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Mr. Earl E. Colin

Mr. Earl E. Colin, 91, of Greensboro and formerly of

Obituaries

Wadesboro, died peacefully at Beacon Place Hospice House in Greensboro on Friday, July 27, 2012.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, August 1, 2012, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Mark Weekley officiating. Interment will follow in Eastview Cemetery.

The family will greet friends following the service at the funeral home.

Earl was born June 8, 1921, in Wellsburg, West Virginia, a son of the late Colonel Frederick Joseph Colin and Pearl Ann Billingsley Colin. He grew up in Steubenville, Ohio and

attended Millersburg Military Institute in Millersburg, Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Edith Odom Colin, formerly of Wadesboro. They were united in marriage on December 7, 1941.

Earl enlisted in the Ohio National Guard in 1939 and entered the United States regular Army in 1940. He was a combat veteran of World War II, earning four bronze stars and an invasion arrowhead in the European theater of operations.

Attached to the 4th Infantry Division, Earl was platoon sergeant in the first Army Signal Unit to come ashore on Utah Beach on D-Day June 6, 1944, second wave.

He was later assigned to

General Patton's third Army in the dash across France in the Battle of the Bulge. After the war, he transferred to the newly formed Military Police Corps. He served 9 years in the regular Army and 6 years in Army Reserves.

Earl remained active in veteran's activities. He was a member of the American Legion, a charter member of Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, a life member of Disabled American Veterans Chapter 20, member of Retired Military Police Association, and life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2087.

He was formerly with the NC Highway Patrol and a licensed private investigator. He was Carolina Circle Mall's first Chief of Security and Safety, and retired from

Belk, Inc. in 1991.

Earl volunteered with Meals on Wheels, Greensboro Police Department Youth Division, was a community police coordinator and a member of Grace United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his sisters-in-law, Barbara Odom Jensen of Ft. Myers, FL and Jessie Odom Craven of Walterboro, SC and many loving nieces, nephews and special friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans,

Guilford County Chapter 20, P.O. Box 20602, Greensboro, NC 27420.

The family would like to thank special friends, Terri Sharpe and Clara Lorick, the Palliative United Staff of Wesley Long Hospital and Beacon Place Hospice for their love, caring and support.

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

Jamie Hildreth Travels to Haiti For Second Humanitarian Effort

On July 17 Anson County resident Jamie Hildreth left for his second trip to Haiti in an effort to make helpful changes to the region, which was ravaged by a catastrophic earthquake in 2010.

Two years ago Hildreth, along with a group of fellow UNC-Charlotte students took much needed personal hygiene items, school supplies and clothing to many children left with practically nothing. Now Hildreth has returned to the same orphanage and other areas where he said, "I was astounded by the level of poverty and lack of basic necessities we so often take for granted."

Two years after his first trip Hildreth was more prepared for what he would see but he was also more prepared in his efforts to help, and to make a difference in the lives of those he came in contact with. In February Hildreth's group partnered with the Wadesboro Rotary Club, UNC-Charlotte and Port Au Prince. Through sponsorships, among those Rotary Clubs and individual fundraising, the 2012 Model United Nations Social Action Trip was organized. This trip served as the foundation for a partnership that will eventually allow for members of the Wadesboro Rotary Club or other citizens of Anson County, members of Charlotte West Rotary, and students from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte to travel to Haiti as one unified team, while helping to build a better Haiti.

A remodeled hostel has now become the permanent base of operations, which Hildreth and his group put the final touches on during their week long stay. This will allow them affordable access and enable them to continue their travels to Haiti while working with Haitian farmers by educating them about produce and the sale of their produce. The base will also help to serve children with English language, health clinics, and give them a chance to play in a safe environment. Hildreth advised, "Haiti has a ballooning problem with orphaned children. Most have parents, but many parents cannot afford to care for and educate their children. The base will help alleviate some of those problems by educating parents and their children and help to keep more family units intact."

On the final day there Hildreth met with the local Port Au Prince Rotary Club to gain valuable knowledge on how to mesh the Rotarians together and bring greater support to the Haitian people. "I believe we did some good things for some of the people of Haiti and we will continue doing good in the future," said Hildreth.

By Melanie Lyon

Legislative Update

From Rep. Frank McGuirt: The governor continues to gradually sign new bills into law as her August 2nd deadline for action approaches. This week she signed three more bills into law and only a handful remains for her consideration.

The governor must sign the remaining bills, allow them to become law without her signature or veto them. If she vetoes any bills, the General Assembly could come back to Raleigh to consider whether to override them. I support each of these bipartisan measures and am pleased to see them become law. Thank you for your interest in the legislature and state government, and please let me know if I can be of assistance in some way.

Governor Perdue has signed into law a measure to allow members of the military and their spouses to receive occupational licenses in North Carolina if they have been permitted by the military or in another jurisdiction. The applicants would have to meet requirements that are substantially equivalent to or exceed North Carolina's requirements for licensure. Each occupational licensing board is required to implement the new statute within one year. (House Bill 799)

High school students must complete a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training course to graduate beginning with the graduating class of 2015. CPR training has technically been required for high school graduation since 1997, but the requirement has never been enforced. North Carolina is now one of five states with such a requirement. (House Bill 837)

The state will now place defibrillators in all buildings and facilities that house state services or agencies in how to use the devices. The American Heart Association reports that 23 percent of all deaths in North Carolina are attributed to heart disease and that as many as 40,000 deaths nationwide can be prevented through the use of defibrillators. The new law (House Bill 914) also calls for the formation of a task force to identify, pursue, and win public and private funding to pay for the defibrillators and employee training.

The state's annual sales tax holiday will run from August 3-5. In an effort to better help consumers afford back-to-school items for their children, shoppers on this weekend will not have to pay the sales tax on clothing, footwear, and school supplies of \$100 or less per item; school instructional materials of \$300 or less per item; sports and recreation equipment of \$50 or less per item; computers of \$3,500 or less per item; and computer supplies of \$250 or less per item. For more information on the sales tax holiday, including a list of exempt items and answers to frequently asked questions, go to www.dor.state.nc.us/taxes/sales/salestax_holiday.html.

Stephen LaRoque, the co-chairman of the powerful House Rules committee, has resigned after being indicted on eight federal charges involving the alleged misuse and possible theft of money from a federally funded nonprofit agency he operates. Rep. LaRoque, a Republican, was serving his third term in the House of Representatives representing Greene, Lenoir and Wayne counties. He was appointed Rules chairman by the Speaker of the House in early 2011.

Now that the "Short Session" is over I am home, in the District hearing from you and your neighbors. Although it is doubtful we will return for another session this year I will continue to serve my constituents until my term expires at the end of the year. I continue to work with any constituent dealing with state government issues. If I can help you with anything please do not hesitate to call me at 704-507-3956. Thanks again for your interest in our state and our district. Frank.McGuirt@ncleg.net

You can listen to committee meetings and press conferences on the General Assembly's website at www.ncleg.net. Once on the site, select "Audio," and then make your selection - House Chamber, Senate Chamber, Appropriations Committee Room or Press Conference Room. A schedule of committee meetings and other events is also available on the website.

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