitals for Children, 2900 N. Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL, 33607.

The family plans to have a celebration of Charlie's life when the COVID 19 pandemic has ended.

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



## Jane Townsend Edwards

Jane Townsend Edwards passed away at her home on Thursday, January 14, 2021.

The family had a private memorial celebration of her life on Sunday, January 17, 2021.

Jane was born September 9, 1932, daughter of the late Sarah Pate Townsend and the late William Bartell Townsend. She was born in Red Springs, NC and grew up in Laurinburg, NC. She graduated from Hollins College in 1954. Jane moved to her beloved Wadesboro in 1956.

The simplest pleasures in life brought great joy to Jane. She was a loyal member of her church, Calvary Episcopal, and was involved in numerous civic organizations, especially the Anson County Arts Council and the Anson County Historical Society. Most of all, she cherished time spent with friends and family over home-cooked meals or on visits to Myrtle Beach. Known to friends as "Big Jane" and as "Big" to her grandchildren, Jane's larger-than-life personality and quick wit outsized her diminutive stature.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bennett Edwards, her son-in-law Steve Mitchener and her daughter-in-law Paren Hardison.

She is survived by her three children, Jim Hardison (Kathy) of Winston Salem, Sally Mitchener of Charlotte and Bart Hardison of Atlanta; and her six grandchildren, Millie and Jimbo Hardison, Jay (Lacey) and McNair Mitchener, and Pate and Caroline Hardison.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Calvary Episcopal Church, 308 E Wade St, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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