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**Mr. David
Richard Burr**

Mr. David Richard Burr, 69, formerly of Wadesboro, died Tuesday, August 19, 2014, at McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence, SC.

Funeral services were held on Friday, August 22, 2014, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

David was born July 29, 1945, in Anson County, a son of the late Arthur Wil-

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son and Ada McLaurin Burr. He was retired from CSX Railroad as Assistant Division Engineer with 34 years of service.

Surviving are his children, Tammy Eitzman of Florence, Ondria (Victor) Tucker of Paris, KY and David (Rebecca) Burr, Jr. of Huntington Beach, CA; his sisters, Rita (Nathan) James, Dot (Philip) Whitt and Sylvia (Rodney) Williamson, all of Norwood, Linda (George) Gilleland of Boone, NC and Carolyn (John) Matjasko of Charlotte; ten grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and his faithful canine friends, Patty Cake, Annie and Little Bit.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Coble Burr in 2012 and by his brothers, Arthur Wilson Burr, Jr. and Francis Burr.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Hospice organization of the donor's choice.

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

**Mrs. Autelaine
Hill Tarlton**

Mrs. Autelaine Hill Tarlton, 84, passed away on August 26, 2014, at Olde Knox Commons in Huntersville.

Funeral Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, August 28, 2014, in the Chapel of Morgan & Son Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Marshville City Cemetery. Visitation will be two hours prior to the service.

Mrs. Tarlton was the daughter of the late Graham and Audrey James Hill. She was preceded in death by her husband Carol F. Tarlton.

She is survived by her son Greg S. Tarlton (Myra) of Concord; daughter Barbara Fernandez-Quevedo (Manny) of Singapore; sisters, Grovone H. Helms (Coy) and Cheryl Braswell (Roger), all of Marshville; grandchildren, Josh Tarlton, Brandi T. McCaw, Kiersten Unruh and Christopher Fernandez-Quevedo; and great-grandchildren, Gregory McCaw and Wyatt McCaw.

Online condolences may be made at morganandsonfuneralhome.com.

**Mr. Clamon
Sanders**

Mr. Clamon Sanders, 78, of Peachland died Sunday in Marshville.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, August 27, 2014, at the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Born August 29, 1935, in Anson County, he was a son of the late Blain and Nora Hill Sanders.

Mr. Sanders is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Lucy of the home; daughters, Judy Williams (Johnny) of Fries, VA and Jean Brantley (Mark) of Monroe; grandchildren, Curtis Williams, LuAnn Cherry, Chris Wallace, Amy Thomas, Casie Wallace, Krystal and Chance Brantley; and ten great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Gideon International, PO Box 140800, Nashville Tennessee, 37214-0800.



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Legislative Update

From Sen. Gene McLaurin: As our schools are set to begin the new school year, students are both nervous and excited, parents are encouraging their children and helping them get ready, backpacks are filled with school supplies, teachers are getting classrooms and lesson plans prepared as well as the many other things that are required for a new school year. Administrators are finalizing many details and last but not least support personnel are getting school facilities clean and in order. Everyone is full of anticipation as we welcome another school year. NC's first public school started in 1840 which means NC Public Schools are 175 years strong this year. The theme for school administrators in this school year is "NC Public Schools - Every child's chance...every community's future". For more information on the importance of a quality public education, I urge you to go to this website: www.everychildschancenc.org.

As your state senator, I am honored to serve and support our public schools so that our students will grow and achieve their highest potential. Over the last two years, I have visited schools throughout the district and listened to teachers and instructional support as they explain what works in the classroom, what is needed, and how to move our schools and our students in the right direction. I look forward to your continued thoughts and ideas on how to help our children learn and be more successful in the classroom and in life. To help our children, we must support our education professionals and all those who work so hard to provide a quality educational experience for our children. I hope you will join me and thank teachers and all those who are involved in educating our children.

Recent news stories have focused on gerrymandering and I often get asked what does the term gerrymandering really mean. Simply put, gerrymandering is to divide into political districts so as to give advantage to certain political parties or people and to redraw political boundaries in such a way that certain seats are protected for partisan purposes. How does this affect the NC legislature? Depending upon the way these lines are drawn, very few legislators represent geographically balanced, cohesive, and diverse districts. For many years, some of the foremost experts in legislative and congressional redistricting argued for a new way - for the creation of an independent commission free of politics and partisanship tasked with drawing our lines in a way that fosters geographical balance, cohesiveness, diversity, and most importantly maps that are constitutional. I favor an independent commission because when we do not have fair maps, we cheat the voters out of having choices on the ballot. In 2011, legislators met behind closed doors to develop and then pass new maps that our state must abide by for the next 10 years, a practice used in the past by both political parties. As a result, 19 of the 50 NC senators have no competition in November, and 59 out of 120 House of Representatives have no contender. NC citizens deserve better. In my view, the districts and should not be drawn by those currently in office. One of my legislative priorities is to work to eliminate gerrymandering in the future.

Veteran Assistance: How does our recently enacted NC state budget affect veterans? Veterans make up almost 8% of our population, giving NC the distinction of ranking 9th in the country in the number of veterans. As our veterans return from tours, some remain active, some will retire, and others will move into civilian life. As many explore job opportunities, it will be critical that their military experience is counted in such a way that prevents them from having to jump through more loopholes to gain certifications they may already have. This year, I supported the Credit for Military Training bill to enable our veterans to showcase their skills and certifications earned in the military when seeking a relevant state license or certification. As your state senator, I want to be sure that we are doing everything possible and to show veterans our appreciation and honor their service and sacrifice. Our state budget funded the following efforts:

- Uses \$4.7 million to provide employment services, including job training, to homeless and at-risk veterans in rural areas of our State. Increased support for substance abuse services.
- Establishes a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Subcommittee of the Health and Human Services Oversight Committee to look at services available to patients who suffer from TBI, deficiencies in care and treatment, thus determining needs and strategies for helping this population.
- Creates a \$5 million reserve to cover 90% of the cost of tuition and mandatory fees not otherwise covered for every eligible veteran, spouse, or dependent relative enrolled as an undergraduate student at a NC university or at one of our 58 community colleges. To be eligible for grants under the Yellow Ribbon Program, a student must federal guidelines.

Finally, I will update you once more upon our adjournment about the important issues that are pending. As always, please feel free to contact my office if you have questions or concerns about state policy matters. In addition, if you or a loved one has an issue with a state government agency, please call on me and my staff to help: Gene.mclaurin@ncleg.net or (919) 733-5953.

New Arrivals

• Isaac and Bonita Langley of Peachland welcomed into the world Emily Rae on July 23, 2014. She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 inches long. Emily Rae is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Landley, Sr. of Wallace, SC and the late Rev. and Mrs. Ronny Garris of Peachland

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This is Mrs. Janet Pratt, one of our residents. Mrs. Pratt said, "Working with the Therapy Department here at Anson Health & Rehab has been wonderful."

Anson Health & Rehabilitation Therapy Department

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Melanie Knight
Rehab Director

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