

On Sunday, June 11, 2023, Mr. Henry Thomas "Tommy" Harward, 56, passed away peacefully at his home.

There will be a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 16, 2023, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Heather McIntyre officiating. Inurnment will follow in Anson Memorial Park.

The family will greet friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at the funeral home.

Tommy was born January 30, 1967, in Anson County, and was a son of the late Henry Thomas Harward and the late Shirley Ann Trexler Harward. He was a 1985 graduate of Anson High School and had worked as a pipe fitter. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Wadesboro.

Those left to cherish his memory are his companion of 15 years, Peggie Mangam of the home; his sister and brother-in-law, Pam and Marty Mihalyfi of Clayton; and his fur babies.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 351, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or to the Friends of the Anson Animal Shelter, c/o Turner and Tarlton, 111 E Wade St # B, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

Mr. Samuel Durham "Sammy" Sessions, Jr.

On Monday, June 12, 2023, Mr. Samuel Durham "Sammy" Sessions, Jr., 64, of Wadesboro and formerly of Ocean Isle Beach, NC, passed away peacefully at his home. Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at Anson Memorial Park, with entombment following in the mausoleum. The family will greet friends following the service at the cemetery.

Sammy was born February 24, 1959, in Anson County, and was the only child of Samuel Durham Sessions and Agnes Oliver Sessions. He attended schools in Anson County and received an associate degree in horticulture from Anson Community College. He later earned a Captain's certificate of licensure from Brunswick Community College and the United States Coast Guard.

He worked alongside his father with Session's Trucking as a truck driver. In 1979 Sammy was involved in a very serious automobile accident. After spending a year in the hospital and working to regain his independence and ability to walk again, he was able to once again drive a truck for the family business.

In 1982 Sammy and his parents moved to Ocean Isle Beach, a place they all dearly loved. It was there he developed a love for deep sea fishing and time spent on the beach. Although to others he was limited, he won various deep sea fishing tournaments and was often sought after to lead deep sea fishing trips and tournaments. He was a local hero to many at Ocean Isle.

Among the highlights of his deep sea fishing experiences was when the head coach of the Charlotte Hornets sought out the best in deep sea fishing and everyone who was asked immediately told him, "Sammy Sessions is the best!" Sammy reveled in this once in a lifetime experience.

He was also proud of his Captain's license achievement. He worked very hard and was pushed by the Coast Guard during the training, and surprised everyone of his ability to meet the criteria and become licensed. His friends and family often said he could get around on a boat better than anyone!

Although the only child in his family, and his parents having predeceased him, he is survived by his aunts, uncles and cousins who were among his best friends, not forgetting his extended family of friends at Ocean Isle Beach and in Wadesboro alike.

Because of the impact and great assistance they had on his life, Sammy's request is that memorials be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, PO Box 947765, Atlanta, GA 30394, so they may help other crippled children.



Mr. Craven Allen Gaddy

Mr. Craven Allen Gaddy, 81, of Wadesboro, passed away on Monday, June 12, 2023, at Union Hospice House in Monroe.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at Red Hill Baptist Church cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at Edwards Funeral Home in Norwood.

Mr. Gaddy was born on July 5, 1941, in Anson County to the late Walter Haywood, Sr. and Mallie Smith Gaddy. He resided in Wadesboro and was a

farmer. He loved his family and always made sure everyone was taken care of. He also loved his beagles and enjoyed hearing them run.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Gaddy was preceded in death by his sister Irene Pope.

Mr. Gaddy is survived by his siblings, Annie Mae Gaddy and Priscilla Jameson, both of the home, Donald Gaddy (Sherry) of Polkton, Walter Gaddy (Cindy) of Polkton, Calvin Gaddy (Shelia) of Mt. Gilead, Edith Atkinson (Bobby) of Albemarle, Elsie Gaddy of Norwood, and Louise Gilmore (Rick) of Norwood; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Memorials may be made to The Red Hill Brotherhood, 4747 Red Hill-Mt Vernon Rd, Polkton, NC 28135.

Juneteenth Evening of Celebration at BRLC

Everyone is invited to come to Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center on Monday, June 19 at 7 p.m. for an evening of celebration for Juneteenth. Come and learn why we celebrate this occasion.

The celebration will take place on the lawn if the weather permits, so bring your lawn chairs and a blanket or quilt. Come early to enjoy chatting with friends and neighbors.

For more information call BRLC Director Carol Smith at 704-826-8737. BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department. For more information visit www.burnvillelc.org.

Democratic Party Meeting

The Anson Democratic Party will hold their monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 22 at Lady Bug Restaurant in Wadesboro. All interested Democratic candidates for the November 7, 2023, Election are encouraged to attend. All registered Democrats are welcome to attend and participate.

For info contact Chair Dannie Montgomery at danniemontgomery@hotmail.com.

Church

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JUNE 16

World Elder Abuse

Awareness (Rights Don't Get Old!) 2:30pm at Grace Senior Center, 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

JUNE 21

Ice Cream Outing

"Summer fun has begun coolin' & chillin" 2:30pm at Grace Senior Center, 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

JUNE 22

Craft & Workshop

12-2pm at Grace Senior Center, 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

Popcorn & a Movie

"The Devil Wears Prada" 1-3pm at Grace Senior Center, 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

JUNE 26

Father's Day Out

"Step Your Game Up" 2:30pm at Grace Senior Center, 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

ONGOING EVENTS

Bridge Club 2nd Thursday each month, 1-3pm at Grace Senior Center, 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

Bluegrass in Albemarle with Fairfield Bluegrass

Albemarle Parks and Recreation hopes you'll join them for Thursdays at the Station this Thursday, June 15 for a performance of bluegrass music by the Fairfield Bluegrass Band at 7:30 p.m. at Market Station.

The concert is free! All you need to do is bring a comfortable chair and enjoy the show.

The Market Station is located at 501 West Main Street in Albemarle. Refreshments will be available.

80's Party Fundraiser

Get your 80's gear ready to Party for a Purpose on Saturday, June 17, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the HOLLA! Center, located at 229 East Main Street in Morven. Come out to support the upcoming 'Creative Arts Youth Summer Camp at HOLLA!' by donating a minimum \$5 entry fee.

There will be food trucks, entertainment, karaoke and two DJs!

Class of 1971 Reunion Meeting

The Bowman Senior High School Class of 1971 is holding a meeting to discuss reunion plans. All classmates are invited to attend. The meeting will take place on Saturday, June 24 at 2 p.m. at the Hampton B. Allen Library.

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