

# Obituaries

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Also surviving are his stepsons, Dean (Stacy) Stone and Mike (Rhonda) Stone; his step-grandchildren, Tiffany Helms, Stephanie Kerley, Cody Stone and Byron Stone; and Donnie Ray Peyton, who was like a son to him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Phyla Langston and his brothers and sisters, Richard Langston, Ruby Sturgeon, Virginia Brodbelt, I. D. Langston, Rose Marie Cameron and Patricia Langston.

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

## Mrs. Betty Simpson Pate

On Friday, December 10, 2021, Mrs. Betty Simpson Pate, 78, passed away peacefully at Atrium Health Union in Monroe.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro with Rev. Jeff Glenn officiating. Interment will follow in Bethlehem Cemetery in Ansonville.

The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Wednesday. Betty was born January 14, 1943, in Anson County, and was a daughter of the late Monroe Talmadge Simpson and the late Virginia Ponds Simpson.

She embodied a very strong work ethic, always working two jobs to ensure the best for her family. In the 1950s she worked in the gift shop at Gaddy's Goose Pond in Ansonville as a teenager. In 1969 she started a career in textiles, having been employed in the same building in Ansonville the entire time, seeing manufacturing companies come and go. At the time of her passing she was employed with Premier Fibers, having worked just weeks before her health began to decline.

Betty was also well known for being a dedicated waitress, having worked at Joel's Seafood in Norwood and the Lighthouse Restaurant in Ansonville. She was also a member of the Red Hat club and the Lighthouse. She was a lifelong member of Ansonville Baptist Church, and she dearly loved her church family.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter and son-in-law, Amanda (Shane) Drake of Ansonville; her granddaughters, whom she loved dearly, Corinne, Chloe and Caroline; her brother and sister-in-law, Tommy (Lou) Simpson of Ansonville; her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Tom and Linda Pate of Lilesville; and her nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Zebulon Vance Pate, Jr. and her sister Ruby Moore.

Betty was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She was quick to keep Amanda on her toes when it came to the granddaughters, often telling her what needed to be done for the girls and most recently what to get them for Christmas. She loved her girls!

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ansonville Baptist Church, P.O. Box 368, Ansonville, NC 28007.

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## Farmland Preservation Grants Available

County governments and nonprofit groups may now apply for funding assistance from the N.C. Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund for farmland preservation projects. Applicants have until Friday, Dec. 17, to apply.

Grants are available to secure agricultural conservation easements on lands used for agricultural and sustainable; to support public and private enterprise programs that promote profitable and sustainable agricultural, horticultural and forestland activities; and for the development of agricultural plans.

A new alternate funding pathway for conservation easements is available this year. The Present-Use Value (PUV) Conservation Easement Program allows landowners to determine their easement value using county PUV calculations rather than development rights appraisals.

Grant applications and guidelines are available online at [www.ncadfp.org/CycleXV.htm](http://www.ncadfp.org/CycleXV.htm). For more information, call 919-707-3074.

## TOWN OF MORVEN JOB NOTICE

### FULL TIME MAINTENANCE POSITION

The Town of Morven is now accepting applications to fill the position for Full-Time Maintenance.

Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED, possess a driver's license with a good driving record, pass a drug test, and criminal background.

Duties include but are not limited to reading water meters, fixing leaks, and checking sewer pump stations. Any mechanical, electrical and plumbing experience will be helpful in determining the desired applicant.

Applications must be received by December 31, 2021, at 3 p.m. They can be picked up at Morven Town Hall between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. No Calls Please.

The Town of Morven is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## Mr. Phillip Eugene Langston

On Friday, December 10, 2021, Mr. Phillip Eugene Langston, 76, passed away at Atrium Health Union in Monroe.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, December 17, 2021, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro with Rev. Benjamin McLaughlin officiating. Interment will follow in the Langston Family Cemetery, 1101 Long Pine Church Road in Peachland.

The family will greet friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 16, 2021, at the funeral home and other times at the home.

Phillip was born May 22, 1945, in Marion County, SC and was a son of the late Benjamin Delee Langston and the late Pearline Poston Langston. He was a partner in the family business, Langston Tree Service.

Those left to cherish his memory are his daughter Lisa Martin of Peachland; his grandsons, Colton Holden and Grand-Grandchildren (MacKenzie), all of Peachland; his great-grandchildren, Noah, all of Peachland; his brother, Langston, Noah, Jesse, Weylen, Jesse and Nolan; his sisters and brother, Barbara Hayes and Betty Hill (Eddie), all of Marshville and Larry Langston (Lucy) of New Salem; and his nieces and nephews and their families.

Also surviving are his stepsons, Dean (Stacy) Stone and Mike (Rhonda) Stone; his step-grandchildren, Tiffany Helms, Stephanie Kerley, Cody Stone and Byron Stone; and Donnie Ray Peyton, who was like a son to him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Phyla Langston and his brothers and sisters, Richard Langston, Ruby Sturgeon, Virginia Brodbelt, I. D. Langston, Rose Marie Cameron and Patricia Langston.

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## Mr. Scotty Eugene Pressley

Mr. Scotty Eugene Pressley, 50, of Wadesboro, passed away on Friday, December 10, 2021 at Iredell Health Care Center.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 18, 2021, at Concord United Methodist Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Edwards Funeral Home in Norwood prior to the service.

Scotty was born on December 11, 1970, in Mecklenburg County to Richard and Jackie Martin Pressley. He was the owner and operator of ASB Trucking.

Scotty enjoyed fishing, laying on the beach, cooking and spending time with his family and friends. He will be remembered as a wonderful friend to everyone who knew him. His family, especially his daughter, and friends meant the world to him and he would do anything to help someone in need.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Curtis and Mildred Pressley and Macie and Arthur Martin.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Amber Coe Pressley of the home; his daughter Bailey Lynn Pressley; sister, Nicole Pressley; nephew, Casey Poma; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

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