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Obituaries

Mrs. Sabrina Marie Thompson Mullis

Mrs. Sabrina Marie Thompson Mullis, 39, peacefully went to be with her Lord on Monday, January 21, 2019, while in the care of Hospice of Union County at the McWhorter House in Monroe.

There was a service to celebrate her life on Saturday, January 26, 2019, at Peachland Baptist Church with Rev. Phillip Parrish and Rev. Jerome Cash officiating.

Sabrina was born July

21, 1979, in Jacksonville, FL and was a daughter of Lonnie Lee Thompson and Carolyn Marie Gore Thompson. She was a graduate of University High School in Orlando, FL and had worked as the Jewelry Department Manager at Walmart in Wadesboro.

Sabrina was a very devoted mother, and was very involved in the school system as an ardent supporter of her children's school sports teams and as a substitute teacher and proctor. She especially loved soccer, and coached Parks and Recreation Soccer for several years and was instrumental in helping bring Boys Varsity Soccer to Anson High School. She

also was a Cub Scout Den Master and established the Peachland Girl Scout Troop.

She was a member of Peachland Baptist Church and exemplified a strong faith in God as she battled colorectal cancer valiantly. She indeed fought the good fight and finished her course triumphantly.

While going through chemotherapy Sabrina felt a calling to encourage others going through the same battle. It was then she began making Brinky's Bags, a bag filled with small gifts to encourage others battling cancer and going through chemotherapy. Her Brinky's Bags touched many lives, and she had

heard from patients from as far away as California. It is her family's desire to continue her good work.

Surviving are her husband, Randy Mullis; her children, Nathan Lee Fulks and Callie Marie Thompson, both of Peachland; her parents, Lonnie and Carol Thompson of Peachland; her sister April Bishop of Monroe; her nephew and niece, Michael Bishop of Murrell's Inlet, SC and MaKayla Bishop of Monroe; her maternal grandmother Janis Gore of Crossville, TN; her brothers-in-law, Barry (Val) Mullis of Lilesville, Vernon (Gilead) Mullis of Mt. Gilead and Charles (Mary

Jane Barrow) Mullis of Stoneville; and her extended family of aunts, uncles, cousins and dear friends.

For the loving support from family, friends, Peachland Baptist Church family and Hospice of Union County our family will be eternally grateful.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Brinky's Bags, c/o Peachland Baptist Church, P.O. Box 146, Peachland, NC 28133.

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

Scholarship Applications Now Available

Each year the N.C. Cooperative Extension Administrative Professionals Association - South Central District Scholarship is awarded to a student who is actively engaged in or has definite plans to pursue a career as an office professional. The applicant must be a resident of one of the 19 South Central District counties: Alexander, Anson, Cabarrus, Catawba, Cumberland, Gaston, Harnett, Hoke, Iredell, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond, Rowan, Scotland, Stanly and Union. This year a \$200 scholarship will be presented to a student in Anson County.

Scholarship information and application forms are available at area high school guidance offices, community college advisor offices. Counselors and advisors have been asked to share scholarship information with appropriate course instructors and with students expressing an interest in a career as an office professional. This area encompasses many different areas of study such as office systems technology, web design and development, etc.

The Extension actively solicits applications from students with outstanding scholastic ability and who are truly interested in pursuing their education as an office professional. They are, of course, interested in students who could benefit from financial assistance, however, this will not be the entire determining factor.

Anyone interested in applying for this scholarship should contact his or her guidance counselor or college advisor to request an application. Scholarship information and application forms also can be obtained at the Anson County Center office of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension, located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro. Applications must be post marked by March 8.

If you have any questions about this scholarship contact Pam Layfield, Administrative Assistant, by calling 704-694-2915.

Apply for a Business Scholarship

Nominations are being sought for a \$750 scholarship offered by the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Administrative Professionals Association (NCCEAPA) through March 8, 2019. The scholarship is available to North Carolina residents pursuing a college degree (Associates and/or Bachelors) in business or a business-related field of study. Applicants must be enrolled to attend classes at a college during the 2019-2020 school year.

The scholarship is awarded annually to honor the work and dedication of Edith Herter and Frances O'Neal, co-leaders in forming the NCCEAPA in 1973.

Qualified applicants interested in applying for this scholarship can obtain an application packet from the financial aid office at their local community college or high school. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the North Carolina Cooperative Extension, Anson County Center, at 704-694-2915, or by visiting the Center at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro.

This Week in History

Here are some noted happenings during this week over the years:

January 30

- 1982 The first computer virus is released "into the wild." Elk Cloner was created by 15-year-old Richard Skrenta as a practical joke.
- 1972 On "Bloody Sunday" British troops kill 13 unarmed protesters. It was one of the most significant events of the Northern Ireland conflict.
- 1969 The Beatles give their last public performance. The concert was played on the rooftop of the Apple Corps building at 3 Savile Row in London.
- 1945 9,400 people die in the deadliest maritime disaster in history. The "Wilhelm Gustloff" was sunk by a Soviet submarine during World War II.
- 1933 Adolf Hitler becomes Chancellor of Germany. The "Machtergreifung" marked the end of the Weimar Republic and the beginning of the "Third Reich."

Births On This Day - 1951 Phil Collins, English singer-songwriter, producer, actor; 1941 Dick Cheney, American politician, 46th Vice President of the United States; 1937 Vanessa Redgrave, English actress; 1882 Franklin D. Roosevelt, American politician, 32nd President of the United States

Deaths On This Day - 1951 Ferdinand Porsche, Austrian/German engineer, businessman, founded Porsche; 1948 Orville Wright, American aviation pioneer

January 31

- 2011 Myanmar's first elected parliament in half a century convenes. The event underlined a general move towards democracy in the country.
- 2010 Alaska Airlines flight 261 crashes into the sea. The MD-83 experienced horizontal stabilizer problems before descending into the Pacific Ocean, killing all 88 on board.
- 1961 Ham the Chimp travels into outer space. The chimpanzee survived the US Mercury Program test flight with just a bruised nose.
- 1865 The 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is passed. The Amendment, which officially abolished slavery, was adopted on December 6, 1865.

Births On This Day - 1937 Philip Glass, American composer; 1919 Jackie Robinson, American baseball player; 1797 Franz Schubert, Austrian composer

Deaths On This Day - 1956 A. A. Milne, English author; 1954 Edwin Armstrong, American engineer, invented FM radio

February 1

- 2003 Space Shuttle Columbia disintegrates on its way back to Earth. All 7 astronauts were killed in the disaster.
- 1979 Ayatollah Khomeini returns to Iran after 15 years in exile. His triumphant return marked the beginning of the Iranian Revolution.
- 1968 Eddie Adams takes one of the Vietnam War's best-known pictures. The image of the execution of a Vietcong officer in Saigon helped build opposition to the war.
- 1960 Four black students start the Greensboro sit-ins. Their refusal to leave a "whites only" lunch counter was a milestone in the fight against racial segregation in the United States.
- 1884 The first fascicle of the "Oxford English Dictionary" is published. The book contained entries A to Ant.

Births On This Day - 1931 Boris Yeltsin, Russian politician, 1st President of Russia; 1901 Clark Gable, American actor; 1894 John Ford, American director

Deaths On This Day - 1966 Buster Keaton, American actor, director, producer; 1851 Mary Shelley, English author

February 2

- 1990 The South African Apartheid system of racial segregation begins to disintegrate. President de Klerk announced the unbanning of the African Nation Congress (ANC) and his intentions to release Nelson Mandela.
- 1943 The Battle of Stalingrad comes to an end as the Axis Powers surrender. Germany's defeat marked a turning point in World War II.
- 1925 20 mushers embark on a journey to transport medicine to Nome, Alaska, inspiring the Iditarod Race. The Iditarod is the world's longest and most challenging dog sled race.
- 1922 "Ulysses" by James Joyce is published. The novel is considered one of the most important works of modernist literature.

- 1852 The first public flushing toilet is opened in London. Using the "Public Waiting Room" at 95 Fleet Street cost 2 pence.

Births On This Day - 1977 Shakira, Colombian singer-songwriter, producer, actress; 1963 Eva Cassidy, American singer, guitarist; 1905 Ayn Rand, Russian/American author, philosopher; 1882 James Joyce, Irish author

Deaths On This Day - 1996 Gene Kelly, American dancer, actor; 1979 Sid Vicious, English singer, bass player

February 3

- 1998 20 people die in the Cavalese cable car disaster. The wings of a low flying U.S. military aircraft cut the aerial tramway's cables, causing the cabin to plunge 80 meters.
- 1989 Paraguay's dictator, Alfredo Stroessner, is overthrown. Stroessner had come to power in 1954 with a military coup.
- 1972 The deadliest snowstorm in history kills 4,000. The Iran Blizzard lasted a week and left whole villages without survivors.
- 1969 Yasser Arafat becomes leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). Even after his death in 2011, Arafat remained a highly controversial figure, many Arabs praising him as a freedom fighter while many Israelis denouncing him as a terrorist.
- 1966 Luna 9 touches down on the Moon. The unmanned Soviet spacecraft was the first to achieve a soft landing there.

Births On This Day - 1935 Johnny "Guitar" Watson, American singer, guitarist; 1927 Kenneth Anger, American actor, director, author; 1874 Gertrude Stein, American poet, art collector; 1809 Felix Mendelssohn, German pianist, composer, conductor

Deaths On This Day - 1985 Frank Oppenheimer, American physicist; 1961 Anna May Wong, American actress; 1924 Woodrow Wilson, American politician, 28th President of the United States, Nobel Prize laureate; 1468 Johannes Gutenberg, German publisher, invented the Printing press

February 4

- 2004 Facebook is founded. The social networking service currently has over 1 billion active users.
- 1948 Ceylon (Sri Lanka) proclaims independence within the British Commonwealth. Since the 16th century, the island had been colonized by Portugal, the Netherlands, and Great Britain.
- 1861 The Confederate States of America are established. 6 slave states met in Montgomery, Alabama to form the Confederacy, which lasted only until 1865.
- 1859 German archeologist Constantin von Tischendorf discovers the Codex Sinaiticus. The "Sinai Bible," a handwritten copy of the Greek Bible, is considered a great historical treasure.
- 1789 George Washington is elected as first President of the United States. Washington took office on April 30, 1789.

Births On This Day - 1948 Alice Cooper, American singer-songwriter, actor; 1913 Rosa Parks, American activist; 1902 Charles Lindbergh, American pilot, activist

Deaths On This Day - 2006 Betty Friedan, American author, activist; 1987 Liberace, American singer, pianist, actor; 1894 Adolphe Sax, Belgian musician, invented the saxophone

February 5

- 1924 The Greenwich Time Signal is broadcast for the first time. The "BBC pips" are 5 short and 1 long tones that are broadcast by many BBC radio stations to mark the precise start of the hour.
- 1919 United Artists is founded. Charlie Chaplin was one of the film studio's founders.
- 1909 The world's first synthetic plastic is developed. Belgian chemist Leo Baekeland announced his invention of Bakelite at a meeting of the American Chemical Society that day.
- 1869 The biggest gold nugget in history is found. The "Welcome Stranger" was found at Moliagul in Australia and had a calculated refined weight of 71.081 kg.
- 1852 The Hermitage Museum in Saint Petersburg opens to the public. It is one of the world's largest and oldest museums and was originally founded in 1764.

Births On This Day - 1985 Cristiano Ronaldo, Portuguese footballer; 1969 Michael Sheen, Welsh actor; 1900 Adlai Stevenson, American politician, 31st Governor of Illinois; 1878 André Citroën, French engineer, businessman, founded Citroën; 1840 John Boyd Dunlop, Scottish businessman, co-founded Dunlop Rubber

Deaths On This Day - 2008 Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, Indian guru; 1993 Joseph L. Mankiewicz, American director, screenwriter, producer

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