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**Mr. Bradley  
Wilson Pope**

Mr. Bradley Wilson Pope, 88, died Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at Wadesboro Health and Rehab in Wadesboro.

A memorial service was held on Friday, February 15, 2019, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Steve Hill and Rev. David Pope officiating. There will be a private inurnment at Red Hill Baptist Church Cemetery at a later date.

Brad was born August

# Obituaries

12, 1930, in Anson County, a son of the late Horace Kenneth Pope and the late Pearl Mae Tucker Pope. He was a graduate of Ansonville High School and a life-time member of Red Hill Baptist Church. He was baptized as young boy in a creek back behind Red Hill Church.

Brad was the owner and operator of Anson Radiator Shop in Wadesboro for more than 60 years. Often referred to in and around Anson County as "The Radiator Man," he built his business on integrity and customer service. He was always willing to help anyone with radiator issues, never turning anyone away for their inability to pay.

Surviving are his wife of 67 years, Pauline Maree Pope; his grandchildren, Tara Maree Stegall Shumard (Jeff) and Ted Eugene Stegall, Jr. (Nicole) of Marshville; his great-grandchildren, Jackson and Grayson Shumard and Bradley and Lillian Stegall; his son-in-law, Teddy Stegall of Marshville; his sisters and brother, Shasta Thompson (Irvin) and Frank Pope (Ruth Ann), all of Ansonville and Grace

Pope (David) of Nashville, NC, and his sister-in-law, Ann Pope of Winston-Salem.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter Paula Pope Stegall and brothers, Tommy Pope and Ken Pope.

The family is grateful to the staff of Wadesboro Health and Rehab for their loving care for Brad, especially, Shelly, Miranda and Cerisyl.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Red Hill Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, Tiffany Randall, 2405 Randall Rd., Polkton, NC 28135.

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

**Mr. John  
Clyde Neal, Jr.**

Mr. John Clyde Neal, Jr., 93, died Friday, February 15, 2019, at his home.

A memorial service was held at First Presbyterian Church in Rockingham on Sunday, February 17, 2019, with Rev. Dwight Williams officiating.

John was born May 3, 1925, in Stanly County,

NC, and his sister-in-law, late John Clyde Neal, Sr. and the late Monte Liles Neal.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Catherine Downer Neal of the home; his children, Wm. Liles Neal (Sandra) of Concord, Stephen D. Neal of Lilesville and Julie Neal Poplin (Mike) of Ellerbe; nine adventurous grandchildren, Katie Poplin, Elizabeth Poplin Revels, Jennifer Neal, Allan Neal, Michael Poplin, Laura Neal, Liles, Jr, Andrea Neal Pocaroba and Christopher Neal; five great-grandchildren, Dominic and Gabriel Pocaroba, Ashlynn and Emma Poplin-Revels and Max Poplin Davis; his sister Mary Frances Gilmore (Jim) of Polkton; his sister-in-law Jane Neal of Morganton; and numerous nieces, nephews and ex-

family, including Kelli Noble and Lela Spriggs. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son John C. Neal, III and brother H. Douglas Neal.

John was a World War II Navy veteran, and privileged to be a member of the task force that liberated American prisoners of war in Japan and China. He was employed by Carolina Power and Light at the Blewett Falls plant for over 39 years (1946-1985), and retired as Superintendent. He lived a full life sharing adventures on the Pee Dee River with all who knew him. He was an active member of First Presbyterian Church, Rockingham where he had served as a Deacon and Elder. Forestville United Methodist Church in

Lilesville was his home church and remained a special part of the lives of John and his family.

He was a member of the Kilwinning Masonic Lodge #64 for nearly 70 years, and at the time of his death was the oldest member of the lodge. He was an avid fisherman, gardener and innovative project manager.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 904 Fayetteville Rd., Rockingham, NC 29379 or Richmond County Hospice and Anson Community Hospice, 1119 US 1 N, Rockingham, NC 28379.

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

**PIEDMONT Bridal Show**  
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## Upcoming Events at Anson Extension for Farmers and Forest Landowners

The Woodland Stewardship Webinar Series targets novice forest landowners, but welcomes anyone who is interested. Participants will join other forest landowners across North Carolina, and our region, on a weekly basis to discuss forest management issues and practices.

In addition to forestry, one pesticide class offering 2 hours of V credits will also be offered in Anson County.

To register for any of these classes please contact Anson Extension at 704-694-2415, or visit their office, located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro.

- February 21, 7 to 9 p.m. - Getting to know your woodlands webinar. Learn how natural and human forests have shaped the forest in this region and the importance of this knowledge when developing management plans and implementing practices on your forests.
- February 26, 10 a.m. to 12 noon - Two hours of pesticide private applicator V credits.
- February 28, 7 to 9 p.m. - Managing your woodlands webinar. Learn about the basics of pine and hardwood management with tips on managing for the future.
- March 7, 7 to 9 p.m. - Identifying and managing woodland threats webinar. Learn about forest health with emphasis on a few basic pest principles, an example of each threat, and simple practices to help ensure your woodland remains healthy and productive.
- March 14, 7 to 9 p.m. - Wildlife and Woodlands webinar. Learn about wildlife and your woodlands with a focus on wildlife habitat requirements and how to enhance habitat for game and non-game species.

## East Polkton School Alumni Black History Month Celebration

The East Polkton School Alumni will host their 2019 Celebration of Black History Month this Saturday, February 23 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro. The event will take place from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Nathel Hailey, President of the Union County NAACP.

Tickets are available from East Polkton School Alumni members. Contact Cynthia Myles for additional information at 704-408-2729.

## Free Movie is Unbroken

Hampton B. Allen Library announces the free movie *Unbroken* will be presented on Monday, February 25 at 10 a.m. in the Little Theatre. *Unbroken* is the inspirational true story of World War II hero Louis Zamperini. Louis meets Cynthia Applewhite, a young woman who becomes his wife. Zamperini's personal demons soon threaten to destroy his marriage until he hears a soul stirring message that changes his life in 1949. Embracing his newfound faith, Louis starts to turn his life around by learning to forgive his former oppressors and spreading the message of peace and love. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy this powerful true story. Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

## Ladies Out at Grace Senior Center

Ladies Out is held every Monday at 1 p.m. at Grace Senior Center. To register call 704-694-6616. Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, just past IGA.



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That's why we are inviting you - our staff, students and families - to walk together as part of Active Anson, our NEW community walking program.

**Thursdays, 6 to 7 p.m.**

Walk at any of the locations on the dates listed below. The weather will determine if we'll walk in the gym or outside.

**Participating students will receive homework passes!**

**At your school:**

- February 28
- March 7
- March 14
- March 21
- March 28

**At your community park:**

- April 4
- April 11
- April 18
- May 2
- May 9

- Ansonville Elementary School
- Lilesville Elementary School
- Morven Elementary School
- Peachland - Polkton Elementary School
- Wadesboro Elementary School
- Wadesboro Primary School



- Ansonville Walking Trail
- Lilesville Park
- Little Park
- Morven Park
- Peachland Park
- Polkton Walking Trail
- Wadesboro Park

**Mark your calendars!**

County-wide Active Anson Kick-off: February 21, 6 to 7 p.m.  
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