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### Mrs. Lucy Watts Billingsley

Mrs. Lucy Watts Billingsley, 99, passed away January 27, 2015 at Autumn Care of Marshville.

Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 30, 2015, at Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Visitation will be Thursday, January 29, 2015, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Morgan & Son Funeral Home of Marshville.

Mrs. Billingsley was the daughter of the late John and Agatha Grady Watts. She was preceded in death by her husband Jim Billingsley and her grandson John Billingsley.

She is survived by her son David Billingsley and his wife Jane of Peachland.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 15958 Marshville-Pageland Rd, Marshville, NC 28103 or Baptist Children's Homes of NC, PO Box 338, Thomasville, NC 27360.

Online condolences may be made at [morganandsonfuneralhome.com](http://morganandsonfuneralhome.com).

### Rev. Roy E. Blount

Reverend Roy E. Blount passed away on Friday, January 9, 2015, at CMC-Union.

Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at Smith's Memorial Chapel. Elder Alfred Blount officiated and Rev. JN Coble was the eulogist. He was buried at Westview Memorial Park in Wadesboro.

Rev. Blount was the eighth child of the late Leroy and LuOla Blount. He was born April 12, 1941 in Union County, North Carolina.

He confessed Christ as his personal savior at an early age and joined Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Monroe where he continued to hold his membership until death. He received his formal education in the public schools of Union County. He furthered his education by attending Teamer Seminary School and Shaw Divinity School.

Rev. Blount was very active in the church, working in several capacities before being called into the ministry February of 1969.

Over the next ten years of his life he pastored the following churches: Thomasville Missionary Baptist Church, Mt. Gilead; Walls Chapel, Mt. Gilead; Brown Creek Baptist Church, Wadesboro; West Rocky Ford Baptist Church, Wadesboro; Friendship Baptist Church, Albemarle; Parker Grove, Badin; and Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church, Marshville. He diligently and faithfully pastored some of these churches at the same time, having morning worship at one

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and traveling to evening services at others. He was currently the pastor of First Baptist Missionary Church Ansonville for 52 years and Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Chesterfield for 41 years.

On March 25, 1967, he was joined in holy matrimony to the former Pearl Lee of Wadesboro. To this union two daughters were born, Natasha Duncan and Roshunda Terry. They were also blessed with two grandchildren, Justin and Kendall Duncan, whom he adored.

Rev. Blount has been a faithful servant of God and spiritual leader for many years. He has served as Moderator of the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Association, President of the St. Paul Sunday School Convention and as a member of the executive and ordaining boards. He has also served as President as of the Zion Sunday School Congress, President of the Ministers, Deacons and Laymen Union, Director of Baptist Training Union of Yadkin Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Association and also Moderator of the Yadkin Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Association. He presently served as President of the Yadkin Philadelphia Missionary Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress and 2nd Vice Moderator, Vice Chairman of the Anson County Voluntary Ag. Committee, and a member of Anson County's planning and zoning boards.

In addition to all of his civic and Christian duties, he was an avid gardener and tiller of the soil. He loved being outside.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Albert Blount, Argrove Blount, Nathaniel Blount and Dolan Blount and two sisters, Jenora Blount and Jacquelyn Blount Blakeney.

He leaves treasured memories to his loving wife of 47 years, Pearl Blount of the home; two daughters Natasha Duncan and Roshunda (William) Terry of Wadesboro; brother Lloyd (Algie) Blount of Mt. Vernon, NY; sister-in-law Ann (Major) Carter of Amherst, VA; two brother-in-laws, Willie (Elsie) Lee of Durham, NC and Rev. Henry (Linda) Lee of Wadesboro; a god daughter, Phyllis (Donnell) Taylor of Oakboro, NC; special great niece Jessica Johnson of Durham; spiritual son of the ministry Bishop Tavaris (Whitnei) Johnson of High Point; two dedicated workers, James Robinson and Gary Kendall; and host of special nieces and nephews, loving cousins, friends and acquaintances.

### Mrs. Faire Belle Tucker Gaddy

Mrs. Faire Belle Tucker Gaddy, 85, died Thursday, January 22, 2015, at Clare Bridge Assisted Living in Monroe.

Funeral services will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 31, 2015, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Bill Whitlow officiating. Interment will follow in Griffin Cemetery in Polkton.

The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service.

Faire Belle was born February 12, 1929, in Anson County, a daughter

of the late William Brady Tucker and the late Odie Wright Tucker. She was a graduate of Polkton High School and had worked as a waitress for several years and was a homemaker. After moving to Morven she worked at Morven Elementary School as a teacher's assistant.

She was a member of Morven Baptist Church where she sang in the choir and volunteered at Morven Senior Center.

Surviving are her sons, Harry E. "Gene" Gaddy, Jr. and William M. "Bill" Gaddy (Elaine), all of Los Angeles, CA; her grandchildren, Rachel and Justin Gaddy, both of Los Angeles; her brothers and sister, Killian Tucker and Ed Tucker, both of Polkton and Louise Anderson of Boone; her sisters-in-law, Cornelia Tucker of Wadesboro and Margaret Helen Hamden of Cheraw; and her nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Harry E. Gaddy, December 29, 2014, and her brothers and sister, Jim Tucker, Charles Tucker and Christine Lane.

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Brookdale Clarebridge Assisted Living in Monroe for their excellent and loving care for her while she was a resident there. Also, a special thanks to the Tucker family for their support of both Faire Belle and Harry over the past several years.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Morven Baptist Church, P.O. Box 337, Morven, NC 28119 or the Alzheimer's Association, 3800 Shamrock Dr., Charlotte, NC 28215.

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

### Mrs. Rebecca Winfree "Becky" Godwin

Mrs. Rebecca Winfree "Becky" Godwin passed away peacefully in her sleep on January 26, 2015. Funeral arrangements were incomplete at press time.

### Mr. Charles Robert Hinson

Mr. Charles Robert Hinson, 73, died Thursday, January 22, 2015, at Anson Health and Rehabilitation.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, January 25, 2015, at Bethany Freewill Baptist Church with Dr. Tom Parrish officiating. Interment followed in Seago Cemetery.

Charles was born in Anson County on February 14, 1941, a son of the late Thomas Frederick "Tom" Hinson Jr. and Alice Bailey Hinson. He was a retired textile worker.

Survivors include two brothers, James Harold Hinson (Ellen) and Ray Hinson; and sister Joyce H. Hardaway, all of Wadesboro; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Leavitt Funeral Home served the Hinson Family.

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### Mr. Sylvester Ingram

Mr. Sylvester Ingram, 60, died Sunday, January

25, 2015, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 1, 2015, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with his brother, Rev. Robert Ingram officiating. Interment will follow in Savannah AME Zion Church Cemetery in Lilesville.

Online condolences may be made at [leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com](http://leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com).

### Mrs. Vera Brady Meadows

Mrs. Vera Brady Meadows, 90, died peacefully on Monday, January 19, 2015, at Anson Health and Rehab with her family by her side.

A service to celebrate her long life was held on Saturday, January 24, 2015, in the Morven United Methodist Church with Rev. Larry King and Rev. Ronnie Sullivan officiating.

The oldest of six children, Vera was born in Randolph County on May 28, 1924. She was a daughter of the late Moses Lee Brady and Hazel Edwards Brady Love. Vera grew up in the Greensboro area and enjoyed a very happy childhood filled with great relatives, fun neighbors and wonderful friends. Her grandmother was particularly influential in her early life and Vera always enjoyed the times spent with "Grandma."

As the oldest child, she was frequently called on to "mother" her younger siblings. As the baby of the family, Jimmy benefited most from his sister's attention and has never forgotten the affection she showered on him. Following graduation from Rankin High School, she completed her Associate Degree in Business. In addition to raising her daughter, she enjoyed working at a number of jobs that included selling real estate on the Grand Strand for Fitzgerald Realty, a stint with the Myrtle Beach Journal newspaper, the Cheraw Chamber of Commerce and Ella Memorial Baptist Church in Greensboro. Vera was proudly a longtime member of the Rose Chapter #178 Order of the Eastern Star in Greensboro.

On September 20, 1947, she married Ernest S. Meadows, and together they enjoyed 29 wonderful years before his death in 1976. In 1959 the family relocated to Cheraw where Vera joined the First United Methodist Church. When she realized there was no local Brownie or Girl Scout troop she promptly organized one for the benefit of young girls in the community. Vera also had a great love for music. She enjoyed playing the piano, the guitar and singing - mostly for herself although she did sing in the church choir in Cheraw. Vera was a terrific wife, mother and community volunteer, working hard at serving her family and neighbors with great love and enthusiasm in everything she did.

Survivors include her daughter, Bonnie M. Huntley (Tookie) of Wadesboro; two brothers, Jimmy Brady (Barbara) and Lairron Ritter (Marine), all of Greensboro; sister-in-law Louise Brady of Kernersville;

step-grandchild Buck Huntley (Jennifer); and five step-great-grandchildren, Taylor, Christian, Marisa, Kiera and Leeland. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Edgar, Charles, Jerry and Bobby Brady; and sisters, Ezlee Pinnix, Leta Westmoreland and Neva Hilliard.

The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to both the staff at Anson Health and Rehab and to Dr. Niazi for the kind and compassionate way in which they cared for and loved our mother.

Memorials may be made to Anson Health and Rehabilitation, Activities Department, 405 S. Greene St., Wadesboro, NC 28170 or to First United Methodist Church, 117 Third Street, Cheraw, SC 29520.

Leavitt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com](http://leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com).

### Debbie Lynn Marie Nicholson

Debbie Lynn Marie Nicholson, 50, died on Friday, January 23, 2015.

A private service will be held in High Point, NC.

She was born on February 29, 1964, in Detroit, Michigan, a daughter of the late Ervin Nicholson and Marilyn Chriscoe.

She is survived by three sisters, Sally (Bobby) White of High Point, NC, Barbara Murdock of Chesterfield and Connie and David Jordan of Wadesboro; brother Bobby Nicholson of Wadesboro; her partner Lisa Ritch of Henderson, NC; her beloved doggie Conner; and several nephews.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to a local charity.

### Mr. Jack Lloyd Presler

Mr. Jack Lloyd Presler, 89, passed away Monday, January 26, 2015, at First Health Richmond Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday, January 28, 2015, at 2 p.m. at Watson-King Funeral Home Chapel in Rockingham with Rev. Dwight Williams officiating. Burial will follow in the Peachland Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Mr. Presler was born

March 20, 1925, in Peachland to the late Frank and Naomi Stegall Presler. After graduation from Peachland High School, he served in the US Army from October, 1944 to December, 1946. He received a Purple Heart. After his military service he worked for 46 years for CSX Railroad, retiring in 1988.

He was a Master Mason and a longtime member of Hamlet Lodge Number 532 where he served as Master of the Lodge in 1972. Mr. Presler was a Shriner and a member of Oasis Temple. He served as an elder and a deacon in First Presbyterian Church in Rockingham (PCUSA).

Mr. Presler was preceded in death by his sisters, Ila Mae Presler and Helen Presler Ingram; his nephew Barry Ingram; and two nieces, Peggy Presler and Robin Poythress.

He is survived by his brother Calvin Presler (Demetra) of Rockingham; his two nieces, Betty Gunderson and Debra Clark (Rea); three step-children, Gene McLaurin (Donna), Mary McLaurin and Dan McLaurin (Lisa); five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be made at [www.watsonkingfuneralhome.com](http://www.watsonkingfuneralhome.com).

### Mrs. Frances Faulkner Steele

Mrs. Frances Faulkner Steele died Thursday evening, January 22, 2015, at Morningside Nursing Home in Lancaster, SC.

A graveside memorial service to celebrate the life of Mrs. Steele was held on Sunday, January 25, 2015, at Deep Creek Baptist Church.

Born March 21, 1930, in Charlotte, she was a daughter of the late Clyde and Mable Burch Faulkner.

Mrs. Steele is survived by sons, Gary Steele of Marshville and Chris Steele of Morven; daughters, Tina Rowell of Polkton and Donna Burdette of Lancaster; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers memorials should be made to: Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research ([www.michaeljfox.org](http://www.michaeljfox.org)) or Deep Creek Baptist Church Music Dept., 1280 Beck Road, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Thank  
you

Gratitude and thanks are extended to those who were supportive of us during the loss of our recently departed husband and father, Rev. Roy E. Blount.

Our appreciations are extended to family members, friends, various churches, the J. R. Faison Graduating Class of 1963, and program participants.

Thank you for the encouraging words of comfort, food, cards, floral tributes, monetary donations and your kind expressions of solace. We sincerely thank you, and will forever be grateful.

May God bless you all.

*The Family of Rev. Roy E. Blount*

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Reading program at Hampton B. Allen Library allows kids to dream big...and earn circus tickets!

Kids, are you interested in reading some cool library books? Are you interested in earning a circus ticket at the same time? Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey and Hampton B. Allen Library will be hosting some serious fun with Reading with Ringling Bros.!

The reading program is easy and fun for kids to participate. The best part is that kids can earn a Ringling Bros. circus ticket by simply doing their library reading! Children from ages two to 12 simply need to enroll with the librarian, who will give kids everything to start their library reading. This unique library reading program will encourage children not only to read, but also to discover, dream and learn! For more, visit [www.ReadingWithRingling.com](http://www.ReadingWithRingling.com).

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey will be playing January 28 through February 1 at the Time Warner Cable Arena in Charlotte. For Charlotte-area library patrons there is required parent/guardian ticket purchase upon redemption of the child's card. There is one (1) paid adult ticket with every three (3) free kids' tickets. The circus reading voucher is valid on all performances. See the front and back of your child's redemption card for more information.

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