

Obituaries

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On Friday, October 11, 2024, Mr. Marvin C. "Cooter" Deese, 76, passed away peacefully at Richmond County Hospice Haven in Rockingham with his beloved daughter and his sister-in-law at his bedside.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 18, 2024, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. Interment will be held with military honors at Anson Memorial Park.

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

Cooter was born June 6, 1948, in Anson County and was the youngest child of the late Bennett Wilson Deese and the late Bessie Simpson Deese. He was a 1967 graduate of Wadesboro High School, which was the last graduating class there. Following graduation he was drafted to serve in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

Following an honorable discharge from the military he returned home to Wadesboro and worked in home construction for nearly 20 years. His construction knowledge was beneficial as he later became employed in Anson County Government, working as building inspector. During this time he held four level three certifications. He retired with 20 years of service.

Cooter enjoyed times shared with his family and friends, especially outings to Papa Joes in Wadesboro to catch up with his friends. He liked to keep his finger on the pulse of anything going on in Anson County or the Town of Wadesboro.

Those who are left to cherish his memory are his daughter Leslie Deese of Wadesboro; his brother and sister-in-law, Troy and Patricia Deese of Wadesboro; his sisters-in-law, Tobitha Deese of Charlotte and Vella Deese of Monroe; and his nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers and sister, Maurice Deese, Earl Deese, Vernon Deese, Buford Deese and Shirley Bailey.

The family is most grateful to the staff at Atrium Health Anson and Atrium Health Union for all they did for him and most recently the staff of Richmond County Hospice and Hospice Haven for the way in which they cared for him during his final weeks. A special thank you to Anthony Ratliff with Anson Rescue and Anson EMS and their staffs for being there for him.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Richmond County Hospice Haven, 1119 N US 1, Rockingham, NC 28379 or to Friends of the Anson County Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 828, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

Mrs. Pamela Tiffany Layfield

On Monday, October 14, 2024, Mrs. Pamela Tiffany Layfield, 58, passed away at Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center Main in Charlotte, NC to be with her Lord and Savior.

There will be a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 19, 2024, at First Baptist Church, Wadesboro with Rev. Anita Thompson, Pastor and Dr. Harry Workman officiating. Inurnment will be in Anson Memorial Park.

The family will greet friends from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 18, 2024, at Leavitt Funeral Home and other times at the home.

Pam was born January 26, 1966, in Anson County, and was a daughter of Deborah Hildreth Huntley and the late Russell Edward Tiffany. She was a 1984 graduate of Bowman High School.

She was employed with the Anson County Cooperative Extension Office as an administrative assistant. She was a valuable part of the extension team and always supportive of the events and programs provided by their office.

Pam was a faithful member of First Baptist Church, Wadesboro where she was an active part of the worship committee, communion committee and the kitchen committee. She was faithful in her attendance, and her church family could always count on her being in "her spot" on Sunday mornings for worship. For her church family and others she cared about, she was an encourager.

Pam and her soulmate Sandy were married for 40 years, and during a recent family beach trip they renewed their vows with their immediate family present. Their son Parker officiated the ceremony. Their love and commitment to each other is a shining example of a true and forever kind of love.

Those who are left to cherish her memory are her husband Sandy Layfield; her children, Madison Leopard (Tyler) of Stanfield and Parker Layfield (Ashley) of Polkton; her grandson, who was the light of her life, Everett Leopard; her mother and stepfather, Deborah and Kenneth Huntley of Wadesboro; her sisters and brothers-in-law, Gwen and Hoy Lanning of Mt. Gilead and Lauren and Tom Sellers of Lilesville; her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Danny and Penney Layfield of Indian Trail; and her nieces and nephews and their families, as well as, her aunt and uncles other dear family members and friends.

Pam will be remembered for her great love for her family and friends. She enjoyed reading, cooking, watching movies, camping, traveling, caring for her animals, and being a part of her church family. Her love for people and Christ was evident in the life she lived before others.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 423, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Pam's family requests that those attending the memorial service dress in bright colors. The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Cheraw Jazz Festival in Dizzy's Hometown

Dizzy Gillespie's hometown of Cheraw, SC ushers in its 19th year of the South Carolina Jazz Festival October 18-20 with a weekend of great jazz and exciting activities. The weekend, which coincides with the 107th anniversary of Gillespie's birth, will showcase the unique bond Gillespie shared with his South Carolina roots & jazz.



A wide variety of free and ticketed concerts and events are scheduled for the weekend of Friday, October 18 through Sunday, October 20. Two additional free concerts are planned for Thursday, October 17 that include a luncheon concert at Northeastern Technical College and a kick-off evening concert at Dizzy Gillespie Homesite Park. This year's festival will culminate on Sunday, October 20, with a concert at the historic Old St. David's Episcopal Church in Cheraw.

Over 30 Jazz performances are scheduled during the festival that includes in-school performances. Over the weekend will feature regional musicians from both North and South Carolina and beyond. Featured artists for the ticketed evening performances at the Theatre on the Green will be saxophonist Dr. Michael White with "Sounds of NOLA" on Friday, October 18. Trumpeter Joe Gransden will perform at the Theatre on the Green Saturday, October 19 and present "Celebrating Diz and the Great American Songbook."

Weekend activities include free performances at Cheraw's Centennial Jazz, a Be-bop parade, evening jazz crawls, lunchtime and breakfast jazz, and afternoon jazz. A free concert will be presented at the Gillespie family's home church, Wesley United Methodist Church featuring Cheraw native Dr. Robert Gardiner.

Art abounds during the weekend with the festival's 16th Italian Madonnari Chalk Competition. Additional art related activities include pine needle basket artist, Kids' Art Alley, Art on the Green, caricature artist, musical sculpture exhibit and community art installations.

Visitors can enjoy a self-guided Historic Cheraw Cell Phone Tour to over 25 points of interest, including Dizzy Gillespie related sites. Also, the video "From the Be to the Bop- the Musical Legacy of Dizzy Gillespie" will be shown on Saturday courtesy of SC ETV and Public Radio.

Tickets for a single evening concert at the Theatre on the Green are \$30 per person or a two day weekend ticket is \$50 per person.

For more information call 843.537.8420 x12 or visit www.scjazzfestival.com.

Mr. Marvin C. "Cooter" Deese

Parent / Teacher Conferences for Elementary Schools

Elementary schools will dismiss early on Thursday, October 17 for Parent / Teacher Conferences. Dismissal will be at 12:30 p.m. and conferences will be held from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Chair Exercise Classes at the Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library is hosting a chair exercise class on Thursday, October 24. Class begins at 10:00 a.m. in the library's Pritchett Room. Everyone is welcome.

Any questions please call the library at 704-694-5177.



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Registration Ends on Wednesday, October 23 at 4:00pm
704-694-6616 Mon-Fri 8:30am to 5:00pm.



ANSON COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR

2026 Anson County Real Property Revaluation

Anson County is in the process of reappraising all real property located in the jurisdiction of Anson County. This is following the requirements listed in General Statute 105-286 requiring that counties must reappraise all real property at least every 8 years. General Statute 105-286 also requires all real property to be valued at market value as of January 1 of the year of the reappraisal.

Anson County will have trained real estate appraisers visiting all real property to collect information for determining the market value of your property. The appraisers will be measuring all new improvements that have been added to the property not listed on the property tax card and taking photographs.

The appraisers will have identification badges, and their vehicles will have identification signs.

For additional information concerning Anson County's 2026 reappraisal process, go to the Anson County website at:

www.co.anson.nc.us

and from the home page click on the link, **What is Revaluation.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Anson County Tax Office at 704-994-3290.

Larry Newton

Anson County Tax Administrator

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