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On Monday, March 21, 2022, Mr. James Jackson "Jimmy" Gaddy, 67, passed away peacefully at Atrium Health Northeast in Concord.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 27, 2022, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Anson Memorial Park.

The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service Sunday at the funeral home and other times at the Gaddy home.

Jimmy was born October 23, 1954, in Anson County, and was a son of the late James Franklin Gaddy and the late Eula Curtis Gaddy. He was a 1973 graduate of Bowman High School. He was a founding member of Gullede Volunteer Fire Department and helped in the construction of the first building.

A man of great work ethic, he worked at Wade Manufacturing during his junior and senior years of high school. He, along with his wife, catered at Twin Valley Country Club for a number of years, and following that he managed a roofing company. He worked as a supervisor at Anson Correctional and later retired from Xcel Hermetic, Inc.

Those left to cherish his memory are his daughters, Brandy Sims of Hamlet and Nikki Gaddy of Wadesboro; his grandchildren, Dakota Curry, Zachary Sims, Harleigh Baucom, Levi Baucom and Tucker Gaddy; his great-grandchild Phoenix Sims; his sisters, Sara Freeman of Chesterfield, SC, Brenda Meachum of Wadesboro and Elaine Thomas (Johnny) of Peachland; and his nephews, Jonathan Thomas, Jason Thomas and Tony Meachum (Monica) and their families.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, James Jackson Gaddy, Jr.; his son-in-law, Mark Sims; his brothers-in-law, Charles Freeman and Cecil Meachum; his nephews, Benny Freeman and Michael Freeman and a special cousin, Billy Ray Curtis.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Gullede Volunteer Fire Department, c/o Phyllis Dawkins, 109 Baker Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

## Mr. Richard Carl "Dick" Porten

On Sunday, March 20, 2022, Mr. Richard Carl "Dick" Porten, 79, passed away peacefully at Hospice Haven in Rockingham with his son and daughter-in-law by his bedside. His family is comforted that he is now reunited with the love of his life of 59 years, Joan Penird Porten.

There will be a memorial service at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 26, 2022, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the funeral home and other times at the home in the Deep Creek Community.

Dick was born June 17, 1942, in Auburn, NY, and was a son of the late George William Porten and the late Virginia Barnes Porten. He was a graduate of Auburn East High School and attended the University of Buffalo, where he played football.

Following time at the University of Buffalo Dick worked with an accounting firm in Ithica, NY. He got a taste for farming when he worked with his uncle at his tree nursery near Wasko Lake, NY. He and his wife Joan followed Dick's ambition of farming and purchased a 100-acre farm in Ithica where they shared a love for animals.

In 1973 Dick and Joan purchased a farm in the Deep Creek Community of Wadesboro and settled to have a successful and meaningful life together along with their children. His farming included row crops, cattle, hay and poultry.

Dick also worked with the North Carolina Department of Corrections and retired as a Lieutenant. Following his retirement, he taught classes for prison guards at South Piedmont Community College.

An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed fishing and hunting. He also enjoyed trips to the beach and playing golf with his beloved wife.

Those left to cherish his memory are his children, Kelly Ourth (John) of St. Louis, MO, Bill Porten (Becky) of Las Vegas, NV and Jack Porten (Kristi) of Wadesboro; his grandchildren, Teddy Porten, Tess Porten and McKinley Porten; his brothers and sister, Jim Porten (Linda) of Montgomery, TX, Steve Porten (Shann) of Friday Harbor, WA, Debbie Ciani of Arizona, Gary Porten of Auburn, NY and Mike Porten of France; and his nieces and nephews and their families. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his son Matthew.

Dick's family is most grateful to Pam and Steve Tarlton and Christine Mills for all their love and care shown to Dick that enabled him to stay at home and live independently until the end. Also, a special thank you to Grace Senior Center, Anson Community Hospice and Richmond County Hospice Haven and friends in the Deep Creek Community for all that has been done for him.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice Haven, 1119 US-1, Rockingham, NC 28379 or to Grace Senior Center, 199 NC-742, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

## Alzheimer's Association Launches New Program on Financial Management for Caregivers

**New educational program offers tips for managing the finances for someone living with a chronic illness**

The Alzheimer's Association, Western Carolina Chapter and the Alzheimer's Association, Eastern North Carolina Chapter are launching a brand new educational program to offer tips for individuals managing the finances of those with a chronic illness who are under their care. The program will be offered regularly beginning with the inaugural event taking place on Tuesday, March 29.

"Money Management: A Caregiver's Guide to Finances" will take place 12-1 p.m. via webinar. Participants will learn tips for managing someone else's finances, how to prepare for future care costs and the benefits of early planning.

This program, created in part by a grant from U.S. Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services, has been designed to offer guidance for caregivers of all individuals living with a chronic illness, but will specifically address financial needs related to Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

"Creating a plan for the future in the early stage of a diagnosis of dementia can be empowering to the individual living with the disease and ensure their wishes are met," said Katherine L. Lambert, CEO of the Alzheimer's Association, Western Carolina Chapter. "This new program was created with the knowledge that the sooner financial plans are established, the better prepared individuals living with the disease and their caregivers will be."

While the inaugural program is being held via webinar, it will be offered in-person or virtually beginning in April. These programs will be open to the general public. There is no charge to participate, but registration is required. Attendees of virtual programs can attend via video/webinar or through a toll-free number. To sign up for the March 29 program, visit [tinyurl.com/CaregiverFinances](http://tinyurl.com/CaregiverFinances) or call 1-800-272-3900. To access the list of public programs that is updated monthly, visit [act.alz.org/ncmonthlyprograms](http://act.alz.org/ncmonthlyprograms). To request this program be offered for your local community in North Carolina, email [infonc@alz.org](mailto:infonc@alz.org) or call (980) 498-7760.

The costs of health care and long-term care for individuals living with Alzheimer's or other dementias are substantial, and dementia is one of the costliest conditions to society. In 2021, Alzheimer's and other dementias were estimated to cost the nation \$355 billion, including \$239 billion in Medicare and Medicaid payments combined. Unless a treatment to slow, stop or prevent the disease is developed, in 2050, Alzheimer's is projected to cost more than \$1.1 trillion (in 2021 dollars). This dramatic rise includes more than three-fold increases both in government spending under Medicare and Medicaid and in out-of-pocket spending.

- People living with Alzheimer's or other dementias have twice as many hospital stays per year as other older people.
- Medicare beneficiaries with Alzheimer's or other dementias are more likely than those without dementia to have other chronic conditions, such as heart disease, diabetes and kidney disease.
- Older people living with Alzheimer's or other dementias have more skilled nursing facility stays and home health care visits per year than other older people.
- People living with Alzheimer's or other dementias make up a large proportion of all elderly people who receive adult day services and nursing home care.

## Airport Public Information Open House Scheduled

The public is invited to the Anson County Airport for an information open house. The Airport Master Plan update for 2021-2022 will be featured. It takes place on Tuesday, March 29, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Anson County Airport Terminal, located at 2980 Airport Road in Wadesboro.

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