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**Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Diggs Dean**

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Diggs Dean, 82, died Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at Carolinas Medical Center Union in Monroe.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 31, 2018, at Shiloh United Methodist Church. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mary was born December 15, 1936, in Anson County, a daughter of the late Robert Lee "Bob" Diggs and the late Nellie Brock Diggs. Prior to retirement she worked at Bill Capel's Grocery Store, and following retirement she worked at Crazy Ladies Greenhouse in Morven.

She was a life long member of Shiloh United Methodist Church, where she remained faithful until declining health.

Surviving are her children, Penny (Donnie) Tarlton, Bobby (Linda) Dean, Jr. and Andy (Kim) Dean, all of Morven and Eric Dean of McFarlan; her brother Larry (Mona) Diggs of Polkton; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Bobby Dean, Sr., daughter-in-law Lorie Dean, brothers, Marshall Diggs and Riley "Bud" Diggs and a special friend, Lester Williamson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Shiloh United Methodist Church, c/o Sara Griggs, 778 Long Rd., Morven, NC 28119.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral

Home. Online condolences may be made at [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).

**Mrs. Mary Frances "Frankie" Burns Carpenter**

Mrs. Mary Frances "Frankie" Burns Carpenter, 88, passed peacefully from this life to the next on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, at Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Jeremiah Johnson officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

Frankie was born on May 11, 1929, a daughter of the late William Franklin and Fannie Lewis Burns. She was married to Albert Eugene "Tick" Carpenter who preceded her in death in 1997. She was a member of Hopewell United Methodist Church and was faithful to her Sunday school class until her health began to fail.

Survivors include two daughters, Donna Brantley (Ted) of Monroe and Becky Carpenter (Tim) of Wadesboro; eight grandchildren, Monica Caudle, Travis Williams, Jeremy Williams, Nick Brantley, Jenn Brantley, Kenzie Brantley, Matt Carpenter and Case Carpenter; and seven great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband, Frankie was preceded in death by a daughter, Beverly, in 2014.

The family suggests that memorials be made to Hospice of Anson County, 700 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 28110.

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

**Mrs. Gladys Hope Curlee Caudle**

Mrs. Gladys Hope Curlee Caudle, 88, died Friday, March 30, 2018, at Sharon Towers in Charlotte.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 7, 2018, at Peachland Baptist Church with Rev. Phillip Parrish officiating. Interment will follow in Peachland Cemetery. The family will greet friends prior to the service in the fellowship hall beginning at 10 a.m.

Born October 2, 1929, in Polkton, Gladys was a daughter of the late Edd and Corrie Hill Curlee. She graduated from Polkton High School and fondly remembered playing on the basketball team there. She married William Boyce (Bill) Caudle in 1947, and was a devoted wife to Bill until his death after 62 years of marriage. She was a beautician for many years, but retired as the first female manager of a full-service branch of United Carolina Bank. She was a loving mother and grandmother.

Survivors include her son Mike and his wife Suzette of Charlotte; two granddaughters, Bailey and Caroline; her sister Louise Litaker of Charlotte; and a sister-in-law Betty Nance of Peachland. She was preceded in death by a sister, Rachel Faulkner, and an infant son, William Richard Caudle.

Memorials may be made to Peachland Baptist Church, P O Box 146, Peachland, NC 28133.

Leavitt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Mrs. Rebecca "Becky" Knotts Thomas**

Mrs. Rebecca (Becky) Knotts Thomas of Raleigh and formerly of Lilesville peacefully left this earth for her heavenly home on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at the ripe and wonderful age of 90. Her loving family surrounded her.

A Witness to the Resurrection was held on March 30, 2018, Good Friday, at White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh. She was laid to rest at sunrise in a private service.

Becky was born on October 18, 1927, in Lilesville, and was the devoted daughter of Nova Nancy Belle Yow and Stephen Knotts.

Becky attended Woman's College (now known as the University of North Carolina at Greensboro) and received a degree in Business Management. She worked in the newspaper industry in North and South Carolina for several years, but most of her professional life was spent as an administrative assistant and office manager at B. V. Hedrick

company. She served that company for 54 years, and is remembered there by her tireless devotion to those employees and their families.

She was a member of both the United Methodist and Baptist churches in Lilesville, where she was a cherished Sunday School teacher and member of the choirs. Becky was a classically trained singer who also sang in numerous community choruses. Later in her life, upon relocating to Raleigh, she enjoyed attending White Memorial Presbyterian Church with her daughter Muriel.

Becky was an active community leader and a long standing member of the Business and Professional Women's Federation. Her life was eventful and accomplished, but none of those events or endeavors truly defined her...she is better remembered, and loved, by the ways in which she navigated life's journey. Her faith was at the center of her very being, and that deep and personal relationship to God was her compass, her true "north." She was a loyal friend who loved travel, a good time, a good meal, a good laugh, and more than her fair share of mischief.

Becky was a mother...and a grandmother. And for that great loving, there simply are no words.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband Banks Dixon Thomas, and survived by her devoted children and grandchildren, Muriel Summers, Nova Thomas (Keith Buhl), Nova Banks Spicer (Jared Spicer) and Colin Summers.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a contribution to your favorite charity in honor of Rebecca Knotts Thomas. Her favorite causes were associated with underserved children, the lonely elderly, the hungry, classical music and beautiful flowers.

The family wishes to acknowledge the kindness and loving care of

Connie Leach, Lutisha Credle and Transitions LifeCare. Online condolences may be made at [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).

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**Pee Dee Electric Now Accepting Bright Ideas Education Grant Applications**

Educators can apply for grants up to \$2,000 to fund innovative projects

Pee Dee Electric is once again partnering with local educators to bring learning to life through the Bright Ideas education grant program. Starting April 1, educators can submit an application for Bright Ideas grants of up to \$2,000 for innovative, hands-on classroom projects that would not otherwise be funded. Educators can learn more and apply online at [www.ncbrightideas.com](http://www.ncbrightideas.com).

"The Bright Ideas grant program seeks to encourage teacher originality and student engagement by funding projects that take a creative approach to learning," said Ashley Haynes, Communications Specialist for Pee Dee Electric. "Pee Dee Electric is proud to be part of this long-standing effort to support both education and our local community."

Pee Dee Electric expects to award \$13,000 in Bright Ideas grants this year to teachers in Anson, Moore, Montgomery, Richmond, Scotland, Stanly and Union counties. Grants are available to K-12 teachers for projects in any subject, and educators can apply individually or as a team and must apply online at [www.ncbrightideas.com](http://www.ncbrightideas.com).

Applications will be accepted April 1 through September 19. Teachers who submit their applications by Aug. 15 will be entered to win one of five \$100 Visa gift cards.

To apply, teachers must include a budget; explain the implementation, goals, creative elements and evaluation of the project; and have approval from their school's principal. Applications will be judged through a competitive evaluation process, with judges looking for projects that feature inventive and creative approaches to learning. Grant-writing tips can be found at [www.ncbrightideas.com](http://www.ncbrightideas.com).

North Carolina's 26 electric cooperatives have collectively pledged about \$600,000 in Bright Ideas funding for the 2018-19 school year. Since 1994, educators statewide have received more than \$11.5 million in Bright Ideas grant funding, and over 2.2 million North Carolina students have participated in approximately 11,000 Bright Ideas projects. For more information about Pee Dee Electric, please visit [www.pdemc.com](http://www.pdemc.com); Like us on Facebook at PeeDeeElectric.NorthCarolina; or follow us on twitter.com/PeeDeeElectric.



**Polkton Police Department**

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**(2) Police Officer Positions \$15 / hour Part-time**

The Polkton Police Department is now accepting applications for (2) part-time Police Officer positions. The applicant should be BLET certified and have at least two (2) years of continuous experience with a police agency. Applicants will be required to work rotating shift assignments, every other weekend (Friday and Saturday normally), and any other assignment that is deemed necessary to keep the Polkton citizens safe.

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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