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**Mrs. Star  
Watkins Adams**

Mrs. Star Watkins Adams, 90, died Tuesday, January 7, 2020, at Autumn Care of Marshville.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, January 12, 2020, at Sandy Plains United Methodist Church in Morven with Rev. Lonnie Grose and Rev. Larry King officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Star was born August 8, 1929, in Anson County, one of eight children born to the late William Luther Watkins and the late Vinnie Carpenter Watkins. She was a graduate of Ansonville High School, and was retired from the Hub

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Restaurant in Wadesboro She was a longtime member of Sandy Plains United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her daughter Linda (Larry) Wright of Polkton; her grandsons, Ashley Blalock of Albemarle, Brian Blalock (Crystal) of Polkton and Brett Blalock (Heather) of Mt. Gilead; her great-grandchildren, B. J. Blalock of Mt. Gilead, Taylor Kim (Jake) of Moreno, CA, Tony Blalock, Ray Blalock, Scarlett Blalock and Georgia Blalock, all of Polkton; her great-great-grandchildren, Leah and Bo Kime of Marenno, CA; her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Bobby and Jane Adams of Wadesboro; and her nieces and nephews and their families with whom she shared a special relationship with.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Bonnie Eugene Adams and her sisters and brothers, Ruth Biles, Ida Pope, Marian Kearns, Rudene Beverly, Dub Watkins, Ted Watkins and Ray Watkins.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to the staff of Autumn Care for the special way they cared for Star while she was a resident there; to her roommate Lib Treadaway

for being like family to her and to the staff of Hospice of Union County for taking such good care of her during her last days.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may 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 [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).

**Mrs. Becky Jean  
Hooks Phillips**

Mrs. Becky Jean Hooks Phillips, 65, died Monday, December 23, 2019, at Atrium Health North East in Concord.

Funeral services were held on Friday, December 27, 2019, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home.

Becky was born October 26, 1954, in Anson County, a daughter of the late Charles Eugene Hooks and the late Becky Belch Hooks. She had worked for a number of years at Anson County Health Department and later at Anson Pharmacy as a Pharmacy Tech.

Surviving are her husband of 46 years, Fred B. Phillips, Jr.; her daughter Crystal Jean Phillips of Wadesboro; her stepchildren, Angela Gurley (Shon) of Clarendon and Chris Phillips of Marshville;

her grandchildren, Krista Elizabeth Phillips (Shamara) of Hamlet, Jonathan Kyle Phillips of Wadesboro, Alex Walsh of Polkton, and Ryan Phillips and Devin Phillips, both of Marshville; her great-granddaughter Kyirsten Graham-Purcell of Hamlet; her sister-in-law Marsha Bruton (David) of Hamlet; a nephew who was more like a son, Johnny A. Johnson of Hamlet; and her canine companion Odie.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).

**Mrs. Gracie  
Barbee Carpenter**

Mrs. Gracie Barbee Carpenter, age 95, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, January 6, 2020, from Atrium Health Stanly in Albemarle.

A service to celebrate her life was held on Saturday, January 11, 2020, in her beloved Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church with Rev. J.D. Moffett and Rev. Fred Carpenter officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Gracie was born in Stanly County on September 25, 1924, a daughter of the late Weaver Alexander Barbee and Elsie Whitely Barbee. She was married to Mr. Fred "Buck"

Carpenter, Sr., who passed away in 1989. Gracie was a devoted wife and mother. She loved sewing and cooking, and was noted particularly for her cake baking and pie making. She enjoyed spending time watching her "farm" animals - chickens, horses, and a donkey - as well as the birds, especially hummingbirds and bluebirds. She was a longtime faithful member of Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her son Rev. Fred Carpenter Jr. (Reneé) of Albemarle; three grandchildren, Matthew Carpenter (Katie) of Ansonville, Kelly Sheppard (Trent) of Peachland, and Carrie Gillespie (Maj. Ben) of Seoul, S. Korea; six great-grandchildren, Scott, Hannah, Jack (Buck), Aiden, Austin and Barrett (Bear); one sister, Betty Beachum (George) of Ansonville; many nieces and nephews whom she loved like her own children; and several great-grand-dogs that were very special.

The family suggests memorials be made to Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church, c/o Joyce Meachum, 2139 Stanback Ferry/Ice Plant Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Leavitt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).

**Mr. Claude  
Harrison Dennis**

Mr. Claude Harrison Dennis, 66, died Wednesday, January 8, 2020, at Atrium Health Charlotte.

Services were held on Saturday, January 11, 2020, by the graveside at Olivet United Methodist Church Cemetery in Lilesville.

Claude was born August 15, 1953, in Anson County, a son of the late H. A. Dennis, III and the late Sybil Lowe Dennis. He was retired from B.V. Hedrick in Lilesville.

Surviving are his children, Candy Dennis of Wadesboro, Chad Dennis of South Carolina and Sally Knopp (Kevin) of Mineral Wells, WV; his grandchildren, Katie and Thomas; and his sisters, Audrey Stegall of Peachland, Jeanette Vaughn (Thurmond) of Mt. Airy and Shirley Dennis of Liberty, TN.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Olivet United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o, Mrs. Martha D. Goodwin, 3788 Stanback Ferry Rd., Lilesville, NC 28091.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).

**Pee Dee Electric Awarding  
Scholarships for Summer Basketball Camps**

Pee Dee Electric is giving two local middle school students the opportunity to hit the hardwood alongside their favorite college basketball athletes and coaches this summer, thanks to Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarships.

Pee Dee Electric will select one young man for a scholarship to attend the Roy Williams Carolina Basketball Camp June 20-24 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and one local young woman to attend the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp June 21-24 at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. The scholarships cover all expenses at the overnight camps, which provide a glimpse into life on a college campus.

Applications are being accepted through March 31 and can be found online at [www.ncelectriccooperatives.com/sports-camps](http://www.ncelectriccooperatives.com/sports-camps). Contestants will be judged on academic records, extra-curricular activities and a required essay. To be eligible to win, students must be in the sixth, seventh or eighth grade during the 2020-2021 school year and have permission from a parent or guardian to attend. Scholarship winners are expected to be announced in May.

Campers stay overnight in dorms, learn fundamental skills that will help them excel on and off the court, and receive individual and group instruction from Division 1 coaches to enhance their basketball and team working abilities. Wes Moore, coach of the Wolfpack women's basketball team, and Roy Williams, coach of the 2009 and 2017 national champion Carolina Tar Heel men's basketball team, will direct the camps with the help of staff, as well as current and former players.

Eligible students who are interested in the scholarship can contact Seth Allen at [sallen@pdemc.com](mailto:sallen@pdemc.com) or visit [www.ncelectriccooperatives.com/sports-camps](http://www.ncelectriccooperatives.com/sports-camps) for information.

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**Registration for Industrial Basketball League**

Registration has opened for Anson County Parks & Recreation's Men's Industrial Basketball League. Players must register as a team, as well as showing a check stub or proof of employment. Teams must have a minimum of six players and a maximum of 10. All players must be aged 18+

You may come to Parks & Recreation office (845 Airport Road at Little Park) to register Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or you can also visit the website at [www.co.anson.nc.us](http://www.co.anson.nc.us) and fill out a registration form and send it by email or text.

For more information contact: Jeff Waisner (704) 695-2550, Wendell Small (704) 695-2782 or Allen Jackson (704) 694-5751.

**Anson Animal Shelter Needs Volunteers -  
Would You Like to Help?**

The Animal Shelter depends on the help of volunteers to ensure that animal residents receive love and care. More volunteers will also help relieve the workload on staff which can result in more time for resident animals to be adopted before they are euthanized (put to sleep). Please consider volunteering. For more information on helping or making a donation, call 704-994-2738.

A rescue from Animal Shelter can bring lots of happiness and love into any home...and you will make the animal happy too! It's a win-win.

**And remember, older animals need a home and love too!**

**Special Exhibit of Quilting  
and Vintage Sewing Equipment**

The Marshville Museum and Cultural Center will feature two seminars and exhibits of quilting and vintage sewing equipment repair and maintenance. The seminars will be conducted by the 3 Winchester Sisters: Edwina Eubanks, Jane Starnes and Susan Mullis. You are invited to attend either or both seminars on Saturday, January 18.

• 10:30 a.m. - Vintage sewing machine repair and maintenance. Learn how to do basic maintenance on your old sewing machine and watch as they service a treadle that will be used in the afternoon for the second seminar.

• 1 p.m. - Quilting by treadle, including free motion work. Learn how your vintage machine can be used to free motion quilt simply and easily. They will be demonstrating on an early 1900s Singer model 15 treadle.

The Marshville Museum is located at 201 North Elm Street. It is open for visits Fridays and Saturdays 10 to 4 p.m. and Sundays 1 to 4 p.m. and other times by appointments and at special events. They are closed on all national holidays.

Scheduled events are sent by email and also available on Facebook or the website [www.mmcc1893.com](http://www.mmcc1893.com).

**NOTICE NOTICE OF ANNUAL DRAWDOWN  
LIMITS FOR LAKE TILLERY**

Duke Energy Progress, LLC received the new operating license for the Yadkin-Pee Dee Hydroelectric Project on April 1, 2015. This license defines how Duke Energy Progress will operate the project, including lake level requirements for Lake Tillery. This notice is to inform the public of the annual drawdown limits for Lake Tillery between December 15, 2019, and March 1, 2020.

Duke Energy Progress strives to maintain Lake Tillery at no more than 1.5 feet below full pond. However, lake level fluctuations are allowed to be as much as 3 feet below full pond during the December 15 and March 1 time frame. If storage is needed for electrical generation purposes during this period, Duke Energy Progress may reduce the lake level by as much as 5 feet below full pond. This would only occur if there were no other options to meet the electric system demand. Water fluctuations of up to 8 feet may occur during system emergencies and potentially be greater during drought periods.

Information about lake level is available online at [duke-energy.com/lakes](http://duke-energy.com/lakes) or by calling 800.899.4435.



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