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Julian Paul "Cooter" Henry of Lilesville passed away peacefully after a three month coma on July 24, 2024, at age 69 in Atrium Pineville.

Please join us at a Celebration of Life to be held at Hatcher Park, located at 206 Cowan Street Lilesville, on Sunday, September 29, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. and we will all share our Cooter stories and have a time to honor him together in the fellowship. Burial will be at Anson Memorial Park with his Dad and Brother at a later date.

Born November 18, 1954, in Wadesboro to Paul J. Henry and Doris Cole Henry, Cooter grew up in Wade Mill Village surrounded by friends and family members. His Grandparents Clyde and Martha Cole were the primary influence in his life.

Cooter was known for his need to be of help to those he called friends and family. His deep love for the people of Lilesville and Whit's Convenience Store endeared him to all of its fine people. He was always up to offering a helping hand if you needed something delivered or to help Steve Whitlock stock or run his errands. Cooter was always concerned for those who were sick and disabled or just had a hard time in their life.

To the citizens of Lilesville some referred to him as the "Honorary Mayor of Lilesville." He valued everyone and enjoyed sitting in Whit's and listening to their stories.

Cooter was predeceased by his parents, grandparents and brother Mike Henry. After an extensive search for his brother, Jeff Henry was unable to be located.

Mrs. Kay Floyd McLaurin

On Wednesday, September 11, 2024, Mrs. Kay Floyd McLaurin, 74, passed away peacefully at Novant Health Care in Charlotte.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, September 15, 2024, at Deep Creek Baptist Church with Rev. Mark Perko officiating.

The family greeted friends following the service at the church on Sunday and other times at her home.

A private inurnment will be at a later date in Anson Memorial Park.

Kay was born July 10, 1950, in Montgomery County, NC and was a daughter of the late Julius Terry "JT" Floyd and the late Frances Robinson Floyd. She was a graduate of Bowman High School and had worked for more than 20 years with Wansona in Wadesboro. Following her time at Wansona, she worked for a number of years with the Anson County Sheriff's Office.

She was a member of Deep Creek Baptist Church.

Those who are left to cherish her memory are her children, Darrell McLaurin of Peachland, Brian McLaurin (Katie) of Columbia, SC and Dana Thomas (Bryan) of Wadesboro; her grandchildren, Heather Torres (Carolos) of Newberry, FL, Holly Haehle (Kevin) of Groton, CT, Jady Thomas, Daniel Thomas and Preston Thomas, all of Wadesboro and Evan McLaurin of Peachland; her great-grandchildren, Noah Haehle, Mason Haehle, Olive Haehle, Hazel Haehle, Xander Rossidis and Bella Rossidis; her sister Jan Luther (Reggie Cassidy) of Chesterfield, SC; and her nieces and nephew and their families.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Daniel Preston McLaurin.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Deep Creek Baptist Church, Deep Creek Christian Academy, P.O. Box 370, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

South Piedmont's Surgical Technology Program Hosting Open House this Thursday Evening

South Piedmont's Surgical Technology program will host an open house for prospective students on Sept. 19 from 4-7:30 p.m. in Braswell Building Room 2203 on the Old Charlotte Highway campus, 4209 Old Charlotte Highway in Monroe.

During the event, attendees will be able to tour the surgical technology lab, participate in virtual reality surgical technology activities, learn about the program, and speak with the program director and admissions personnel.

"This will be a fun and informative time for anyone interested in the surgical technology field. You'll walk away from this event with a better understanding of surgical technology and why it's an outstanding career choice for anyone with an interest in medical sciences," said Program Director Alli Roy.

Surgical technologists are critical members of the surgical team. They help to prepare the operating room, including selecting the surgical tools that will be needed for each surgery. They assist in ensuring the surgical environment is sterile at all times. They also must possess a deep understanding of every surgical procedure in order to anticipate the surgeon's needs and pass the correct instrument at the moment it is needed.

Surgical technologists are in high demand nationwide. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates the field will grow by 6%, or about 7,700 jobs, through 2031. The need for surgical technologists is also being felt locally, which is why area health care providers are hailing the creation of the program.

Learn more about South Piedmont's program at spcc.edu/surgical-technology.

Free Movie at the Library is *The Hill*

The Hampton B. Allen Library will be showing the movie *The Hill* on Monday, September 23 at 10 a.m. The movie stars Dennis Quaid and is based on the true story of Rickey Hill. It is rated PG. The movie will be shown in the library's Pritchett room. Any questions please call 704-694-5177.



Mary Edna Cagle Williams

FEBRUARY 13, 1956 - SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

Mary Edna Cagle Williams passed away on Thursday, September 5, 2024, at UNC Rex Hospital in Raleigh after a brief battle with cancer. She was born on February 13, 1956, in Wadesboro, the daughter of the late Robert L. Cagle Jr. and the late Emily T. Cagle.

Mary Edna graduated from Bowman Senior High School in 1974 and while growing up was active in Girl Scouts, the high school band, church youth groups and other social opportunities. She attended NC State University, graduating in 1978 with a Bachelor of Social Work degree.

Mary Edna began her work life as a Disability Determinations Specialist with the State of North Carolina but found her real calling in helping people as a realtor. She served her profession as an owner/broker and in multiple levels of leadership. At the local level, she was the 2000 President of the Raleigh Regional Association of Realtors (RRAR), won the RRAR 2004 Realtor of the Year and was inducted into the RRAR Hall of Fame in 2010. She served on the RRAR Board of Directors for over 10 years, and was a member of the Top Producers Council from 2006-2024.

Mary Edna served on numerous committees over the years, including Realtor Political Action Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, New Building Committee, Professional Standards Committee, Grievance Committee, and Issues and Mobilization Committee. At the state level she was the 2010 President of the North Carolina Association of Realtors, now NC Realtors, and won the NC Realtors 2018 Realtor of the Year. Many real estate agents in the area benefitted from her mentorship. As her husband has said to many, "real estate was not her job, it was her way of life." Her many years in real estate was enabled with the support of her long-time assistant Judy Witman.

While at NC State Mary Edna met her husband, and as she told everyone, "I met him in the first coed dorm at NC State." She and her husband Kinney were avid NC State Wolfpack supporters, ticket holders and donors.

Mary Edna is survived by her husband of 46 years, Charles Kenneth Williams; her brother Bob Cagle and wife Jan; nieces, Sarah Davis Cagle and Jenny Williams Tran (David); nephews, Jason Williams (Joan), Jon Williams, and Rob Cagle (Hope); an aunt, Odessa Brown; an uncle, Dr. E. P. Stillwell; as well as many cousins and a host of friends.

Visitation and a celebration of her life were held on Friday, September 13 in the Chapel of Brown-Wynne, 300 Saint Mary's Street in Raleigh.

Mary Edna will be buried next to her Daddy in East View Cemetery, located at 313 Old Lilesville Road in Wadesboro at 1:00 p.m Saturday, September 21, 2024, with a reception at Calvary Episcopal Church, located at 308 East Wade Street in Wadesboro following.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you make a donation to the V Foundation in memory of Mary Edna.

vfoundation.donordrive.com/campaign/Mary-Edna-Cagle-Williams

Service arrangements in Raleigh by Brown-Wynne, 300 Saint Mary's Street, and in Wadesboro by Leavitt Funeral Home.



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