

## Marvin Joseph Hamer, Jr.

# Obituaries

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Marvin J. Hamer Jr. went to be with his Lord and Savior on September 14, 2026, following an extended illness.

There will be a graveside service at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 3, 2026, at Eastview Cemetery with Rev. Stephen Ratliff officiating.

The family will greet friends following the service.

Marvin was born in Wilmington, North Carolina, on December 28, 1942, to Louise Braswell and Marvin J. Hamer. His mother, Louise Braswell, was a native of Wadesboro, and in 1948 the family made Wadesboro their home. Marvin graduated from Wadesboro High School in 1961 and went on to graduate from North Carolina State University in 1965.

While attending college Marvin married his high school sweetheart, Elizabeth Hardison, in 1962. Together, they embarked on a loving and fulfilling life, spending 64 years side by side and making their home in various towns throughout North Carolina.

Marvin enjoyed a rewarding career with Nationwide Insurance, from which he retired in 2008. Upon retirement Marvin and Elizabeth relocated to Oak Island, North Carolina, where they embraced the coastal lifestyle and enjoyed many wonderful years together.

Marvin particularly cherished his days of golfing with his many friends and the countless hours spent boating. He also loved relaxing at their dock, taking in the beauty of the coast and watching the breathtaking sunsets.

Marvin was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Indian Trail, where his faith was an important part of his life.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his beloved wife, Elizabeth Hardison Hamer; his two children, Deborah Anne Hamer and Marvin Joseph Hamer III; his grandchildren, Marvin Ray Jones, Dylan Hamer, and Melodie Hamer; and his great-granddaughter Maggie Rae Jones. He is also survived by his brother Phillip Hamer and his sister Anita Webb, who will cherish his memory and the many years they shared as siblings.

Marvin will be remembered and deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing and loving him.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Indian Trail Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 187, Indian Trail, NC 28079, or Hospice of Union County, 900 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 28110, or to Eastview Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 274, 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).

## Calvary Episcopal Church's Blessing of the Animals

Dogs, cats, birds and other beloved creatures will have a special invitation to church this weekend as Calvary Episcopal Church in Wadesboro holds its Blessing of the Animals in connection with the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The Blessing of the Animals will be held this Saturday, October 3 at 10 a.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church, 308 East Wade Street in Wadesboro. The community is invited, and organizers ask that all pets be controlled by leash or safely contained in an appropriate carrier.

Although bringing the family dog to church may sound unusual, the tradition has a long connection with St. Francis of Assisi, a 13th-century Italian friar remembered for his simplicity, service and particular love and respect for the natural world. The Episcopal Church identifies Francis as the patron saint of animals, and his feast day is October 4. Churches frequently mark the occasion by offering blessings for pets and other animals. Episcopal Church

The blessing is about more than simply celebrating pets. In the Episcopal tradition, it is an expression of gratitude for God's creation and a reminder of the responsibility people have to care for the animals entrusted to them. The Episcopal Church's liturgy for the occasion asks that people's love and care for animals reflect God's compassion and care for all creation. Episcopal Church

The observance also reflects Franciscan spirituality, which emphasizes reverence for God's presence in the world and appreciation of the goodness of creation as a reflection of God's love. That helps explain why St. Francis, who died in 1226, remains so closely associated with animals nearly 800 years later. Episcopal Church

Calvary will continue the observance Sunday, October 4 at 11 a.m. with a Celebration of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi with Holy Eucharist.

Everyone is welcome to attend either event. For more information, contact Calvary Episcopal Church at 704-694-3223 or [churchepiscolpalcalvary@yahoo.com](mailto:churchepiscolpalcalvary@yahoo.com).

## First Baptist Church Sikes Ave. to Host Community Cookout

First Baptist Church in Wadesboro is inviting neighbors of all ages to come together for an afternoon of free food, fun and fellowship during its Community Cookout on Saturday, October 17.

The event will be held from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the church, located at 722 Sikes Ave. in Wadesboro. Adults and children are welcome, and there is no charge to attend.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks and other food will be served free of charge. There will be plenty for youngsters to enjoy, including a bounce house, games, balloons and other activities. Snow cones, cotton candy, popcorn and cookies will also be available, along with an ice cream truck offering a limited ice cream giveaway. In other words, parents may want to postpone any serious discussion about sugar until Sunday.

Adults can get in on the fun with bingo under the tents and small giveaway prizes. A Community Health Tent and Book Tent will also be available, along with other resources and information for the community.

The church is presenting the cookout as an opportunity for neighbors to spend time together in a relaxed setting while strengthening important connections throughout the community.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/ BOOKKEEPER



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Wadesboro Housing Authority will hold a public hearing at:

**1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2026**

at the Wadesboro Housing Authority Office, located at:

**200 West Short Plaza Wadesboro NC 28170**

for the purpose of receiving public comment of the agency's 2027-2031 Capital Fund Program 5-year Action Plan and Budget and Annual Plan.

A draft of the plan will be available for review at the Wadesboro Housing Authority Office, located at 200 West Short Plaza, Monday through Thursday during the business hours: (8:00 am-5:00 pm).

**Betty L. Huntley, Executive Director**

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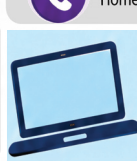
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## VOTING DATES:

**Early Voting: October 15 - 31, 2026**

**Election Day: November 3, 2026**



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My life experiences taught me resilience, compassion, and the importance of finding solutions to challenges. I believe effective law enforcement is built on strong leadership, fiscal responsibility, well-trained personnel, and partnerships with the people we serve. Together, we have made meaningful progress in Anson County. I remain committed to leading with integrity, respect, and fairness while ensuring the safety and well-being of every citizen.

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