

Obituaries

husband and an array of family members. She always had a special interest in the menus onboard ship, as well as the way and manner in which the food was prepared and served. She loved to dress for the formal nights onboard and relished the opportunity to shake the captain's hand. She also loved to shop in the numerous ports of call she visited. Her son, Rob was the "apple of her eye" and she was always quick to talk about him and took pride in showing his picture. Dottie loved her family dearly and enjoyed traveling to her childhood home in Fair Bluff to visit with her Mother, Daddy and siblings. She was a Christian lady who practiced her beliefs in a daily fashion and, until her illness, attended church regularly. She and her family were formerly members of First United Methodist Church in Wadesboro, where she was active in the Enthusiast's Circle and Handbell Choir.

Dottie was loved by all who knew her. Her radiant smile and cheerful demeanor lit up the room when she entered, and she was a beautiful lady even in the depths of her illness. She will surely be missed.

The family would like to express appreciation to everyone who supported Dottie and her family during her lengthy illness, with a special thanks to Dr. Henry Traylor, Jr. and his nurses at Whiteville Medical Associates; the staff of Ardsley Medical Group in Concord; Dr. Michelle Clancy of Hampstead, NC; Jennifer Riker and staff of Adult Day Services in Wilmington; the staff of the Coltrane L.I.F.E. Center in Concord and the wonderful, loving caregivers who assisted the family during her illness.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601-7633 or to First United Methodist Church, 118 E. Morgan Street, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Leavitt Funeral Home served the Batten Family. Online condolences may be made at leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com.

Ms. Beverly Ann Carpenter

Ms. Beverly Ann Carpenter, 58, died Saturday, October 11, 2014, in the Hospice House of Union County.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, October 14, 2014, in Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Steve Goodwin officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

Born April 3, 1956, Beverly was a daughter of Frankie Burns Carpenter of Polkton and the late Albert Eugene "Tick" Carpenter.

Surviving are her children, Monica Caudle

(Lynn) of Polkton, Travis Williams (Alicia) of Wadesboro and Jeremy Williams (Jodie) of Monroe; five grandchildren, Zachary Caudle, Hanna Williams, Carpenter Williams, J. D. Williams and Jaxon Williams; and two sisters, Donna Brantley (Ted) of Monroe and Becky Carpenter (Tim) of Wadesboro.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Union County, 700 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 28110. Leavitt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com.

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Griffin

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Griffin, 87, passed away October 13, 2014, at the Jesse Helms Nursing Center in Monroe.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2014, in the Chapel of Morgan & Son Funeral Home. The family will greet friends following the service. Interment will be in the Marshville City Cemetery.

Mrs. Griffin was born in Union County on April 10, 1927, to the late Joel Spurgeon and Lois Worley Griffin. She was preceded in death by her husband Mr. W. S. "Dub" Griffin and one daughter Susan Worley Griffin.

She is survived by her son Sammy Griffin of Matthews and daughter Beth Griffin Stegall (Richard) of Wingate; five grandchildren, Travis Stegall, Blair Stegall, Callie Stegall, Bridgette Griffin and Cassie Griffin; and three great-grandchildren, Conner Stegall, Benton Stegall and Greyson Stegall.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested memorials be made to: The Jesse Helms Center (Activities Center), 1411 Dove St., Monroe, NC 28112 or Wingate Baptist Church, PO Bx 339, Wingate, NC 28174.

Mrs. Myrtle Brewer Keelyn

Mrs. Myrtle Brewer Keelyn, 88, formerly of Ansonville, died peacefully at her home surrounded by her loving children.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 18, 2014, at Leavitt Funeral Home. In-

terment will follow in Bethlelem Cemetery in Ansonville. The family will greet friends at the funeral home prior to the service beginning at 1 p.m. In addition, a Celebration of Life Service will be forthcoming in the Spring of 2015 on the beach in Cherry Grove, North Myrtle Beach, SC honoring her passion and love of the beach.

Myrtle was born February 11, 1926, in Johnston County, NC, a daughter of the late Wesley Conway and Lulu Carroll Brewer. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, Robert Jeff (Bob) Keelyn; four sisters, Jane, Ruth, Eula and Della; and three brothers, Lucian, Gurley, and Buddy.

Survivors include her three children, Barbara J. Keelyn (Terry Johnson), Susan G. Keelyn and Robert M. Keelyn; grandchildren, Robert Jeff Dell (Sherri), Megan Ryan Keelyn and Nicholas Robert Keelyn; great-grandchildren, JJ Johnson, Hunter Marie Page (JD), Joshua Dell, Cordelia Dell, John Hill, Katie Hair and Amanda Hill; a great-great-grandchild, Harley Page; two brothers, W.L. Brewer (Vernell), and Wesley Brewer Jr.; and many nieces and nephews.

Myrtle was first a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. In addition, she was a business owner of rental properties with her husband Bob, where she formed wonderful friendships with many visitors to the beach. Myrtle had a love for the beach and for collecting sea-shells which she generously shared with anyone who also shared her passion for the beach. Flashing her quick smile and friendly wave, she never really met a stranger. She enjoyed camping and caring for her dogs over the years and later enjoyed the chance to travel with her children and to spend many treasured moments with her grandchildren.

Myrtle began working at a young age in her home town of Selma, NC in the local mills and factories before moving onto such challenges as becoming a female welder during World War II in the Navy Yard at Norfolk, VA.

Being a resident of over 50 years in the Cherry Grove section of North Myrtle Beach, Myrtle shared many fascinating stories with locals

and tourists alike regarding the many changes that occurred in the area and also the adventures of her life.

The family would like to express their sincerest appreciation and thanks to Embrace Hospice of Conway, SC and to their staff for their loving care for Myrtle during her time of illness.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bethlehem Cemetery, c/o Mrs. Randall Crenshaw, PO Box 421, Ansonville, NC 28007.

Leavitt Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Mary Dowdy Winfield

Mrs. Mary Dowdy Winfield, 91, died peacefully Wednesday, October 8, 2014, at Hospice House of Union County in Monroe.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, October 12, 2014, at Brown Creek Baptist Church with Rev. Curtis Williams, Rev. Ronnie Sullivan and Rev. Darrell Nance officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mary was born October 24, 1922, in Campbell County, VA, a daughter of the late William Davis and Georgia Farmer Dowdy. She was retired from Polkton Manufacturing. She was a long-time member of Brown Creek Baptist Church, where she was faithful to the ministries of the church and had served as associate Sunday school superintendent, Sunday school teacher and sang in the choir.

She and her husband Boyce were both avid gardeners and farmers and enjoyed sharing vegetables

from the bounty of their crops. She was well known for her beautiful zinnias and sunflowers and famous for her scuppernong pie, cantaloupe pie, homemade pickles and potato salad.

Surviving are her sister Laura Dowdy Hutchinson of Hurt, VA; her godchildren, David Griffin of Polkton, Allison Griffin of Winston-Salem and their mother, Linda Griffin of Polkton; and many beloved nieces and nephews and their families in both the Dowdy and Winfield families.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Boyce Winfield, and her brother and sisters, Fred M. Dowdy, Edna Dowdy Vaughn and Ruth Dowdy.

The family would like to express their sincerest appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the staffs at both Meadowview Terrace Assisted Living and Ambassador Health and Rehab for their exemplary care for Mary while she was a resident with them, and most recently Hospice of Union County for their loving care for Mary in her last days.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Brown Creek Baptist Church Building Fund, c/o James Turner, 4210 Hwy 742 N, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or to McWhorter Hospice House, c/o Hospice of Union County, 700 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 28110.

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

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Proud parents of one daughter,
three grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren,
and five great-great grandchildren.

The Taylors met at a square dance. Mr. Taylor says, "I knew I was booked when I first saw Helen." Mrs. Taylor agreed, saying, "I knew it too!"

"We have enjoyed many good years together, and had a few rough ones," added Mr. Taylor. "But we have always been totally in love and devoted to each other."

Anson Health & Rehab will help the Taylors celebrate by providing them a candlelight dinner on Friday, October 17, which is their Anniversary date.

Blaze Orange Requirements and Recommendations for North Carolina

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission's Home From The Hunt safety campaign is reminding hunters to follow blaze orange requirements and making safety recommendations to others who spend time outdoors. In North Carolina hunters are required to wear a cap, hat or an outer garment in blaze orange that is visible from all sides when hunting bear, feral hogs, deer, rabbit, squirrel, grouse, pheasant or quail with a firearm. Hunters also are required to wear blaze orange while hunting with a bow on Sunday during the black powder and gun seasons.

"Wearing blaze orange is an easy and effective step for safety," said Travis Casper, the state Hunter Education Program coordinator. "Blaze orange, also known as hunter orange, isn't a color found in nature, making it instantly recognizable as a human presence. It is instantly recognizable and signals caution to the viewer. Going a step farther, in low-light conditions hunters should consider using a flashlight when changing locations."

The Home From The Hunt campaign recommends everyone wear blaze orange when outdoors in areas shared with hunters. Blaze orange clothing stands out against an outdoor background and studies have proven it increases visibility of the wearer in low-light situations. Blaze orange also can be helpful in locating someone lost or injured.

For more information on hunting seasons, Hunting Heritage Apprentice Permits and the Hunter Education Program, go to www.ncwildlife.org or call 919-707-0031.

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