

Deborah Rose Beck, 68, of Wadesboro, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 2, 2024, at Leavitt Funeral Home. Visitation is 1 hour prior to the service at Leavitt Funeral Home.

Debbie was a caring and devoted nurse for most of her life in Wadesboro. She loved animals, working in the yard and working in her flowers. Her beautiful cats, Precious and Baby, were her constant companions. Debbie and her sister Anne were inseparable and loved spending time together.

Debbie was predeceased by her parents, Clarence and Betty Rose Beck.

Those left to cherish her memories are her sister Mary Anne Huntley (Billy) of Wadesboro; her aunt Rita Short of Wadesboro; her uncle Max Harris of Concord; and many cousins.

Memorials may be made to Gentiva Hospice, 1791E Broad Avenue, Rockingham, N.C. 28379-4501 or Anson County Animal Shelter, 7257 US Hwy 74 Polkton, NC 28135.

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

Dorothy Lee Gaddy, 92, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at McWhorter Hospice House in Monroe.

Services were held on Monday, January 29, 2024, at Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. J.D. Moffett officiating. The family greeted friends following the service at the funeral home. A private interment was held in Wightman Methodist Church Cemetery in the Burnsville Community of Anson County.

Dorothy was born October 11, 1931, in the Burnsville Community of Anson County and was a daughter of the late Ray Terrell and Isabell Parker Lee. She was a 1949 graduate of Burnsville High School. Dot, as she was called by her many friends, never met a stranger. She enjoyed visiting with friends and family on long telephone conversations. Dot loved spending time at the farm in Cedar Hill, where she was a member of Cedar Hill United Methodist Church.

She leaves to cherish her memory her son Richard Gaddy of Wadesboro; her daughter Marsha Gaddy of Mint Hill; her sister Marilyn Mitchum of Matthews; brother, Frank Lee (Sarah Ann) of Norwood; her sisters-in-law, Joyce Lee of Norwood, Mary Shepherd Trexler of Wadesboro and Sue Durham of Apex; and many nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband William Marshall Gaddy and her brother Julian Lee.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Wightman Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, 282 Gaddys Ferry Rd., Polkton, NC 28135 or Hospice of Union County, 700 W. Roosevelt Blvd. Monroe, NC 28110, or to the charity of your choice.

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## Dorothy Lisenby Brock

Dorothy Lisenby Brock passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, January 25, 2024.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Eddie Brock and Pastor Rob Washington officiating. Interment followed at Anson Memorial Park.

Visitation was held one hour prior to the service at Leavitt Funeral Home.

Dorothy was born July 17, 1931, in Chesterfield, SC to the late Ed Andrew Lisenby and Eva Inez Teal Lisenby. She was a graduate of Ruby High School and worked for over 20 years at West Knitting Mills and later Unity Knitting Mills as an inspector.

Dorothy was a member of Prince of Peace Church, serving as secretary of the Ladies Auxiliary for many years. She loved mowing her yard and working in her flowers. She loved her roses, daylilies, moon flowers and petunias. She enjoyed playing BINGO on the computer and watching her soaps: *The Young and The Restless* and *Bold and Beautiful* with her fur baby Junior. She loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Dorothy was predeceased by her parents, her husbands, Junius Griggs, E.C. Eddins and Frank Brock; her son-in-law Johnny Adams; and brothers, Otis and Leon Lisenby.

Left to cherish her memories are her daughters, Bonnie Polson of Cheraw, SC and Cheryl Brower (Mike) of Wadesboro; grandchildren, Jean Elizabeth Flowers (William Hunt), Erica Rayfield (Derek) and Sean Polson; great-grandchildren, Carolyn Rayfield, Carlee Rayfield, Claudia Flowers, Avah Flowers, Tristin Hunt and Zoi Hunt; her sister Flora Bell Lavender (Bill) of Thomasville; sister-in-law Ethel Lisenby; and a daughter of the heart, Mary Lee Eddins.

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

## Hampton B. Allen Library Offers Sittercise (Chair Exercise) Classes in February

The Hampton B. Allen Library will have chair exercise classes on Thursday, February 8 and Thursday, February 22 with instructor Sheila Raye. Classes are at 10:30 a.m. in Library's Pritchett Room. Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

## Eugene Marion Ward



On Thursday, January 25, 2024, Mr. Eugene Marion Ward, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend passed away peacefully at McWhorter Hospice House in Monroe.

There will be a service of worship in celebration of Gene's life at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at First Baptist Church, Wadesboro with Dr. Tim Moore and Dr. Harry Workman officiating.

The family will greet friends following the service at a reception in the church fellowship hall.

A graveside service officiated by Dr. Fred Senter will be held at East Duplin Cemetery in Beulaville, NC on Sunday, February 4, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Gene was born on September 11, 1934, in Edenton, NC and was a son of the late Ernest J. and Annie W. Ward. He was a graduate of Edenton High School and East Carolina University where he received a degree in Business. He later did graduate studies at Indiana University in Bloomington.

Gene's long and successful career in banking began with Edenton Savings and Loan. He later worked with Citizen's Savings and Loan in Rocky Mount before accepting the position as Executive Vice President of Anson Savings and Loan in Wadesboro in 1962. At the time of his retirement in 2001 from Anson Bank and Trust Co. as President and CEO, his banking career in North Carolina spanned more than 50 years. He was a well-respected member of the banking industry and his community where he served his clients well.

Gene was an active member of his community, serving the local schools as PTA president and an active member of the Anson High Booster Club. He was a loyal fan and was passionate about supporting the Anson High School Bearcat Football Team.

As a member of the Wadesboro Rotary Club for more than 50 years and former President, Gene was awarded the prestigious Paul Harris Fellow. He was a member of the Wadesboro Town Council and served as Town Treasurer and Mayor Pro Tem.

Gene was an avid fisherman and loved taking his family on fishing trips along the NC Coast. He enjoyed attending NC State and Carolina Panthers football games and creating many happy memories with his family on vacations.

Gene was a member of First Baptist Church, Wadesboro where he served on numerous committees, largely with the Budget and Finance Committee, church treasurer and sharing his strong and rich bass voice by singing with the Chancel Choir.

Although Gene accomplished remarkable things professionally, he will be most remembered for his generosity, kindness, and always putting others first. Gene was selfless and found true joy and happiness in helping others. His never-ending generosity to his community, church, friends, strangers, and family was a blessing and a gift. Gene's big heart, funny stories, and his love will be deeply missed.

Those who will cherish his memory are his wife of 55 years, Katie Grady Ward; his children, Jenna Ward Jenkins (Mitch) of Greenville, SC, and Ken Ward (Leta) of Cary, NC; his granddaughters, Elizabeth Jenkins, Victoria Jenkins, Madison Ward and Ashley Ward; and many friends in his beloved community.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers Ernest, Millard and John Ward.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, PO Box 243, Wadesboro, NC 28170, or to Hospice of Union County, 700 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 28110.

Gene's family is especially grateful to the medical teams with Atrium Health who cared for him exceptionally and to Hospice of Union County for the comforting care they provided.

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## Ruby Wilson Huntley



Ruby Wilson Huntley, a retired schoolteacher and wife of the late William Henry Huntley, Jr., died January 24, 2024, at 99 years of age.

There will be a graveside service in Eastview Cemetery on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. with burial beside her beloved husband. The family greeted visitors at Leavitt Funeral Home on Tuesday, January 30, 2024.

Ruby Elizabeth Wilson was born on June 17, 1924, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan to the late David and Cora Curtis Wilson. Her siblings were Opal Wilson Calomino and Doris Wilson Mackie. After graduating from high school in 1942, she worked three years at the St. Mary's Fall Canal (Soo Locks) that connected two of the great lakes. During this period her goal was to work overseas. Beginning in early 1946 she was a secretary for the U.S. War Department in Austria for 18 months. The next two years she was a full-time student at Michigan State for business courses. This prepared her to join the State Department as a secretary in 1950. After a brief time in South Korea she was assigned to Vietnam.

She and William Henry Huntley met in Saigon, Vietnam in 1950, when each one was employed by the U.S. Government - Ruby as secretary at the Embassy and Henry as air attaché to France serving in the U. S. Air Force. They loved their jobs and enjoyed the social life. At that time only 100 Americans were based in Vietnam. When Henry was assigned to a base in Long Island, New York in 1953, the couple married and then had two children - Pamela in 1954 and Billy in 1959. During Henry's Air Force career in several locations, the family always visited relatives and friends in Anson County at least annually. Henry's career took the family to Montgomery, AL; Honolulu, Hawaii; the Washington, D.C. area; and San Antonio, TX.

When Henry retired as a colonel from the Air Force in 1970, the family moved to Anson County and joined First Methodist Church in Wadesboro. By this time Ruby had earned education degrees from Huntingdon College and a master's degree from Southwest Texas State (now Texas State University). Ruby taught at elementary schools in Montgomery for two years and at San Antonio for two years. Ruby taught fourth and fifth grades at Chesterfield Middle School in Chesterfield, SC for 20 years.

On the mother's side of the family, Ruby is directly related to William Brewster who came across the Atlantic Ocean on the Mayflower ship.

Ruby is survived by a daughter, Pamela Huntley Turner and son William Henry Huntley, III (Anne); seven nieces and nephews; and several great nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by both sisters, Doris Mackie and Opal Calomino; her husband Henry Huntley; and all four of Henry's siblings.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Wadesboro at 118 East Morgan Street Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Arrangements are in the care of Leavitt Funeral Home.

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