

Obituaries

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Mr. David Eugene Napier

On Sunday, October 19, 2025, Mr. David Eugene Napier, 85, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, shed his tired and worn body at Anson Health and Rehab in Wadesboro to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to forever play his music with the heavenly choirs and musicians.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 23, 2025, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Steve Hill and Rev. Leon Smith, officiating. Interment will follow in Williams Cemetery.

The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

David was born January 4, 1940, in Anson County, and was a son of the late Earl Wright Napier and the late Ann Morgan Napier. He was a graduate of Wadesboro High School and a veteran of the United States Navy.

Following in the footsteps of his father, David worked with Seaboard Coastline Railroad, which later became CSX Railroad, retiring with more than 40 years of service.

He loved music, and at the age of 6 he received his first guitar at Christmas. He taught himself to play the guitar while developing a deep love for music. Often neighbors driving by would see him walking in the front yard strumming his guitar. He also mastered other instruments as well, including the pedal steel guitar.

He enjoyed making music with his friends in and around Anson County creating local groups to share their gifts of music, one of which was called "The Gospel Strings," David always wanted to end their times together by playing the beautiful hymn, "Amazing Grace."

Those who are left to cherish his memory are his wife of 61 years, Judy Gaddy Napier; their daughters and sons-in-law, Beth (Greg) Lee of Polkton, Susan (Robbie) Trexler of Wadesboro and Amy Napier of Polkton; their grandchildren, Ashton Lee Allen (Zack) of Polkton, Jordan Lee of Polkton, Sarah Rose Trexler Massinople (Will) of Raleigh and Aaron Trexler of Norwood; his sister-in-law, Bennie Napier of Polkton; and his nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter Laura Napier and by his brother and sister Donnie Napier and Libby Williams (Johnny).

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Williams Cemetery Fund c/o, Danny Wright, 341 Kiker Rd., Peachland, NC 28133 or to Polkton Baptist Church, P.O. Box 10, Polkton, NC 28135.

Community Night • CTE Fall Fest • Meet at the 50

Friday, October 24 at Anson High School Stadium

Anson County Schools and Anson High School invite everyone to a night full of Bearcat pride as they celebrate Community Night, CTE Fall Fest, and the beloved "Meet at the 50" tradition - all in one exciting evening. This special event honors K-6 students, middle school football and cheer teams, and Parks & Recreation football players for their dedication, teamwork, and school spirit. Families, friends, and fans are encouraged to fill the stands in orange, blue, and white to support our students and schools!

Event Schedule:

- **4:30-6:00 p.m. - CTE Fall Fest:** Enjoy food, fun, and hands-on activities hosted by South Piedmont's Career & Technical Education programs.
- **6:10 p.m. - Student Lineup:** Students report to the track near the scoreboard.
- **6:25 p.m. - Community Night Track Walk:** Students walk the track with their schools to show their Bearcat pride. One adult may accompany each elementary student.
- **6:40 p.m. - Meet at the 50:** Kindergarten students and Senior Fall Athletes, Cheerleaders, and Band Members meet at midfield to pass down the Bearcat Spirit.
- **6:50 p.m. - National Anthem** performed by the Anson High Band.
- **6:55 p.m. - Coin Toss** with team captains.
- **7:00 p.m. - Kickoff:** The Bearcats face off against the Forest Hills Yellow Jackets as the band plays the Fight Song and the team charges the field.

Admission Information:

- Elementary Students - Receive one free admission ticket through their school.
- Middle School Football & Cheer - Admitted free when wearing their uniform or jersey.
- Parks & Recreation Players - Receive free admission if enrolled in an Anson County elementary school and wearing their jersey.

!! All students must be accompanied by an adult (21 or older).

Adult Tickets: Regular admission applies. • Cash is not accepted.

- Tickets may be purchased at the gate using Tap and Pay (credit/debit) or online at ansonschools.org → Athletics → More → Tickets (online tickets include a small fee).

Families are encouraged to arrive early to avoid long lines and to take part in the CTE Fall Fest before kickoff. Come celebrate our students, cheer for the Bearcats, and be part of a growing Anson County tradition!

Recruiting Volunteers for Meals on Wheels

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