Obituaries

Dignity, Sympathy and Respect

Our reputation is based on competence and caring. Every detail is taken care of.



704-694-2524 Visit Us On-Line At leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com

Donna Shepherd Bowman

On Sunday, January 23, 2022, Donna Shepherd Bowman, 78, passed away peacefully at her home with her family there with her.

Donna's request was to have a very simple graveside service at Anson Memorial Park at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 27, 2022

Donna was born in Perry County, KY, and was a daughter of the late Monroe Shepherd and the late Bess Johnson Shepherd. She was a gemologist, having worked in jewelry sales.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Jamie Hoskins (Tammy) of Lilesville, Avery Hoskins (Dee) of Lexington, KY and Sissy Hoskins (Twoie) of Wadesboro; her grandchildren, Brandon, Kendal, Heather, and James Michael and her great-grandchild, In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death

by her sisters, Cleoo Tompkins and Harriet Jenkins. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Polkton

Church of Christ, P.O. Box 248, Polkton, NC 28135. The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at

www.leavittfh.com.

Mr. Benjamin Thomas "Benny" Brooks

On Friday, January 21, 2022, Mr. Benjamin Thomas "Benny" Brooks, 89, passed away peacefully at his home with his family at his bedside.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. J. D. Moffitt officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

No visitation was held, however, family and friends were welcomed to visit Leavitt Funeral Home on Monday, January 24, 2022, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. to pay their respects to Benny and sign the register.

Benny was born November 27, 1932, in Anson County, and was a son of the late Leslie Pierce Brooks and the late Lila Moore Brooks. He was a graduate of Polkton High School, where he was well known for his skills on the basketball court as a center. The Polkton High School team was well regarded in Anson County.

He was an avid sportsman and enjoyed time spent hunting and fishing with his father, his sons, and grandsons. Benny's family often enjoyed delicious quail meals, including rice, gravy, and hot, homemade biscuits after the hunting excursions.

Benny worked with the North Carolina Department of Corrections, advancing his way from a guard to superintendent and retiring after 41 years of service. He was a lifelong member of Poplar Hill United Methodist Church.

Benny was a lover of black coffee at any time of day, an avid collector of money (both coins and bills), and a local at the fish camp every Saturday night for many years.

A loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, he leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 68 years, Ann Caudle Brooks; his children, Warren (Ann) Brooks of Oak Island, Jeffrey Brooks of Boiling Springs, Patty (Michael) Livingston of Wadesboro and Bonnie Thomas of Charlotte; his grandchildren, Melissa (Stan) Dean, Stephanie (John) Springer, Brandon (Kim) Brooks, Lila Brooks, Patrick (girlfriend McKenzie) Livingston, Cydney (boyfriend Will) Livingston, Kasey (Rob) Rosenhaus, Colby Thomas (fiancé April) and Collin (girlfriend Lauren) Thomas; his great-grandchildren, Karter Dean, Savannah Dean, Jace Dean, Lexie Springer, Langston Springer, Pierson Springer, Mabree Springer, Beckett Brooks and Colton Brooks; brothers-inlaw and sisters-in-law, Larry (Ann) Caudle, Jean Wright and Rodney (Denise) Caudle, all of Polkton, Polly Brooks of Wadesboro and Betty Sue Caudle of Polkton.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, L. P. Brooks, Margie Hatley, David Brooks, Mary Lee Arrington, Douglas Brooks and Myra Carpenter, and his brothers-in-law, James Caudle and Bill Wright.

Benny's family would like to thank all those who have provided their love and support during this difficult time. They would like to especially thank members of Poplar Hill United Methodist Church, the staff of Community Home Care and Hospice, and the caregivers of Home Instead who helped care for Benny in his final months.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Poplar Hill United Methodist Church c/o Emily Carpenter, 720 Ross Wright Rd, Polkton, NC, 28135.

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

Mrs. Jean Jordan Burris

On Tuesday, January 25, 2022, Mrs. Jean Jordan Burris, 84, passed away peacefully at the home of her son and daughter-in-law in Wadesboro.

Services were held on Monday, January 31, 2022, by the graveside in Mt. Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Randy Storz officiating.

Due to the rise is COVID cases, no visitation was held, however those wishing to pay their respects were able to sign a guest register at Leavitt Funeral Home on Monday, January 31, 2022.

Face coverings or masks were required for attendance at the service and at the funeral home.

Jean was born November 8, 1937, in Anson County, and was a daughter of the late Cleveland L. Jordan and the late Lillie Mae Dean Jordan. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and superb homemaker.

A lifelong member of Mt. Beulah Baptist Church, she served as Sunday school teacher in the preschool department for more than 30 years and was active in other areas of church service, as well. Jean lived a life of Christian service and humbleness before all who knew her.

Those left to cherish her memory are her sons, Ronnie Burris (Terri) and Kenneth

officiating. Interment will follow for **THE EXPRESS • February 2, 2022 • Page 3** immediate family at the Teal Canipe Cemetery in Morven.

The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service at The Red Barn.

Bruce was born May 14, 1952, in Sumter, SC and was the youngest son of the late Evander Flay Canipe and the late Rosa Teal Canipe. He was a 1971 graduate of Oak Hill Academy and was the owner and operator of Canipe Grading and Landscape.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Teresa Kiker Canipe of Morven; their children, Scott Canipe (Heather) of Wadesboro and Jennifer Wright (Kyle) of Charlotte; his grandchildren, Nora and Rylee Canipe and Laurel Wright; his brothers and sister, Marvin Canipe (Christa) and Jule Canipe (Rena), all of Morven and Evelyn Stutz of Lake Wylie, SC.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Hospice of Union County, 700 West Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 28110 or to the American Cancer Society, 1901 Brunswick Ave #100, Charlotte, NC 28207.

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

Mrs. Wilma Brock Drake

On Thursday, January 27, 2022, Mrs. Wilma Brock Drake, 79, beloved daughter, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend peacefully passed away at McWhorter Hospice House in Monroe with her children at her bedside.

A service to honor her life was held on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, by the graveside in Griffin Cemetery in Polkton with Dr. Harry Workman officiating. She she was laid to rest beside her parents.

The family greeted friends following the service at a reception at the Polkton Depot. Wilma was born July 10, 1942, in Anson County, and was a daughter of the late Wilson Dewitt Brock and the late Virginia Hodge Brock. She was a 1960 graduate of Polkton High School where she was head cheerleader.

She retired as a deputy clerk with the Anson County Clerk of Court's office, working with Juvenile Court for more than 25 years.

Wilma had many interests, but some of her most loved were playing bridge with her friends, gardening, as she had a green thumb, and fishing with her brother and grandchildren. She dearly loved her family and friends and always looked forward to sharing a meal with those she loved. To say she was a true Carolina Tarheel fan is an understatement.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Sandy Harrington of Lexington, SC, Mike Harrington of Ansonville, David Drake of Mt. Pleasant, Amy Lamb of Greensboro and Ashley Drake (Joy) of Peachland; her grandchildren, Macky Harrington (Princess), Jordan Harrington, Dave Drake (Kristie), Ben Drake (Shae), Thomas Lamb, Haley Drake and Tayler Drake; her great-grandchildren, Jada Harrington, Susan Harrington, Issac Rosado, Ava Mae Bostick, Malina Bostick, David Drake, III, Mila Drake and Elise Drake, who is due to arrive anytime; and her sisters and brother, Carolyn Edwards of Hamlet, Helen Munno of Stanly, Marian Dennis and Frances Pope, both of Wadesboro, Judy Sharpe (Larry) of Winston-Salem and Stanley Brock (Linda) of Polkton; and her nieces and nephews and their families.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Ansonia Theatre at the Anson County Arts Council, P.O. Box 332, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or to the Friends of the Anson County Animal Shelter, Tarlton and Taylor, P.O. Box 828, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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



Mr. Jeremy "Kevin" Nance

Mr. Jeremy "Kevin" Nance, 51, of Polkton, went to be with his Heavenly Father on Sunday, January 23, 2022, at Atrium Health Anson in Wadesboro.

Kevin was born June 25, 1970, in Stanly County to the late Lee Roy Nance and Elizabeth Anne Taylor Nance.

The family receive friends from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. on Sunday, January 30, 2022, at Rocky Mount Baptist

Church. The funeral service to celebrate Kevin's life followed at 3:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. He was laid to rest at Rocky Mount Baptist Church Cemetery.

In addition to his mother, Elizabeth T. Nance, he is survived by his beloved wife of 20 years, Shannon Marie Bearden Nance; his daughter Morgan (Josh) Carpenter; his son Ethan Nance; grandson Rhett Carpenter; and brother Rev. Dr. Darrell (Penny) Nance.

Kevin was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, son, brother and friend to many. He worked at Goulston Technologies for 32 years, where he was the receiving supervisor. He was a faithful member of Rocky Mount Baptist Church. No matter where he was, his love for the Lord was a witness to everyone. Kevin was the pillar of his family, and was an avid outdoorsman; whether it was hunting with his children, fishing at his in-laws, or farming at home. He had a lighthearted and humble personality, and will be missed by all who knew him.

Memorials may be made to Rocky Mount Baptist Church, 4167 Rocky Mount Church Rd., Polkton, NC 28135 or Carolina Christian School, 406 Renee Ford Rd., Locust, NC 28097.

Hartsell Funeral Home of Albemarle is serving the Nance family. Online condolences may be made at *www.hartsellfh.com*.

Burris (Alana), all of Wadesboro; her grandchildren, Keelie Hill (Robbie) of Wadesboro, Ryan Burris (Kari) of Mebane, Daniel Burris (Labrisha) and Brandon Burris, all of Lumberton and Lilly Burris of Wadesboro; her great-grandchildren, Chloe, Noah, Zoey, Jonah, Micah, Kalib, Kaylie, Koby, Kinsley, Aaron, April, Abbey, Allie, Jimmy, Isaiah and Daniel; six great-great-grandchildren; her brother and sisters, Cleveland Jordan, Jr., Peggy Long (John) and Josephine Dickens, all of Wadesboro; and her sister-in-law Eunice Jordan of Wadesboro.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Richard Burris and her brothers and sisters, Woodrow Jordan, Pete Jordan, Pauline Pegram, Louise Paul, Cleva Mae Hooks, Sarah Dickens, Mary Frances Diggs and Marguerite Treadaway.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mt. Beulah Baptist Church, 3373 Country Club Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

Mr. Bruce Wallace Canipe

On Friday, January 28, 2022, Mr. Bruce Wallace Canipe, 69, passed away peacefully at McWhorter Hospice House in Monroe.

There will be a memorial service at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 5, 2022, at The Red Barn, 3710 Crawford Pond Road in Morven with Rev. Thomas Burch



