

Mrs. Beverly Jean Goodwin Freeman



Mrs. Beverly Jean Goodwin Freeman, 79, died Monday, July 23, 2018, at Anson Health and Rehab in Wadesboro. Her family had the wonderful blessing of surrounding her as she peacefully transitioned to her Heavenly Home.

Funeral services were held on Friday, July 27, 2018, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. Interment followed in Olivet United Methodist Church.

Beverly was born February 8, 1939, in Anson County, and was a daughter of the late Joe Sharpe Goodwin and the late Sadie Ross Downer Goodwin. She was a 1957 graduate of Lilesville High School where she was known for being a star basketball player, maintaining the highest points scored average for the Lilesville High School Girls Basketball Team. Beverly later earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business in 2000 from Gardner Webb University. This was certainly an accomplishment at the age of 61.

Beverly worked for many years in textiles, followed by a number of years at Carl's Food Center and Zimmer. She eventually retired from the Anson County Health Department. She also supported her husband Jim when they owned and operated Freeman's Plumbing and Heating Company.

Her Christian Foundation started at Gums Springs Baptist Church when Beverly was a child. However, she became a lifelong member of Olivet United Methodist Church, which is the home church for the Goodwin family. In church, activities she was involved with were WMU, MYF and Vacation Bible School. Norm Jones, a former minister at Olivet, started a prayer group called PERK - "Pray Every Day Round Koffee" - that meets at The Old Store in Lilesville. She enjoyed being a part of the group.

Beverly, while her children were growing up, was a 4-H Leader, Cub Scout Den Mother, Little League, and Band Mother. Working to coordinate church beach trips was always a fun time for Beverly and the entire Olivet Church Family. She supported her children and grandchildren in their extracurricular activities. She was a serious Kenny Rogers and Elvis Presley fan; actually, she and her friend Gerry were known as regulars by Kenny when they attended concerts.

Crafting was one of her most enjoyable hobbies. She made quilts, baskets, and decorative dish towels, cross stitching, ceramics and jewelry making. In more recent years she enjoyed participating in the Brown Creek Craft Group. Beverly also enjoyed growing and preserving vegetables from the family garden. Her family enjoyed homemade desserts, jams and jellies made with love by their mother.

Beverly is survived by her children, James "Jimmy" (Terry) Freeman, Jr., Michael (Carla) Freeman and Janet (Tim) Clark, all of Lilesville; her grandchildren, Amanda (Ryan) Morgan of Morven, Amber (Brad Broadway) Freeman, Samuel Freeman and Sadie (Aaron) Shaver, all of Wadesboro, Brandon Freeman, Logan Clark and Lucas Clark, all of Lilesville; her great-grandchildren, Hailey, Grace, Gracie, Lexie, Walt and Gage; her sisters and brothers, Millie (Jerry) Burkett of Mt. Pleasant, Mary Ellen (Freddy) Goodwin of Holden Beach, Donnie Goodwin of Rockingham, and Mike (Debbie) Goodwin of Lilesville; her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Ann Goodwin of Lilesville, Charles (Pat) Freeman, Steve (Sheri) Goodwin and Donald (Jobie) Goodwin, all of Wadesboro, David (Julia) Freeman of Jacksonville and Lela Spriggs of Belhaven. She is survived by many nephews and nieces; all of whom she loved dearly.

Also surviving are her chosen children, Mitzi (Joe) Goodwin, Jimmy Downer, Mark Downer, Tanda Eppolito and Baine Downer; her aunts and uncles, Louise Downer, Martha D. Goodwin of Lilesville, Eugene Freeman of Wadesboro, Peggy (Bill) Talent of Norwood and Harold (June) Goodwin of Jacksonville, FL.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband James L. "Jim" Freeman; her special parents, John Goodwin and Mildred; her brothers and sister-in-law, Walter "Buddy" and Martha A. Goodwin, Kress Goodwin, her brother-in-law Ric Spriggs and her dear friend Gerry Rorie.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to Rev. Jodie Campbell and the Olivet Church family for their love and support of Beverly during her time of declining health. They would also like to thank staff of Anson Rehab for the wonderful and compassionate care provided to Beverly.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Olivet United Methodist Church, c/o, Mrs. Martha D. Goodwin, 3788 Stanback Ferry Rd., Lilesville, NC 28091.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

For several years in the late 1990's and early 2000's Bill Billingsley wrote a column for *The Express*. It began with the title 'Billingsley's This and That' with the title later evolving to become Billingsley's "T N T".

Bill managed WADE Radio station in Wadesboro for many years. He was extremely well known in the community, with many friends. Bill was also known nationwide for his pitch-perfect and authoritative 'radio voice.'

Due to a computer mishap, it appeared that Bill's "TnT" columns were lost. But, after working on the project for several years, we have managed to recover at least some of his work. Because of that good fortune, we are proud to present a column below that Bill wrote in 2000.

Billingsley's T.N.T.

One night I had an appointment to meet with a group of stockholders of a new plant that was to be established here. The meeting was to take place at WADE radio studio at eight p.m.

I talked with them in studio "A" for a while to set some ground rules for an interview that was to follow.

While I was in the control room of the station readying the equipment for the recording session, I kept hearing a ticking sound. My first thought was "bomb" -- but rather than set off pandemonium, I simply talked to them on the closed circuit and told them of the ticking and asked if any of the men had arms folded on top of the table and if there was a watch near the microphone. One did. I asked that he hold it nearer the mic and found out that that was, indeed, the cause of the ticking I had heard. Loudest I ever heard! Then I politely asked that this one special fellow hold his hands folded in his lap with a hand over the watch, since I could still hear it. That satisfactorily solved a puzzle that was to sabotage our whole interview about the important addition to the commerce of Anson County.

The reason my first thought was "bomb" was I remembered one evening we had just signed-off the station. I went out front, got in my car to go home, just as usual my car radio was set at 1210 (the frequency WADE broadcasts were on, that is the same as clear channel WCAU in Philadelphia PA. - the reason we were restricted to daytime only broadcasting.) When our transmitter was turned off they came into this area like a ton of bricks. So, when I turned the key to start my car the radio came on WCAU with a tick, tick, tick sound only and my immediate thought was "time bomb," but, the announcer said Bulova Watch Time, and gave the time -- relieving me, no end.

When I arrived at my home I called WCAU to let them know of that incident -- telling them exactly how and why it happened and although it was not a call-in-show coming on their programming they put the call on the air because I heard it since it was totally recorded. After a good laugh the man who took the call and I said, "So long," laughed about it again, and while still laughing hung up.



A friend of mine, Charles Ledbetter, with whom I had grown up, we were having a sandwich one day in the old Stork Restaurant right beside the Ovens Auditorium. That day the producer of Broadway Shows and celebrity talent in Ovens came in the back door. He walked straight over to say "Hi," and introduced himself to Charles and then introduced me to Kim Novak, who was then the long legged beauty of film and stage and who was starring in whatever was playing at the auditorium that week. Then they went across the center of the eatery to have their lunch. When I looked back at Charles he was as white as cotton, (just like when we had been introduced to Julie Newmar) and asked under his breath if that was the real Kim Novak. I answered that it most certainly was. When we started to leave Kaplan, the Producer asked if we had tickets to that production. I assured him we did and with that we told Miss Novak we were pleased to meet her, and went out the door.

A lot of conversation ensued concerning just how I knew the producer, why I said we had tickets and like questions -- all easy enough to answer to Charles' satisfaction, and again if that was the real Kim Novak. I assured Charles that there were people there like that every week. He went on his way to sell dog food and I went on to WRPL, our sister station in Charlotte.

How about some old songs? Phyllis, in the office of *The Express*, told me she was surprised at how many of these old songs she recognized. See how many you remember!

- Everything is Beautiful*
- Rawhide*
- This Little Thing Called Love*
- Ce La Vie*
- Turn Your Radio On*
- You Needed Me*
- Angelena*
- Avalon*
- Achy, Breaky Heart*
- Love Lifted Me*

"An easy task becomes difficult when you do it with reluctance"
Terrance

Dates Set for 2018 Anson Ag Expo & Fair

Mark your calendars for the weekend of September 21 - 22, the dates for this year's Anson Ag Expo & Fair. The event's planning committee has started meeting to prepare for traditional and new fall festivities.

The annual 4-H Youth Livestock Show will be held at Circle G Arena, while the Ag Fair will be held at the Extension Center in Wadesboro on Saturday, September 22. Again, this year there will be a Family Fall Fest, held at Circle G Arena on Friday night, September 21, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m.

The Family Fall Fest will feature fall and agriculture themed relays and competitions for kids, food trucks/vendors, games for small children under the shelter, and more. Come out and enjoy an evening of family fun and entertainment.

The annual 4-H Youth Livestock Show will begin at 9:45 a.m. on Saturday in Lilesville, while the Ag Fair will be open to the public on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in Wadesboro.

Be on the lookout for more information to come, including schedules, fair book release, and much more. Come out and join the fun, and help us celebrate agriculture in Anson.

The Compassionate Friends Meet Every Month

The Compassionate Friends, a support group for parents, grandparents and siblings who have lost a child of any age, welcomes you to attend their monthly meetings. They meet on the second Thursday each month, at 7 p.m. in the Training Room at Pee Dee Electric, located on Highway 52 South in Wadesboro. "We need not walk alone."

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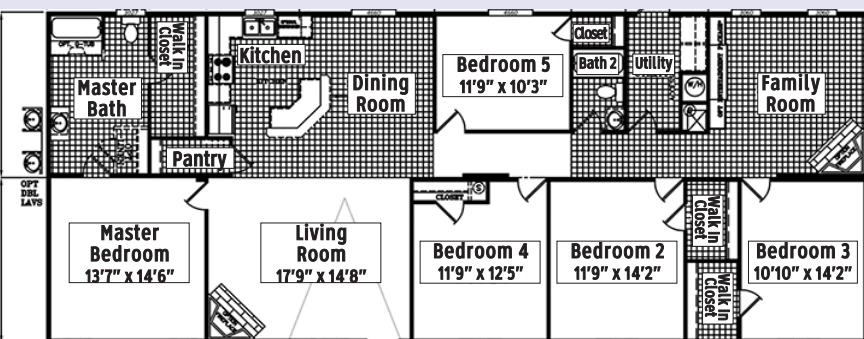
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