

On Thursday, December 28, 2023, Mr. Joe Earl Gaddy, 95, passed away peacefully at Anson Health and Rehab in Wadesboro.

There will be a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at Calvary Episcopal Church. Inurnment will follow in the church columbarium.

The family will greet friends following the service in the parish hall of the church.

Joe was born July 17, 1928, in the Deep Creek Community of Anson County, and was a son of the late David Eugene Gaddy and the late Lilly Shepherd Gaddy. He was a graduate of Deep Creek High School and a veteran of the United States Army.

His service with the Army led him to continue serving in the Army reserves, retiring after 36 years with the rank of Sergeant Major. He was proud of his service to his country.

As a young man he became employed with Pee Dee Electric, starting out as a lineman. Joe, along with his fellow lineman, were pioneers in rural electricity for Anson County. They did all the work by hand, digging for the poles, raising the poles and adding the wiring. He retired in 1995 as Wadesboro District Manager for Pee Dee Electric.

Joe was very civically minded. He was a member of Wadesboro Civitan Club for many years. He served on the Wadesboro Town Council from 1977 until 1985 and then as mayor from 1985 until 1999. His service to the citizens of Wadesboro was and remains impeccable and fair.

He was a longtime member of All Souls Episcopal Church in Ansonville and Calvary Episcopal Church in Wadesboro. He was faithful in his service at the church and often served as a lay reader for services. He especially loved singing in the choir at Calvary and he last sang with them on November 26, faithfully until his health prohibited.

Joe enjoyed being a member of Twin Valley Country Club where he enjoyed a good round of golf, especially with his late brother-in-law Ralph Hargett.

He was most grateful for his upbringing in the Deep Creek Community where he learned the importance of hard work and learning to plow the fields on the farm with a mule pulled plow. He still enjoyed having a small garden at his home in Wadesboro.

He was married to Mattie Tyson Gaddy and they enjoyed a beautiful life together traveling, sharing quiet times out on the family farm, worshipping and singing together at church and spending time with their family.

Joe leaves to cherish his memory his son and daughter-in-law Ray L. and Mary Beth Gaddy; his grandchildren, Christie Thuleen (Tony) and Mark Lisenby (Jennifer); his great-grandchildren, Ava Thuleen, Grant Thuleen, Anistyn Lisenby, Cannon Lisenby and Milea Gullledge; his great-great-grandchildren, Emma and Aubrey; his sisters, Mary Shepherd Trexler, Lib Huntley and Sue Durham; his sisters-in-law, Dot Gaddy, Dot Tyson, Ella Hargett and Betty Tyson; and his nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by his sister and brother, Emma Jean Gilbert and William Marshall Gaddy.

Joe's family is most grateful to the staff of Anson Health and Rehab and the staff of Anson Community Hospice, a Division of Richmond County Hospice, for the professional and loving way they cared for him.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to Calvary Episcopal Church, 308 E. Wade St, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or to Anson Community Hospice, c/o Richmond County Hospice, 1119 N US 1 Hwy, Rockingham, NC 28379.

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

Mr. Jeffrey "Jeff" Scott Harris

On Saturday, December 30, 2023, Mr. Jeffrey "Jeff" Scott Harris, 61, beloved husband, father, grandfather and son, passed away peacefully to be with Lord at Atrium Health CMC Main in Charlotte with his wife at his bedside.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 5, 2024, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Marc Sessions officiating. Interment will follow in Anson Memorial Park.

The family will greet friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 4, 2024, at the funeral home.

Jeff was born July 16, 1962, in Anson County, and was a son of Edna Pegram Tucker and the late William Cleveland Harris. He was a 1981 graduate of Bowman High School.

He also received a degree in taxidermy from Montgomery Community College and for a number of years he worked as a taxidermist. Later he worked with the Town of Wadesboro as the street superintendent. He also served with the Wadesboro Volunteer Fire Department for 13 years.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 42 years, Wanda Griggs Harris; his children, Misty Harris of Peachland, Heather Poplin (Jamie) and Josh Harris (Tara), all of Wadesboro; his grandchildren, Bailey and Katie Poplin and Teagan, Thomas and Laci Harris; his mother Edna Tucker of Wadesboro; his stepmother Sandra Harris of Peachland; his mother-in-law Frances Griggs of Wadesboro; and his sister-in-law Angela Creager (Mike) of Fayetteville.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his grandson Russell Harris, his brother Kevin Tucker and his stepfather J. D. Tucker.

Jeff was an avid fisherman and enjoyed fishing trips with his family and friends. He also enjoyed hunting, gardening and raising chickens. He looked forward to beach trips with his family and friends to Sea Cabins in North Myrtle Beach.

He was devoted to his family and friends and will be missed by all who loved him.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to House of Pearls, P.O. Box 516, Monroe, NC 28111.

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

Mrs. Betty Rogers Mullis

On Thursday, December 14, 2023, Mrs. Betty Rogers Mullis, 89, passed away peacefully to be with her Lord at her home.

Services were held on Tuesday, January 2, 2023, by the graveside in Seago Cemetery in Wadesboro. The family greeted friends following the service at the graveside.

Betty was born May 27, 1934, in Anson County, and was a daughter of John Franklin Rogers and the late Gladys Mae Hasty Rogers. She retired from Anson Shirt Factory in Wadesboro.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Dale Weaver of Irmo, SC and her faithful and beloved Chihuahua Uno.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Roy Mullis and her brother R. J. Rogers.

Betty loved her Lord and Savior and enjoyed reading, gardening, and flowers.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Seago Cemetery, c/o North Wadesboro Baptist Church, 1211 N. Greene St., Wadesboro, NC 28170 or to the animal rescue organization of the donor's choice.

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



Pictured above in their sneakers are, from left: Kristen Mims, Beulah Pratt, Elizabeth Kilgo, Marilynn Bennett, Pat McCoy, Johnie M. Pettiford, Elizabeth Kersey, Joletha Little, Winnie Bennett, Samantha Douglas and Judy Simon. Pictured below right is Ms. Joletha Little, Las Amigas Queen, 2023 - 2024

Las Amigas Members Celebrate "A Silver Bells and Sneakers Christmas" Special Event on December 16

This is a release from Las Amigas: Members of the Morven Chapter of Las Amigas, Incorporated held a wonderful celebration of Christmas on Saturday evening, December 16 at Twin Valley Country Club. This year's theme was "A Silver Bells and Sneakers Christmas." Members and their invited guests wore formal attire with sneakers. Mrs. Joletha Little of Wadesboro was crowned Las Amigas Queen, 2023-2024. Joletha is the wife of Edward Little and they have two children, EuKyta L. and Kharvalious, and four grandchildren. There was special comedic entertainment in the form of local comedian Sherod Cohen who had all the participants in laughter during his performance. Sherod is from the Morven community and is the son of James and Loretta Cohen.

This year's Christmas celebration caps off four months of activities for the organization beginning in September. Members of the group helped kick off the school year in September at Morven Elementary School by providing opening day snacks for the teachers, members were present to help with the Mobile Food Bank at Morven Elementary School as well, and the chapter provided two special meals for senior citizens at the Glennie R. Bennett Community Center in Morven in September and November. Every year Las Amigas recognizes Breast Cancer Awareness in October by giving needed items to a local health facility that serves individuals with cancer, and the group donated blankets to the local dialysis care center. One of the most fulfilling undertakings was the annual Christmas Shoppe that was held at Morven Elementary School, Dec. 12 - 14, where Las Amigas members provided items for sale at the school to the students. Funds raised through the Christmas Shoppe sales go right back to the school.

The Morven Chapter of Las Amigas is a local, 501-c3 civic organization that works to carry out charitable activities in the Anson county community and beyond. There are fourteen members: Pat McCoy, Elizabeth Kersey, Elizabeth Kilgo, Samantha Douglas, Kristen Mims, Shunee McRae, Winnie M. Bennett, Marilynn Bennett, Judy Simon, Beulah Pratt, Devin Pettiford, Johnie M. Pettiford, Joletha Little and Arnette Taylor.



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