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**Mr. James  
Vernon Goodwin**

Mr. James Vernon Goodwin, age 77, went home to be with his Lord on Monday, September 23, 2018, while a patient at Atrium Health Pineville.

A service to celebrate his life was held on Friday, September 27, 2019, at Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Ken Burris and Rev. Wayne Gathings officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

James was born in Anson County on December 8, 1941, a son of the late Vernon Benjamin Goodwin and Anna Allen Goodwin. He was a long-time employee of Pee Dee Electric, and also had worked for the NC Department of Transportation. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and yard work, but his greatest loves were his family and his Saviour.

Survivors include his wife of 14 years, Janice Stamey Goodwin of the home; two stepsons, John Owen and Jamie Owen, both of Albemarle; two sisters, Ann Ratliff and Barbara Dillard, both of Charlotte; a nephew, Brian Dillard; and a niece, Phyllis Anne Perry. Also surviving is his faithful four-legged companion Jake.

The family suggest memorials be made to the ALS Association online at [www.alsa.org](http://www.alsa.org).

Leavitt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).

**Mr. Jimmy  
Lee Leak**

Mr. Jimmy Lee Leak of Wadesboro passed on Tuesday, September 24, 2019.

A public viewing took place on Friday afternoon, September 27, 2019, at Knotts and Wade Funeral Home in Morven. Funeral Services were held on Saturday, September 28, 2019, at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Wadesboro.

Nelson Funeral Service of Rockingham is serving the Family.

**Obituaries**

**Mrs. Gladys Louise  
Jones Wright**

Mrs. Gladys Louise Jones Wright, 104, passed away on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, at her home.

A funeral service to celebrate the life of Gladys was held on Friday, September 27, 2019, at Deep Springs Baptist Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Born February 3, 1915, in Anson County, she was a daughter of the late Nathaniel Shepherd Jones and Ida Edwards Jones. She was also preceded in death by her husband Frank Wright.

Mrs. Wright is survived by daughters, Rebecca Nance (Harold) of Peachland and Sybil Ferree (Barry) of Pfafftown, NC; sons, Bobby Wright (Jean) of Peachland and Sheppard Wright (Libby) of Spartanburg, SC; 13 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Memorials are suggested to be made to Deep Springs Baptist Church, PO Box 496, Peachland, NC 28133

Morgan & Son Funeral Home is caring for the Wright family.

**Mr. Robert  
Franklin "Tenny"  
Pinkston**

Mr. Robert Franklin "Tenny" Pinkston, 92, passed away peacefully at home while surrounded by his family on Thursday, September 26, 2019.

A service to celebrate his life was held on Monday, September 30, 2019, at Leavitt Funeral Home. Interment followed in Eastview Cemetery.

"Tenny" was born in Anson County on February 27, 1927, a son of the late Robert Frank Pinkston and Lillian Odum Pinkston. He graduated from Deep Creek High School, and it was while he was in high school that he met and fell in love with his future bride to be, Rosa Elizabeth "Peggy" Burr. Tenny went on to work at several jobs over the years, Hornwood, Ballet Hosiery, and the job he really loved best, Pinkston Lawn Mowers (now Pinkston's Sales and Service).

Tenny was a longtime member of First United Methodist Church where he attended the Wesley Bible Class. Over the years he enjoyed traveling, square dancing, card playing, but most of all, time spent with his family.

Survivors include his wife of 70 years, Peggy Pinkston of the home; children, Robert Michael "Mike" Pinkston of Anchorage, AK, Randy Thomas Pinkston of Wadesboro, Pamela Denise Amberson (Steven) of Portland, ME and Todd Lee Pinkston of Wadesboro; six grandchildren, Jonathan Pinkston, Preston Pinkston, Amy

Pinkston, Spencer Amberson, Elliot Amberson and Ashley J. Smith; and five great-grandchildren, Preston Pinkston, Jr., Isaac Pinkston, Jace Pinkston, Haleigh Jantzen and Juliana Jantzen.

In addition to his parents, Tenny was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Pinkston and two sisters, Zerlene Ratliff and Patty Norwood.

The family would like to thank the staff at Liberty Homecare and Hospice for their gracious and loving support during Tenny's last few weeks. The family suggests memorials be made to First United Methodist Church, 118 E. Morgan Street or to Liberty Hospice, 119 W. Wade Street, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

**Mrs. Annette  
Polson Preslar**

Mrs. Annette Polson Preslar, 76, went to with the Lord on Friday, September 27, 2019, at Anson Health and Rehab in Wadesboro.

Funeral services were held on Monday, September 30, 2019, at North Wadesboro Baptist Church with Rev. Donnie Helms officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

Annette was born November 30, 1942, in Mecklenburg County, NC, a daughter of the late Jasper Adam "Jack" Polson and the late Margie Elizabeth Swink Polson. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her baby brother, Lynn Polson.

She was a 1961 graduate of Wadesboro High School and attended Kings Business College in Charlotte. She worked faithfully at Hornwood in Lilesville for 43 years, where she was the secretary for the company President and in sales.

A lifetime member of North Wadesboro Baptist Church, she sang in the choir and was active in the WMU. She also enjoyed traveling. She and her friends would often participate in Christian Tours bus trips; she often invited her friends to accompany her to New York when she was on work trips. Among her favorite trips was when she and her husband went to Hawaii and visiting lighthouses.

Surviving are her husband of 56 years, Jimmy Preslar; her sons, Jeff (Mary Ann) Preslar of Peachland and Brent (Lara) Preslar of Ansonville; her grandchildren, Grayson Preslar and Meredith Preslar, both of Ansonville; her sister and brothers, Peggy Humphrey (Jim) of Bristol, TN, Jack Polson (Pat) of Wadesboro and Charles Polson (Janet) of Polkton; and her nieces and nephews and their families.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to North Wadesboro Baptist Church, PO Box 1388,

Wadesboro, NC 28170. The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).

**MSGT Benjamin  
James Ricketts, US  
Air Force Retired**

MSGT Benjamin James Ricketts, US Air Force Retired, 86, died Saturday, September 28, 2019, at Wadesboro Health and Rehab.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 2, 2019, at Mt. Beulah Baptist Church with Rev. Randy Storz officiating. Interment with full military honors will follow in the church cemetery.

The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service on Wednesday and other times at the home.

Benjamin was born July 10, 1933, in Anson County, and was a son of the late Evan Thomas Jefferson Ricketts and the late Lila Orene Freeman Ricketts. He was a longtime member of Mt. Beulah Baptist Church.

He first enlisted in the United States Navy and served aboard ship during the Korean Conflict. Following his tour with the Navy he enlisted with the United States Air Force, serving during the Vietnam War. He retired as Master Sergeant from the Air Force with more than 20 years in military service.

Following his retirement from the military he worked with Anson County Water Filtration Plant, with more than 20 years of service.

Surviving are his children; Sharon Ricketts of Wadesboro, Barry (Beth) Ricketts of Southern Pines, Dennis (Jacqueline) Ricketts of Wadesboro, Judy (Chris) Sellers of Cheraw, Connie Kiker of Polkton and Tony (Wendy) Ricketts of Wadesboro; 13 grandchildren, Chuck Williamson, Ben (Hannah) Soileau, Brittany Soileau, Callie (Greg) Huneycutt, Michael Ricketts, Dylan Ricketts, Jake Ricketts, Kristy Vouigt, Courtney Sellers, Spencer Sellers, Brett (Kailey) Kiker, McKayla Ricketts, and Trace Ricketts; great-grandchild Charley Williamson; two great-grandchildren on the way; his brother Earl Ricketts of Wadesboro; and his stepbrother and stepsister, George Honeycutt of Newport News, VA and Shirley Harward of Polkton.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Doris Sings Ricketts; his son-in-law David Kiker; his stepmother Bertha Ricketts and his brother and sisters, Paul Ricketts, Betty Baldwin and Carolyn Brewer.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mt. Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 3373 Country Club Rd., Wadesboro, NC

28170. The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).

**Mrs. Linda  
McKenzie Smith**

Mrs. Linda McKenzie Smith, 70, died Monday, September 30, 2019, at Richmond County Hospice Haven in Rockingham.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 4, 2019, at Bethany Free Will Baptist Church with Rev. Ricky Marsh officiating. Interment will follow in Anson Memorial Park.

The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service Friday at the church and other times at her home.

Linda was born January 1, 1949, a daughter of the late Thomas Brooks McKenzie and the late Katie Lockler McKenzie. She worked with Unity Knitting Mills in Wadesboro and also worked as secretary for her husband's business, Smith Used Car Sales. She was a member of Bethany Free Will Baptist Church.

Surviving are her children, Sandy Parrish of Cleveland, OH, Tim Smith of Wadesboro and Terry Smith of Greenville, SC; six grandchildren; a great-grandchild; her brothers,

Rev. Tommy (Irene) McKenzie of Polkton and Jerry McKenzie of Monroe; and her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Mildred (Bob) Bowers of Mint Hill, Myrtle Diggs, Smitty (Beth) Smith and Sarah Smith, all of Wadesboro; and her nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Larry Eugene Smith on June 20, 2019, and her sisters and brothers, Carolyn Lett, Lois Wright, Connie Eudy, Ricky McKenzie and Tony McKenzie.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Richmond County Hospice Haven, 1119 US 1 Hwy, Rockingham, NC 28379.

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

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