

## Meeting for Families with Children

### with Emotional and/or Learning Challenges

On Wednesday, August 17 Connections Family Support Program will host a family support discussion with fun activities opened to all families who have children ages 6 and up with behavioral, emotional, and/or learning challenges. Families are invited to come learn about understanding and accepting differences, and share their experiences with others.

The group will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Hampton B. Allen Library in the Pritchett Room in Wadesboro. Refreshments will be provided at no cost. Contact Suzanne Maness at (910) 627-1769, toll free (877) 211-5995, or by email at [connectionsfp@gmail.com](mailto:connectionsfp@gmail.com) to register. The deadline to register is Monday, August 15.



### Mrs. Reba Louise Thomas

Mrs. Reba Louise Thomas, 92 years of age, of Locust, passed away Tuesday, August 2, 2016, at Clear Creek Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Mint Hill.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, August 4, 2016, at Hartsell Funeral Home, 13575 Broadway Avenue, Midland, NC 28107.

The funeral service, officiated by Rev. Kinny Wallace and Rev. Dr. Tommy Ross, will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, August 5, 2016, at First Baptist Church, 320 South Central Avenue, Locust. The body will lie in state 30 minutes prior to the service. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Reba was born November 15, 1923, in Anson County to the late George Durgin Preslar and Mary Jane Howard Preslar.

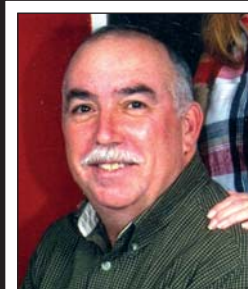
She was also preceded in death by her husband, Clonnie Wilson Thomas; daughter, Patricia Ann Caudle, brother, Lowell Preslar; and sister, Imogene P. Caudle.

Survivors include daughters, Terri Bureson of Charlotte, Pamela S. Thomas of Kannapolis and Janet T. Freeman of Charlotte; sons, Clonnie W. Thomas and wife Lanna of Locust, and Donald L. Thomas of Chadborn; brother, Bob Preslar of Norwood; ten grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Locust, PO Box 159, Locust, NC 28097.

Hartsell Funeral Home of Midland is serving the Thomas family.

Online condolences may be made at [www.hartsellfh.com](http://www.hartsellfh.com).



### Mr. Eddie Reece Pope, Jr.

Mr. Edgar "Eddie" Reece Pope, Jr., 62, passed away on Monday, July 25, 2016, at Carolinas Medical Center Main in Charlotte.

A service to celebrate Eddie's life was held on Friday, July 29, 2016, at First Baptist Church with Dr. Harry Workman officiating.

Eddie was born in Anson County on January 26, 1954, a son of Reece Pope and the late Eloise Ingold Pope. He was retired from the Town of Wadesboro with 30 years of service. He first worked as a dispatcher, and later became the first Fire Chief to be employed by the Town of Wadesboro. He was the owner and operator of Pope's Fire Protection.

Eddie was a member of First Baptist Church, Wadesboro where he served as a deacon and an usher. He loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter. He also was a member of the Wadesboro Kiwanis Club.

Surviving are his wife, Cindi Thomas Pope of the home; his children, Lisa Annette Pope of Leland, NC and Jonathan Edgar (Dana) Pope of Rockingham; his grandchildren, Payton and Charlie Pope of Rockingham; his stepchildren, Tiffani Erdmanczyk of Seattle WA and Steven (Kelly) Erdmanczyk of Seattle WA; his father, Reece Pope of Wadesboro; and his sisters, Lorraine (Bob) Miller of Troy and Jeanette (Donnie) Aldridge of Ansonville.

Also surviving are his nieces and nephews, Lora Lee (John) Reid of Asheboro, Rhonda (Marc) Sessions of Wadesboro, Chris (Misty) Hildreth of Troy and Dale (Cindy) Jarman of New Hill; special fire department friends, Jimmy Burns, Gerald Phillips, Bobby Usrey, Jeff Poplin, Scott Martin, Donald Sellers, Bo Thompson, Rodney Diggs, Wes Stegall and David Hanna; and pet companion, Buddy R. Pope.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Wadesboro Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 697, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).



### Sarah Chewing Hastings

Sarah Chewing Hastings of Lilesville, North Carolina went to be with the Lord on Saturday, July 30, 2016.

Graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, August 4, 2016, at Anson Memorial Park in Wadesboro, North Carolina.

Sarah was born in the Deep Creek Community of Anson County, North Carolina on July 26, 1923. She graduated from Lilesville High School in 1940. She worked at B. C. Moore and Sons in Wadesboro as a Bookkeeper for 54 years.

Sarah enjoyed sewing, crocheting and cooking. She was a member of Lilesville Baptist Church. In 2011 Sarah moved to Knoxville, Tennessee to be closer to granddaughter Kara and family, but always considered Lilesville her home. Sarah's strong work ethic, quiet confidence and love for her family will be greatly missed, but will remain in our hearts forever.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie Benjamin Chewing and Lottie Ann Trexler Chewing; a son, Parris Kenneth Hastings, Jr.; siblings, Carlton Chewing, Lillie Mae Chewing, David Earl Chewing, Jasper Clarence Chewing, Oscar Charlie Chewing, Eugene Chewing, and Virginia Chewing Perfetto; and a daughter in law, Judy Hardison Hastings.

Sarah is lovingly remembered by her grandchildren, Kara Hastings Hudgens (J. Watts Hudgens, Jr.) and Brent Parris Hastings; great-grandchildren, Benjamin Hunter Hastings, Bradley Fisher Hastings, Owen Cooper Hastings and Marley Grace Hastings.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to [www.alztennessee.org](http://www.alztennessee.org).

Click Funeral Home and Cremations - Middlebrook Chapel is serving the Hastings family. Condolences may be left online for the family at [www.clickfh.com](http://www.clickfh.com).

We hope you enjoy revisiting this Remembering column

# Remembering.....

By Ed McBride



## U. S. President Jimmy Carter

I guess this is probably the only sign that I have ever painted to welcome a President of the United States!

About twenty years ago, I received a call from Bill Fleming requesting a custom banner to be used at Wingate College (now Wingate University).

I did the above cloth sign for the college on January 22, 1985 - it was three feet by fifteen feet with blue letters and accented with gold.

President Carter spoke at the college, made other speeches/visits while in the area!

## Learn How to Keep Babies Safe When Sleeping, Then Pass it On

A way to reduce the number of sleep-related infant deaths by providing a safe sleeping environment. The ABCs of Safe Sleep are simple:

- Alone - Make sure the baby sleeps alone. No toys, stuffed animals, blankets or pillows. And not with you.
- Back - Babies should always be put to sleep on their back. Not on their side or their stomach.
- Crib - Infants should sleep in a crib by themselves but near you in your room. Babies shouldn't sleep on a couch, in your bed or in their car seat.

"These are simple yet very important facts to help keep your baby safe," says McLeod Neonatologist Douglas Moeckel, MD. "Your family physician or pediatrician can make sure your baby gets important immunizations or treatment for the many childhood diseases, but only you can ensure that your infant has a safe environment for every sleep time."

Don't allow this valuable knowledge to stop with you. Pass it on. It's important to spread the word about safe sleep because:

- Others - family members, grandparents, babysitters and day care employees - need to know how to keep a baby safe while sleeping.
- One in five infant deaths occur when the infant is being cared for by someone other than a parent.
- An infant, who usually sleeps on his or her back but is mistakenly placed on their stomach to sleep by a caregiver, is 18 times more likely to suffer a sleep-related death.

For more information on the ABC's of Safe Sleep, please visit [www.McLeodWomen.org](http://www.McLeodWomen.org).

## Parks and Recreation Girls Softball Registration

**Deadline to register is Friday**

Anson County Parks and Recreation is offering fall girls softball. This program is for ages 4-6; 7-8; 9-10; 11-12; and 13-15. Home games are at Little Park in Wadesboro, and away games are in Stanly County.

Registration started on July 1 and runs until Friday, August 5. The cost is \$25 per person. You may come to Little Park office to register Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or register on the Parks & Rec website, [www.co.anson.nc.us](http://www.co.anson.nc.us).

For more information contact Jeff Waisner at 704-695-2550, Wendell Small at 704-695-2782 or Morris Gatewood at 704-694-5751.

## UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION, INC. is currently recruiting for the following positions:

- **Early Head Start Teachers (Toddlers)** – Union & Richmond counties
- **Head Start Teacher (three year olds)** – Richmond County
- **Assistant Teacher/Bus Driver** – Union County
- **Bilingual Assistant Teacher/Bus Driver** – Union County
- **Teacher's Aides** – Union & Richmond counties
- **Bilingual Teacher's Aides** – Union County
- **Custodian** – Union & Richmond counties
- **Clerk/Receptionist** – Anson County
- **Bilingual Clerk/Receptionist** – Union County
- **Contract Administrator** – Union County
- **Child Development Specialist** – Union County

To see a complete list of all currently available positions, or to apply for a position, please visit our website ([www.uccainc.org](http://www.uccainc.org)) and click on the link for "Employment Opportunities". For assistance please contact us at 704-283-7583.



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