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Mrs. Louise Ingold Dula

On Saturday, June 25, 2022, Mrs. Louise Ingold Dula, 90, passed away peacefully at FirstHealth Hospice House in West End, NC. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at Ansonville United Methodist Church with Pastor Robert Burr officiating. Interment was private in Concord United Methodist Church Cemetery. The family greeted friends one hour prior to the service at the church on Wednesday. Sarah Louise Ingold Dula was born May 31, 1932, in Anson County, and was one of three children born to Joshua Chalmers Ingold and Sallie Mae Poe Ingold. She was a graduate of Ansonville High School and was retired from B.C. Moore's in Wadesboro. She was a lifelong member of Ansonville United Methodist Church where she was a faithful and dedicated member. Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter and son-in-law, Lou and Mark Spivey of West End, NC; her granddaughter, Lauren Elizabeth Spivey of Raleigh, NC; her great-granddaughter, Caroline Elizabeth Michael of Fuquay, NC; and her nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Gideon C. Dula and by her brothers, Ross Ingold and Robert Ingold and his wife Marion. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ansonville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 398, Ansonville, NC 28007, The FirstHealth Hospice Foundation, 150 Applecross Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374 or to Concord Cemetery Fund. The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Mr. Robert Dale Ross

On Tuesday, June 28, 2022, Mr. Robert Dale Ross, 71, of the Burnsville Community, passed away peacefully at McWhorter Hospice House in Monroe. Funeral services will be held at 3:00p.m. on Thursday, June 30, 2022, at First Baptist Church, Lee Avenue in Wadesboro with Dr. Harry Workman officiating. Interment will follow in Rocky Mount Baptist Church Cemetery in Polkton. The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday. Robert was born February 26, 1951, in Union County, NC and was a son of the late Blonnie Snyder Ross and the late Gladys Parker Ross. He was a 1969 graduate of Bowman High School.

A lifelong farmer, Robert often shared that his farming career began at age 5 when his daddy had him drive a tractor home while he followed in the pickup truck. He owned and operated Ross Farms, which included row crops and poultry farming. Robert was a lifelong member of Rocky Mount Baptist Church, where he was ordained a deacon and served as treasurer of the church cemetery fund. He also attended First Baptist Church, Wadesboro in Wadesboro for 34 years. He has served as a Board Member for the Anson County Farm Service Agency, Brown Creek Soil and Water Conservation Committee, North Carolina Farm Bureau Board of Directors and Treasurer, was named Farmer of the Year by Farm Bureau, and Top Grower for Mountaire Farms.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 27 years, Janet Brower Ross; his brother Ellis Ross (Gail) of Apex; his brother-in-law Karl Grube of Treasure Island, FL; his stepchildren, Chris Burr and Kevin Burr (Wendy), all of Wadesboro; grandchildren, Sunee Burr, USN, stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC, Rylee Burr of Columbia, SC, Abigail Underwood and Noah Underwood, both of Wadesboro; his nephew and niece, Michael Ross (Sharon) of Polkton and Melanie Parker (Shane) of Holly Springs and their families.

He also leaves his extended Brower family, his mother-in-law Beatrice Brower of Wadesboro; his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Diane Keziah of Mint Hill, Mike Brower (Cheryl) of Wadesboro, Robin Yorty (Bill) of Irwin, PA and Kenny Brower (Glenda) of Wadesboro and their families. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister Julia Ross Grube. Robert's family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to his caregivers, Vickie Cauthen, Patricia Harrison, Paula Pierre, Carol Holloway, Kathy Lorch and Virginia Treadaway for all of their help during his declining health. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Union County, 700 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 28110 or Rocky Mount Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 2043 Blonnie Ross Rd., Polkton, NC 28135 or to First Baptist Church Baptist Men's Ministry, P.O. Box 423, Wadesboro, NC 28170. The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Anson County's Unemployment Rate 4.7% in May

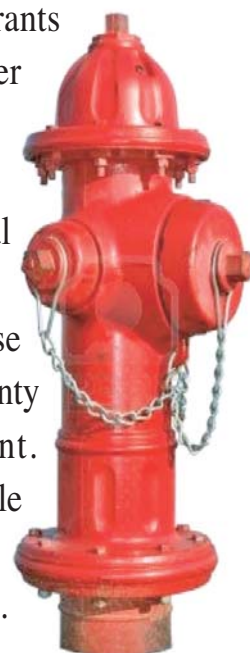
Anson County Anson County's unemployment rate for May was 4.7%. In April it was 4.6%. Here are other past rates: **2022:** March 4.9%; February 5.1%; January 5.1%. **2021:** December 4.4%; November 4.7%; October 5.2%; September 4.9%; August 5.8%; July 5.9%; June 6.1%; May 5.5%; April 5.4%; March 5.9%; February 7.5%; January 7.7%. The **2020** rates were: December 7.1%; November 7.2%; October 7.2%; September 8.5%; August 8%; July 10%; June 7.9%; May 10.1%; and April 8.2%. In March 2020 the unemployment rate in Anson County was 4.9%, just before it was affected by the pandemic. **Statewide** Statewide the unemployment rate for May was 3.6%. Here are other statewide past rates: **2022:** April 3.4%; March 3.6%; February 3.7%; January 3.8%. **2021:** December 3.2%; November 3.4%; October 3.6%; September 3.8%; August 4.4%; July 4.6%; June 4.9%; May 4.5%; April 4.4%; March 4.6%; February 5.6%; January 6%. **2020:** December 6%; November and October 6.1%; September 7%; August 6.8%; July 8.9%. Anson's total labor force in May was 10,337. Of that number 9,855 were employed and 482 were unemployed. In April the total labor force was 10,283, with 9,811 employed and 472 unemployed. Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) increased in 89 of North Carolina's counties in May, decreased in six, and remained unchanged in five. Scotland County had the highest unemployment rate at 7.3 percent while Chatham and Orange Counties each had the lowest at 2.9 percent. All fifteen of the state's metro areas experienced rate increases. Among the metro areas, Rocky Mount had the highest rate at 5.9 percent while Asheville had the lowest at 3.0 percent. The May not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 3.6 percent. When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates decreased in all 100 counties. All 15 of the state's metro areas experienced rate decreases over the year. The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) increased in May by 23,486 to 4,949,923, while those unemployed increased by 12,208 to 187,438. Since May 2021, the number of workers employed statewide increased 270,139, while those unemployed decreased 67,479. It is important to note that employment estimates are subject to large seasonal patterns; therefore, it is advisable to focus on over-the-year changes in the not seasonally adjusted estimates.

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