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Mrs. Mary Louise Hubbard Blackwelder

Mrs. Mary Louise Hubbard Blackwelder, 91, died Friday, December 24, 2011, in the Lillie Bennett Nursing Center.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, December 27, 2011, in Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Donald Wallace officiating. Interment followed in Fairview Cemetery, Albemarle.

Louise was born in Anson County on March 17, 1920, a daughter of the late John Preston and Annie Russell Hubbard. She was retired from Olin Mills Studios. She was married to the late William Henry Blackwelder.

Survivors include a son, Johnny Ray Blackwelder of Wadesboro; a stepson, Phillip Wayne Blackwelder; a

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sister, Mrs. Rosalee Terry of Wadesboro; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Earl Hubbard, Lonnie Hubbard and Robert Hubbard; and three sisters, Ida Gathings, Beulah Grooms and Lina Warner.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Beulah Baptist Church, 3373 Country Club Road, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Leavitt Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be made at leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com.

CDR John (Jack) E. Horan, Jr.

CDR John (Jack) E. Horan, Jr. died peacefully at Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte on Christmas Eve 2011 while surrounded by members of his family.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 28, 2011, at Calvary Episcopal Church, conducted by Reverend Michael Bye. The family will greet guests one hour before the service in the church Parish Hall.

He was born in Danbury, Connecticut on June 6, 1927. His parents were John and Julia King Horan. They and his only sister, Elizabeth, preceded him in death.

After high school he enlisted in the United States Navy and was accepted into the elite Flying Midshipmen program. He was educated at Hampden-Sydney College, Duke University, and the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. He served in the U.S. Navy for 30 years in tours with eight flight squadrons, USS Forrestal, USS Lake Champlain, and as Executive Officer of Naval Station, Midway Island. He was a recipient of myriad personal and unit awards, including the World War II Victory Medal and the Joint Service Commendation Medal for his service on the Joint Staff in Washington, D.C. in the late 1960's. After retirement from the Navy in 1975, he became part owner and operator of Horizon Airways in Kirksville, MO. He and his family settled in La Quinta, CA in 1978 where they lived for over 20 years before moving to Wadesboro in 1999 where he spent his last 12 years.

Jack was an accomplished builder of furniture and enjoyed refinishing antiques. For ten years he was skipper of his 30 foot sailboat in Oceanside, CA. He played and enjoyed many sports. He was an avid golfer and always joked about being able to shoot his age. Music was a special love in his life. He played the piano and trombone. For most of his adult life he sang in a church choir. Traveling and camping offered him many hours

of fun and adventure. He always looked forward to planning trips across the U.S. and overseas. His ability to fix anything, do anything, and fill a room with his jokes and songs were all traits of his generation of which he was a true representative.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Betty Pope

Horan and five children, Diane (Don) Horan of Buxton, NC, Dr. Linda Henne-man, Waynesboro, VA, Nancy (Mickey) Hardison, Virginia Beach, VA, Leslie (George) Clark, Mechanicsburg, PA, and Mark (Leigh) Horan, Bel Air, MD; eight grandchildren; and his beloved terrier, Dillon.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the United Service Organization (USO) or Calvary Episcopal Church, PO Box 942, Wadesboro, NC.

Leavitt Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com.



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Old Charlotte Highway Campus, 4209 Old Charlotte Hwy., Monroe



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2012 African American History Poster Contest

In a release from the USDA: The African American History Poster Contest is designed to raise awareness of the accomplishments and contributions of African-Americans. Our poster contest theme is "Black Women in American Culture and History." We would like for students in third through twelfth grades to share their vision through creative drawings expressing this theme.

Students design a poster no larger than 11" x 14" describing the theme. The theme title does not have to be on the poster. Please print name on back and attach completed entry form on back of poster.

Entries must be received in the State Office by COB on February 9, 2012, to the address below. The first place winners in each category will have their poster on display and be invited to attend the Black History Celebration on February 23, 2012, at The Rural Center, 4021 Cary Drive, Raleigh, NC 27610.

Submit entries to: USDA-Rural Development, Attn: Rosalyn Poston, 4405 Bland Rd, Ste 260, Raleigh, NC 27609.

Awards will be given in three categories: (1) third through fifth grades, (2) sixth through eighth grades and (3) ninth through twelfth grades. 1st prize - \$50 Gift Card, 2nd prize - \$25 Gift Card, 3rd prize - \$15 Gift Card.

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