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Obituaries

Mr. Jerry Kevin McGrady

Mr. Jerry Kevin McGrady, 57, died Tuesday, April 6, 2021, in the front yard of his mother's home in Lilesville, after taking a tragic fall while trimming a tree.

A service to celebrate Kevin's life was held on Monday, April 12, 2021, at Leavitt Funeral Home. Interment followed in the McGrady Family plot in Riverside Cemetery in Dillon, SC.

Kevin was born May 1, 1963, in Dillon. He was the first born son of the late Jerry Kenneth McGrady and surviving Jennie Herring McGrady. Kevin graduated in 1982 from Howard High School in Georgetown, SC where he was nicknamed "The Shadow" by his fellow football players. After moving to Lilesville in the summer of 1982, he took welding and many art classes through Anson Community College and also learned to play the piano from local piano teachers. Kevin went to work in 1982 at Wade Manufacturing before embarking on a 35 year career in 1986 with Columbus-McKinnon Inc., formerly known as Coffing Hoist, where he was employed as the Quality Control Manager on the assembly line.

Kevin was a member of the Wadesboro Church of God for 39 years where he faithfully served the Lord as church clerk. He enjoyed playing the drums, the piano, and was a passionate singer declaring his love for his Savior. Weekends were spent with his mother grooming the church grounds and cleaning the church building to prepare for Sunday Services

Kevin was physically active all his life. He loved sports, playing football in high school, and as an adult he played softball for both industrial and church league teams. In addition, he competed in the Industrial League golf tournaments at Twin Valley Country Club. Kevin was also active in the Anson Beekeepers Association, loved vacations at the beach with his family, and enjoyed panning for gold.

Whether at work, at church, or at play, Kevin loved his family, his friends and most of all, Jesus! He lived a very consistent lifestyle, never wavering from his faith. His calm, gentle, sweet spirit was an inspiration to those he lived with, worked with, and worshiped with.

Survivors include two children, Brittany McGrady of Lilesville and Joshua McGrady of Wadesboro; his mother Jennie H. McGrady of Lilesville; a brother, Jeffrey McGrady; two sisters, Kelly McGrady and Jennifer Lee (Darrell); two nephews, LCpl Justin Lee and Wesley Lee; and one niece, Katherine Lee.

Mr. Cameron Luke "Fluffopotamus" Ratliff

Mr. Cameron Luke "Fluffopotamus" Ratliff, age 23, died Friday, April 2, 2021, at DCH Regional Medical Center following complications from Covid-19.

A service to celebrate Luke's life was held on Sunday, April 11, 2021, at First Baptist Church, Lee Avenue in Wadesboro. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park. Due to the continued COVID-19 risks, the family asked that attendees practice social distancing and to please wear a face covering.

Born May 21, 1997, Luke was the second of three boys to bless the lives of Bryan and Pam Ratliff. Now the fact that Luke was a lifelong Alabama fan is, by itself, not that unusual until you consider that he was born in North Carolina and raised in Anson County. Not to be discouraged by his Tarheel roots, Luke would tell his Crimson Tide family that he may not have been born in Alabama, but he got there just as quick as he could! As a 19 year old, bright-eyed freshman, the theme song Luke used while moving into his first dorm room was Stars in Alabama. Friday night, as a 23 year old senior, we're sure that Luke's star began to shine brightly over Alabama and will continue to shine for years to come in the hearts of those who knew him.

Survivors of the University of Alabama's #1 Superfan include his parents, Bryan Keith Ratliff and Pamela Lett Ratliff; two brothers, Brandon Ratliff and Noah Ratliff; his paternal grandmother Esta Ratliff; his maternal grandmother Angie McCormick; and many hundreds of University of Alabama fans in Tuscaloosa, the state of Alabama and all across Bama Nation. Roll Tide!

Memorials may be made online in Luke's memory at a GoFundMe page titled: A Tribute to Luke "Fluffopotamus" Ratliff. The page is sponsored by Alabama Coach Bryan Hodgson and the beneficiary is Luke's mother Pam Ratliff.

Mr. William "Bill" Vernon Wright, Jr.

Mr. William "Bill" Vernon Wright, Jr., 81, died Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at Meadowview Terrace Assisted Living in Wadesboro.

Graveside services were private due to COVID 19.

Bill was born December 31, 1939, in Anson County, and was a son of the late William Vernon Wright and the late Lula Kiker Wright. He was retired from Teledyne Allvac and was a veteran of the United States Army.

He was a member of Freedom Baptist Church.

Surviving are his children, Danny R. Wright (Terri "Punk") of Wadesboro and Sandy Wright Evans (Tony) of Ruby, SC; his grandchildren, Anthony Taylor (Sarah) and Brian Taylor, all of Peachland and Danielle McAllister (Franklin) of Wadesboro; his great-grandchildren, Addison, Skye, Easton and Mason; and his sister Ruby Watkins (Sam) of West Virginia.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Juanita Smith Wright in 2020 and his sisters and brother, Judy High, Margie Burr, Louise Wright and Johnny Wright.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Freedom Baptist Church, 5964 NC-218, Peachland, NC 28133.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

HOLLA! 5K, Vaccine Clinic and Resource Fair is May 8

HOLLA! was founded in 2005 to support efforts to effectively teach our children in the local school system. They have found ways to reach our community's needs by staying consistent and sincere to the cause of building strong children.

On Saturday, May 8 HOLLA! will hold their annual 5K Event, which also features a Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic and a Resource Fair. HOLLA! believes that every gathering in our community should be a gathering with a purpose. This event will feature the following:

- 5K Walk/Run (virtual and in person)
- The Impressive Livingstone College Culinary Arts Mobile Unit
- King Elite Cheer Squad
- Black Voters Matter
- W.A.R. 4 Life
- COVID-19 Vaccinations
- Stop Killing Us (SKU) Solutions Campaign...and more!

Leon Gatewood, CEO of HOLLA! said, "The 5K is our primary fundraiser. Funds generated through this event help us continue to provide services and resources to our community while we maintain our resourceful facility located at 229 East Main Street in Morven."

You can sign up for the 5K online at runsignup.com/Race/NC/Morven/Holla5K. Gatewood continued, "In our effort to stay community-focused, we do not do a general solicitation for funds. Instead, we invite a select group of businesses, churches, etc. to make monetary or in-kind endorsements to the event. Endorsements can also include, but are not limited to the following cash donations:

- Presenting Sponsor - \$5,000
- Gold Sponsor - \$2,500
- Silver Sponsor - \$1,000
- Bronze Sponsor - \$500
- Team Sponsor - \$200

All sponsors in the above categories will be listed on all official event materials presented and displayed on the day of the event.

We also need In-Kind Sponsors: Volunteer; Water Stations; Tee Shirts, Water, Towels, PPE, etc.; Clean-up."

HOLLA! is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Tax deductible donations can be made to: HOLLA!, PO Box 88, Wadesboro, NC 28170. For more information on HOLLA!, take a moment to watch this very interesting video at youtube.com/watch?v=Ta6ZhiSNEzw&t=10s.

HOLLA! is located at 229 East Main Street in Morven. For more information contact Leon Gatewood at 704-695-4698 or visit their Facebook page.



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TOWN OF MORVEN

Town Clerk Position Available

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Nature of Work: Work responsibilities for the Morven Town Clerk include the preparation and maintenance of all Council records and other official municipal documents. Record various documents and vital statistics. Work involves extensive public contact in collecting various files and providing information. Work is performed in accordance with the charter, ordinances and general law, and requires initiative, judgement and ability to work effectively and independently with the public and other officials.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Attends Town Council meetings, prepares agenda, order and minutes of the proceedings and maintains, indexes and preserves all permanent Council and other Town records.
- Validates official documents; oversees posting of official notices, ordinances, and advertisements; records papers with the federal, state and county governments as needed; swears in municipal officials as necessary.
- Acts as the custodian of the official Town Seal.
- Maintains a public information service, and, in response to reasonable requests, furnishes information and material concerning the Town government.
- Accounts for all public monies received by him/her in such manner as the Treasurer may prescribe.
- Performs all duties and exercises all powers incumbent upon or invested in Town Clerks by state law.
- Prepares agenda, mails notifications, advertises, and attends meetings of the Board of Appeals; prepares and distributes minutes of Board of Appeal meetings.
- Acts as, or arranges for, a clerk for all municipal boards and committee meetings.
- Sets up and maintains a records retention and destruction system for the Municipal Center.
- Updates Charter, Code and Ordinances as necessary.

Additional Requirements of Work: Thorough knowledge and understanding of the state statutes relating to the duties and responsibilities of Town Clerks • Thorough knowledge of modern office procedures, practices and equipment • Ability to rapidly acquire and assimilate knowledge of the provisions of the Town Charter, Town ordinances, and state regulations relating to operation of the office and the Town government, with ability to communicate same to office staff, other Town officials and the public • Knowledge of bookkeeping • Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other Town officials, employees and the general public • Proficiency in the use of computers • Ability to organize and maintain records and prepare reports.

Education, Experience and Training: Associate Degree in Business or a High School Diploma with a minimum of three years of experience in record management and/or experience in municipal government; or any equivalent combination of education and experience • Considerable experience in clerical work of a responsible nature, including experience with public contact; accounting, business education, office procedures, Quickbooks and other computer programs. Should also be capable of being a certified Town Clerk.

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