

Obituaries

Mrs. Patricia Williams Allen

Mrs. Patricia Williams Allen of Polkton, 77, died on Friday, January 7, 2022, at Atrium Anson.

There will be a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 13, 2022, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro with Rev. Tom Canady officiating.

The family will greet friends following the service. They respectfully request all in attendance please wear face masks and practice social distancing.

Pat was born in Cheraw, SC on November 24, 1944, to the late Chuck Williams and Lula Butler Williams.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her husband of over 53 years, Charles Allen of the home; her daughters Paige Allen Dyson (Michael) of Polkton and Ashlie Allen Jones (Chip) of Keystone Heights, FL. She was most proud of her grandchildren Gavin Jones and Kennedy Jones along with her only great-grandchild, Levi Jones. She is also survived by her sister and brother-in-law Jeanette and Curtis Howell, along with several nieces, nephews and their families.

Pat was predeceased by her brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Magdaline Williams.

She was Pat, Patsy, Patricia, Flossie, Mama or Mawmaw to those that knew and loved her. She graduated from Wadesboro High School in 1962 and worked for several years in local hosiery mills before she and Charles married. After they married and started a family she stayed home raising her girls for years before heading back into the workforce as a teller with Security Bank. Later she began working for the NC Department of Corrections at Anson Correctional and eventually retired in 2001.

Pat spent many hours leading the church youth group, 4-H, and Girl Scout activities while her girls were young. She was a member of Polkton United Methodist Church and the Polkton Womens Service Club. She also made sure her kids grew up surrounded by furry and feathered friends as she loved all animals. She lost her last dog in December.

Because of Pat's love of animals, the family requests in lieu of flowers, tax-deductible donations be made to the Friends of Anson County Animal Shelter, PO Box 828, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

The family would like to extend their sincere appreciation to the staff of Anson Health and Rehab for the care provided to Pat during the last two months.

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

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2021: A Record-Breaking Year for New Jobs and Investment in North Carolina

24,224 new jobs announced with companies set to invest \$10.1 billion in the state

Governor Roy Cooper announced 24,224 new jobs in North Carolina last year, representing 185 business recruitment, expansion or rural development projects that engaged with the North Carolina Department of Commerce or its team at the Economic Development Partnership of N.C. in 2021. These projects will bring \$10.1 billion of capital investment into the state, marking new all-time highs for economic development performance.

"With our talented workforce, great quality of life and welcoming communities, employers know North Carolina is a place their businesses can grow and thrive," said Governor Roy Cooper. "We're building a stronger economy that works for everyone and we're going to continue to bring jobs to every corner of our state."

Top projects for 2021, as ranked by job creation totals, include:

- Apple's selection of Wake County and the Research Triangle for a major research and development campus that will create 3,000 jobs;
- Toyota's decision to build its first North American plant to produce batteries for electric vehicles at the Greensboro-Randolph Megasite, creating 1,750 jobs;
- FUJIFILM Diosynth's choice of Holly Springs for the largest end-to-end biopharmaceutical manufacturing facility in North America, creating 725 jobs in Wake County.

"North Carolina's record-setting performance comes in no small part from the hard work of many local and regional community leaders, along with the economic developers across the state that support the site selection process," said Commerce Secretary Machel Baker Sanders. "Chris Chung and the team at the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina also fast track positive outcomes for us. Companies often mention our state's collaborative approach, which gives us an edge as we compete for projects on the world stage."

A majority of the year's economic development projects located or expanded in the state's more rural or economically distressed areas, with 71 percent of projects choosing either a Tier 1 or Tier 2 county, as delineated by North Carolina's economic development tier system. 53 percent of the projects involved companies that chose to expand an existing operation in the state.

In addition to Toyota's project in Randolph County, other significant projects in the state's Tier 1 or Tier 2 counties include:

- White Water Marine Group's acquisition of Hatteras Yachts and selection of Craven County for its first coastal manufacturing site. The company is part of Bass Pro Shops and will support 500 jobs in New Bern;
- MasterBrand Cabinets' expansion of its manufacturing facilities in Lenoir County, creating at least 464 new jobs in Kinston;
- Abzena Holdings' choice of Lee County for a significant biopharmaceutical manufacturing plant, creating 325 jobs in Sanford;
- Polywood's decision to expand its outdoor furniture manufacturing facility in Person County, creating 300 jobs in Roxboro;
- Thermo Fisher Scientific's decision to expand current operations in Pitt County, creating 290 jobs in Greenville;
- Champion Home Builders' selection of Robeson County for a production site, creating at least 225 jobs in Pembroke;
- Glen Raven's decision to expand operations in Warren County, creating 205 jobs in Norlina.

Additional jobs were created in conjunction with rural development grants managed by Commerce's Rural Economic Development Division. A total of 3,235 new jobs were supported by \$28.4 million in rural grant monies awarded by the state's Rural Infrastructure Authority during its meetings in February, April, June, August, October, and December. These public grants in turn attracted \$1.22 billion in private-sector investment capital in support of job creation and improved infrastructure capacity for rural North Carolina.

The North Carolina Department of Commerce serves as the state's lead agency for community, workforce, and economic development. A searchable directory of all of the programs and services offered by the department is available at nccommerce.com/directory.

Protect Your Pets from Winter Woes

In many areas, winter is a season of bitter cold and numbing wetness. Help your pets remain happy and healthy during the colder months by following these simple guidelines.

- Don't leave dogs and cats outdoors when the temperature drops. Most dogs, and all cats, are safer indoors, except when taken out for exercise. Regardless of the season, shorthaired, very young, or old dogs and all cats should never be left outside without supervision. Short-coated dogs may feel more comfortable wearing a sweater during walks.
- No matter what the temperature, windchill can

threaten a pet's life. A dog or cat is happiest and healthiest when kept indoors. If your dog is an outdoor dog, however, he/she must be protected by a dry, draft-free doghouse that is large enough to allow the dog to sit and lie down comfortably, but small enough to hold in his/her body heat. The floor should be raised a few inches off the ground and covered with cedar shavings or straw. The house should be turned to face away from the wind, and the doorway should be covered with waterproof burlap or heavy plastic.

• Pets who spend a lot of time outdoors need more food in the winter because keeping warm depletes energy. Routinely check your pet's water dish to make certain the water is fresh and unfrozen. Use plastic food and water bowls rather than metal; when the temperature is low, your pet's tongue can stick and freeze to metal.

• Warm engines in parked cars attract cats and small wildlife, who may crawl up under the hood. To avoid injuring any hidden animals, bang on your car's hood to scare them away before starting your engine.

• The salt and other chemicals used to melt snow and ice can irritate the pads of your pet's feet. Wipe the feet with a damp towel before your pet licks them and irritates his/her mouth.

• Antifreeze is a deadly poison, but it has a sweet taste that may attract animals and children. Wipe up spills and store antifreeze (and all household chemicals) out of reach. Better yet, use antifreeze-coolant made with propylene glycol; if swallowed in small amounts, it will not hurt pets, wildlife, or your family.

• Probably the best prescription for winter's woes is to keep your dog or cat inside with you and your family. The happiest dogs are those who are taken out frequently for walks and exercise but kept inside the rest of the time. Dogs and cats are social animals who crave human companionship.

Your animal companions deserve to live indoors with you and your family.

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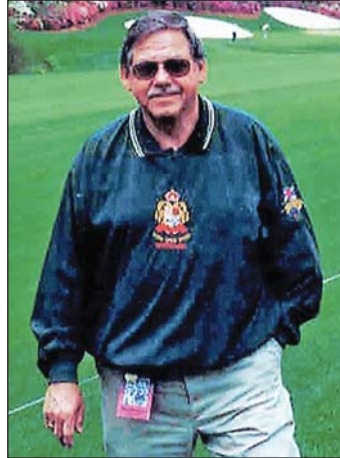
LAWN & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICE CONTRACT

Anson County School District will be taking bids for Lawn & Grounds Maintenance Service Contract for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year.

If you are interested in placing a bid for this service please attend the Pre-Bid Conference on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, starting promptly at 9:30 a.m.

Location: Anson County Schools, Maintenance Department, 881 NC Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

For general questions about the conference please contact Mike Napier at 704-694-2725.



Mr. James David Lee

Mr. James David Lee, 81, of Wadesboro, died Wednesday morning, January 5, 2022 at his home.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 15, 2022, at First Baptist Church in Wadesboro. Dr. Harry Workman will officiate. The family will welcome friends at a reception after the service in the church fellowship hall.

Mr. Lee was born January 22, 1940, in Anson County to the late John Henry and Katie Carelock Lee. He was a graduate of Wadesboro High School and retired from ConMet in Monroe as Human Resources Manager. He was an active member of First Baptist Church having served as family deacon.

An active member of the community, James was a former Anson County Commissioner, Wadesboro Town Councilman, member of Wadesboro Rotary and charter member of Anson Rescue. He was a recipient of the Paul Harris Fellows Rotary award. In his spare time, he enjoyed playing golf and after retirement he worked for Leavitt Funeral Home. He was fortunate enough to be an extra in the movies, *Color Purple*, *Eddie* and *Leather Heads*, which he really enjoyed!

James was a people person. He enjoyed being with others and helping his fellow man. He did not want accolades for his work in the community because it was his honor to be helpful.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant brother, John Allen Lee.

He is survived by his wife, Lynn Lewis Lee of the home; daughter, Monica Lee Stokes(George) of Camden, SC and son, James David Lee, II (Wendy) of Albemarle; grandchildren, KC Michael Currie(Kayla), Kyle Lee Currie (Sarah Clement), Coleman Thomas Lee, Katie Ann Lee and Bryson James Lee; great granddaughter, Emmy Currie; brothers, Henry Haywood Lee and Kenneth Coleman Lee (Mary).

Memorials may be made to: First Baptist Church, 309 Lee Avenue, Wadesboro, NC 28170 and/or Community Health Care and Hospice-Rockingham, 1791 E. Broad Avenue, Rockingham, NC 28379 and/or The ALS Association NC Chapter, 4 N Blount Street, Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27601.

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