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Obituaries

Peachland. Memorials may be made to Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, 1591 Hasty Rd. Peachland, NC 28133.

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

Mrs. Lena Ruth Harris Marshall

Mrs. Lena Ruth Harris Marshall, 93, of Troy, died Thursday, January 9, 2014, at First Health Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.

A homegoing service will be held Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at 1 p.m. at Troy Chapel AME Zion Church, 130 Barnhill Street in Troy, with the Rev. Raymond Mitchell officiating. Burial will follow in Freeman Hill Cemetery, Warner Road in Troy.

Mrs. Marshall was born April 18, 1920, in Anson County, the daughter of John and Patsy Crump Harris. She was a member of Troy Chapel AME Zion Church. Prior to her retirement she worked in the furniture industry.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Thomas Marshall.

She leaves to cherish her memories seven daughters, Ethel Horne (Michael) and Faye Marshall, all of Troy, Darlena Biggers (Samuel) of Falls Church, VA, Nancy Drake of Charlotte, Doris Steele (William) of Mt Gilead, Edith Rector (Clifton) of Lorton, VA, and Sharoy Marshall of Springfield, VA; four sons, Richard Marshall

of Baltimore, MD, Bobby Marshall of Biscoe, James Marshall (Deborah) of Carteret, NJ and Daniel Marshall of Woodbridge, VA; 40 grandchildren; 57 great-grandchildren; and twelve great-great-grandchildren.

Online remembrances and condolences may be made at pughfuneralhome.com.

Mrs. Mary Curtis Parrish

Mrs. Mary Curtis Parrish, 76, went home to be with her Lord on Saturday, January 11, 2014, at Lillie Bennett Nursing Center.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at Bethany Free Will Baptist Church with Rev. Johnny Johnson and Rev. Frank McQuage officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

Mary was born in Chesterfield County, SC on June 11, 1937, a daughter of the late Rufus Elijah and Beulah Davis Curtis. When Mary was two years old her mother died and she was then reared by Dorothy Gainey Curtis.

She worked at life's most famed position, as a wife, mother, homemaker and pastor's wife. She was very supportive of her husband's ministry which spanned more than 50 years. She was a member of Bethany Free Will Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband of 55 years, Dr. Thomas M. Parrish of the home; her sons, Rev. Tony (Kay) Parrish of Pinetown, NC and Rev. David Parrish of Kannapolis, NC; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by son Bill Parrish.

Memorials may be made to

Free Will Baptist Children's Home, P.O. Box 249, Middlesex, NC 27557.

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Mr. Bobby Sam Simpson

God called Mr. Bobby Sam Simpson, 85, home on Thursday, January 9, 2014, while surrounded by family at Hospice House of Union County. He suffered a stroke on New Year's Day.

A graveside service was held on Sunday, January 12, 2014, at Lakeland Memorial Park.

Born in the Fountain Hill Community of Anson County to the late Hoyle and the late Kate Mitchum Simpson, he was named Robert Samuel Simpson at birth, later changing his name to Bobby Sam. He served our country in the US Army during the years of 1951-1953. He met the love of his life, Lois Gordon, while on furlough. Upon returning from service they were married on April 4, 1953. They lived most of their 60+ years together in the New Salem Community of Union County.

Bob was a sweet, gentle man who always worked hard and put the needs of others before himself, always willing to lend a helping hand to someone in need. He was a reserved man who never wanted to be recognized for his efforts. He was an avid Nascar race fan. He worked as a truck driver for Armour and Company in Charlotte, retiring after 29 years of service. Shortly after retiring he was called by Thomas

Gas Company in Marshville and delivered gas in the area for 10 years. His passion was his garden, where he grew fruits and vegetables year round. He loved to share the bounty of his labor with family and friends. His wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren love him deeply and will sorely miss him.

He was predeceased by his parents, Hoyle and Kate Mitchum Simpson; sister Gladys Simpson Braswell and husband T.C. Braswell, and brothers, Harold Simpson and Maxx Simpson.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Lois Gordon Simpson; his children, Ricky Simpson of Wingate, Peggy Simpson Gordon (Eddie) of Polkton, and Bobby Simpson (Carol) and Randy Simpson (Ana Linda), all of New Salem; grandchildren, Diana Gordon Gallimore (Bobby) of Lilesville, Samuel Simpson of Mint Hill, Jacob Gordon of Polkton, Marie Simpson of Spartanburg, SC, Tina Love of Monroe and Dusty Williams of Unionville; and nine great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, Carolina's Chapter, 1100 South Mint Street, Suite 204, Charlotte, NC 28203 or to Emmanuel Baptist Church, 3816 Morgan Mill Road, Monroe, NC 28110.

Online condolences may be made at gordonfuneralservice.com.

Mr. Paul David Fulk, Jr.

Mr. Paul David Fulk, Jr., 50, died Tuesday, January 7, 2014, at his home.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 11, 2014, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Jeff Goudelock officiating.

David was born January 7, 1964, in Chesterfield County, a son of Allie Williams Fulk Newton and the late Paul David Fulk. He had worked as an auto mechanic.

Surviving are his son Caleb Williams of Michigan; his mother and step-father, Allie and Bennie Newton; his sister Brenda (Paul) Wright; and his nephew Justin Cassidy, all of Wadesboro. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his nephews, Billy Griffin and Michael Cassidy.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Wadesboro Church of God Window Project, 809 N. Greene St., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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Mrs. Pamela Simpson Wright



Mrs. Pamela Simpson Wright, 58, died on Thursday, December 19, 2013.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, December 22, 2013, at First Baptist Church of Indian Trail, followed by a graveside service at Lakeland Memorial Park in Monroe.

Pamela was born on June 20, 1955, the daughter of Louie "Bud" and Mary Rachel Dorton Simpson of Indian Trail.

In addition to her parents, Pamela is survived by her husband Tommy Wright of Polkton; her daughter Jill (Alex) Therrien of Monroe; her grandson Porter Therrien; and her sister Chandra Myers (Danny) of Indian Trail.

Anson Singers Resume Tuesday Rehearsals on January 21

The Anson Singers, a county-wide community choir, will resume rehearsals on Tuesday, January 21 at p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Wadesboro. The Singers, directed by Emily Privette, meets on a weekly basis each Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Everyone in Anson and surrounding counties who enjoys good choral singing is invited to the first rehearsal. Current members and also new faces and voices are encouraged to come on January 21.

\$25 Million in Funding for Loans to Local Growers, Producers and Food Artisans

Whole Foods is putting their money where their mouth is. \$15 million dollars in (additional) low interest loans are being made available to local growers, producers & food artisans for conversion to organic, NON-GMO animal feed projects and more. Do you know a local farm or CSA that could use a low cost loan to help them along?

Whole Foods Market announced that its Local Producer Loan Program has reached the initial goal of funding \$10 million in low-interest loans to local and independent food businesses, and has now committed up to \$25 million in funding. The Local Producer Loan Program (LPLP) has provided 184 loans to 155 companies since its inception in 2007.

In providing easier access to loans for budding food businesses, the program's first \$10 million in funding has not only enabled growth, but also supported pioneering projects in biodynamic farming, non-GMO animal feed, pollinator health and sustainable packaging.

"Expanding the Local Producer Loan Program is a direct result of the innovations and successes of our loan recipients," said Betsy Foster, Whole Foods Market global vice president of growth and business development. "By playing a role in advancing new ideas, growing businesses and realizing dreams, Whole Foods Market stays connected with both our neighborhood producers and our global food community."

With the additional commitment of \$15 million in funding, the company welcomes new loan applications from producers seeking to expand their businesses. Whether applicants offer a distinctive artisan food product or a new hydroponic farming facility, Whole Foods Market loan administrators, buyers and local foragers work closely with business owners to drive growth and success.

"The most rewarding part of the loan process is building relationships and sharing ideas for progress," said Dwight Richmond, Whole Foods Market global grocery purchasing coordinator. "Whether it's improving the business plan, discussing market trends or connecting people with new partners in our network, it's exciting to see the results of great teamwork combined with monetary support."

The most recent loan, pushing LPLP to the \$10 million milestone, was awarded to WholeSoy & Co., an independent, San Francisco-based producer of non-GMO, organic, vegan, gluten-free soy yogurt. The company received \$400,000 - one of the program's highest loans to date -- to help build their own (dairy-free) yogurt facility after their co-packer unexpectedly closed for business in mid-2013, leaving them without a way to package their yogurt.

"The loan from Whole Foods Market, one of our original and long term retail supporters, gave us access to the resources we needed at a crucial time. After raising most of the funds required, this additional \$400,000 will help us realize our dream of having our own dairy-free yogurt facility," said Ted Nordquist, CEO of WholeSoy & Co. "Whole Foods Market truly cares about our success and worked closely with us to support our re-entry into the marketplace. Their commitment to the brand has been critical in our being able to get WholeSoy back on the shelf for our many loyal consumers in 2014."

While some loan recipients sell products in Whole Foods Market stores, such as organic vegetable farmers, grass-fed cattle ranchers, natural body care producers and gluten-free bakers, many other recipients operate businesses that support the natural foods industry. Additionally, 43 companies are owned by women and an additional 36 are co-owned by women.

Loan recipients must meet Whole Foods Market's quality standards, use the funds for expansion and have a viable business plan. Typical loans range from \$1,000 to \$100,000 and have fixed low-interest rates.

Previous loan recipients have used their loans for purchasing more livestock, investing in new equipment, expanding production facilities, adapting to more sustainable practices or converting to organic production.

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