



Mrs. Anna Gray Gilliam

Mrs. Anna Gray Gilliam of Cary, NC passed away on April 23, 2023.

Funeral services will be conducted at a later date.

Anna (Anne) was born April 23, 1930, the daughter of Sue Kate Pope and Clayton Bryan Gray of Wadesboro, NC. In addition to her parents, her brothers Don and C.B. Gray, Jr preceded her in death.

Anne graduated from Greensboro College with a degree in elementary education and taught for twenty years in Wadesboro, Clemson, SC and Cary, NC.

Henry and Anne were married in 1966 and have lived in Cary since 1969. Her many interests included reading, bird watching, music, flowers, her friends in Hillsdale Forest in Cary, the NCSU Economics Department Wives' Bridge Club, the Caswell-Nash DAR and the CDA.

The students in her classroom were a joy to her, along with the teachers and personnel at Central School in Wadesboro, Morrison Elementary in Clemson and Henry Adams in Cary.

Anne remained a member of First United Methodist Church in Wadesboro throughout her lifetime, but attended Presbyterian churches with Henry.

Survivors include her husband Henry Jr. and son Henry III; nieces Crysta Williams of New London, NC, Kelly Bradley and family of Gastonia, NC; and nephew Bryan Gray and family of Georgetown, SC. Other survivors are Henry's sister Barbara Alphin of Colfax and other extended family members.

Her family are grateful for the care she received at Wake Med Hospital Cary, UNC Rex Health Care in Apex and Transitions Life Care in Raleigh.

Memorials may be made to the Autism Society of NC; 5121 Kingdom Way, Suite 100; Raleigh, NC 27607

Arrangements are by the Cremation Society of the Carolinas, Raleigh, NC.

Memorial Day Service Scheduled for May 29

Everyone is invited to come to Wadesboro Park on Monday, May 29 at 10 a.m. for a Memorial Day Service. The ceremony will honor Anson County veterans who died in foreign wars. If it is raining the event will be cancelled.

Wadesboro Park is located at the corner of Center and Gatewood Streets, just off Morven Road, in Wadesboro.

This is Hurricane Preparedness Week

Governor Cooper Urges North Carolinians to Prepare for Hurricane Season

As part of Hurricane Preparedness Week, Governor Roy Cooper is urging North Carolinians to learn about and prepare for the dangers of severe tropical weather in preparation for the upcoming hurricane season. Hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30. "Severe tropical weather can have devastating impacts on communities across the state and the best way to prepare is by having a family emergency plan and kit," Governor Cooper said. "These small steps now can bring big relief for people trying to stay safe during a storm and recover more quickly after it's over." "Part of being prepared includes practicing what is in your emergency plan, so that everyone in your household is comfortable with their role in the plan," said North Carolina Emergency Management Director, Will Ray.

The plan should include details on how and where you would evacuate, a meeting place, and important phone numbers. Everyone should have an evacuation plan to stay with family or friends, or at a hotel outside the affected area. Staying at a public shelter should be a last resort, not your primary plan. Offer to share your home as a shelter location for family or friends from coastal or flood prone areas.

Be sure to write down your plan and gather important documents, such as copy of driver's license, insurance policies, medical records, and bank account information, and put them somewhere you can quickly access in case of emergency. In addition to practicing your emergency plan, the Governor encourages North Carolina residents to have flood insurance, which is not normally part of homeowner's insurance policies. Residents should also review and update homeowners or renters' insurance policies to ensure they are current and include adequate coverage for their current situation.

Governor Cooper also emphasizes that all North Carolinians should be looking out for one another by checking on their neighbors, especially the elderly who may be more vulnerable.

Having an emergency kit allows people to survive for a few days with little or no outside assistance. Assemble an emergency supplies kit that includes enough non-perishable food and water to last each family member three to seven days. Other essential items include: First-aid kit; Weather radio and batteries; Prescription medicines; Sleeping bag or blankets; Changes of clothes; Hygiene items such as toothbrush, toothpaste, soap and deodorant; Cash; Pet supplies including food, water, bedding, leashes, muzzle and vaccination records; and Face masks and hand-sanitizer.

Residents should pay attention to weather and evacuation information from local news media and have a battery-powered radio in case there is a power outage. If asked to evacuate, residents should promptly follow evacuation instructions.

To help mitigate damage to your home from severe weather, people can take common sense measures such as trimming trees, covering windows, securing loose outdoor items before severe weather strikes.

North Carolina continues to recover from the devastating effects of multiple large storms including Hurricane Ian, which brought wind, rain, isolated tornadoes and power outages to North Carolina. Tropical Storm Fred caused devastation and six deaths in Western North Carolina two years ago. In 2020 Hurricane Isaias and the remnants of Hurricane Eta pummeled parts of the state; as did Hurricane Dorian in 2019; Hurricane Florence, Tropical Storms Michael and Alberto in 2018; and Hurricane Matthew in 2016.

Information on emergency planning, preparedness and hurricanes is online at ReadyNC.gov.

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Whitley's family also includes his mother, Anna Blackwelder, a first grade teacher at Peachland-Polkton Elementary School, his little brother Walker Tarlton, and grandparents Tonia and Whit Tarlton.

And...Happy Sixth Birthday on Friday, May 5 Whitley!!!

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