

Obituaries

Mr. Anthony Wayne "Tony" Brock

Mr. Anthony Wayne "Tony" Brock, 64, of Charlotte and formerly of Wadesboro, died suddenly Friday, October 2, 2020, at his home.

A service to celebrate Tony's life was held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, at First United Methodist Church, Wadesboro with Rev. Dr. Sarah Kalish officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

A native of Anson County, Tony was born December 16, 1955, a son of the late James Robert and Martha McLain Brock. He graduated Bowman High School Class of 1974 and from NC State University in 1978. Following graduation he began his career with Duke Power's nuclear division, but the division would later be sold to Framatome. An accomplished project manager, Tony's position was transferred to the new company where he remained employed with over 40 years combined service.

Survivors include his wife of 42 years, Martha Marsh Brock of the home; two sons, Brian Ross Brock of the home and Matthew David Brock (Lauren) of Mooresville; and two grandchildren, Sadie Reese Brock and Hayes McLain Brock.

In addition to his parents, Tony was preceded in death by a sister, Barbara B. Davis of Chesterfield.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Mr. Jeffery Lee "Jeff" Burr

Mr. Jeffery Lee "Jeff" Burr, 56, died Thursday, October 1, 2020, while a patient at Atrium Health Union in Monroe.

A memorial service to celebrate Jeff's life will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 17, 2020, at Leavitt Funeral Home. The family will greet friends prior to the service beginning at 2 p.m.

A native of Anson County, Jeff was born December 3, 1963, a son of Dorothy Honeycutt Burns. He had worked mostly in the timber business as a logger.

Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Linda Twitty Burr of the home; two sons, Justin Whitley of Polkton and David Burr (Tarka) of Albemarle; two daughters, Kimberly Burr of the home and Misty Burr of Lilesville; a stepson, Scott Whitley of New Salem; two grandchildren, Hailey and Braden; a step-brother, Chris Smith of Wadesboro; step-sisters, Rosa Clark of Atlanta, Mae Smith (Charlie) of Atlanta, Eliza Cofield (Burkhard) of Atlanta, Retha Little (Tim) of Lilesville and Ann Scott of Lilesville. In addition to his mother, Jeff was preceded in death by his brother David "Toby" Burr. Leavitt Funeral Home is serving the family.

Mr. James L. "Jimmy" Gilmore

Mr. James L. "Jimmy" Gilmore, 80, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on Monday, September 28, 2020.

A memorial service to celebrate his life was held on Thursday, October 1, 2020, at Cedar Grove Baptist Church with Rev. Mark Swaringen officiating. Interment was private.

Born in Anson County on April 2, 1940, Jimmy was a son of the late James Clifton and Jewel Harrington Gilmore Cranford. He was a retired long-distance truck driver. Jimmy was a member of Cedar Grove Baptist Church, having served as a deacon and the choir director, remaining active until his health began to fail. He also was an avid fan of sports cars. He was a better than average mechanic and enjoyed fast cars and hot-rods. But Jimmy's greatest love was that of his family. He cherished his wife, Mary Frances, and adored each of his kids with the love and understanding that only the best fathers can provide. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Mary Frances Neal Gilmore of the home; five daughters, Mary Neal Hall (Jimmy) of Matthews, Anna Marie Farr (David) of Little River, SC, Melanie Scercy of Holden Beach, Sabrina Watts of Holden Beach and Monte Griffin of Marshville; one son, Jim Gilmore (Amy) of Unionville; 13 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two brothers, Walter "Beemie" Gilmore (Debbie) of Chesterfield and Roy Cranford (Tina) of Wadesboro.

In addition to his parents, Jimmy was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Phillip

Scercy and one grandson. The family suggest memorials be made to Cedar Grove Baptist Church, c/o Alice Cox, 12509 Hwy 742 N., Polkton, NC 28135.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Mr. Mack Douglas Hatcher

Mr. Mack Douglas Hatcher, 100, died October 1, 2020, at the home of his daughter in Charlotte.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 10, 2020, at Anson Memorial Park in Wadesboro with Rev. Teddy Lawson officiating. The family requests that everyone who attends the service wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Mack was born on July 25, 1920, in Lilesville, to Sallie and Sim Hatcher. He was a graduate of Lilesville High School.

Mack was a World War II veteran, honorably serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps, first as a turret gunner and then as a communications technician in the US and Italy. In 1944 he married his high school sweetheart, Pauline Dawkins, and they settled in their hometown of Lilesville where he owned and operated Hatcher's Exxon until his retirement. Mack and Pauline were married 67 years until her death in 2012. Before her death they donated property to the town of Lilesville for a public park, Hatcher Park.

Mack is survived by his daughter, Dale Carpenter; four grandchildren, Christopher, David and Andrew Carpenter, and Emily Hamilton; and nine great-grandchildren. Mack was a part of many of their greatest milestones, and had been an engaged and supportive father, grandfather and great-grandfather throughout their lives. They are very happy to have been able to honor him on his 100th birthday with a socially distanced party attended by family and friends.

Always an avid woodworker, Mack made many pieces of furniture, clocks, and other decorative items which he enjoyed giving to friends and family. In later years he showed his love for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren by making them toys and banks.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the charity of your choice.

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

Mr. Robert A. Howell

Mr. Robert A. Howell, 85, passed away on Wednesday, September 30, 2020, while a patient at Hospice Haven in Rockingham.

A service to celebrate his life was held on Friday, October 2, 2020, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Lilesville with Rev. James Hodges officiating. Interment with military honors followed at Anson Memorial Park.

Robert was born in Anson County on August 9, 1935, a son of the late Arthur Leander and Katie Smith Howell. He was a retired Technical Sergeant with the United States Air Force and had also worked several years for Carolina Wood Products, and more recently for API Security at local waste management facilities.

Survivors include two children, Wilma "Missy" Howell Harden (Jeff) of Lilesville and Robby Howell (Beth) of Wadesboro; one grandchild, Katelyn Howell; and three step-grandchildren, Hunter, Benjamin and Zachary Harden.

In addition to his parents, Robert was preceded in death by his wife Wilma Honeycutt Howell and a brother, Joe Howell.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Mr. John Eric Lowery

Mr. John Eric Lowery, 56, died suddenly Saturday, September 26, 2020, at his home in Lilesville.

Memorial graveside services were held on Friday, October 2, 2020, at Eastside Cemetery in Rockingham with Rev. Jimmy Knotts officiating.

John was born in Anson County on October 23, 1963, a son of the late Richard and Judy Hammond Lowery. He had worked for Southern Fabricators in Polkton, but more recently operated his own transporting business, JNC Transport.

Survivors include four siblings, Penny Lee of Lilesville, Richard "Richie" Lowery (Tammy) of Wadesboro, Lee

Brigman of Peachland; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Mr. Edgar Reece Pope

On Thursday, September 24, 2020, his 94th birthday, Mr. Edgar Reece Pope peacefully went to sleep here and awoke in the presence of his Lord and Savior along with many dear family members, including his beloved wife and son.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, September 27, 2020, at First Baptist Church, Wadesboro with Rev. Marc Sessions officiating. Interment with military honors followed in Anson Memorial Park.

Reece was born September 24, 1926, in Anson County, and was a son of the late Jesse B. Pope and the late Minnie Cole Harrington Pope. He was a graduate of Ansonville High School and was a veteran of the United States Army, serving during World War II.

He was the owner and operator of Pope's Heating and Air Conditioning for 40 years, and worked with Scarborough Hardware in Wadesboro for 18 years.

Reece Pope, in the words of his friends and fellow church members, was one of the finest Christian gentlemen anyone would ever meet. He lived his faith, and his life was indeed an example of Godly living. He was a longtime and faithful member of First Baptist Church, Wadesboro, where he served as a deacon, and a member of the nominating, property, and baptism committees, to name a few. He always had an encouraging word, warm handshake and kind smile for anyone he met.

Those left to cherish his memory and legacy are his daughters and sons-in-law, Lorraine Pope Miller (Bob) of Troy and Jeanette Pope Aldridge (Donnie) of Ansonville; his grandchildren, Lora Lee Reid and John of Asheboro, Chris Hildreth and Misty of Asheboro, Rhonda Sessions and Marc of Wadesboro, Dale Jarman and Cindy of New Hill, Jonathan Pope and Dana of Rockingham, and Lisa Pope of Wilmington; his great-grandchildren, Marci Reece Sessions of Rocky Mount, Jake Sessions of Lynchburg, VA, Stetson Sessions of Wadesboro, Allee Reid of Boone, Bryson Reid, Taylor Hildreth and Sarah Hildreth, all of Asheboro, Lacy Jarman of New Hill and Payton Pope, Charli Reece Pope and Everly Pope, all of Rockingham; his brother-in-law R. L. Ingold and Patsy of Charlotte; his sister-in-law Lydia Pope of Charlotte; and his many nieces and nephews of Pope, Ingold and Scarborough families.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Eloise Ingold Pope, his son Eddie Pope and his brothers and sisters, Walter Pope, J. B. Pope, Mary Staton, Ruth Hough, Hyla Turner, Fannie Lou Cox, Lois Scarborough, Erie Pope, Clayton Pope and Craven Pope.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, Sound System Fund, P. O. box 423, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or to Baptist Children's Homes of NC, Minnie Harrington Pope Fund, P.O. Box 338, Thomasville, NC 27361-9911.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Mr. Frank C. "Buck" Ratliff

Mr. Frank C. "Buck" Ratliff, 98, formerly of Wadesboro, died Saturday, October 3, 2020, at his daughter's home in Myrtle Beach.

A service to celebrate his life with military honors will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2020, by the graveside at Morven Cemetery conducted by Rev. Katie Sloan. The family does not plan to hold a formal visitation, but issues an invitation for the public to come by the Leavitt Funeral Home on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to pay their respects. The family plans to announce a memorial service to be held at Morven Presbyterian Church following the lifting of the Covid-19 restrictions.

A native of Anson County, Buck was born May 22, 1922, son of the late James Franklin and Lena Shoemaker Ratliff. He lived and worked in the Charlotte area as an automobile body repairman, having worked at several body shops before retiring from Toyota of Charlotte in 1984. Later that year, Buck and his wife Julia returned to his Wadesboro roots to further enjoy his retirement.

Buck was a proud World War II veteran of the US Army. He was a member of Morven Presbyterian Church. Buck enjoyed both hunting and fishing, but his greatest joy came from gardening!

Survivors include three children, Don Ratliff (Lewana) of Mint Hill, Cynthia Ratliff (Jimmy White) of Myrtle Beach, SC and Jay Ratliff (Sherry) of Mt. Holly; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two brothers, Guy Ratliff of Wadesboro and Joe Ratliff of Rock Hill, SC; and two sisters, Sarah Livingston of Cheraw and Clara Hendrick of Florence, SC.

In addition to his parents, Buck was preceded in death by his wife, Julia Purvis Ratliff and his siblings, Monroe Ratliff, Myrtle Hildreth, Floyd Ratliff, Lena Albright, and Johnny Ratliff.

The family suggest memorials be made to Morven Presbyterian Church, PO Box 274, Morven, NC 28119.

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

Mr. Ralph Eugene Terry, Jr.

Mr. Ralph Eugene Terry, Jr., 75, died Wednesday, September 30, 2020, at Bethany Woods Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Albemarle.

Gravesides service were held on Saturday, October 3, 2020, at Richmond Memorial Park in Rockingham with Rev. John Greene officiating.

Ralph was born February 21, 1945, in Richmond County, a son of the late Ralph Eugene Terry, Sr., and Margaret Louise Covington Terry. He was retired from Wade Manufacturing Company and was a veteran of the United States Army.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Clanton Terry of the home; his children, Robert (Carol) Terry of Wadesboro; Melissa (Donny) Dial of Wadesboro and Russell (Krystal) Terry of Wadesboro; his grandchildren, Madalyn Evans, Brooke Shaw, Trinton Terry, Cameron Dial, Ariel Terry, Riley Terry and Lukas Terry; and two great-grandchildren, Benzlee Martin and Anthony Doswell.

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