

Obituaries

On Saturday, October 14, 2023, Mrs. Ruth Waddell Hickman, 100, peacefully completed her journey to be with her Lord and Savior in the company of her son and daughter-in-law, at Hospice Haven in Rockingham.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 22, 2023, at Brown Creek Baptist Church with a viewing from 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. Interment to follow in the church cemetery. The family will greet friends following the service in the church fellowship hall.

She will lie in repose at the church one hour prior to the service for those wishing to pay their respects.

Mary Ruth Waddell was born January 1, 1923, in the Brown Creek Community of Wadesboro and was a daughter of the late Fred Lee Waddell and the late Annie Gertrude Heavener Waddell. She graduated from the first Wadesboro High School class to have twelve grades in 1940.

Ruth married Albert Hunter Hickman, who was serving in the United States Army, in 1943. Throughout their marriage they lived in various states due to Albert's military service, and Ruth worked several administrative positions where they were stationed.

She worked locally in her early years for Mr. Hal Little at Anson Manufacturing Company which later became Little Cotton Manufacturing Company. She worked in a "one girl" school of Superintendent V. W. Lewis, Wadesboro City Schools, being responsible for payroll, bus duty, cafeteria cashier and secretary, to name a few.

Following Albert's military service they lived in Delaware until returning to Wadesboro in 1966. It was then that Ruth returned to work with Little Cotton, retiring in 1988 from what was then Charles Cofield. In the fall of 1988 Ruth began working with Anson Community College, now South Piedmont Community College, retiring as a Dropout Retention Specialist.

Ruth lived a very energetic life and shared her strong faith with everyone she encountered. She was an active and longtime member of Brown Creek Baptist Church, Woodmen of the World for more than 50 years, the Red Cross, Anson County Hospital Auxiliary, having served as President, Wadesboro Civitan Club, Anson Writer's Club, and she assisted with the production of two plays - *Sneedsborough: A Ripple in River* and *Bridges out of Poverty*. She was named an "Ageless Hero" by Blue Cross Blue Shield for her volunteer work in the community.

She was an avid sewer, reader, and tenacious storyteller, with a strong belief that one should be creative and use what you have been gifted. In her free time she taught adult literacy classes and visited local nursing homes, graciously sharing her gifts and ministry by providing lap blankets, walker caddies and wall hangings. Behind her infectious smile, bright blue eyes, and fragile body of recent years, was a woman who has known heartache, loneliness and loss, few can fathom let alone survive. But rather than self-pity or anger, what you saw in Ruth was a woman tempered by the fires of life's challenges, moving forward with unyielding Christian faith to serve others.

Among Ruth's greatest achievements and interests was that of being a wife, mother, grandmother, family member and friend.

Those left to cherish her memory are her son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Dana Hickman of Cumming, GA; her grandchildren, Hunter Hickman and Kensley Hickman, both of whom she was most proud; and her nieces, nephews, and their families, as well as many extended family members and dear friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Albert Hunter Hickman, an infant daughter, a son, Albert Hunter Hickman, Jr. and her sister and brothers, Addie Lee Waddell, Herman Waddell and Fred Waddell, Jr.

Ruth's family is most grateful for her dedicated in-home caregivers, Anson Hospice and Richmond County Hospice, of which she was a member, in the Brown Creek Community and her church family for all of the love and care shown to her throughout the years. Her journey is testament to "Well done my good and faithful servant" as she lived the life given to her for God and His glory.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial to either, Brown Creek Baptist Church, 4210 NC 742 N, Wadesboro, NC 28170; Anson Community Hospice a Division of Richmond County Hospice, 1119 N US 1 Hwy, Rockingham, NC 28170; Anson Writer's Club, P.O. Box 363, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or Friends of the Hampton B. Allen Library, 120 S Greene St, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

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Anson Schools Sports Update

AHS
Anson High School Varsity Football
• **Friday, October 13 - Anson lost to Monroe 53-14. Passing** (attempts-yards): Luke Hyatt 8-11 for 92 yds, 1 int. **Rushing** (carries-yards): Jazeer Griffin 16 carries for 88 yds, 1 TD; Luke Hyatt 8 carries for 23 yds, 1 TD; Kendrick Maye 6 carries for 20 yds; Emmanuel Chambers 3 carries for 15 yds. **Receiving** Courtney Sturdivant 4-36; Jayden Little 1-29; Kendrick Maye 2-15; Jazeer Griffin 1-12. **Kicking** Fowler 2-2 XP. **Tackles** (solo, assists): Jazeer Griffin 4 solo; Denez Chambers 6 solo, 1 assist; J. Griffin 3 solo, 3 assist; Jayden Little 3 solo; Kendrick Maye 1 solo; Zack Griffin 1 solo, 2 assist; C. Sturdivant 1 solo; Jase Martin 1 solo, 4 assist; Daquan McKeever 1 solo, 1 assist; T'landis Carr 5 solo, 3 assist; Jaqualin Liles 2 solo, 2 assist; Cedrick Zeno 2 solo; D. Harrington 2 solo, 1 assist; E. Sturdivant 1 solo. **Interception** Cedric Zeno 1.
Anson High School Junior Varsity Football
• **Thursday, October 12 - Anson lost to Monroe 58-6.**
Nyhaij Johnson 72 yard KO return, TD.

AMS
Anson Middle School Football
• **Wednesday, October 11 - AMS lost to East Montgomery 30-20.**
Anson Middle School Volleyball
• **Tuesday, October 10 - AMS beat South Stanly 3-0**
• **Thursday, October 12 - AMS beat North Stanly 3-1**
Anson Middle School Girls Track
• **Tuesday, October 10 at Hoke County High School - Girls scored 83 total points. This was the highest scoring team at the meet. 1st Place. Long Jump** Taliah Wall (6th place) 1point. **Shot Put** CaRika McNair (1st place) 10 points, London Williams (4th place) 4 points. **Discus** London Williams (1st place) 10 points, CaRika McNair (2nd place) 8 points, Aubree Brewington (3rd place) 6 points. **200 M Dash** Angel Cason (1st place) 10 points, Cherish Chambers (2nd place) 8 points. **55M Hurdles** Kori Moore (3rd place) 6 points. **100 M Dash** Angel Cason (3rd place) 6 points. **4x200 M Relay (4th place) 4 points** Comorayah McManus, Kori Moore, Zaliyah Lloyd, Cherish Chamber. **4x100 M Relay (1st place) 10 points** Angel Cason, Cherish Chambers, Zaliyah Lloyd, Taliah Wall.

NCWorks Veterans Portal

Home to nearly 800,000 veterans and several major military installations, North Carolina has a distinguished history in serving the U.S. military veterans, and their families. The NCWorks Veterans Portal is an online website for veterans. This collection of resources provides services for veterans, transitioning service members, and eligible spouses to obtain employment. The NCWorks Veterans Portal is at: veterans.ncworks.gov/bosnet.

*** PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ***

Anson Landfill Expansion

With the intent of expanding the landfill capacity more than twofold, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality has issued a draft permit for the proposed horizontal and vertical expansion of the Anson Landfill.

This would increase the disposal area from 133.10 acres to 198.44 acres and the maximum landfill height would be raised by 70 feet, taking the total capacity from 21.6 million cubic yards to an alarming 41.5 million cubic yards.

This expansion is deeply concerning and we urge all citizens of Anson County to attend this public hearing.

Your voice matters, and we must act together to protect our environment and ensure that the Anson Landfill does not increase its capacity to unacceptable levels. We urge you to come and speak up for the safety of Anson County and beyond.

Anson County Courthouse
114 North Greene Street, Wadesboro, NC
October 26, 2023 - 6:30PM

TOWN OF LILESVILLE ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

The Town of Lilesville is advertising for sale real property within the corporate limits of Lilesville. The property is located at 111 Camden Street, Lilesville NC. The Town and County account number is 50-000-610-00 and County parcel ID # is 05-7404. 14-34-7136-00. The property is approximately 1.81 acres. This property is being sold as is and as one sale. Bids will be accepted beginning Friday, October 27th at Town Hall (114 East Wall Street), all bids received initially will be opened on Monday, November 6th at 6:00p.m. at the Lilesville Fire Department.

This sale will be performed through an "upset bid" process pursuant to NCGS 160A-269 - "When an offer is made and the council proposes to accept it, the council shall require the offeror to deposit five percent (5%) of his bid with the city clerk, and shall publish a notice of the offer. The notice shall contain a general description of the property, the amount and terms of the offer, and a notice that within 10 days any person may raise the bid by not less than ten percent (10%) of the first one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and five percent (5%) of the remainder. When a bid is raised, the bidder shall deposit with the city clerk five percent (5%) of the increased bid, and the clerk shall readvertise the offer at the increased bid. This procedure shall be repeated until no further qualifying upset bids are received, at which time the council may accept the offer and sell the property to the highest bidder. The council may at any time reject any and all offers."

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