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On Sunday, February 6, 2022, Mrs. Ellen Leckell Owca, 58, passed away peacefully at Atrium CMC Main in Charlotte.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 11, 2022, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Randy Storz officiating. Interment will follow in Lilesville Cemetery.

The family will greet friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at the funeral home.

Ellen was born April 3, 1963, in Sun Dance, WY, and was a daughter of the late Melvin Eugene Leckell and the late Katherine Ingram Leckell. She was a 1981 graduate of Bowman High School and received an associate degree from Richmond Community College.

She was employed with Medical Specialties in Wadesboro and a member of Mt. Beulah Baptist Church.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Heather Owca of Lilesville and Dustin Owca (fiance' Allison) of Orlando, FL; her grandchildren, Bradlee Chavis and Gage Owca; her brother and sisters, Mark Leckell and Debra Horne, both of Lilesville and Wanda Hildreth of Greenville; and her nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother Michael Leckell.

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

### Casey Lynn Tucker

On Friday, February 4, 2022, Casey Lynn Tucker, 31, a brave and courageous young lady who lived fiercely with Cystic Fibrosis, fought the battle hard and became victorious, and is now able to breathe new and celestial air in Heaven.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 10, 2022, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Sam Abee and Mr. Ken Caulder officiating. Interment will follow in Anson Memorial Park.

The family will greet friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at Leavitt Funeral Home.

Casey's families are gathering at the homes of both of her grandparents, Linda and Wayne Kelly in Morven and Lib Tucker in the Cason's Old Field Community of Morven.

Casey was born May 2, 1990, in Anson County and was a daughter of Connie Jacobs Tucker and Kenneth Bittle Tucker, Jr. She was preceded in death by her sister Katie Lynn Tucker and by her grandfathers, Kenneth Tucker and Johnny Jacobs.

Casey was a 2008 graduate of Anson High School and received an Associate Degree in Medical Assistant from South Piedmont Community College. She attended the Wadesboro Church of God.

Those left to cherish her memory are her mother Connie Tucker of Wadesboro; her father Ken Tucker (Teasha Smith) of Morven; her grandparents, Lib Tucker and Linda and Wayne Kelly, all of Morven; her uncles and aunts, Steven and Norma Jean Kelly, and Natalie and Robert Williams of Morven, Wayne and Sharon Jacobs of Mt. Gilead, Crystal and Jeremy Brooks of Stanfield and Becky Burr of Columbia, SC; her cousins, all of whom she adored, Chris Kelly, Timothy Kelly, Milea Gullede (Scott), Franklin Jones (Ashley), Brianna Williams, Carver Williams, Alivia Williams, Cheyenne Jacobs, Rylee Burr, Sunee Burr, Barrett Brooks and Hayden Brooks; her "little cousins," Emma, Aubrey, Wyatt and Jackson; special friends, Jessica Carpenter and Ashley Hardison; and Jessica's children, Garrett and Gracie, who Casey referred to as her babies.

Casey's family is very grateful for the overwhelming outpouring of love and concern for her not only in recent weeks, but during her entire life and journey with Cystic Fibrosis. Casey loved all of her family and friends was able to make her journey courageously because of that. She was the recipient of a double lung transplant on September 12, 2019, and the years after that have been remarkable ones for her and her family. She was blessed!

Casey will be remembered for her love of the beach and traveling. She was always on the go. If anyone was going somewhere, she was always ready to join in the trip. Family time and Christmas were among her favorite times. She always enjoyed buying gifts for her family and friends at Christmas.

Many lives have been touched by her strong will, determination and inspiration in the way she lived her life. Casey was a true fighter and everyone's hero!

In lieu of flowers and in appreciation for the work they do, the family requests memorials be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Western Carolina Chapter, 4600 Park Rd Ste 100, Charlotte, NC 28209-0201.

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### 472 Area Code to Overlay the Existing 910 Area Code

The North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission), by Order dated June 25, 2021, approved implementation of a new area code overlay to provide relief for the 910 Numbering Plan Area (NPA or area code) that serves the southeastern area of North Carolina, including the cities of Fayetteville, Jacksonville, Lumberton, Wilmington, and the military installation of Fort Bragg, within the counties of Cumberland, Onslow, Robeson, and New Hanover.

The new 472 area code will overlay the existing 910 area code and will serve the same geographic area but will not require current 910 phone numbers to change.

According to the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), the remaining supply of available new telephone numbers in the 910 area code is estimated to be exhausted in late 2022. After all available 910 area code numbers are completely exhausted, assignment of new numbers using the 472 area code will begin. Beginning October 7, 2022, customers in the 910 area code overlay region may be assigned a number in the new 472 area code when they request new service or an additional line.

Customers receiving a 472 area code will be required to dial the area code and phone number for all local calls, just as customers with telephone numbers from the 910 area code do today.

Tips to prepare for the eventual start of the new 472 area code include:

- Checking devices to verify that area codes are included with all stored numbers.
- Continuing to program/save/store phone numbers to all devices using the full 10digit telephone number (three digit area code plus seven digit telephone number).
- Verifying that all services and equipment – such as automatic dialers, life-safety and medical alert systems, alarm/security systems and security gates, call forwarding settings and voicemail services – recognize the new 472 area code as a valid phone number.

Customers have or will receive more detailed information in notices from their local telecommunications providers.

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