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**Mrs. Camille Moss Ballard**

Mrs. Camille Moss Ballard, 62, died peacefully Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte with her husband and son by her side.

Funeral services were held on Friday, March 16, 2018, at First Baptist Church, Wadesboro. There was a private interment in Eastview Cemetery.

**Obituaries**

Camille was born December 19, 1955, in Lee County, NC, a daughter of Evelyn Wallace Moss and the late John Chandler Moss. She was a graduate of Richmond Senior High School and received her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from St. Andrew's Presbyterian College. She later received her Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Gardner Webb University.

Her career in elementary education would span more than 33 years, having taught first in Richmond County Schools and later in Anson County Schools where she retired from Lilesville Elementary. She was currently employed on a part time substitute basis with Lilesville Elementary School. She cared very deeply for the children she taught and had a new story to share with her family every day about one of her children.

She was a member of First Baptist Church,

Wadesboro, and was a quiet and humble example of a Christian lady.

Of accomplishments in Camille's life, the one she was most proud of was that of mother. She was very proud of her son and the young man he has become.

Camille will be remembered as a devoted wife and mother, a loving daughter, sister, aunt and friend.

Surviving are her husband of 31 years, John Irvin Ballard, Jr. and her son John Irvin Ballard, III, both of the home; her mother Evelyn Moss of Rockingham; her sisters, Elizabeth Ann Moss and Beverly Moss Crouse, both of Rockingham; her sister-in-law Katharine Ballard Ainsworth of Wadesboro; her nephews and nieces, Dr. David S. Crouse of Winston-Salem, Hannah Wallace Crouse of Carboro, Christina Elizabeth Moss of Rockingham, Charles Arthur Lee Ainsworth, III (Brook) of Wadesboro and Elizabeth Conaway Ainsworth of Belmont; her great-niece

Alexandria Ainsworth of Wadesboro; and the Suite 1 girls from St. Andrew's. She was also looking forward to the birth of Lee and Brook's twin boy and girl this spring.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Irvin and Barbara Ballard.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 423, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or to St. Andrew's Education Program, 1700 Dogwood Mile Laurinburg, NC 28352.

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

**Mr. William Jackson "Jackie" Baker, III**

Mr. William Jackson "Jackie" Baker, III, 54, died peacefully on Friday, March 16, 2018, at Anson Health and Rehabilitation Center in Wadesboro.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 19, 2018 in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Mark Perko officiating. The interment will be private in Deep Creek Church Cemetery at a later time.

Jackie was born July 25, 1963, in Anson County, a son of William Jackson "Joe" Baker, Jr. and Brenda Carter Baker. He was a 1983 graduate of Bowman High School and a devoted Carolina Tarheel fan, as well as, a member of Deep Creek Baptist Church.

Surviving are his parents, W. J. "Joe" and Brenda Baker of Wadesboro; his sister Angie (Troy) Martin of Albemarle; his niece, Haley Martin of Albemarle; and his aunts and uncles, Richard (Joan) Baker of Stallings, Paul (Shirley) Carter of Lilesville, Edna Baker, Rev. D. W. Carpenter and Sarah Frances Baker, all of Wadesboro; and his great-aunt, Lib Lear of Wadesboro.

He was preceded in

death by a brother, Fredrick Baker and his grandparents, Eugene and Minnie Bunn Carter, Will and Nezzie Chewning Baker and Mollie McManus Baker.

The family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to the staff of Ambassador Health and Rehab, formerly, Heritage Hills Nursing Home, for their loving care they showed to Jackie while he was their resident for 22 years, and most recently to the staff of Anson Health and Rehabilitation where he has been a resident for the past three years. The family will always be grateful for the love shown to him and the friendships made.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Deep Creek Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 3245 Deep Creek Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

**BRLC Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center will host their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, March 30, from 2 to 5 p.m. The community is invited to come and enjoy getting to know your neighbors as well as to help the smaller children hunt eggs.

Volunteer Takesha Hammond and other BRLC volunteers will coordinate this year's event. There will be food and gifts for all the children who attend. She the bunny rabbit will be making pictures with the children for a small offering.

All children are asked to wear Easter bonnets if they have them.

For more information on how you can help with the activities please call the center at 704-826-8737. BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department.

**Understanding & Managing Behavior in Autism**

Connections, a family support program of Sandhills Center in collaboration with NNC Families United will present a program entitled Understanding & Managing Behavior in Autism. The program will take place on Thursday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Rockingham, located at 410 East Washington Street.

The presenter is Nancy Popkin, an autism resource specialist. This presentation will help parents get a glimpse at how certain characteristics of autism affect an individual's behavior. They will discuss what these behaviors mean, develop new ways to interpret behaviors and introduce some basic strategies to help parents manage behavior at home and in the community.

Lunch and resources will be provided free to those who register. Space is limited, so please register by April 23. To register or for more information contact Suzanne Maness, Family Advocate, at 877-211-5995 or [connectionsfsp@gmail.com](mailto:connectionsfsp@gmail.com).

**Atrium Health Has Lifted Visitor Restrictions Due to Flu**

Effective at 7 a.m. on Friday, March 16, flu restrictions for visitors 12 and under were lifted at Charlotte-area Atrium Health hospitals (formerly Carolinas HealthCare). A significant drop in the number of patients being seen with flu-like symptoms prompted the change.

Atrium Health joined Novant Health, Cone Health and Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in lifting the restrictions at the same date and time to prevent confusion among the public and avoid a patchwork of varying restrictions.

Hospitals affected by the change are: Carolinas Medical Center, Levine Children's Hospital, Carolinas Medical Center-Mercy, Carolinas HealthCare System NorthEast, Carolinas HealthCare System Pineville, Carolinas HealthCare System Union, Carolinas HealthCare System University, Carolinas HealthCare System Lincoln, Carolinas HealthCare System Cleveland, Carolinas HealthCare System Kings Mountain, Carolinas HealthCare System Blue Ridge, Carolinas HealthCare System Stanly, Carolinas HealthCare System Anson, Carolinas HealthCare System Behavioral Health-Charlotte, Carolinas HealthCare System Behavioral Health-Davidson, Carolinas Rehabilitation-Charlotte, Carolinas Rehabilitation-NorthEast, Carolinas Rehabilitation-Mt. Holly, and Carolinas Rehabilitation-Pineville.

For the week ending March 10, the last full week measured, about three percent of Atrium Health patients were seen for flu-like illness. This compares to a high of 12 percent of patients who were seen for flu-like illness during the week ending February 10.

Despite the decline, Atrium Health is asking individuals of all ages who are experiencing flu-like symptoms to help control the spread of the illness by not visiting patients in the hospital. Symptoms include: fever, headaches/body aches/pain, cough or sore throat, stuffy or runny nose, chills, fatigue, nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea. Atrium Health teammates who provided a medical or religious exemption and did not receive the flu vaccine will continue to wear masks when providing direct patient care until the end of flu season is declared.

To reduce the odds of getting the flu, Atrium Health recommends frequent handwashing with soap or use of an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, not touching eyes, nose or mouth with hands, and getting an annual flu shot.

Most people with the flu have mild illness and do not need medical care. If you have flu symptoms, in most cases you should stay home and avoid contact with other people. Flu sufferers should rest, drink fluids and take ibuprofen or acetaminophen to reduce minor pain or fever.

If symptoms are severe enough to require a visit to a healthcare provider, a physician's office, urgent care center or virtual visit may be the best option to minimize wait times in the emergency department. The emergency department should only be used for people who are very sick such as those with difficulty breathing, chest pain, confusion, severe vomiting or signs of dehydration.

More information on flu symptoms, urgent care wait times and virtual visits is available at [carolinashealthcare.org](http://carolinashealthcare.org).

**Free Movie is Wonder**

The Hampton B. Allen Library's free movie for Monday, March 26 is *Wonder*. It plays at 10 a.m. in the Little Theatre. Based on the New York Times bestseller, *Wonder* tells the incredibly inspiring and heartwarming story of August Pullman, a boy with facial differences who enters fifth grade, attending a mainstream elementary school for the first time. The movie stars Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson and Jacob Tremblay. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy this beautiful movie.

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Applicants with North Carolina certifications in radar, DCI, intoximeter, DWI detection, and investigative experience are preferred.

Applications will be accepted at the Police Department or Polkton Town Hall Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Applicants are encouraged to pick up an application to the Polkton Police Department in the Town Hall, on the Polkton Police Department website ([www.townofpolktonpolice.com](http://www.townofpolktonpolice.com)), or in person at the Police Department. We also encourage the applicant to provide a F3 (North Carolina Education and Training Standards Division) along with the application. Applicants will be required to submit to an approved background investigation, drug screening, credit history check, psychological examination, and medical screening.

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