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# Obituaries

Florence.

She was born on April 4, 1945, in Rockingham, a daughter of the late Daniel and Bernice Coble. She fell in love with and married David Burr on September 8, 1962, and the marriage stood strong for almost 50 years. In later years this delightful couple simply became known as Grandma and Pop to everyone.

She is survived by and will be deeply missed by her husband David; children Tammy Eitzman, Ondria (Victor) Tucker, and David Burr, Jr (Rebecca); grandchildren include Randi, Adam, Drake, Alishia, Cassandra, Erika, Katie Ann, Kerrie, Jessica and Trey; great granddaughter, Kaylynn; brothers include D. A. Coble and Jerry Coble; sisters are Betty Coble and Lois Goodwin.

Barbara will always be remembered as a loving, faithful wife, devoted mother and grandmother, beloved friend and master gardener of flowers. She lived a life that embraced family and friends and was a special friend who always put the needs and wishes of others ahead of herself. She served faithfully at her church, Abundant Life of Florence, for many years because faith ran through her life like a river. She changed the world with her radiant smile, kind words, loving heart and sincere thoughtfulness. Barbara treasured the relationship of each of her grandchildren and one great grandchild calling them her "garden." Each grandchild wrote glowing letters of love and gratitude to Grandma and Pop after their visits and Barbara saved many of these letters in her well worn Bible. Many times the letters contained these words "I love you all the way to the moon and back and all around the world." Her spirit will continue to be with us and in us, and we will love and miss her forever.

The family wishes to express sincere gratitude to all the friends, neighbors, church families, doctors and nurses of the Trauma Surgical Care Unit of McLeod Hospital and McLeod Hospice House who have prayed diligently and have provided unfailing support to the family in so many different ways. Memorials may be made

in her loving memory to Abundant Life Church, 3030 South Irby Street, Florence SC, 29505 for the Children's Ministry. An online guestbook, condolences and encouragement can be sent to the family by visiting [leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com](#).

### Mrs. Edith Odom Colin

Mrs. Edith Odom Colin, 90, of Greensboro and formerly of Wadesboro, died Monday, April 9, 2012, at Wesley Long Hospital in Greensboro.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, 2012, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Mark Weekley officiating. Interment will follow in Eastview Cemetery. The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Edith was born January 4, 1922, in Richmond County, NC, a daughter of the late Luther Lemuel Odom and Minnie Allred Odom. She was retired from Smith Furniture and Gifts, and was a member of Grace United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Earl E. Colin and her sisters, Barbara Odom Jensen of Ft. Myers, FL and Jessie Odom Craven of Walterboro, SC; and her nieces and nephews and their families. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her siblings including William Harry Odom and L. L. Odom who were of Wadesboro.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com](#).

### Mr. John Clyde Neal III

Mr. John Clyde Neal III, 58, of Lilesville, died Monday, April 2, 2012.

A service to celebrate John's life will be held on Friday, April 6, 2012, in the First Presbyterian Church of Rockingham where he was a member.

John was born in Anson County on August 31, 1953, a son of John C. and Catherine Downer Neal, Jr. A veteran of the US Navy, he served as Petty Officer aboard the nuclear submarines made famous

during the Cold War classified as Fast Attacks and Boomers. Later, John worked for and retired as the Human Resource Director for the BE&K Construction Company based in Birmingham, AL.

A proud and loving father, John leaves two children to cherish his memory: a son, Allan Neal, a daughter, Laura Neal, and their mother, Kelli Washburn Noble, all of Birmingham, AL; his parents, John and Catherine Neal, Jr. of Lilesville; two brothers, William Liles (Sandra) Neal of Concord, Stephen Downer Neal of Lilesville; a sister, Julie Neal (Mike) Poplin of Lilesville; nieces and nephews, Liles, Christopher, Jennifer, Andrea, Katie, Elizabeth and Michael; and great nieces, Ashlynn and Emma.

Memorials may be made to the Forestville United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Debra Moss, 133 Forest Rd., Lilesville, NC 28091 or to Team Emma at [www.teamemma.org](#).

Leavitt Funeral Home served the Neal family. Online condolences may be made at [leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com](#).

### Pamela Kay Holmes Tatro

Pamela Kay Holmes Tatro, 48, passed away on Thursday, April 5, 2012, at Morrison Manor in Laurinburg, N.C.

Funeral Services were held on Monday, April 9, 2012, at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

She was born August 28, 1963, in Union County. She is the daughter of Larry L. and Brenda Mills Holmes.

In addition to her parents she is survived by her three daughters, Tiffany Tatro of Morven, Emily Tatro of Peachland and Paige Diggs of Rockingham; her grandfather Hayward Holmes of Marshville; two brothers, Jimmy Holmes and Charlie Holmes, both of Marshville, a sister, Cindy Speights of Albemarle; a grandson Michael Tillman Jr.; and her longtime friend Mr. Michael Diggs of Morven.

The family has asked that memorials be made to Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, 7002 Pleasant Hill Church Road, Marshville, N.C. 28103.

For family page visit [morganandsonfuneralhome.com](#).

## Pinewood Derby is this Saturday

The Pinewood Derby will be held this Saturday morning, April 14th at the Wadesboro Firemens' Training Center on North Washington Street. Weigh in and inspection will begin at 9 a.m.

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### Mrs. Barbara Jean Burr

Mrs. Barbara Jean Burr, 67, passed away on April 9, 2012, at McLeod Hospice House in Florence, SC.

The family will greet friends at Leavitt Funeral Home beginning at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2012, followed by a service celebrating her life at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. A celebration service of life will also be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 12, 2012, at Abundant Life Church in

## Library Urges Area Involvement in Decorating their Window

In the front window of the Hampton B. Allen Library there stands a huge tree that they will be decorating with pictures and/or arts and crafts made by children of Anson County. They are asking area daycares, pre-K's and other children's organizations to choose a theme for the children and then, when completed, bring the arts and crafts to the library for display on the tree.

Each group will have their arts/crafts displayed for one month so everyone can come by and enjoy it. For more information call the library at 704-694-5177.

## National Healthcare Decisions Day Set for April 16

The Anson County Council on Aging, Anson Community Hospice, and Hospice of Anson County, along with other national, state and community organizations, are leading a massive effort to highlight the importance of advance healthcare decision-making - an effort that has culminated in the formal designation of Monday, April 16 as National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD). As participating organizations, The Family Caregiver Support Program of Anson County Council on Aging, Anson Community Hospice, and Hospice of Anson County are providing information and tools for the public to talk about their wishes with family, friends and healthcare providers, and execute written advance directives (healthcare power of attorney and living will) in accordance with NC state laws. These resources are available at [www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org](#).

Specifically, on April 16, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., we are welcoming the public at Grace Senior Center, with free information about advance care planning and advance directive forms.

"As a result of National Healthcare Decisions Day, many more people in our community can be expected to have thoughtful conversations about their healthcare decisions and complete reliable advance directives to make their wishes known," said Lisa Ledford, Community Relations Coordinator of Anson Community Hospice. "Fewer families and healthcare providers will have to struggle with making difficult healthcare decisions in the absence of guidance from the patient, and healthcare providers and facilities will be better equipped to address advance healthcare planning issues before a crisis and be better able to honor patient wishes when the time comes to do so."

For more information about National Healthcare Decision Day, please visit [www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org](#).

## Convention Features Purcell

Senator William "Bill" Purcell will speak at the Democratic County Convention this Saturday, April 14. The convention begins at 9:30 a.m. with a "Meet & Greet" at the Hampton B. Allen Library. Senator Purcell was appointed to the North Carolina Senate in July, 1997. He is a native of Laurinburg, NC and is a graduate of Davidson College and the University Of North Carolina School Of Medicine. In 2010 his fellow Senators, Capital News correspondents and registered lobbyists voted him the ninth most effective member of the NC Senate.

Various other elected officials will be on present to bring greetings and speak on their vision for the citizens. Breakfast will be served during the "Meet & Greet."

Vancine Sturdivant, Democratic Party Chair stated, "I am so excited about this 2012 Election, and how important it is for the citizens of Anson County to please come out and vote. Together we can make a difference."

## Anson County Career Fair



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- Receive resume review from HR professionals.
- Get information on community resources.
- Learn about educational & training opportunities.

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## MLK Grants Available to Qualified Non-Profits for Youth Field Trip to King Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Grants of up to \$700 each are available from the Martin Luther King Jr. Commission to non-profit organizations serving K-12 youth to help fund a field trip to the new Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial in Washington, D.C. The application deadline is April 16 and travel must be completed by June 30.

"A visit to this great memorial is an excellent way to promote the legacy of Dr. King's work," said John Campbell, Executive Director of the Human Relations Commission. "We want schoolchildren to have the opportunity to experience the emotional power of this national landmark and return home with a greater understanding of both the power of nonviolence and importance of embracing diversity."

The MLK Commission is staffed by the Human Relations Commission of the N.C. Department of Administration. Grants will be awarded to entities located within seven regions to ensure statewide distribution of funds.

Interested non-profits should use the application form on the Human Relations Commission website. Applicants are encouraged to use the checklist to ensure that applications are complete. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 16 and awards will be announced by April 20. If you have questions, call the Human Relations Commission at 919-807-4420.

Download application form at [www.doa.nc.gov/](#)

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