

Obituaries

Mr. Roy Mitchell Lee

Mr. Roy Mitchell Lee, age 68, died Saturday, September 11, 2021, at his home in Cheraw, SC.

A service to celebrate his life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 17, 2021, by the graveside in Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church Cemetery in McFarlan, NC. The family plans to greet friends following the service.

Born March 15, 1953, in Anson County, Mitchell was the oldest of five children born to Roy Price and Elaine Moore Lee. He graduated from Bowman High School in Wadesboro and joined the US Army, quickly becoming a member of the elite 75th Army Ranger Regiment. He received his honorable discharge in 1973.

Mitchell worked many years for AT&T managing line crews in both North and South Carolina. He retired from AT&T when he and a friend started an underground drilling and cable installation business based out of Myrtle Beach, SC. Eventually Mitchell retired to Cheraw where he looked after his mother whose health had begun to fail.

Mitchell was well liked and a friend to all. He was a terrific dad, coaching baseball and always doing "dad" things with them. He was a proud grandpa and loved everyone's kids, whether or not they were his. He enjoyed music, especially classic rock, but was a tried and true fan of the Big "E", Elvis Presley. He enjoyed motorcycles all of his life, sometimes riding solo but often riding with groups of friends or on club rides. Following a motorcycle wreck in 2013 that left him weakened, Mitchell and Sonya embarked on a tour of the country in an RV. Before it was over, they had visited all 48 of the contiguous United States, and Mitchell had tales to tell about every adventure.

Survivors include his wife Sonya Harrington Lee of the home; children, Mitchell Graham Lee (Elizabeth) of Ft. Mill; Fallon Lane Lee (Rory) of Ft. Mill, Johnny Harrington (Joy) of Georgetown and Samantha Pope (Nate) of Chesterfield, SC; and eight grandchildren. Also surviving are three sisters, Alice Warwick of Chesterfield, Debbie Bryant and Diane Timmons (Jerry), all of McFarlan.

In addition to his parents, Mitchell was preceded in death by a brother, Ronnie Lee.

The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.



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Mr. Herbert Wilson "Herby" Benton, Jr.

Mr. Herbert Wilson "Herby" Benton, Jr., 67, passed away on Monday, August 30, 2021 at Atrium Health Stanly in Albemarle.

Due to the current rise in active COVID-19 cases, the family will have a celebration of Herby's life at a later date.

Herby was born July 30, 1954, in Anson County, and was a son of the late Herbert Wilson Benton and the late Dean Jenrette Benton.

He was a 1972 graduate of Bowman High School and worked with Nat Black Logging for 40 years.

Surviving are his wife Kathryn; his sons, Larry D. "Spud" Benton (Jessica) of Wadesboro and Christopher B. "Bubba" Benton of Lilesville; his grandchildren, Cameron, Bryson, Jarica, Nolan and Brayden; his sister Carol Black of Ansonville; his brother Walter Benton (Shannon) of Lilesville; his nieces and nephew, Stephanie Maner (Paul) and Natalie Threadgill (Bryan), all of Ansonville, Madison Honeycutt (Cruz) of Wadesboro and Elijah "Eli" Benton of Lilesville; his great nephews and great-niece, Grant Maner, Garrett Maner, Blair Threadgill and Blake Threadgill, all of Ansonville; and his aunt Vicky Vaughan of Dunwoody, GA.

Herby especially loved his "animal children and grandchildren," Happy, Josie, Rocky, Trouble, Sunshine, Zeus, Reecie, TT and Chloe.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother-in-law Nat Black. Herby was a good man! He dearly loved and was devoted to his family and friends. He was all about family, and enjoyed having cookouts and get togethers for all his family and friends.

He was simply one of the best men anyone could ever know. He was always helpful and caring and would do anything for anyone who was in need. Some of his favorite pastimes were fishing, pitching horseshoes, going on antique hunts and collecting old bottles.

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Mrs. Dorothy Speer "Dot" Curtis

Mrs. Dorothy Speer "Dot" Curtis, 106, slipped away peacefully on Thursday, September 9, 2021, while a resident at Wadesboro Health and Rehab.

A service to celebrate her life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Sybil Perrell officiating. Interment will follow in Anson Memorial Park. The family will greet friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

Born May 30, 1915, in Norcross, GA, Dot was a daughter of the late James C. and Pauline Walker Blalock. She graduated high school in Kentucky, and later met and married John Roy Curtis. Mr. Curtis was employed with a drug company in Charlotte but wanted to go into business for himself and was looking for possible opportunities. One afternoon he and Dot were out riding when they came through the town of Lilesville and Mr. Curtis felt he had found his ideal location. Shortly after, he and Dot opened Curtis Drug Sundries in downtown Lilesville. The business was on the ground floor and Dot and her family lived above the business on the second floor. Years, later, with the proliferation of chain drug stores, their business in Lilesville began to decline. Eventually the store closed and Dot went to work at Lillian's Dress Shop in Wadesboro where she worked a number of years before finally retiring to care for her husband who passed away in 1989.

Dot was a longtime member of Lilesville United Methodist Church. She was active teaching Sunday school and enjoyed participating in many of the church's activities until her health began to fail.

Survivors include two sons, John R. Curtis, Jr. (Judi) and Rick Curtis (Jane), all of Wadesboro; a granddaughter, Wendy Broderick (Chris) of Newland; and three great grandchildren, Christa, Ellianna and Dorothy.

Leavitt Funeral Home is serving the Curtis Family. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Mr. Guy Webb Ratliff

Mr. Guy Webb Ratliff, 97, died Wednesday, September 8, 2021, while a patient at Atrium Health Anson.

A service to celebrate his life was held on Saturday, September 11, 2021, by the graveside at Anson Memorial Park with Rev. Marc Sessions officiating. The family will greet friends following the service at the cemetery.

Born in Anson County on November 22, 1923, Guy was one of ten children born to the late James Franklin and Lena Shoemaker Ratliff. He was a proud veteran of the US Army Air Corps, the forerunner to the US Air Force, having served during World War II. For most of his life Guy was a well-known jack of all trades with a reputation for being able to fix whatever was broken. He also had a gift for figuring out how one person could successfully perform a job task that generally required two or more people. He had the good fortune of marrying Gladys Williamson in 1947, and together they enjoyed a marriage that lasted over 66 years until her death in 2014.

In his early years Guy worked as a finish carpenter. One of his jobs was hanging the oversized doors on several of the older buildings at Wingate College. He also worked at Cooke Chevrolet, but is perhaps best known for his work as the longtime body repairman at Crawford Motor Company. Guy was also instrumental in the early years of the Anson Rescue Squad. This was prior to the specialization of resources we have now, and for 55 years Guy could faithfully be counted on to respond to every imaginable call that came in.

Following his retirement Guy focused in on enjoying all that life had to offer. With his green thumb he always had something planted in the garden regardless of the season. He enjoyed fishing, and was recently readying his deer stand for the upcoming season. When asked by his son if he would prefer to hunt from a blind on the ground this season, Guy replied, "Absolutely not! I can climb a tree just as good as you can."

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Rose Ratliff Martin (Johnny) of Wadesboro; a son, Guy Wesley Ratliff (Cindy) of Wadesboro; seven grandchildren, Kevin Swails (Paula), Michael Martin (Terri), Derick Swails (Michelle), Timmy Martin (Leslie), Lori Strungis (Mark), Tracie Johnson and Jennifer Deges (Jeremy); 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Also surviving are two sisters, Sarah Livingston, and Clara Hendrick; and a brother, Joe Ratliff.

In addition to his wife and parents, Guy was preceded in death by his daughter, Arlene Ratliff Swails; and siblings, Frank Ratliff, Monroe Ratliff, Myrtle R. Hildreth, Floyd Ratliff, Lena R. Albright and Johnny Ratliff.

The family respectfully requests that memorials be made to the Anson County Rescue Squad, PO Box 147, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Leavitt Funeral Home is serving the Ratliff family. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 791

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., for Annual Review of Gas Costs Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.4(c) and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6))
) PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing to conduct an annual review of the cost of natural gas supply, storage and transportation for Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont). The public hearing has been scheduled for Monday, October 11, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The hearing is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.4(c) and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6) for the purpose of comparing Piedmont's prudently-incurred gas costs with costs recovered from all of the utility's customers served during the test period. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

Piedmont filed testimony relating to the subject matter of this hearing on August 2, 2021. Further information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of Piedmont's testimony is available for review by the public. Also, documents can be viewed on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Correspondence regarding the annual review proceeding and the hearing thereon should be directed to the Public Staff and should include any information which the writer wishes to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Mr. Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection-Utilities, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001. Written statements may be emailed to utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov.

Written statements are not evidence unless the writers appear at a public hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

Persons desiring to intervene in this proceeding as formal parties should file a petition to intervene pursuant to Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Monday, September 27, 2021. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Monday, September 27, 2021.

This the 11th day of August, 2021.

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