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**Mrs. Argie
Gammons Gerald**

Mrs. Argie Gammons Gerald, 70, died Sunday, April 20, 2014, at Kindred Health Care in Monroe.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Randy Swaringen and Rev. Ronnie Sullivan officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

Argie was born May 9, 1943, in Richmond County, a daughter of the late James Madison and Myrtle Starling Gammons. She had owned and operated an in home day care for many years and later worked at Smith's Cleaners in Wadesboro. Surviving are husband,

Obituaries

Rev. James H. Gerald of the home; her children, Rev. Barry (Karen) Gerald of Wadesboro, Katie (Brian) McLaurin of Summerville, SC, Robin Foster of St. Cloud, MN and Jamie (Jessica) Gerald of Charlotte; her grandchildren, James Gerald, Jr., Christopher Gerald, Heather Rossidis, Holly McLaurin, Jessica Player, Charlotte Gerald, Corrie Gerald and Campbell Gerald; her great-grandchildren, Callie, Bailey, Alyvia, Andie and Noah; and her sister, Gay Richardson of Rockingham.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by an infant son James Gregory Gerald and by her sister Betty Jean Gibson.

Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, 430 Lansford Dr., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

**Mr. Thomas
"Tom" Frank
Kiker**

Mr. Thomas "Tom" Frank Kiker, 59, died Thursday, April 24, 2014, at Anson Community Hospital in Wadesboro.

Memorial services were

held on Sunday, April 27, 2014, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home.

Tom was born August 14, 1954, in Union County, a son of the late Willie Francis Kiker and Ollie Pauline Jameson Kiker Black and William Oscar "Wick" Black. He was a retired correctional officer with the North Carolina Department of Prisons.

Surviving are his wife, Carolyn Threadgill Kiker of the home; his son, Cody (Mindy Pike) Kiker of Peachland; his grandson, Gracin; his siblings, William "Bill" Kiker, Beverly Luker, Teresa Carney and Anna Kiker, all of Weatherford, TX; his mother-in-law,

Mary Frances Threadgill of Polkton; his stepmother, Maxine Kiker of Weatherford; his adopted children, Chris (Tania) Helms of Marshville, Alan (Carol) Johnson of Monroe, Dusty Helms of Marshville and Summer Holcomb of Indian Land, SC; and his babies of Crazy K & "TC" Tree Rocking Kennel Farm.

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

**Mr. Ernest "Pug"
Alvin Turner**

Mr. Ernest "Pug" Alvin Turner, 84, fought his last battle with family by his side on April 25, 2014.

Cremation has taken place and a private memorial service will be held at a later date.

He was born on September 29, 1929, in Anson County to the late Luther Thomas and Maggie Gregory Turner. Ernest, known to many as "Pug," served in the US Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict and was granted a Purple Heart for being wounded in battle. He later went on to join the Merchant Marines and the State Department of Transportation where he retired from both.

A strong-willed and courageous individual, Pug valiantly overcame many struggles in his life. He was true example of strength and will be missed by the ones who loved him most.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and a brother. He is survived by a sister, numerous nephews, nieces, great-nephews, nieces and cousins.

Memorials may be made to the Anson County Animal Shelter, 101 S. Greene St., Suite 205, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or Hospice of Union County, 700 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 28110.

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

On behalf of our Mother, Miss Mable Liles, we would like to thank each and everyone for the flowers, cards, food and support.

Thank you to the pastors and the Choir. And, a special Thanks to Miss Alberta Huntley, Mrs. Jackie Savage, Mrs Hallie Bennett, Miss Rita Parson, Mrs. Rosa Grace, Miss Elnora Pope, Miss Brenda Polk, Mrs. Annie Medley and Miss Sharon Liles for your support, from the beginning to the end

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Anson County's Woman's Missionary Union Celebrates!

Report prepared by Delores Thomas: At its 67th Annual Meeting on March 25 at Deep Springs Baptist Church, the Anson Baptist Association's Woman's Missionary Union celebrated two huge milestones: 1) the 100th year of GA's (Girls in Action); and 2) the 125th year of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC (Southern Baptist Convention). "The Story Lives On: Celebrate, Connect, Commit" was the theme for the meeting.

The fellowship and exhibit time was held in the beautifully decorated church fellowship hall at 6 p.m. and the meeting began at 7 in the church worship center with a parade of flags. The parade included the American flag, the Christian flag, and the Anson Association flag, followed by the WMU NC symbolic torch representing the gospel message, and the individual church flags. The church flags were carried by children from the various churches.

GA's were recognized and were seated in pews adorned with balloons. Also mentioned were missionary couples who serve in "last frontier" missionary assignments. Jennifer Lee, incoming Associational WMU Director, led in prayer for missionaries, especially those who were observing their birthday that day. Songs were sung, followed by a short business session.

The highlight of the evening was a message delivered by special guest, Mrs. Tana Hartsell, President of North Carolina WMU. Her message brought a surprise to those in attendance - her great grandfather, Rev.

Tyson, had pastored Mt. Beulah Baptist Church years ago. As she continued to share her story and how it connects with our story and God's story, she shared that it was in May 1888, in Richmond, Virginia, that a group of women delegates from 12 states gathered at the Broad Street United Methodist Church and organized the Executive Committee of the Woman's Mission Societies, Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention. Several states had already organized their individual mission societies, but many women and men felt that there needed to be a national organization so they could work together to further mission efforts. That missionary society eventually became known as WMU - Woman's Missionary Union.

Mrs. Hartsell has participated in many mission endeavors, local, national and international, and continued to weave story after story of her experiences and of various career missionary experiences of miracles which only God can do. Her message was challenging and left everyone feeling renewed and re-commissioned to "tell the story of Jesus" to others as we share how Jesus saves and keeps those who trust in Him.

Pictured above, WMU NC President Tana Hartsell (middle) holds the torch while children from various churches hold their church flag and others hold the American and Christian flags.

Dedication Ceremony and Open House at New Animal Shelter

Anson County cordially invites you to the Dedication Ceremony and Open House for the new Anson County Animal Shelter on Saturday, May 17. The brief dedication ceremony will begin at 11 a.m., followed by tours of the facility until 1 p.m. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

If you are able, please bring a gift of our most frequently needed items for the animals: paper towels, trash bags, towels for bedding, Dawn dishwashing liquid and Clorox.



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The bathrooms feature Italian tiles, frameless glass enclosures, jacuzzi bath, granite countertops and premium fixtures. The kitchen includes a breakfast nook, custom mahogany cabinetry and granite countertops. The large living room is flooded by light from a picture window and other large windows, cozy on cold winter nights with the gas log fireplace. The upstairs bedroom is huge and airy, lined with windows. It features a large walk-in closet and lots of storage. The whole home is loaded with custom items.

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By talking to the citizens of Anson County I have heard the following complaints:

- Slow deputy response times.
- Taking reports over the phone.
- No contact after initial reporting of a crime, even when you are told someone will contact you.
- Poor or no investigation when you reported a crime.
- No accountability in the ranks of the Sheriff's Office.

As your Sheriff I will implement the following plans:

- Organize training opportunities so deputies receive ongoing training to make them more efficient and accountable while serving you.
- Be a Sheriff who is personable and approachable, and one who will address your concerns personally.
- Implement a system that the detectives and supervisors will use to follow up and keep you informed if you are a crime victim. We will use the same system to make sure that a thorough and complete investigation is done.
- I will work closely with all the neighboring departments to reduce crime in Anson County.
- Hold all employees of the Sheriff's Office accountable for their duties.

I got these ideas from talking to you, the public to find out what Anson County needs from their Sheriff's Office, not by Googling programs on the internet used by large police departments.

I have pledged that I will listen to the citizens in all communities. Your Sheriff cannot reduce crime without your support, and you cannot reduce crime with a Sheriff who is not listening to you.

I have dealt with many issues our young people are presently experiencing in Anson County. I strongly believe our children need to be reassured that our community can support them, love them and provide everything they need to achieve their goals. They need to know that we the community can support them better than any gang they could ever join. This is why I have dedicated myself and time to many charitable programs in Anson County:

- Founder and Director of "Stride with Pride Shoe Drive, where I have been able to give over 500 needy children shoes with your help.
- Board member of Anson County Toys for Tots.
- I have worked with faith-based and nonprofit organizations to provide prom dresses and shoes to students, donate school supplies and clothing to students and food drives for needy families.
- In 2013 I was a recipient of the Governor's Award for Excellence. This is the highest award given to a state employee. It is given to acknowledge and express the governor's appreciation for outstanding contributions by participating in or implementing community projects that help the citizens in our communities.

As your Sheriff I will plan activities such as having a Child's Sheriff's Camp that is similar to the current Citizens Academy that is presently offered for adults. I will continue to work with faith-based and nonprofit organizations to make sure that our kids receive all the help they need to prosper without having to make bad choices to get their needs met. Together we are making, and can continue to make, a difference.



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