

On Sunday, August 18, 2024, Mr. Floyd Franklin "Frankie" Newton, Jr., passed away peacefully at home to be with his Lord and Savior.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, August 25, 2024, at Faith Baptist Church with Rev. Rick Eason, Rev. Donnie Helms and Rev. Chuck McKnight officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

The family greeted friends on Saturday, August 24, 2024, at Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro.

Frankie was born July 8, 1960, in Anson County, and was a son of the late Rev. Floyd Franklin Newton, Sr. and the late Johnnie Faye Freeman Newton. He was a faithful member of Faith Baptist Church.

At the age of 16 Frankie started driving trucks, his first being a bread truck, leading to a long career in truck driving. He and his wife owned and operated Floyd Newton Trucking until their retirement at which time they turned the business over to their sons. Although his health was declining, Frankie was able to make one more trip to Florida on July 9 of this year. He loved being on the road and driving trucks.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 37 years, Norma Monroe Newton; his children, Matthew Wayne Newton (Lynn) of Wadesboro and Mark Franklin

Newton (Jennifer) and Bobby Floyd Newton, all of Lilesville; ten grandchildren; one great-grandchild; his sisters and brother, Judy Newton, Janet Hinson (Jeff) and Ron Newton (Angela), all of Lilesville; and his nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter Crystal Gail Newton, and by his brother Douglas Newton.

Frankie was a strong believer in Christ and faithful to his church. He was always willing to help others in need and would give the shirt off his back for someone. Many times while on truck driving trips, he would often notice a homeless person and make sure they had something to eat.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be to Faith Baptist Church, 3520 Stanback Ferry Ice Plant Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

## Mr. Charles "Charlie" Edward Thomas

On Sunday, August 25, 2024, Mr. Charles "Charlie" Edward Thomas, 78, passed away peacefully in the comfort of his home at Carolina Beach.

There will be a service to celebrate his life at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 14, 2024, at Red Hill Baptist Church with Rev. Rodney Clements officiating. The family will greet friends following the service in the church fellowship hall.

Charles was born in the Lanesboro Township of Anson County on November 21, 1945, and was a son of the late Ranson Theodore Thomas and the late Mamie Estelle Porter Thomas. He was a 1964 graduate of Anson High School. Following graduation from high school he would spend summers working as a meat cutter at the A & P Grocery Store.

Charles was a veteran of the United States Army, having served during the Vietnam War. While in the service he earned the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, and Expert Rifle Decoration. He was a part of the regiment known as The Blackhorse Regiment, the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, a United States Army unit that serves as the opposing force (OPFOR) for foreign military forces and Army.

Following his service in the Army he returned home and had a long and successful career with the CSX Railroad as a conductor for 38 years. He retired in 2005.

Charlie, as a child and young man, grew up being a part of Red Hill Baptist Church, and in recent months he asked that his membership be moved back home to Red Hill. A place that has been a very important part of the Thomas and Porter families.

In 2003 Charlie met and married the love of his life, Carol Hoover. With their marriage he inherited a family of three girls. He was more than a stepfather, he treated them all if they were his very own children. Through the years, he enjoyed taking his grandchildren on trips to various places such as Pennsylvania, mission trips, camping trips, boating adventures and devoting his summers to family time.

Charlie and Carol took the time to celebrate the birthdays of each of the children and grandchildren, as well as holidays. He had excellent skills at grilling the best ribeye steaks, burgers and the best Boston butt. It was also not unusual to find Charlie with a fishing pole in his hand.

During the times of peaceful reflection he would share with each family member how much they meant to him. His words were, "I have a great family and have thoroughly enjoyed my life. It has been an honor and a pleasure. I appreciate you, I appreciate mom, more than anything and I have had a great life with you honey, and I thank you for giving me a family and making it special."

Those who are left to cherish is memory are his wife of 21 years, Carol Hoover Thomas; his children, Kim Worth (Lee) of Jacksonville and her children, Tracer, Jr., Thomas, Ryan, Jake, Adam Malray, and Mason Sutton; Jenny Kanipe (Corbett) of Clayton and her son Gavin; and Becky Worth of Spartanburg, SC and her children, Brittany Sprouse and Chance Allen; and one great-grandson Tracer Fitz Malray.

He also leaves his sister and brother, Betty Gray Thompson of Polkton and Randy Thomas (Peggy) of Chadbourne; his nieces and nephews and their families and many dear cousins and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother and sister, Billy Frank Thomas and Christine Gross and his brother-in-law Felix Thompson.

The family would like to thank Lower Cape Fear LifeCare Hospice for their care and support of Charles.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Lower Cape Fear LifeCare Hospice, 1414 Physicians Drive, Wilmington, NC 28401.

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## Daniel Martin Bowers Sr.

It is with heavy hearts and profound sadness that we announce the passing of Daniel Martin Bowers Sr., who left us on September 8, 2024, at the age of 70. Danny, affectionately known to everyone as "Danny" or simply "the tire man," passed away peacefully in Charlotte, NC, surrounded by his loving family.

Danny was born on February 20, 1954, in Wadesboro, NC, to Jackie and Julia Bowers. He grew up alongside his siblings, Sherrill and Reggie, learning the values of hard work, dedication, and community service from an early age. These values remained with him throughout his life, guiding him in his many endeavors and shaping the incredible man he became.

A devoted husband, Danny married the love of his life, Robyn Moore Bowers, on December 8, 1972, in their hometown of Wadesboro. Their union was a testament to enduring love and partnership, spanning over 52 wonderful years. Together, they built a beautiful life in Polkton, NC, raising two children, Marty Bowers of Phoenix, AZ, and Jaclyn Lammers (Neil) of Charlotte, NC. Danny's beloved granddaughter, Olivia Belle Lammers, was the light of his life and he cherished every moment spent with her.

Professionally, Danny was a dedicated employee at Southern Fabricators and later became the proud owner of Moore's Garage. His work ethic and integrity left a lasting impression on everyone he worked with, earning him respect and admiration from the community and customers alike.

Danny was not only a hard worker but also an active and cherished member of his community. His infectious laugh and warm personality brought joy to all who knew

him. He was deeply involved in the Burnsville Fire and Rescue Department, always ready to lend a hand and serve his community in times of need. His commitment to his faith was unwavering, and he was a dedicated member of Hopewell Methodist Church, where his presence will be sorely missed.

In his free time, Danny found joy in life's simple pleasures. He loved hunting and fishing—activities that allowed him to connect with nature and bond with his friends and family. Above all, he treasured spending time with his granddaughter Olivia, creating memories that will be held dear by his family forever.

Danny was preceded in death by his parents, Jackie and Julia Bowers, and his brother, Reggie Bowers. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Robyn Bowers of Polkton, NC; his children, Marty Bowers and Jaclyn Lammers (Neil); his brother, Sherrill Bowers of Polkton, NC; his granddaughter, Olivia Belle Lammers; his brother-in-law and sisters-in-law Darrell and Sharon Edwards, and Ceal Bowers all of Polkton, NC; and numerous nieces and nephews who will all miss him dearly.

The family will greet friends on September 12, 2024, from 2:00-4:00 PM at Hopewell Methodist Church with the funeral at 4 PM to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to Hopewell Methodist Church, 1715 Hopewell Church Road Peachland NC 28133 and the Anson County Animal Shelter, 7257 Old US Hwy 74 Polkton NC 28135, two causes that Danny held close to his heart.

Danny was a man of great character, whose legacy of love, laughter, and service will continue to inspire all who knew him. He was loved by so many and will be remembered as a devoted family man, a dedicated community member, and a friend to all. His spirit will live on in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to have known him.

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