

Mr. Adam Franklin "Frankie" Cranford, 74, passed away peacefully at the Hospice House in Union County on Thursday, September 23, 2021. A graveside service to celebrate Frankie's life was held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at Anson Memorial Park with Rev. Marc Sessions officiating. The family greeted friends following the service.

Born in Anson County on May 29, 1947, Frankie was the only child of the late Adam J. and Bennie Mae "Monk" Howard Cranford, Jr. He graduated from Wadesboro High School and attend NC State for a brief period. He was married to Betty Cowick for 50 years before her death in 2018.

While a young man, Frankie sold insurance for quite a few years for the Durham Life Insurance Company along with his good friend Buck Odom. Eventually Frankie moved from selling insurance to selling cars and went to work at Crawford Motor Company (which later merged into Huntley Buick-Chevrolet). Whether insurance or cars, Frankie was a great salesman, believing that if you always treated customers the way you would like to be treated you would always be successful. His wonderful gift of gab certainly didn't hurt him when dealing with customers! Frankie never could seem to get comfortable with the retirement lifestyle so he began doing security work, first for API Security and most recently with Weiser Security Services.

Frankie enjoyed life, especially outdoor activities. He was born with a competitive spirit that always made him do the best that he could do at whatever task was before him. He enjoyed racing cars with Jean Howard when they were both younger. A lifelong hunter and fisherman, Frankie also enjoyed golf, archery, bowling and flying model airplanes. He even obtained his pilot's license so he could fly a real airplane!

Survivors include two children, Adam Christopher Cranford (Lisa) and Tanya Leigh Cranford, all of Wadesboro; and four grandchildren, Sgt. Christian Chance Cranford, Sgt. Dillon Clay Cranford, Karmen Dakota Cranford and Madison Faith Cranford.

The family suggests memorials be made to any worthy organization of the donor's choice.

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Deadline Extended for Poultry and Livestock, Plasticulture and Forestry Producers to Apply for 2018-2019 Hurricane Disaster Relief Program

\$79.6 million program focuses on losses suffered from Hurricanes Florence, Michael, Dorian

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has extended its deadline to Dec. 31 to apply for a \$79.6 million USDA grant for poultry, livestock and plasticulture producers and woodland owners in 90 counties who suffered losses in 2018-2019 from Hurricanes Florence, Michael and Dorian.

This program will offer direct payments to eligible poultry/livestock and plasticulture producers. Assistance will only involve losses associated with these hurricanes that were not covered under other USDA disaster programs.

It will also offer technical and financial assistance to woodland owners in the emergency-declared counties that were affected by these hurricanes. Comprehensive forest management plans will be offered to those landowners in order to assess the storm impacts to their woodlands and identify beneficial management recommendations.

"We are quickly approaching the original Oct. 1 deadline. In order to give affected producers more time to gather their information, we decided to extend the deadline to Dec. 31," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler.

Poultry/livestock and plasticulture producers will need a current and completed NC Substitute W9 form ready to scan into the application. Additionally, growers are encouraged to research and gather any evidence of poultry/swine structure damage and any damage evidence for plasticulture and greenhouses from those specific storms. They should be prepared to scan documents into the application for consideration of payment.

Details about the "Woodland Recovery" program are available by contacting a local N.C. Forest Service County Ranger's office. A list of contacts can be found at www.ncforestservice.gov/contacts/contacts_main.htm.

"Eligibility requirements differ significantly between the agricultural and forestry categories," Troxler said. "I would encourage farmers and forest owners who think they may be eligible to check the online links for the agricultural applications or contact their local N.C. Forest Service County Ranger Office."

For more information, including links to the poultry/livestock and plasticulture applications, visit www.ncagr.gov/agdisasterprogram or call 1-919-707-3362.

Middle and High Schools Parent/Teacher Conferences

On Thursday, September 30 Anson Middle School, Anson Early College and Anson High School will have early release at 1:30 p.m. Parent / Teacher Conferences at the schools will run from 2 to 7 p.m.



Another Mural for Wadesboro

On Tuesday, September 28 artists were busy creating another beautiful mural for Wadesboro. This one is located across the street from the Ansonia Theatre and Anson County Arts Council on South Rutherford Street in uptown Wadesboro. The perfect location for an "Arts" themed mural.

Go by and check it out, along with the other recent murals that now grace Wadesboro.



Mr. Harvey George Beachum

Mr. Harvey George Beachum, 90, of Ansonville, died Tuesday morning, September 21, 2021 at Spring Arbor in Albemarle.

Graveside services were held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 24, 2021, at Bethlehem Cemetery in Ansonville with Rev. Fred Carpenter officiating. Mr. Beachum was lain in state at Edwards Funeral Home in Norwood, from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evening, September 23, 2021, for friends and family to pay their respects. The family was not present.

George was born April 10, 1931, in Anson County to the late Nezer Hawkins and Sarah Elizabeth "Sadie" Hildreth Beachum. He was the former owner and operator of George Beachum Grading & Hauling. He was an avid bird hunter and loved his bird dogs.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by six brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, Betty Barbee Beachum of the home; son, Andy Beachum (Tammy) of Norwood; daughters, Sharon Rummage (Vaughn) of Norwood, Connie Curlee (J.V.) of Norwood and Hope Dutton (Harold) of Salisbury; eight grandchildren, David Curlee (Angie), Joni Floyd (Jared), Bo Beachum, George Beachum (Liz), Tony Beachum (Mai), Ashley Holshouser (Kevin), Alison Dutton (Curtis) and Luke Dutton; 10 great-grandchildren, Cole, Bret, Ty, Player, Cobrin, Sadie, Everhett, Ryder, Alexa and Madalynn Rose; and one brother, Terry Beachum (Susan) of Ansonville.

The family requests memorials be made to: Hospice of Stanly and the Uwharrie, 960 N First Street, Albemarle, NC 28001.

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