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Mr. Barney Steven Gathings

Mr. Barney Steven Gathings, 73, went to be with his Lord on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, at Novant Presbyterian Hospital in Matthews.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 13, 2018, at Cathedral Baptist Church with Rev. Randy Swaringen and Rev. Steve Hill officiating. Interment followed in Lilesville Cemetery.

Barney was born June 29, 1945, in Anson County, a son of the late Roy Barney Gathings and Fannie Mae Eddins Gathings. He was a graduate of Anson High School and was retired from Wansona in Wadesboro. Following his retirement he worked for a number of years at Brown Creek Correctional Institute in Polkton.

Barney was a long time member of Cathedral Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon and Treasurer.

Surviving are his wife of 39 years, Deborah Benton Gathings; his daughter and son-in-law Karen and Kenny Grantham of Lilesville; his grandson Joshua Grantham of Lilesville; his sisters and brother, Mary Virginia Bowers Dinkins of Winston-Salem, Sara Jones of Kannapolis, Helen Miller of Greenville and Merle Gathings of Yadkinville; his sisters-in-law and brother-in-law, Jill Trammell (Bill), Donnie Benton (Verdia), Joanie Jones (Kenny), Glenda Lisk (finance) Kenny Brower, all of Wadesboro, Janet McCormick (Joey) of Peachland and Sharon Morton (Rodney) and Audrey Lawhon (Michael), all of Lilesville; and his niece and nephews and their families.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters and brothers, Emma Goodwin, Margaret Dutton, Rosa Powell, Fannie Goodwin, Sue Griffin, Ben Gathings and Lee Gathings, and by his sister-in-law Kathy Benton.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cathedral Baptist Church, 1215 Old Lilesville Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

The arrangements were

Obituaries

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

Laura Frances Hasty

On Friday, October 12, 2018, Laura Frances Hasty, devoted daughter, sister, aunt, friend, co-worker, and community leader entered her forever heavenly home, no doubt hearing, "Well done, thy good and faithful servant!"

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, in Peachland Baptist Church. Interment followed in Peachland Cemetery.

Laura was born on February 5, 1964, to Claude and Betty Davis Hasty. She was known for her fun loving, adventurous and only slightly mischievous personality. Blessed with an uncanny ability to bring joy and laughter to any situation, her snappy one-liners and clever comebacks were cherished and appreciated by all.

Growing up in a caring, supportive family in the town of Peachland, Laura attended Anson County Schools. As a teenager she enjoyed athletics, both as an NC State fan, but especially playing church league softball in which she became popularly known as "Willie" for her amazing underhanded outfielding skills. Laura also enjoyed being a member of the Anson County 4-H club. She won numerous competitions and held several leadership positions.

Laura also became a "Daughter of the King" when she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. She was baptized on March 13, 1978, and became a lifelong member and servant at Peachland Baptist Church, where she held numerous positions, including Vacation Bible School Director, Fall Festival Coordinator and Technical Director, handling the audio and video needs.

As a 1986 graduate of Wingate College, Laura's degree in Business served her well while working several years in the office of B.C. Moore & Son, a local department store chain. Upon the store's closing Laura began to work for the Department of Social Services where she diligently advocated for the needs of Anson County citizens. But, Laura found her real passion when she began to work for the Anson County School System.

Because of her amazing love for young people and strong desire to see them succeed, she fell perfectly into her roles as data manager, bookkeeper, secretary and, of course, "Den Mother" to the students of Anson New Technology High School. For ten years

"Mama Hasty" did everything the principal would "allow" to guide and support the students toward completing their most valuable educations. Though stern at times, none could deny her unconditional love. Laura continued in this care and compassion for both student and staff as she moved into her most recent clerical role at Anson High School, offering a welcoming, friendly face to all who entered the main office. Her hard work and dedication earned her the Para-Professional of the Year award on more than one occasion.

This servant's heart also carried over into other areas of the community. For someone who never had children of her own, Laura positively influenced the lives of so many children. As a member of the Anson Athletic Association, Laura handled multiple needs at the Field of Dreams Athletic Complex in Polkton, always making sure the children had a safe, organized place to play sports and the spectators always had concessions to enjoy. As a board member for the Peachland Development Corporation, she ensured that children and families had a place to enjoy swimming and relaxing on hot summer days. Laura also served on the Peachland Town Council and took part in the Community Watch program with the great desire that Peachland continue to be a wonderful place to live.

Though Laura was well known in community, nothing was more important to her than spending special quality fun time with her family. She was preceded in death, by her father, Claude Hasty. Living in the home is her mother and best buddy Betty Davis Hasty. Beloved siblings and spouses include Claudia Gabriel (Chuck) of Virginia, Ricky Hasty (Paulette) of Wadesboro and Jennifer Ricketts (Kevin), of Peachland. Laura was also the coolest aunt ever to her nieces and nephews; Chris Nicholson (Lisa) of Virginia, Shannon Miller (Shane) of Arizona, Kimberly Sambaiew (Peter) of Arizona, Charlie Hasty (Amy Davis), Seth Ricketts (Mallory Ridgeway) and Zach Ricketts (Cortney Thomas). Great nieces and nephews include Brooke and Ryan Miller, Hayden Sambaiew, and the newest family member Salem Ricketts. Laura was also a warm-hearted caregiver to several feline fur babies.

Laura lived her life in such a way, that her passing has now left a huge void in the all the lives of those she touched. Though short by age standards, Laura's life was truly full and rich in ways of the Lord, always

using her gifts and talents to serve the church, the workforce, the community and her family.

Memorials may be made to Peachland Baptist Church, PO Box 146, Peachland, NC 28133.

Leavitt Funeral Home served the Hasty Family. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

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JIM SIMS
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Peachland, Polkton, White Store

A VERY FEW OF MY INDIVIDUAL & COOPERATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- EMS Crew and Truck - Polkton (Saved Lives)
- White Store Water / White Store Zoning
- Areas of Peachland / Polkton Water
- Love Animals - Animal Shelter
- Industrial Cleanup - Peachland Creek
- Stricter Enforcement - Trash, Streets & Roads
- Equal Percentage of Fire Tax for All Fire Districts
- Decrease in Railroad Stoppage - Polkton
- Zoning for Great Business - Peachland
- "NO" Vote for Higher Taxes - Emphasized Wiser Spending
- Several State Grants
- Teachers' Supplements - Retain and Recruit the 'Best'
- Nonresident Tax Idea - Economic Development / Tourism Board
- Refusal for Coal Ash - Landfill (Lead, Arsenic, Mercury)
- Exemplarily Board Attendance and Involvement
- Recently assisted schools in a successful application for a \$15 million building grant
- Believe in Hard Work, Kindness and Jesus Christ (Lord and Savior)

Whether or not you vote for me, I will still be your friend. And, may God bless you and your family.
Paid for by the candidate

"LET'S MAKE THE CHURCH BEAUTIFUL AGAIN"

Whatever happened to the beautiful church? The church who resembles the one who died for it, Jesus Christ! The church who understood the scripture that said, "and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." 1 The church who was unafraid to take a stand for what is right, because we are the "righteousness of God"! 2 The church who worships in the "beauty of God's holiness." 3 Worshipping not only at their local church, but in their homes, their schools and in their businesses. Born-again believers, the church is not a building! We are the church!

The last time I heard prominent leaders in our county voice their opinion about how alcohol will bring prosperity to our county they promised an Applebee's Restaurant. As if alcohol or a restaurant would bring prosperity. Tell that to the ones who are addicted to alcohol! Come hear their stories on Sunday night when they speak about broken homes, fortunes lost and hopeless lives! The evil one is still in the life stealing, killing and destroying business! Jesus said that he came that we might have a "super abundant life!" 4 We don't need more alcohol! We need more Jesus!

Church we have a responsibility to bring light to the darkness! Be very careful for God says, "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink." 5 He also said, "By our words[or votes] we are condemned or ...justified." 6 "Righteousness exalts(raises up) a nation," 7 a state or a county. Not alcohol! God makes it very plain for the church to "Be Sober!" 8

Therefore, church let's be beautiful again! Let the preachers in the pulpits of Anson County proclaim the truth about what the Bible says about alcohol. Let every member of the true body of Christ lift up their voice and conscience against the referendum on November 6th, and **Vote NO!**

Rocky Carpenter
Pastor
Harmony Community Church

- John 8:32
- Romans 3:22
- Psalm 96:9
- John 10:10
- Habakkuk 2:15
- Matthew 12:37
- Proverbs 14:34
- 1 Peter 5:8

Stress and Anger Management Workshop

A Stress & Anger Management Workshop will be held on Thursday, October 25 at the First United Methodist Church in Rockingham, located at 410 East Washington Street, from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. Robert Smith, CEO with Sandhills Behavioral Center, will be the guest speaker. Lunch and materials will be provided free.

Contact Suzanne Maness at (910) 627-1769, toll free (877) 211-5995, or by email at connectionsfp@gmail.com to register. The deadline to register is Monday, October 22.

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