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Janice Laney (Erby), both of Marshville; and his brother-in-law Bobby Stegall of Peachland, who was like a brother to him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters and brothers, Linda Faye Baldwin, Infant Mabel Ruth Gaddy and James Harvey Gaddy; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ralph and Ruth “Billie” Stegall; and his brother-in-law James Stegall.

Truby’s family is most grateful to the staff of McWhorter Hospice House in Monroe for the loving care they provided to him and for the support shown to Kathryn.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Friends of the Anson County Animal Shelter, Attn: Stephanie Phiffer, P.O. Box 117, Marshville, NC 28103, or to Hospice of Union County, 700 West Roosevelt Boulevard, Monroe, NC 28110.

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

Mrs. Judy Smith Henry

On Friday, January 23, 2026, Mrs. Judy Smith Henry, 83, passed away peacefully at her home.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at Cathedral Baptist Church. Interment will follow in Lilesville Cemetery.

The family will greet friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at Leavitt Funeral Home.

Judy was born September 24, 1942, in Anson County, and was a daughter of the late Grover Smith and the late Kathleen Bunn Smith. She was a 1960 graduate of Wadesboro High School.

She was retired from Anson County Schools, having worked for more than 30 years in data management at Anson Middle School.

Judy was a faithful member of Cathedral Baptist Church, where she taught children’s Sunday school and played the piano.

Those who are left to cherish her memory are her sons, Robbie Henry (Susan) and Randy Henry (Deborah), both of Lilesville; her grandchildren, Jamie Henry (Amanda), Kristie Goodwin (Travis), Abby Young (Lucas) and Jake Henry (Amelia), all of Lilesville; and her great-grandchildren, Gretchen Henry, Gracelyn Henry, Landis Goodwin, Payon Goodwin, Drew Young, Connor Young, Ellie Henry and Hunter Henry.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband William Raymond Henry, and by her brother Grover Smith.

Judy will be remembered for her love for her family and church family. She was always willing to help someone in need and often shared encouraging words with others. Her selfless love and devotion to her Lord and her family will live on in the lives she touched.

The family is gathering at the home of Robbie and Susan Henry in Lilesville.

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Mr. Benjamin Leak Tyson

On Friday, January 23, 2026, Mr. Benjamin Leak Tyson, 95, passed away peacefully at his home.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Ricky Marsh officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

The family greeted friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Ben was born July 7, 1930, in Anson County, and was a son of the late John Caudle Tyson and the late Irene Williams Tyson. He worked for more than 45 years with West Knitting Mills, retiring as a machinist, and he was also a farmer.

He was a longtime member of Bethany Free Will Baptist Church in Wadesboro, where he served as a deacon.

Those who are left to cherish his memory are his wife of 76 years, Betty Horne Tyson; his daughters and sons-in-law, Teresa and Rodney Ray of Wadesboro and Melanie and Billy Phillips of Burnsville; his grandchildren, Eric Tyson (Jean) of Wilmington, Ashley Tyson of Aquadale, Brandy Mullis of Wadesboro, Emily Stewart (Greg) of Polkton, Kelly Miles (Josh) of Peachland, Nicole Luquire (Heath) of Albemarle, Josh Phillips (Cortney) of Patrick, South Carolina, Jessica Benton (Spud) of Ansonville and John Phillips (Jenny) of Burnsville; 29 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren; and his sister Margaret Batten of Gainesville, Georgia.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sons, Derwin Tyson and Mikey Tyson; his grandson Shane Tyson; and by his brothers and sister, Baxter Tyson, Henry Tyson and Frances Floyd.

Ben enjoyed fishing, hunting and gardening and was known for growing the best collards around. He was a hard worker and an excellent provider for his family. A very simple man, being at home suited him best, and he dearly loved his wife and all of his family.

The family wishes to express heartfelt gratitude to the staff of Atrium Union and Anson Hospice for the kind and loving care they provided to Ben.

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Mr. Truby Frank Gaddy

On Sunday, January 25, 2026, Mr. Truby Frank Gaddy, 77, passed away peacefully with his loving and devoted wife and fur baby, Daisy, at his bedside. Truby was courageous following the news of his diagnosis just six days before his passing, and he made sure everyone knew he was at peace and wanted his wife to be taken care of.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 30, 2026, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Mr. Ken Caulder officiating. Interment will follow in Peachland Cemetery with military honors.

The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service on Friday at the funeral home.

Truby was born February 21, 1948, in Union County, North Carolina and was a son of the late Julius Frank Gaddy and the late Alice Ruth Hasty Gaddy. He attended Forest Hills High School and South Piedmont Community College, formerly Anson Technical College.

He was a veteran of the United States Army, having served during the Vietnam War. Truby was active in combat and was awarded two Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star with “V” Device, the United States Armed Forces’ fourth-highest combat award, recognizing heroic acts performed in direct combat with an enemy.

Truby was employed with Duff Norton in Wadesboro, now Coffing Hoists, where he worked as an assembler.

He enjoyed working in his yard and spending time with his wife and their beloved fur babies.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 58 years, Kathryn Stegal Gaddy; their fur babies, Daisy and Snowball; his sisters, Lois Watkins and Kathryn; his sons, Bobby Stegall and James Stegall; and his daughter, Linda Faye Baldwin. Truby was preceded in death by his father, Julius Frank Gaddy, and his mother, Alice Ruth Hasty Gaddy.

Anson County AA Meeting Schedules

The Anson County Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Group meets on Mondays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. for an Open Topic Meeting.

The Harmony Group meets on Wednesdays at 12 noon for an Open Discussion Meeting.

Anyone who thinks they may have a problem with drugs or alcohol, AA wants to help.

All meetings are held at the AA Building, located at 2177 Country Club Road in Wadesboro, across from the EMS building. Meetings are non-smoking and handicap accessible.

Mrs. Barbara Allen Altieri

June 17, 1935 — January 18, 2026

On Sunday, January 18, 2026, Mrs. Barbara Allen Altieri, 90, of Bermuda Run and formerly of Wadesboro, passed away peacefully at Bermuda Village Retirement Center.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 22, 2026, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

The family greeted friends prior to the service at the funeral home.



Born June 17, 1935, in St. Petersburg, FL; she was the daughter of the late Albert Allen Jr. and Margaret Breeding Allen. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her sister Judith. Barbara was a devoted wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

She shared a loving 70-year marriage with her husband, Dr. Donald Altieri, and together they raised three children - Lauri, Mark, and Mike - building a close, family-centered life in Gainesville, Florida, Hickory, North Carolina, and Wadesboro, North Carolina. Throughout her life, Barbara was active in the communities she called home, including the Gainesville Women’s Club and the Hickory Junior Women’s Club. She cherished her church family at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Hickory and First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro, where she was known for her service and leadership. In Wadesboro, she was actively involved in Leadership Anson and was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow.

An entrepreneur at heart and artistic in spirit, Barbara brought creativity, warmth, and humor into everyday life. She was loved for her quick wit and unforgettable one-liners, and for the steady way she cared for those around her. Above all, she treasured her family and was the guiding hand of the family - faithful, fun-loving, and steadfast.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, Dr. Donald Altieri; her sister Nancy Puryear; her children, Lauri, Mark, and Mike; seven grandchildren, Shannon, Heather, Cassidy, Abigail, Alyson, Cameron, and Caroline; and five great-grandchildren, Grayson, Bristol, Liliana, Madeline, and Raelynn.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Wadesboro Rotary Club Planetarium and Science Center P.O. Box 110, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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