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Obituaries

Griffin, Andy Griffin, Joe Hildreth, Jonathan Hildreth, Kristen Keller, Carrie James and Robert Goodwin; nine great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; his brothers and sisters, J.T. Hildreth of Peachland, Dot Carpenter of Ansonville, Basel Hildreth of Pink Hill, Rachel Hancock of Havelock and Leonard Hildreth of Wadesboro; his stepsister, Jean Morris of Polkton; and his faithful dog, Buddy.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandsons, Jeffrey Hildreth and Jamie Hildreth and brothers and sisters, Frances Turner, Janie Sides, Warren Hildreth, Ed Hildreth and Brenda Vaughn.

Andrew will be remembered as a loving and devoted, husband, father, grandfather and friend. He was an avid Tarheel fan.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the staff of Ambassador Health and Rehab for the loving care they provided for Andrew and their family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Polkton Baptist Church, P.O. Box 10, Polkton, NC 28135.

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

Mr. Richard Jones Johnson

Mr. Richard Jones Johnson, 69, died Saturday, April 22, 2017, at McLeod Health in Cheraw, SC.

A gathering of family and friends took place on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, at Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro.

Richard was born August 26, 1947, in Anson County, a son of Flora Nelle McRae Johnson and the late Thomas Calvin Johnson. He was a veteran of the United States Army, having served during the Vietnam War.

Surviving are his sons, Kevin Scott Johnson of Jersey City, NJ and Julius Dane Johnson of Laurinburg; his girlfriend, Sue Hill of McFarlan; his mother, Flora Nelle Johnson of McFarlan; his sister and brothers, Gail Whittington and Jeff (Shannon) Johnson, all of McFarlan and Joe (Rona) Johnson and Perry (Sharon) Johnson, all of Cheraw; and his sister-in-law, Phyllis Johnson of Cheraw.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by brother Tommy Johnson.

In lieu flowers, the family suggests memorials being made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Mr. Stephen Phillips Leary

Mr. Stephen Phillips Leary, 70, passed away peacefully on the evening of April 15, 2017, after a long illness.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 3, 2017, at Leavitt Funeral Home. The family will greet friends following the service.

Born in Washington, DC, he was the son of the late Peter Leary and Agnes Sanford Leary.

Steve is survived by his loving wife Anne Covington Leary, and his sister Pamela Sanford Leary.

While still in his childhood, Steve's family moved to Mocksville, NC where he attended local schools. From there he attended the preparatory Blue Ridge School for Boys before graduating from St. Andrews College where he completed his BA degree in English. Later, to fulfill a long-time goal, he completed his certification in Economic Development.

Steve's career included teaching school in South Carolina, serving as the Town Planner for Mocksville, and the Town Manager in Spencer, NC. His distinguished career concluded as the Economic Developer in Anson County.

Steve's love of history involved him in many worthwhile projects. When in Davie county his involvement in the restoration of the national historically registered Fulton Methodist Church brought him immense pleasure and satisfaction. Always involved in community life, his memberships included the First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro, the Anson County Partnership for Children, serving as Board Chair, a member of the Friends of the Pee Dee Wildlife Refuge, the Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. Board of Directors, serving for several years as the secretary, the Wadesboro Rotary Club, and the South Piedmont Community College Foundation Board.

Those who knew Steve remember him as an easy-going, friendly person who enjoyed people. He was a real southern gentleman, gifted with a generous spirit and deeply gracious manner. He considered his greatest possession his family and friends.

A man of diverse skills and interests, his activities included gourmet cooking, gardening and studying the Civil and World Wars. All modes of transportation fascinated Steve, but especially the train. He never missed a chance to study and ride locomotives. He enjoyed frequent visits to museums and historical sites where his interest could be enriched.

Obviously a prolific and diverse reader, he loved to hear a good

"yarn" and could hold his own as a raconteur. He was quite the engaging conversationalist. He will be missed by all who knew him.

A Stephen Phillips Leary Memorial Scholarship is being established with South Piedmont Community College Foundation. Donations can be made in his memory to the foundation at PO Box 5041, Monroe, NC 28111 or to the charity of your choice.

Mr. Bennie Green Lett, Jr.

Mr. Bennie Green Lett, Jr. 59, passed away April 14, 2017.

Holland Funeral Service and Crematory in Monroe, NC is caring for the family.

Mrs. Lindsay Katherine Teal Rimmer

Mrs. Lindsay Katherine Teal Rimmer, 34, walked into the arms of her Heavenly Father exclaiming, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at Hospice of Union County in Monroe.

Funeral services were held on Friday, April 21, 2017, at Gum Springs Baptist Church. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Lindsay was born October 15, 1982, in Anson County, a daughter of Richard Gerald Teal and Karen Mabe Teal. She was a graduate

of Anson High School and Cabarrus College of Health Sciences in Concord where she earned an Associate's Degree in Occupational Therapy Assistant. She was a member of Gum Springs Baptist Church.

She leaves behind her husband, Matthew Rimmer; son Kasen James Rimmer; her parents, Richard and Karen Teal; her brother Ryan (Rosanna) Teal, all of Lilesville; half-brothers, Deon (Pam) Teal of Lilesville and Jimmy (Michelle) Teal of Mohntown, PA; half-sister, Della (Johnny) Yow of Reidsville; a special niece, Maggie "Magpie" Teal whom she loved as her own; her aunts, Penny Young and Doris (Tom) Lathan of Lilesville as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews;

and longtime friends, Emily Tatro, Leslie Griggs, Carrie Burris and Jennifer Scott.

The family would like to thank Dr. Gregory Brouse and his staff for the loving support and care they gave Lindsay and to Hospice of Union County for making her final days so much easier not only for Lindsay but our family too.

In lieu of flowers, it was Lindsay's request that memorials be made to an education fund for her son Kasen by making contributions to Communities for a Cause, 1065 Hailey's Ferry Rd., Lilesville, NC 28091.

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