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On Thursday, November 30, 2023, Mr. Joel Lynn Austin, 89, passed away peacefully with his loved ones gathered around his bedside at Atrium Health – CMC Main in Charlotte.

Funeral services were held on Monday, December 4, 2023, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro with Rev. Tony High officiating. Interment followed in the German Family Cemetery in Peachland.

The family greeted friends on Sunday, December 3, 2023, at the funeral home and other times at the home in Peachland.

Joel Lynn was born March 11, 1934, in Union County, NC and was a son of the late Rommie Lee Austin and the late Ruth Levinia Thomas Austin. He was a graduate of Peachland High School and was awarded a basketball scholarship to Wingate College, but he was drafted into the United States Army to serve during the Korean Conflict. While serving in the military he served at Ft. Bragg, NC, and at the Pentagon in Washington, DC.

He had a long and successful career with W.R. Bonsal in Lilesville where he started out as a truck driver, to plant superintendent and retiring as fleet safety advisor.

Joel Lynn was a longtime member of Peachland Baptist Church where he sang in the choir, and he was often called on to sing solos. He was also a Sunday school teacher.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, taking family photos, sharing a good joke, reading joke books and anything to bring joy and laughter into the lives of his family and friends.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 70 years, Shirley Mae High Austin; his children, Richard Lynn Austin (Katherine) of High Point, Michael Rodney Austin (Anthony), all of Peachland; his grandchildren, Allison Archbine (Jamal), Craig Austin (Stephanie), Connie Beam (Kyle), Chad Austin (Krystal), Felicia Peacock (Jordan), Russell Austin (Sarah), Dustin Allen (Candy), Cody Allen (Rose), Matt Carpenter (Alice), Caleb Carpenter (companion Mika Rushing) and Clarissa Hilliard (Josh), and Christian Caulder (Shelby); his great-grandchildren, Rukia, Laith, Malerie, Caroline, Hannah, Adam, Emma, Brice, Amity, Hunter, Aubrey, Ivy, Brantley, Calum, Fletcher, Haegen, Remington, Riley, Bentley, Briella, Emberly, Weston and Kaiden.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandson Jack Austin, his great-grandson Devin Beam, his brother and sister-in-law, Raeford Lee Austin and Judy, and his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Bill and Ila Mae High.

Joel Lynn will be deeply missed by his family and friends alike.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).

**SANTA DAY SATURDAY**  
December 9 9am to 12 noon



Come out to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus for free pictures with Santa...and a TOY for every good girl and boy!!!

Event takes place at Ma's Restaurant  
6430 Highway 52 in Morven

## Shots and Shoes for Seniors!

An event called Shots and Shoes for Seniors will take place at Grace Senior Center on Wednesday, December 13, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Individuals will receive a new pair of shoes, specially designed with seniors' needs in mind. Recipients will receive a Hope Tote drawstring bag with new anti-slip shoes, socks, and two encouraging messages, along with a message of hope from our volunteers.

Flu vaccines will also be available for all participants.

Preregistration is required to receive shoes. To register, please visit Grace Senior Center or call them at 704-694-6616. They look forward to seeing you there!

Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, just past IGA on the left if you are traveling south.

## Sittercise Class at the Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library will host a sittercise (chair exercise) class Thursday, December 14 at 10:30 a.m. with instructor Sheila Raye. The class will be in the library's Pritchett room.

Any questions please call 704-694-5177!

## End of Year Red Cross Blood Drive

Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center (BRLC) and Burnsville Fire & Rescue Department will host an end of the year Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, December 8. It will start at 2:30 p.m. and last until 6:30 p.m. inside the Burnsville Fire & Rescue Department which is located at 13380 Highway 742, Polkton, across from BRLC.

BRLC volunteers Michele Sanro and Nelson Jackson, along with supporting volunteers and community citizens, have worked together to help in every area with the Blood Drive.

BRLC Director Carol Smith said, "We know that there are some who are not able to give blood and that's understandable, but I am kindly asking you who are able to please register with the Red Cross. Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter 'Burnsville' to schedule your appointment with no waiting.

We have not experienced what it's like to need blood and not have it. To experience the lack of blood is very detrimental to anyone on earth. For individuals dealing with Sickles Cell African American blood has a component that helps to a greater degree in the midst of a Sickles Cell crisis."

Smith continued, "BRLC is asking the Burnsville community, Anson county residents and others to please help with expanding this amazing Blood Drive opportunity. You may have wanted to give blood, but due to medical reasons, physical limitations or even fear you have not. Please let me encourage you as a first time donor myself. Last March I donated my first pint of blood with no problems. Will you join in this great experience? BRLC volunteers invite you to come and experience the gift of saying a physical life.

In August our Blood Drive quota was met and we will do it again with community participation. BRLC has grown because of God First and special individuals like you who have and hopefully will continue to stand with this charitable organization.

Thanks for helping to save lives one at a time."

BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department. For more information you can call 704-826-8737, check their Facebook page or visit [www.burnsvilleelc.org](http://www.burnsvilleelc.org).

## Harvest Ministries' Community Christmas Blessing Event is Set for Sunday, December 17

Harvest Ministries is focused on their 19th annual Community Christmas Blessing event which will be held at Harvest on Sunday, December 17 at 10:30 a.m. At this event every child will receive a Christmas toy, as well as many other prizes and opportunities for families to receive a Christmas Blessing.

For more information or to donate to this cause please contact Pastor Steve Adams at 704-695-2879.

## Funny, Random & Weird Holidays

- December 7 Thursday - Letter Writing Day
- December 8 Friday - Pretend to Be a Time Traveler Day
- December 8 Friday - Official Lost and Found Day
- December 9 Saturday - Christmas Card Day
- December 10 Sunday - Dewey Decimal System Day
- December 10 Sunday - Jane Addams Day
- December 11 Monday - Noodle Ring Day
- December 12 Tuesday - Gingerbread House Day



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The Town of Wadesboro is seeking job applicants interested in becoming a **Customer Service Specialist (CSS)** on a full-time basis. Monday through Friday. The hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Responsibilities** A CSS is responsible for the activities which involve working with customers on utility payments and revenue collections, answering phone calls, entering work orders and relaying them to utility personnel, and various other responsibilities. Experience in customer service, cash handling, and general administrative duties is preferred.

**The hourly rate for this position is \$17/hr.**

The chosen candidate would be brought onboard as soon as possible, pending a pre-employment drug screening and background check, and the position will remain open until filled.

**Applications and full copies of the job description are available on our website ([townofwadesboro.org](http://townofwadesboro.org)), or by stopping by Town Hall.**

**All inquiries should be delivered to Town Hall in person or by mail, with attention to the Town Clerk.**

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