

On Wednesday, October 19, 2022, Mrs. Sandra Still Carpenter, 71, passed away peacefully at her home.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, October 23, 2022, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. The family greeted friends one hour prior to the service Sunday at the funeral home. A private inurnment will be in Anson Memorial Park later.

Sandra was born August 9, 1951, in Stanly County, NC and was a daughter of the late William Clarence Still and the late Arlene Oliver Lisk. She attended schools in both Anson and Stanly Counties and graduated from South Stanley High School, where she was a cheerleader.

She and her late husband Ervin owned and operated Carpenter's Auto Electric in Wadesboro.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Kim Morgan (Mitch Dibble) of Laurinburg, Jason Carpenter and Dallas Jarrell (Jaime), all of Wadesboro; her grandchildren, Cody Sellers (Megan), Garrett Carpenter, Gracie Carpenter, Adison Jarrell and Danny Dribble; her great-grandchildren, Xan Seller, Lilly Sellers and Oliver Sellers; her sisters and brother, Sheila Harrington (Gary) of Morven, Susan Walton (Don) of Foxfire and Billy Still (Nancy) of Danville, VA; and her friend and companion, Ed Nance of Chesterfield.

Sandra had a strong faith in God and believed in the power of prayer. She would often pray for the concerns of those she loved and others she did not know.

Sandra had many interests. She enjoyed antique shopping, working in her yard, bargain hunting, boating at Lake Tillery, and caring for her animals.

Sandra was a loving caregiver for her husband and her mother. She dearly loved spending time with her grandbabies.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Stanly and the Uwharrie, 960 N 1st St, Albemarle, NC 28001.

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

Mr. Jesse Leon Baker

*Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm does bind the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.*

On Saturday, October 22, 2022, Mr. Jesse Leon Baker, 95, passed away peacefully while a resident at Fox Hollow Senior Living Community in Pinehurst.

A graveside service to celebrate Leon's life was held at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at Richmond County Memorial Park Cemetery. At the request of the family those attending the service were asked to dress casual.

Born in Concord, NC on Christmas Eve 1926, Leon was the oldest of three sons born to the late Jesse Bascom Baker and the late Josie Belle Bullard Baker.

During World War II Leon was called to serve in the US Navy. Following his basic training he was stationed at several naval ports around the world before being assigned to the gearing class destroyer, the USS Bausell. He was extremely proud of his military service and later in life enjoyed regaling those who would listen about his adventures as a seaman.

In 1950 Leon married a beautiful young lady by the name of Mary Agnes Russell. They were blessed with three children - Deborah Gail, Michael Leon and Jeffrey Scott. Leon and Mary Agnes shared 40 years of marriage and memories before she passed away. Keenly aware that Leon would struggle to make it on his own, Mary Agnes instructed her best friend to help him find someone who would love and be kind to him. Following through to the letter with these instructions, Leon was introduced to Virginia Jones Caulder and they shared an instant connection! Following their marriage in September of 1991, Leon and Virginia shared 28 years of marriage before Virginia's death in April of 2020. Together they attended Jesus First Freewill Baptist Church and later the Church of God of Prophecy in Rockingham. They shared many of life's mountaintop experiences that included some extraordinarily wonderful memories with family. Leon often referred to his first wife, Mary Agnes, and his second wife, Virginia, as his two earthly angels and said God couldn't have given a more perfect wife, but He did it twice in one lifetime for Leon!

Leon spent many years working with JC Penny and later with K-Mart Stores as a supervisor where he eventually retired. While his health allowed he enjoyed regular trips to Holden Beach and visiting with family in Florida. Leon developed a particular passion for Bingo, enjoyed riding his bicycle even into his 90's, listening to the birds sing and enjoyed his cat who he claimed was "the smartest cat in the world."

Leon will likely best be remembered as a strong willed, independent and ornery, sometimes grouchy sort of fellow. He had a tough exterior and often came across as sharp at times but more recently had begun to show a softer, kinder side.

He especially enjoyed recent visits with his great-grandson Caleb. He would light up when Caleb stopped by with a meal or a visit. Leon joked that Caleb got his good looks from his "Pepa"...well, we think he was joking!

In addition to his parents, Leon was preceded in death by both his "angels," Mary Agnes and Virginia; all three of his children, Debbie Baker Griggs (Donald), Michael Leon Baker and Jeffrey Scott Baker (Brenda); and Leon's two younger brothers, Clyde Baker and Bob Baker.

Leon is survived by his three granddaughters, Amy Griggs Tucker (Mac), Traci Griggs Morrison (Mike) and Lauren Griggs, all of Hamlet; eight great-grandchildren, Caleb Neeley, Cameron Neeley, Alden Morrison, Brayden Morrison, Kyleigh Morrison,

Also surviving is Leon's sister-in-law Rose Baker; Virginia's children, Glenn Caulder, and Ken Caulder; and many nephews, nieces and their families.

Leon's family is grateful to the staff of Fox Hollow Senior Living in Pinehurst and the FirstHealth Hospice and Palliative Care for their kindness and attention given to Leon during his time spent in their care.

The family suggest memorials may be made to FirstHealth Hospice & Palliative Care, 251 Campground Rd., West End, NC 27376 or to the charity of one's choice.

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

Mrs. Connie Woods Wilhoit

On Thursday, October 20, 2022, Mrs. Connie Woods Wilhoit, 66, passed away peacefully at Hospice Haven in Rockingham.

Funeral services will held on Monday, October 24, 2022, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Dennis Stegall officiating. Interment followed in Bethlehem Cemetery in Ansonville.

The family greeted friends from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 23, 2022 at the funeral home and other times at her home.

Connie was born July 19, 1956, in New Hanover County, NC and was a daughter of Tessie Scott Hough and the late Troy Marshall Woods.

She worked for a number of years at Collins and Aikman in Norwood and later worked as Director of Anson County 911 Communications. She also worked part-time with Anson EMS and was a member of Ansonville Rescue Squad.

Connie was a longtime member of Ansonville Baptist Church where she served the church in various areas of ministry including Sunday School Director, Vacation Bible School Director, member of the choir and Sunday School teacher. She later moved her membership to Rocky River Baptist Church in Polkton.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Heather Lambert (Calvin) and Stephanie Hartsell, all of Ansonville and Michelle Griffin (Harold) of Banner Elk; her granddaughters, Kurstin Clark (Logan) of Lilesville and Kolbi Hartsell of Ansonville; her mother Tessie Hough of Ansonville; her sister and brother, Patti Congdon (Gus) of Norwich, CT and Troy Woods, Jr. of North Carolina; and her best friend Ruth Bomhan of Wilmington.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her husband Larry Wayne "Hoot" Wilhoit.

The family would like to express their sincere thanks to Anson Community Hospice, a division of Richmond County Hospice and the staff at Hospice Haven in Rockingham for the beautiful way in which they cared for Connie.

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

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"WOE?"

When God says WOE He wants us to stop and listen! Woe in the Bible is a mourning, lamenting word. God tells us WOE for our own good! If your desire for your family and neighbors is a weeping, sorrowful, wounded, quarreling, complaining, bloodshot eyed life, vote for the alcohol referendum!

If you want God's best for your family and neighbors VOTE AGAINST the alcohol referendum!

Here is what God says about it:

Habakkuk 2:15-16 (KJV)

15 "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also...."

A vote for on the alcohol referendum breaks God's commandment!

Proverbs 23:29-35 (KJV)

29 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?

30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.

Isaiah 5:20 (KJV)

20 "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil...."

Tell the addicted ones Mom's and Dad's that alcohol is GOOD for them? Come to our Sunday night addiction recovery meetings and hear the painful testimonies of those who are addicted to alcohol.

Micah 2:1 (KJV)

1 "Woe to them that devise iniquity...."

Some people will make money on this, but all of us will pay for it! I have seen many Anson County leaders fall because of their support for making alcohol more available to the residents here.

Ephesians 5:18 (KJV)

18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess(riot, unsavedness); but be filled with the Spirit;

Instead of you putting something inside of you that will make you un-sober and not allow you to think clearly, why not let God put someone(Holy Spirit) inside of you that will reveal all truth to you, comfort you and guide you every day of your life?

When God knocks on the door of your heart, have repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ and He will save you and give you the Gift of the Holy Spirit to live with you, and in you forever!

1 Corinthians 9:16 (KJV)

16 For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

Pastors please thunder from the pulpit (that God gave you) AGAINST this alcohol referendum!

Beloved residents of this great county we call Anson, please VOTE AGAINST the alcohol referendum!

Rocky Carpenter, Pastor

Harmony Community Church

Peachland, NC

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North Carolina's September Employment Figures Released

The state's seasonally adjusted September 2022 unemployment rate was 3.6 percent, increasing 0.1 of a percentage point from August's revised rate. The national rate decreased 0.2 of a percentage point to 3.5 percent.

North Carolina's unemployment rate decreased 0.9 percentage points from a year ago. The number of people employed decreased 760 over the month to 4,944,068 and increased 180,599 over the year. The number of people unemployed increased 4,699 over the month to 184,220 and decreased 42,513 over the year.

Seasonally adjusted Total Nonfarm employment, as gathered through the monthly establishment survey, increased 17,400 to 4,819,500 in September. Major industries experiencing increases were Leisure & Hospitality Services, 10,300; Professional & Business Services, 6,700; Education & Health Services, 2,200; Other Services, 1,000; Construction, 800; Trade, Transportation & Utilities, 200; and Mining & Logging, 100. Major industries experiencing decreases were Government, 2,200; Financial Activities, 700; Manufacturing, 700; and Information, 300.

Since September 2021, Total Nonfarm jobs increased 202,800 with the Total Private sector increasing by 198,900 and Government increasing by 3,900. Major industries experiencing increases were Professional & Business Services, 57,900; Leisure & Hospitality Services, 53,500; Education & Health Services, 27,800; Trade, Transportation & Utilities, 17,000; Manufacturing, 11,600; Construction, 9,600; Financial Activities, 9,000; Other Services, 8,000; Information, 4,500; and Government, 3,900. Mining & Logging employment remained unchanged over the year.

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