

Obituaries

Mr. Richard Jackson "Rick" Robinson

On Monday, May 9, 2022, Mr. Richard Jackson "Rick" Robinson, 68, beloved son, brother, uncle and friend, passed away at Novant Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte.

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 15, 2022, by the graveside in Bethel Cemetery in Wadesboro. The family will greet friends following the service at the cemetery.

Rick was born on November 27, 1953, in Chesterfield County, SC and was a son of the late Cedric Poe Robinson and the late Sara Eddins Robinson. He was a graduate of Bowman High School in Wadesboro, and worked for and eventually became the owner of Metro Electronics in Charlotte, where his career spanned nearly 40 years. He attended St. John's United Methodist Church in Charlotte.

He dearly loved his family and was a devoted son. He was a caregiver, a quiet and kind man with an appreciation for music and knowledge of anything electronic.

Those left to cherish his memory are his sister and brother, Jan Truman (Bill) of Hanahan, SC and Ron Robinson (Nancy) of Morven; his nephews and nieces, Neil Robinson of Lexington, SC, Laura Robinson of Morven, Dr. Lea Drye (Clay) of Mt. Pleasant, SC, Dr. Chris Truman (Kate) of Laurel, MD and Kim Elliott (Bradley) of Summerville, SC; and seven great-nieces and great-nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Jerry Robinson and by his long time friend and roommate Jim Canter.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bethel Cemetery Fund, c/o Harold Carpenter, 1381 Cox Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

North Carolinians Urged to Prepare for Hurricane Season

North Carolinians are encouraged to be prepared for and educated about the dangers of hurricanes. Everyone needs to be ready for tropical weather. Hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30.

"North Carolina is prone to the impacts of hurricanes, tropical storms and other severe weather," said Governor Roy Cooper. "It's important to be prepared by having a family emergency plan and emergency kit, which will help you to survive the impacts of a storm and recover faster."

Tropical storms and hurricanes are common in North Carolina. The state is currently recovering from the devastating effects of multiple large storms including Tropical Storm Fred, which caused devastation and six deaths in Western North Carolina last year. 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.

"Being prepared also includes having flood insurance, which is not normally part of homeowner's insurance policies," said Will Ray, Director of North Carolina Emergency Management. "It's also important that we all look out for our neighbors, especially the elderly who may be more vulnerable."

All North Carolinians are strongly encouraged to develop an emergency plan. 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.

Make sure to review and update homeowners or renters' insurance policies to ensure they are current and include adequate coverage for your current situation.

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.

More information on emergency planning is online at ReadyNC.gov.

Got an innovative business idea?

Pitch it to SPCC in 53 seconds...it's a chance for \$10,000!

What if you were only 53 seconds away from turning your dream business into a reality? South Piedmont and Fifth Third Bank are excited to announce that entries for the 53 Ideas Business Pitch Competition will open on May 1.

The search is on for the next big idea. Take a chance on yourself and get ready to enter for a shot to move forward in the competition to win \$10,000, \$5,000 or \$2,500.

Here's how it works

- Visit 53ideas.com between May 1 and May 31 to record your 53-second pitch and enter the competition.
- Judges will select the top 53 ideas to move forward in the competition. All can sign-up for training (at www.ncsbc.net) that will help develop their idea and a 3-minute pitch. These virtual sessions will be critical for those moving on to the next round of the competition and equally important for those not selected.
- During the week of July 11th pitch virtually before judges to try to secure a spot in the top 10.
- Get \$250 if your idea is selected as one of the top 10 and take advantage of coaching to help you perfect your pitch for the final round.
- Pitch as a top 10 contestant in the final round to compete for \$10,000, \$5,000 and \$2,500. The final pitch round will be in-person before judges and broadcast to an online audience.

First Round Pitch Tips: Judging of the initial video idea submissions will focus on your idea. In your 53-second video entry be sure to: 1) tell us who you are. 2) clearly define the problem and how your idea solves it. 3) identify your target customers and the impact your solution will make. 4) share what is unique about your solution; why is it better than options that may currently exist? 5) communicate the potential to make it happen if you had the resources.

Video shooting tip: If you are recording from a cell phone do so in landscape with the phone held horizontally.

Sandhills Center Family Support Programs for May

Family Support Program Webinars

- **May 12** Triple P Parenting webinar will be held virtually from 11:00-12:30 on Thursday, May 12th. Triple P is an evidence-based program that aims to build confidence in parents and caregivers while providing positive parenting tips to help parents more effectively. Discussion will cover the overall basic foundation detailing Triple P and the levels family support agencies can be trained in to offer to parents/caregivers. Also discussed will be the Stay Positive media campaign which is being implemented within the region for the next fiscal year. To register, contact Adrian Standish at leeharnettfsp@yahoo.com or 910-985-0126. Upon registration, you will be sent the link to the webinar.
- **May 12** Invisible Sentence: Recognizing, Supporting and Advocating for Children of Incarcerated and Returning Parents webinar will be held from 1:00-2:00 pm via WebEx. Melissa Radcliff, Program Director with Our Children's Place of Coastal Horizons Center will be the presenter. Contact Suzanne Maness for more info or to register, call (910) 627-1769 or email connectionsfsp@gmail.com.
- **May 23** A Voice for a Child in Court webinar will be held virtually from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. This will be a panel discussion led by Darnell McMath, Guardian ad Litem Supervisor District 19b. There will be an overview of county statistics, child welfare trends and discussion of the dynamics of children involved in care. To register, contact Charmaine Ford at randmontadvfsp@gmail.com or 336-870-3802. Upon registration, you will be sent the link to the webinar.
- **May 23** Engaging Kids with Art Even if You're Not an Artist webinar will be held virtually from 1:00-2:00pm on Monday, May 23, 2022. Portia L Purcell, MA, NCC, LCMHC, LCAS will be the presenter. Certificate of attendance is available. To register, contact Shirlyn Morrison-Sims at search.family.support.program@gmail.com or 919-906-7103. Upon registration, a link to the web meeting will be sent.

Anson and Richmond Counties

- **May 12** Parents, Foster Parents and Caregivers Support Group meeting will be held from 5:30-7:00 pm via WebEx. It is a support group for families of children with emotional, learning or behavioral challenges. Suzanne Maness will be the facilitator. For more info or to register, call (910) 627-1769 or email connectionsfsp@gmail.com.
- **May 13** Five County System of Care (SOC) Community Collaborative meeting will be held from 9:30-10:30 am via Microsoft Teams. System of Care is a network of community-based services and supports that are organized to meet the challenges of children and youth with serious mental health needs and their families. The System of Care Collaborative brings together the perspectives of families, youth, providers, child and family services, community members and other stakeholders. The SOC Collaborative meeting provides networking opportunities and time for working in partnership with public and private organizations so services and support are effective, build on the strengths of individuals, and address each person's cultural and linguistic needs. The Five County SOC Community Collaborative includes the following counties: Hoke, Moore, Richmond, Anson and Montgomery. The meeting is held monthly on the 2nd Friday at 9:30 am. If you would like to receive the link, contact Suzanne Maness at (910) 627-1769 or email connectionsfsp@gmail.com.

Ansonia Auditions

The Ansonia Theatre will hold auditions on Tuesday, May 17 for their upcoming play, Ghost the Musical. The auditions will be held at the theatre at 6 p.m. Be prepared to sing and read from the script.

The Ansonia is located at 112 South Rutherford Street in uptown Wadesboro.

Recruiting Volunteers for Meals on Wheels

Grace Senior Center is recruiting volunteers to help with their Meals on Wheels by delivering meals. If you are interested in helping Anson County's shut-in and elderly citizens with this important program, please contact Cynthia Miles at 704-694-6616.

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For further questions, please contact Chief of Police, Tony Robinson 704-848-4711

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