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Mr. Dwight Meredith McCormick, Sr.

Mr. Dwight Meredith McCormick, Sr. 74, of Norwood and formerly of Wadesboro, joined his loved ones in heaven on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, from Carolinas Healthcare System Northeast in Concord.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, April 22, 2018, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Dr. Fred Senter and Rev. Tom Walden officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

Dwight was born November 16, 1943, in Anson County, a son of the late Garrett W. McCormick and the late Edith McQuague McCormick.

He grew up on the family farm in the Gum Springs Community of Lilesville with his parents and six siblings. Following graduation from Anson High School he went to work with CSX Railroad, retiring as a Locomotive Engineer with nearly 40 years of service.

Surviving are his wife Delaine Hill McCormick; his son Dwight Meredith McCormick, Jr. (Linda) of Wadesboro; his grandchildren, Denah Raybuck (Frank) of Raleigh, and Jonathan McCormick, Samantha McCormick and Kurt McCormick, all of Wadesboro; five great-grandchildren; his brothers and sisters, John McCormick of Lilesville and Jacksonville, FL, Mike McCormick (Donna) of Wadesboro, Karen Jenkinson (Lee) of Rockingham and Cheryl Cole (R.B.) of Chesterfield, VA; his sister-in-law Jackie McCormick of Rockingham; his step-daughters, Kim Smith Carpenter of Norwood and Traci Smith

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Diggs (fiance' Jerry Swaringen) of Albemarle; and grandchildren, Dylan Carpenter and Jordan Carpenter, both of Norwood and Colbi Diggs and Kendal Diggs, both of Albemarle.

Dwight's greatest joy in life was his family. He loved nothing more than spoiling his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and taking them for rides on his boat. They all loved their "Big Dwight" very much and will miss him and his evening phone calls just to see how their day had gone.

Everything he did was for his family, including his commitment to his sobriety for the past 15 years. He enjoyed working in his yard with his loving wife Delaine and going antiquing with his brother John.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Alan "Nick" McCormick, sister Jan Sheppard, and his former wife, Brenda Harrington McCormick, with whom he remained close friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Anson County Council on Alcoholism, P.O. Box 1078, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

Mr. Hoyt Patrick "Pat" Taylor, Jr.

Mr. Hoyt Patrick "Pat" Taylor, Jr. passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 22, 2018, at his home in Wadesboro.

Services will be held at the First Baptist Church in Wadesboro on Wednesday, April 25, 2018, at 11:00 a.m., with a graveside service in Eastview Cemetery in Wadesboro immediately following.

Pat was born in Wadesboro on April 1, 1924, to Hoyt Patrick Taylor and Inez Wooten Taylor.

Although born on April 1, he was no April fool. He was a dedicated and lifelong public servant whose life embodied the essence of North Carolina's motto, *Esse quam videri*. Although he was happiest when he was at home in Anson County with the people he loved

He was preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth Lockhart Taylor and his brother Frank Wooten Taylor. He is survived by his three children: Elizabeth Ann Taylor (Ben Gullette) of Chapel Hill, Hoyt Patrick Taylor III (Katie Reilly) of Chapel Hill and Adam Lockhart Taylor (Paige Dossier) of Raleigh; his sister Caroline Taylor Craig of Wichita, Kansas; and four grandchildren: Kathryn Ann Taylor, Hoyt Patrick Taylor IV, Elizabeth Louisa Taylor and Virginia Lockhart Taylor.

On St. Patrick's Day, 1951, he married his greatest love, Elizabeth Lockhart Taylor. They were married 64 years prior to her death in 2015.

Pat received his bachelor's degree in 1945 and law degree in 1948 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After serving in the US Marine Corps during World War II and the Korean War, he practiced law for many years in Wadesboro, always referring to himself as 'just an old country lawyer.'

Pat served in the North Carolina House of Representatives from 1955-68, serving as Speaker of the House of Representatives from 1965-67. In 1968 he was elected Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina and served until 1973. Pat and his father, H.P. Taylor, Sr., have the distinction of being the only father and son to be elected Lieutenant Governor of the State.

In 2005 Pat wrote "Fourth Down and Goal to Go," an anthology based on his personal and political experiences in North Carolina.

He was awarded the UNC School of Law Distinguished Alumni Award for "Distinction Beyond Professional Excellence" and was the recipient of the Judge John J. Parker Award, the highest award given by the North Carolina Bar Association "for conspicuous contributions to the cause of jurisprudence in North Carolina."

Pat served on numerous boards and committees, including the Board of Trustees of UNC-CH, the General Alumni Board of UNC-CH, the Board of Governors of UNC, Board of Trustees of UNC-G, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina, and as a Director of Anson Bank and Trust Company. He was a Rotarian, a 32nd Degree Mason, and a member of Calvary Episcopal Church in Wadesboro. Pat was also a lifelong member of his beloved Democratic Party.

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Leavitt Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lilesville Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing at their regular meeting on Monday, May 7, 2018, beginning at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard in the Lilesville Town Hall, located at 114 East Wall Street, Lilesville, NC.

The purpose of said hearing is to hear public comments on the Zoning Ordinance updates.

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The Town of Morven is now accepting applications to fill the position for Full-Time Maintenance.

Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED, possess a valid driver's license with a good driving record, pass a drug test, and criminal background check.

Duties include but are not limited to reading water meters, fixing leaks, and checking sewer pump stations. Experience in mechanical, electrical and utilities is a plus in determining the desired applicant.

Applications must be received by May 16, 2018, at 4 p.m. They can be picked up at Morven Town Hall between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. No Calls Please.

The Town of Morven is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Homeowners' Insurance Rate Dispute Settled

NC Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey has announced that the N.C. Department of Insurance has ended the legal dispute with the North Carolina Rate Bureau on its proposal for an 18.7 percent homeowners' insurance rate increase. Commissioner Causey has negotiated an almost 14 percent lower rate for an average 4.8 percent increase statewide.

"I have negotiated a rate that will have minimal impact on the coast yet keep the state's insurance companies financially sound," said Commissioner Causey. "On the Outer Banks, residents with a \$200,000 home will see an average rate that is more than \$400 less per year than what the NCRB originally proposed," Causey added.

The 4.8 percent increase will vary according to territory with a cap of 5.5 percent statewide instead of the 25 percent bump on the coast initially proposed by the NCRB. For instance, in Currituck County on the Outer Banks, residents who insure a \$200,000 frame home will see an average \$120 difference in their annual premium or \$10 per month. The agreement also covers insurance for tenants and condominiums, which is capped at 12 percent.

This rate settlement will save consumers approximately \$293 million in the first year alone, compared to the NCRB's proposed increase.

The NCRB is separate from the NCDI and is made up of insurance industry representatives. The Rate Bureau filed for the proposed 18.7 percent rate increase November 17, 2017, claiming the increase was necessary because of the increased costs stemming from tornado, severe thunderstorm, and windstorm/hail damage.

Commissioner Causey had concerns over the initial filing and set a July 23, 2018, hearing date for the case to be decided if an agreement couldn't be reached. Over the last several months, the Department and the NCRB have been in litigation while trying to settle the case without the necessity of a long, expensive hearing.

The last time homeowners saw an insurance rate increase was in 2012. At that time, the NCRB case was settled for an average statewide increase of 7 percent.

The increase will take effect October 1, 2018.

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