

# Obituaries

## Mrs. Lois Stubbs Smith

On Saturday, March 26, 2022, Mrs. Lois Stubbs Smith, 84, passed away peacefully at her home.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 9, 2022, by the graveside in Sandy Plains United Methodist Church in Morven, where she will be laid to rest by her parents.

The family will greet friends following the service at the cemetery.

Lois was born February 14, 1938, in Anson County, and was a daughter of the late Charlie Stubbs and the late Waco Stroud Stubbs Pegrum.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Mitzi Goodwin (Joe) of Lilesville, Jimmy Downer of Rockingham, Mark Downer of Cason's Old Field Community, Tanda Eppolito of Lilesville and Baine Downer of Laurel Hill; her grandchildren, Stephanie Rorie, Joseph Goodwin, Amanda Mauldin, Jamie Downer, Vinny Eppolito, Travis Cowick and Brittany Baker; and her 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her granddaughter Toni Eppolito; her great-grandchildren, Nick and Carrie Downer and her sister, Myra Horne.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Community Home Care and Hospice, 1791 E. Broad Ave., Rockingham, NC 28379.

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

## Mrs. Mary Elizabeth "Libby" Napier Williams

On Friday, April 1, 2022, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth "Libby" Napier Williams, 77, passed away peacefully at her home.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Johnny Williams officiating. Interment will follow in Williams Cemetery in Polkton.

The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Wednesday.

Libby was born December 26, 1944, in Anson County, and was a daughter of the late Earl Wright Napier and the late Ann Morgan Napier. She was a graduate of Anson High School and Anson Community College, now South Piedmont Community College. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Gardner Webb University in 2000.

She was a lifelong member of Polkton Baptist Church. She enjoyed traveling, working in her yard, gardening and taking care of others, whether it be her family or her co-workers.

Libby was a hard worker and worked for 29 years at Wade Manufacturing in Wadesboro, retiring as Human Resources Director. She built long lasting friendships with many of her co-workers at Wade.

Of all her accomplishments, however, her greatest was that of being a wife, mother and grandmother. She loved time shared with her family.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Michael Williams (Nancy) of Wadesboro and Leigh Ann Morris (William) of Norwood; her grandchildren, Mike Williams, Hannah Williams, Hunter Williams, Owen Morris and Henry Morris; her brothers, David Napier (Judy) and Donnie Napier (Bennie), all of Polkton; her sisters-in-law, Mary Lois Hildreth (Richard) of Polkton, Rachel Williams of Rockingham, Betty Little (Steve) of Wingate and Louise Billingsley of Hamlet; and her caregivers who were more like her family, Sara Little, Debbie Taylor, Ann Powell and Kaitlyn Powell.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband John Wesley "Johnny" Williams and by a very special caregiver, Paula Tyson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Williams Cemetery, c/o, Danny Wright, 341 Kiker Rd., Peachland, NC 28133 or to Community Home Care and Hospice, 1791 E Broad Ave, Rockingham, NC 28379.

## Mrs. Sarah Ratliff Livingston

Mrs. Sarah Ratliff Livingston, age 91, slipped away peacefully to her heavenly home on Monday, March 28, 2022, while resting at home with her family.

A service to celebrate her life was held on Saturday, April 2, 2022, at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church in McFarlan with Rev. Lonnie Grose officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery. The family greeted friends before the service in the church.

Born in Anson County on May 17, 1930, Sarah was one of ten children born the late James Franklin and Lena Shoemaker Ratliff. She was a graduate of local public schools before embarking on a career with First National Bank, which later became Southern National Bank. She retired with over 30 years of service to the bank and her community.

Survivors include two sons, Hugh Livingston (Lib) of Cheraw and Jerry Livingston (Tilly) of Murrells Inlet, SC; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Also surviving are her brother Joe Ratliff and her sister Clara Hendrick.

In addition to her parents, Sarah was preceded in death by her husband Henry A. Livingston in 2019, along with her siblings Frank, Monroe,

Myrtle, Floyd, Lena, Johnny, and Guy.

The family suggests that memorials be made to a charity of your choice in memory of Sarah.

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

## Mr. Harold Wayne Skipper

On Friday, March 18, 2022, Mr. Harold Wayne Skipper, 69, passed away at home. There will be a service to celebrate his life at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 9, 2022, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home, and the inurnment will be in Anson Memorial Park.

Harold was born August 5, 1952, in Bennettsville, SC, and was a son of the late Allen Richardson Skipper and the late Margaret Lucille Quick Skipper. He was a 1972 graduate of Bowman High School and served in the United States Army.

Over the course of his adult life Harold worked several jobs including Hardee's, Food Lion, Property Management at Anson Station Shopping Center, and Cobb Vantress as a hatchery technician.

He is survived by his brother and sister, Allen R. Skipper, Jr. (Judy) of Lilesville and Sharon Kay Strickland of Nichols, SC; his sister-in-law Linda Skipper of Lilesville; his nieces and nephews, Stephanie Putnam of Leland, Jennifer Carpenter (Dean) of Rockingham, Cheryl Jones (Chris) of Carthage, Lisa Pitta (Wally) of Colorado Springs, CO, August Christopher (Bryant) of Lincolnton, Kenneth Ray Skipper, Jr. (Jean) of Vass and Matthew Strickland of Nichols; his great-nieces and great-nephews, Allison and Avery Carpenter, Kailey, Emma and Anna Putnam, Brittany Thill (Eric), Brandon Christman (Shonna), Alan Skipper, Cassie and Braylin Christopher; and his great-great-nephew Sullivan Thill.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Kenneth Ray Skipper.

Those wishing to assist with funeral expenses may do so on the Leavitt Funeral Home website ([www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com)) or contact the funeral home directly.

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

## Wildlife Commission Announces First CWD-Positive Deer in North Carolina

### Agency officials confirmed Chronic Wasting Disease found in Yadkin County

Officials with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission announced today that a sample collected from a hunter-harvested, white-tailed deer in Yadkin County has tested positive for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). This is the first case of CWD detected in North Carolina's deer herd and was confirmed by the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa.

The deer was harvested in northern Yadkin County in December 2021. The sample was sent in by a taxidermist through a cooperator program established by the Wildlife Commission. Wildlife Commission staff ramped up testing this past season and collected over 7,200 samples from cooperators and hunters due to the discovery of a CWD-positive deer 33 miles away from the North Carolina border last year in Montgomery County, Virginia.

"We are appreciative of all the cooperating taxidermists, meat processors and hunters that have helped us with our CWD surveillance," said Brad Howard, chief of Wildlife Commission's Wildlife Management Division. "Their diligence helped us to detect the presence of CWD now, which is much better than if the disease had gone undetected. Now that we know the disease is in North Carolina we will implement our CWD Response Plan to help slow the spread of CWD while preserving our deer herd and deer hunting tradition."

While there has been only one confirmed positive to date, the Wildlife Commission continues to receive results from this year's testing. At this time, the agency has received results from 60% (4,287) of all samples submitted, and 76% (626) of results from a four-county focal area (Alleghany, Surry, Stokes, and Rockingham) that was initiated because of the 2021 Virginia CWD-positive deer.

Now that a positive detection has been verified, agency staff will continue to follow the CWD Response Plan

([ncwildlife.org/Portals/0/Hunting/Documents/Deer/CWD-Response-Plan.pdf](http://ncwildlife.org/Portals/0/Hunting/Documents/Deer/CWD-Response-Plan.pdf)) in collaboration with the NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Science, and will continue to share the agency's next steps with the public through multiple communication channels. An out-of-cycle meeting with Commissioners will be held on April 7, and public meetings in the impacted area will be announced as they are scheduled.

"Although the detection of CWD is bad news, we have been preparing for this possibility for decades. Our long-term goal is to protect our deer herd and our deer hunting culture. Achieving that goal means we must work with our constituents to implement our response plan and refine our long-term management strategy," said Howard. "We've been in contact with wildlife professionals in other states that are already CWD-positive to learn from their experiences. Adapting to CWD is going to be a challenge for everyone, but I'm confident that our staff and North Carolina deer hunters can do it."

Continued testing is imperative because it's nearly impossible to tell if a deer has CWD by observation. Signs of illness may not be apparent for 16 months or more after infection. The slow incubation period, ease of transmission, and the fact that there is no vaccine, treatment or cure make CWD a looming threat to the state's white-tailed deer population and deer hunting traditions. Given enough time, the disease is always fatal.

CWD is caused by abnormal proteins, called prions, that slowly spread through a deer's nervous system, eventually causing spongy holes in the brain that lead to death. The disease is spread between deer through direct contact and environmental contamination from infected saliva, urine and feces of live deer or carcasses and body parts.

For more information about CWD, including answers to frequently asked questions, visit [ncwildlife.org/CWD](http://ncwildlife.org/CWD) and watch the 5 minute video released by the Wildlife Commission.

**What: Ansonville ETJ - Public Input meeting.**

**When: Wednesday April 20th, 3 - 6pm**

**Where: Ansonville Town Hall: 8778 Main St, Ansonville NC 704-826-8404**

**Citizen and Property Owners:**

**The Ansonville Town Council has requested a Public Input session to hear from the property owners of the proposed ETJ (Extraterritorial Zoning Jurisdiction) around the existing town limits.**

- **What is ETJ? The State Law allows towns to control the land use such as zoning and subdivision regulations up to one mile outside the town limits such as Ansonville.**
- **Will this make my taxes go up? NO! State law does not allow ETJ to impose town taxes in this area outside the town limits.**
- **What if I am unzoned now, how will this affect me? Anson County is preparing to zone the entire county in the next year. Ansonville will apply zoning like the county to the same parcels but will be under town control instead of the county. Properties along US 52 are already zoned under the County.**

**What happens next? The Town Council will decide if they want to ask the County Commissioners to approve the ETJ for the Town. Council will then have to hold an official "Public Hearing" before deciding to adopt.**

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