

On Sunday, February 12, 2023, Mrs. Edith Ponds Thompson, 85, peacefully slipped away to be with Jesus and her loved ones while being cared for at Atrium NorthEast in Concord.

Her family will have a private graveside service at Bethlehem Cemetery in Ansonville. Friends are welcome to call on the family at her home at any time through Wednesday, February 15.

Edith was born May 6, 1937, in Anson County, and was a daughter of the late Clyde Lee "Red" Ponds and the late Lillie Lawhon Ponds. She was a graduate of Ansonville High School. Following high school graduation, she graduated from Flora MacDonald Women's College in Red Springs, a junior college, and completed her Early Childhood Education studies at Pfeiffer College in Misenheimer.

Her 35-plus year career in elementary education began at Aquadale Elementary School in Stanly County, teaching there for three years, after which she worked back at home in Ansonville at Ansonville Elementary School teaching children in first through third grades. She later worked as a Literacy Coach. Following retirement she volunteered at the school and served as a substitute tech from time to time. Her passion was always children and helping ensure a better education for them all.

Edith was a lifelong member of Ansonville Baptist Church, where she sang in the choir and was involved with the WMU, the Women's Missionary Society.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her sons and daughter-in-law, Billy and Renee Thompson and Scott Thompson, all of Ansonville; her granddaughter Anna Lashua (Scott) of Polkton; her great-grandchildren, Bryson Curlee, Harper Lashua and Hadley Lashua; her son-in-law Gary Drake of Garden City, SC; her brother-in-law Cary Sullivan of Ansonville; her extended family of Leffews and Thompsons; and many special and dear friends, all whom she loved dearly.

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Many lives have been touched by Edith Thompson and we are all better for having walked life's path with her.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband William Howard "Bill" Thompson; her daughter Sheila Drake and her sisters and brother, Evelyn Sullivan, Myra Calloway and Vance Ponds.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ansonville Baptist Church, P.O. Box 368,

Ansonville, NC 28007 or to Bethlehem Cemetery Fund, c/o, Robert Burr, 1287 Dickie Little Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

While the hearts of those who love her are saddened and broken, we can rejoice in knowing she is at peace.

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

Church News

THE CHURCH CALENDAR IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THESE SPONSORS

FEBRUARY 15 - 17

Women of Fire

Service at Johnson Chapel Holiness Church, 7:30pm nightly. Wed-Pastor Bernice Johnson, Thu-Pastor Sylvia McLendon, Fri-Apostle Frances Hardison. All are invited.

FEBRUARY 18

BBQ Fundraiser

For Baby Briggs Hildreth's heart surgery at Cathedral Baptist Church, 10:30am until. Pork or chicken with slaw, beans, roll & dessert \$12. Dine in or takeout. 1215 Old Lilesville Road, Wadesboro. 704-694-6670

FEBRUARY 25

Five Below Yard Sale

At Harris Chapel AME Zion Church in Morven, 9am-12 noon. New with tags & slightly used housewares, clothes, shoes, kitchenware, bedding, handbags & lots more! Nothing over \$5.

FEBRUARY 26

Family & Friends Day

At Henry Grove Baptist Church, 3588 Vintage Rd in Lilesville, 11am with Rev. Jeff Adams, Pastor of Chambers Grove Church in Marshville. You are cordially invited.

Appreciation Service

At Johnson Chapel Holiness Church, 3pm with Pastor Sandra Ellerbe.

MARCH 3

BBQ Plate Sale

At Pleasant Hill AME Zion Church, 378 Pleasant Hill Church Rd (109 South) in Wadesboro, starting at 10am. Plates \$12 & bulk \$13. All are invited for a delicious barbecue meal!

MARCH 4 & 5

1st Appreciation Service for Pastor Tobias Wall & Lady Janetta Wall at Saron Missionary Baptist Church. Sat-3pm & Pastor Wall Sun-11am.

Events

FEBRUARY 18

Class of 1973 Reunion Bowman High School meeting to plan reunion, 3pm at Lady Bug Restaurant. All classmates invited. Info Brenda S. Rorie 704-695-5196.

FEBRUARY 20

Called Meeting Of Anson County Board of Education, 4pm to discuss bids for the new middle school project, in the Administrative Board Room, 320 Camden Rd in Wadesboro.

FEBRUARY 24

BBQ Fundraiser

For Anson County Domestic Coalition, 10am-6pm at Calvary Episcopal Church, 304 E. Wade St. in Wadesboro. Take-out & delivery only. Sandwiches \$5, pints \$12, quarts \$22, plates \$10 with chopped bbq, slaw, beans, roll & dessert. Deliveries 5 or more orders 704-694-4499.

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CITYREACH COMMUNITY CENTER

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18TH

Doors: 5:00 pm

SHOW 6PM TIME

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March 7 to March 30

TIME
10:00am to 12 noon

PLACE
Grace Senior Center
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A Matter of Balance was most helpful - it made me more aware of what can be done to ensure safety at home. The class provided a definite time each week to meet and discuss concerns with others.

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