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### Mr. Taite C. Edwards

Mr. Taite C. Edwards, 26, passed away on January 3, 2013, at his residence. He was the son of Perry and Patti G. Edwards. He was a heavy equipment operator for the family business.

Graveside services were held on Monday, January 7, 2013, in the Caudle Family

Cemetery in Peachland. He is survived by his wife, Afton Messer Edwards and his son Dax Perry Edwards of the home; his parents Perry and Patti G. Edwards of Marshville; paternal grandparents, Robert L. and Ann C. Edwards: maternal grandmother, Mrs. Patsy E. Griffin; aunts, Jo Anne Edwards, Donna Gaddy and Jan Carney; mother in law, Mrs. Kimberly Leeper (Rodney); father in law, Wayne Messer (Wendy); and brother in law, Josh Messer.

The family has requested that memorials be made to The Dax Edwards Education Fund, c/o American Community Bank, 7003 E. Marshville Blvd., Marshville, N.C. 28103.

### **Coach Edward** Harrell Emory, Sr.

Coach Edward Harrell Emory, Sr., 75, died peacefully at his home on Friday, January 4, 2013.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, January 2013, at First United Methodist Church, Wadesboro with Dr. Leslie Stacks and Rev. Ricky Jacobs officiating. There will also be a memorial service at a later date in Greenville, NC.

Ed was born April 14, 1937, in Lancaster, SC, a son of the late Eldridge R. Emory and the late Eunice Hawkins Emory.

He was a graduate of Camden Military Academy and East Carolina University, earning both his Bachelor and Master Degrees in Education. A long career in education, he served public schools as a teacher, principal and athletic director. He taught and coached at Brevard High School, Anson High School and Richmond Senior High School, Georgia Tech, Wake Forest, Clemson and East Carolina Universities.

It was during his time in Anson County when school integration took place and he was revered as a pioneer in breaking down racial barriers. He felt as if his students were a part of his family and genuinely loved each of them. He encouraged many young men, opening his home to many and reared them as his own children.

Coach Emory was not only an athletic coach but a "life coach," teaching the importance of good moral character, integrity and a hard work ethic. He always encouraged a good education and thousands of young lives have been touched and made better because of him. He was very instrumental in many players receiving scholarships and college educations.

His blood ran purple and gold. Everyone knew of his love and allegiance to East Carolina Football. Not only was he inducted to the East Carolina Hall of Fame for his football playing but for his coaching abilities as well. He loved Anson football, Richmond football, Clemson football and ECU football.

He has been recognized as Coach of the Year and Shrine Bowl Coach. He would always owe a debt of gratitude to his coaching staff, all of whom he was proud of. He was featured in three different articles in Sports Illustrated Magazine.

One entitled "How To Get The Job Done" can be

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ault/article/magazine/MAG 1079089/index.htm. He was featured in an Emmy Award winning edition of Outside The Lines on ESPN which was filmed in Wadesboro.

To share some of his notable quotes, "Give out, but don't give up on anyone,' "Everyone in life needs a sponsor" and his famous salutation, "Always at your goal post.

Ed was a civic man and served on various committees in the community and on the Wadesboro Town Council. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Wadesboro, where he has served as both Deacon and

In the words of a friend, 'Character has become a trite buzzword in sports, politics and business. people institutions clamor to claim they have it as a quality. With Ed it was a noun. Ed Emory IS a character!!'

Coach Emory is survived by his children, Edward Emory, Jr. (Shannon) of Spartanburg, SC, Lucy Emory Hendricks (Steve) of N. Myrtle Beach, SC and Battle Hawkins Emory (Beverly) of Greenville; his grandchildren, Allison Lauren (Joseph) Raleigh, NC and Erin, Amy, and Stephanie Emory, all of Spartanburg; his brothers, Eldridge Emory (Perry Lee), Melvin Emory (Jenny) and Maurice Emory, all of Lancaster; and his nieces and nephews and their families, all of whom he loved dearly. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister Joanne Edwards.

He will be remembered as a loving and devoted father, grandfather, brother and uncle. A revered football coach bringing teams and young men to high levels of achievement not only on the ball field but in the classroom settings. He will be missed.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Coach Ed Emory Football Scholarship Endowment, c/o ECU Pirate Club, Ward Sports Medicine Building, Greenville, NC 27858.

The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com.

### Mrs. Margie **Bell Flovd**

Mrs. Margie Bell Floyd, 93, of Monroe and formerly of Wadesboro, died Thursday, January 3, 2013, at The Brian Center in Mon-

Services were held on Saturday, January 5, 2013, by the graveside in Hopewell United Methodist Church Cemetery with Rev. Carroll Anthony.

Margie was born in Anson County on May 25, 1919, a daughter of the late Merritt Floyd and the late Bell Helms Floyd.

Surviving are her sons, Robert Floyd of McConnells, SC and Paul M. Floyd (Lavonne) of Marshville; her grandchildren. Annette Forester and Christy Mabe, both of Marshville, Crystal Banks of Tega Cay, SC and Scott Thompson of Winston-Salem; and ten greatgrandchildren. In addition to her parents

she was preceded in death by her husband, John Ellis Floyd and by her granddaughter, Janet Floyd.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hopewell United Methodist Church Cemetery 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 leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com.

### Mrs. Mamie **Eddins Hamilton** Mrs. Mamie Eddins

Hamilton, 99, of Chester, VA and formerly of Wadesboro went to be with her Lord and savior on Sunday, December 30, 2012. A service of worship to

celebrate the life of Mamie was held on Wednesday, January 2, 2013, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral

Home. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park Mausoleum. Mamie was born on September 23, 1913, the

daughter of the late James David and Lillie Moore Eddins. She was one of four children, being predeceased by her brother, Robert Eddins and her beloved sister, Hallie Eddins Morris.

She is survived by her brother James L. (Mary) Eddins of High Point, NC; her daughter, Diana (Jim) Lee, of Chester, with whom she has resided for the last seven years; granddaughter, Karen Zuidema (Craig) of Virginia Beach, VA; a great granddaughter, Lilly Zuidema; and many other relatives, friends, neighbors and caregivers who were very special

Mamie was a lifelong resident of Anson County, and she lived in Wadesboro for most of her life. She retired from Reeves Brothers Corp (formerly West Knitting Mills) at the age 70 after 40 years of service. She was a faithful member of Camden Presbyterian Church where her mother was a charter member. Mamie was an excellent cook and was known for her pound cakes and pecan pies. She was a giving person and always put others first in her life.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Homebound Ministry at Chester Baptist Church, 4317 School St., Chester, VA or Camden Presbuterian Church,c/o Joyce R. Liles, 521 NC 742 S, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

### Mrs. Nannie **Sue Ledbetter Neal**

Mrs. Nannie Sue Ledbetter Neal, 103, died Thursday, January 3, 2013, peacefully at her home.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, January 6, 2013, at Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro with Rev. Phillip Gregory officiating. Interment was on Monday, January 7, 2013, in the Neal-Tuttle Family Cemetery in Walnut Cove, NC.

Born October 15, 1909, Mrs. Neal was one of six children born to the late Walter Thomas and Dora Mae Martin Ledbetter. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Ernest

She was a homemaker and resided in Salem, VA most of her adult life before returning to North Carolina. She was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Monroe. Neal was also the oldest breast cancer survivor in NC, having survived 59 years following her diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer in 1954. Mrs. Neal enjoyed life to the fullest including being the Honorary Race Director for the 300 Miles of Courage NASCAR race at the Charlotte Motor Speedway in 2011 and riding in a pace car driven by Kenny Wallace for her 102nd birthday.

Survivors include her only daughter, Rev. Betty Neal Owens Boyd of the home; a granddaughter, Bettylyn Owens Krafft (Jeff) of Waxhaw; two step granddaughters, Katherine Boyd Reston, VA and Stephanie Boyd Durner (John) of Wilmington; a great-grandchild, Jordan Krafft; two step great-grandchildren, John and Sydney Durner; and many nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made

to the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, PO Box 601597, Charlotte, NC 28260-1597. Leavitt Funeral Home

was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com. **Wanda Gibson Poe** 

died Friday, January 4, 2013, at Hospice of Union County.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 7, 2013, in Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Danny Myers and Rev. Sammy Thomas officiating.

Wanda was born in Cherokee County, SC on March 26, 1937, a daughter of the late Hugh Gibson and Omie Leathers Gibson.

She was retired from cotton textiles.

Surviving are her children, Sandi (David) Moss of Monroe, Michael Burr of Hamlet and Mark (Pam) Burr of Kings Mountain; her sister, Thelma Langley of Lexington; seven grandchildren; and three great-grand-In addition to her parents

she was preceded in death by her son, Ricky Burr; and her brothers and sister, Ernest Gibson, Albert Gibson and Norma Lanning. The family would like to

give a special thanks to the staff of Hospice of Union Memorials by be made to

Hospice of Union County,

700 W Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 28110. The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral

Home. Online Condolences may be made at leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com. Mrs. Evelyn

### Hancock Riddle

Mrs. Evelyn Hancock Riddle, 86, died Wednesday, January 2, 2013, at Lillie Bennett Nursing Center in Wadesboro. Funeral services were

held on Sunday, January 6, 2013, at First Baptist Church, Wadesboro with Dr. Robert Hunter officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

Evelyn was born September 20, 1926, in Mecklenburg County and grew up in Mt. Croghan, SC. She was a daughter of Cora Lucy Hancock and Thomas Emmitt Lowry.

She grew up on the family farm and was a graduate of Mt. Croghan High School where she was a member of both the Beta Club and basketball team. She received her Associate of Arts Degree from Wingate College and her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Appalachian State Univer-

Evelyn was retired from a 36 year career in elementary education, of which 32 years were spent in Anson County Schools, including Lilesville, Polkton, Wadesboro and Ansonville. She was active in the Anson County Hospital Auxiliary and First Baptist Church, Wadesboro where she was a member and served as director of the church nursery for 25 years.

Surviving are her husband of 63 years, Charles H. Riddle, Sr. of the home; her son, Charles H. Riddle, Jr. (Brenda): and her granddaughter, Ryan Nichole Riddle, all of Anchorage, Alaska.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Emily Gail Riddle.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 423, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

### Mr. Douglas Singletary, Jr.

Mr. Douglas Singletary, Jr., 69, died Monday, December 31, 2012, in Caroli-Medical Center. nas Charlotte.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 5, 2013, at Leavitt Funeral Home. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park Cemetery.

Douglas was born in Anson County on January 9, 1943, a son of the late Douglas and Kate Dawkins Singletary, Sr. He had worked as a mechanic and a construction worker. Survivors include his

wife, Dorothy Singletary; a son, Douglas "Tinker" Singletary III (Cindy) of Wadesboro; two daughters, Gloria (John) Williams of Monroe and Marlena Granger of Wadesboro; a granddaughter, Malisa Hammond; his brothers and sisters, Donnie Stubbs of Norfolk, VA, Bill

Dawkins, Jeannie Carter and Vicky Singletary, all of Wadesboro.

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

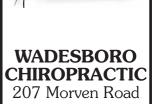
### Mr. Joe L. Thomas, Jr.

Mr. Joe L. Thomas, Jr., 32, of Wesley Chapel, North Carolina passed away Monday, December 31, 2012, at Carolinas Medical Center-Charlotte.

Memorial services to celebrate his life were conducted on Friday, January 4, 2013, at Faulks Baptist Church, officiated by Dr. David Richardson and Reverend Paul McClure.

Mr. Thomas was born on Continued on page 5





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#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

On behalf of the loss of our recently departed brother, thanks to those who were supportive of us during a most difficult time. Our appreciations are extended to family members, friends, various churches, and the J. R. Faison Class of 1965.

Thanks for the encouraging words of comfort, substances, cards, floral tributes, monetary donations, program participants and your kind expression of solaces. We sincerely thank you and will forever be grateful. May God bless you all.





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