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nephew, Kayla Simmons (Travis) and Allison Dunlap (Mason), all of Stoneville, Andrea Fullerton (Joel) of Eden, Hannah Oakley of Madison and Preston Joyce of Mayodan; her great-great-nephews and niece, T.J., Hazel and Maxton; her sister-in-law, Elizabeth Rose of Waco, KY; her stepdaughter Denise Darrow of Pennsylvania and her family; her cousins and their families; and her family with Anson County 911.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Sammy Arvel Crawford, her brother James Dewey Luther and her niece Lorrie Dunlap.

One of her co-workers said it best, "Ms. Mary passed away this morning. She was the sweetest, meanest, kindest, grumpiest, patient most impatient person I know. She loved a good joke, had a great sense of humor. She was very matter of fact, tell it like it was, no feelings spared. But had the sweetest most caring words when needed. Beyond any doubt she was the most selfless, giving generous person I know. She would have given her last penny to a total stranger in need. She will truly be missed, but she is no longer sick. I'm not sad today because she would sternly tell me to suck it up."

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Gum Springs Baptist Church Building Fund, c/o Sarah Harrington, 1364 Hailey's Ferry Rd., Lilesville, NC 28091.

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

Mr. Fred Ross Marsh

Mr. Fred Ross Marsh, 98, died peacefully on Tuesday, December 1, 2020, while a resident at Wadesboro Health and Rehab.

A service to celebrate his life was held on Friday, December 4, 2020, at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Dr. Sarah Kalish officiating. Interment followed at Anson Memorial Park. Due to Covid-19, the family does not plan to hold a visitation.

Born in Anson County on September 10, 1922, Fred Ross was one of 12 children born to Elisha and Glennie Flake Marsh. He was a well-known and highly sought after carpenter who could build or mend nearly anything made of wood. As a younger man he built houses and also did home additions, adding on rooms or general remodeling. His spare time was spent building tree houses, bird houses and other structures of a smaller scale. He was also a longtime member of First United Methodist Church and much loved member of the Wesley Men's Bible Class.

Survivors include a daughter, Martha M. Brock of Charlotte; four grandchildren, Brian Brock of Charlotte, Matthew Brock (Lauren) of Mooresville, and Kristy Ratliff Davis and Ashley Ratliff, both of Wadesboro; and five great-grandchildren, Jase Ratliff, Liam Davis, Sadie Brock, Maevyn Hill and Hayes Brock.

In addition to his parents, Fred Ross was preceded in death by his wife Clara Howell Marsh; a daughter, Mary Charles Ratliff; and a son-in-law, Tony Brock.

The family suggests memorials be made to First United Methodist Church, 118 E. Morgan Street, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Leavitt Funeral Home served the family. Online condolences can be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Mr. Christopher Eugene Sorrenti

On Monday, November 30, 2020, Mr. Christopher Eugene Sorrenti, 48, went to be with his Lord and Savior while at Atrium Health Pineville.

Funeral services were held on Monday, December 7, 2020, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. Interment followed in Morven Cemetery.

Chris was born June 16, 1972, in Columbia, SC, and was a son of Frank James Sorrenti and the late Brenda Blackburn Sorrenti Quackenbush. He was a 1991 graduate of Anson Senior High School. He had worked for Anson County Schools since 1989 as a bus driver and was a Correctional Officer 3 with the North Carolina Department of Corrections, working at Anson Correctional Institute in Polkton.

He loved the Lord and was a member of Morven Baptist Church where he served as a deacon.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife Cynthia Deese Sorrenti; his children, Brandon Sorrenti and Madison Sorrenti, both of Morven; his father Jim Sorrenti (Margaret) of Gaston, SC; his "other Dad" Randy Quackenbush of Morven; his brother Jimmy Sorrenti (Sissy) of Pageland, SC; and his niece Courtney Sorrenti of Pageland.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Anson Crisis Ministry, P.O. Box 797, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

Mr. Joe Leonard Thomas

On Friday, December 4, 2020, Mr. Joe Leonard Thomas, 74, went to be with the Lord. Services were held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, by the graveside in Hopewell United Methodist Church Cemetery with Rev. Patrick Ledford officiating.

Joe was born October 7, 1946, in Anson County, and was a son of the late Ray Thomas and the late Lucy Threadgill Thomas. He was a 1966 graduate of Anson High School, and worked with Anson County Schools for 34 years, retiring as custodian at Peachland-Polkton Elementary School.

He joined Hopewell United Methodist Church on the third Sunday in August 1980, the same day his son was christened. He remained an active and faithful member of the church until his death.

Joe also owned and operated a poultry farm for 20 years, retiring last year, and he worked as a security officer with API Security. His job with API was security at the Anson County Landfill, where he enjoyed visiting with those who came by. He never met a stranger and really enjoyed good conversations.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of nearly 52 years, Sue Harward Thomas; his daughter-in-law and her husband, Jenny and Donovan Evans of Monroe; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Clyde and Lois Thomas of Charlotte, and Heath and Norma Thomas of Peachland; his Harward brother and sisters-in-law, Clinton and Jewel Harward of Peachland, and Mary Jordan and Shirley Harward, both of Polkton; and his nieces and nephews and their families from both the Thomas and Harward families.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son Joe Thomas, Jr., his sisters and brothers, Edna Broome (Harold), Ruby Horne, John Thomas and Richard Thomas (Janie), and his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Robert Harward and Betsy Lanier (Bill).

Memorials may be made to Hopewell United Methodist Church, General Fund, c/o, Susie McSwain, 424 Pork Rd., Peachland, NC 28133.

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

Obituaries

Mary Elizabeth Luther Crawford

Mary Elizabeth Luther Crawford, 73, passed away on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at UNC Rockingham Health in Eden, NC.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 5, 2020, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Tom Walden officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

Mary Elizabeth was born July 7, 1947, in Anson County, and was a daughter of the late James Solomon Luther and the late Lamer Mae Previtte Luther. She was a 1965 graduate of Anson High School and was a member of Gum Springs Baptist Church.

She worked as a telecommunicator with Anson County 911 with more than 20 years.

Those left to cherish her memories are her nieces, who she referred to as "her girls," Debbie Joyce (Dwayne) of Mayodan, Tammy Oakley (Gabe) of Madison and Becky Lemons (Scott) of Stoneville; her great-nieces and

NOTICE Of Intent To Apply

administered by the North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services.

The purpose of the Community Service Block Grant is to provide a range of services and activities having a measurable and potentially major impact on the causes of poverty in the areas of the community where poverty is a particularly acute problem.

The Sandhills Community Action Board of Directors will meet via tele-conference to discuss this program on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The Call-In number is 1-866-906-9888 & enter code: 5046269. The Public is invited.



SANDHILLS COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC.

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Public Notice

AVAILABILITY OF HOUSING REHABILITATION SERVICES

The Essential Single Family Rehab. Program Anson County

Sandhills Community Action Program (SCAP) is soliciting applicants for the 2020 Essential Single Family Rehab. Program (ESFRLP20), with \$175,000 from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency (NCHFA).

Who Is Eligible to Apply? (Minimum requirements for application)

- Eligible Households must be low income,
- Homes must be owner-occupied,
- Home must be deteriorated, but not so much that the homes selected cannot be brought up to standards with the limited funding available.
- Homeowner or a household member must be elderly (62+) and/or disabled.

**Manufactured housing may be eligible with restrictions.
Rental Units are not eligible. (Other Restrictions Apply)**

In order to apply, please call 704-994-2306 or 910-947-5675 Ext. 25 to request an application.

PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT BY:

Sandhills Community Action Program, Inc.

- **Montgomery County:** The Public Hearing will be held on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. via Teleconference. The Conference Number is: 1-866-906-9888, Enter Code: 5046269
- **Richmond County:** The Public Hearing will be held on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. via Teleconference. The Conference Number is: 1-866-906-9888, Enter Code: 5046269
- **Moore County:** The Public Hearing will be held on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. via Teleconference. The Conference Number is: 1-866-906-9888, Enter Code: 5046269
- **Anson County:** The Public Hearing will be held on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. via Teleconference. The Conference Number is: 1-866-906-9888, Enter Code: 5046269

The purpose of this hearing is to allow the citizens of each county an adequate opportunity for involvement in the planning, implementation, evaluation and assessment of the Community Service Block Grant Program applied for and administered by Sandhills Community Action Program, Inc. It is with the intent to file an application for the 2021-2022 Community Service Block Grant Program funding. It is mandatory that we hold these meetings to ascertain the views, comments, questions, and proposals on how the funds will be utilized.

The purpose of the Community Service Block Grant is to provide a range of services and activities having a measurable and potentially major impact on the causes of poverty in those areas of the community where poverty is a particularly acute problem.

For further information, please contact our office at 910-947-5675.



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