

# 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

**Mrs. Nicole Carpenter Carver**  
On Wednesday, February 16, 2022, Mrs. Nicole Carpenter Carver, 32, loving wife, mother, daughter and sister, went to be with the Lord while a patient at Atrium Union in Monroe.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, February 20, 2022, at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Peachland with Rev. Tim Helms and Rev. Travis Cain officiating.

Interment followed in the church cemetery.

The family greeted friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 19, 2022, at Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro and other times at the home.

Nicole was born June 22, 1989, in Stanly County, NC and was a daughter of Donny Ray Carpenter and Robin Starnes Carpenter. She was a graduate of Anson High School and received her certified nurse's assistant certification from South Piedmont Community College. She worked in healthcare at assisted living and nursing facilities in and around Anson County.

She was a member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Peachland, and she dearly loved her church family.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband of six years, Johnathon Carver; her daughters, Gladys and Gracie; her parents, Donny and Robin Carpenter of Polkton; her sister and brother-in-law, Heather and Stephen Fryze of Peachland; her grandmother Annie Starnes of Polkton; her mother-in-law Suzanne Thomas of Kernersville; her aunts and uncles, Jan and Floyd Wright and Dennis Carpenter, all of Peachland, Carolyn and Ronnie Hamilton of Polkton and Tommy and Jackie Carpenter of Stanfield; and her cousins and their families.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Lewis Starnes and Curtis and Fannie Carpenter. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Leavitt Funeral Home, P.O. Box 274, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or by visiting the website and using the making a payment option, to assist with funeral expenses.

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

## Mrs. Mary Jane Whitley Gray

On Tuesday, February 15, 2022, Mrs. Mary Jane Whitley Gray, 89, transferred from the church militant to the church triumphant, at her home with her daughters and close friends at her bedside.

A service celebrating her life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, by the graveside in Anson Memorial Park with Rev. Stacey Lundy officiating. The family will greet friends following the service.

Mary Jane was born December 15, 1932, in Stanly County, NC and was a daughter of the late Ernest Tillmon Whitley and the late Eunice Jeleen Hudson Whitley. She was a graduate of Aquadale High School and received a Bachelor of Education from Woman's College in Greensboro, which is now the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

She taught Home Economics in the Anson County School System and retired as a science teacher with 37 years of service.

Mary Jane was a longtime and faithful member of First United Methodist Church, Wadesboro. She served in many capacities at First Methodist Church, including: former Sunday School teacher, member of the administrative board, member of the handbell choir, officer and member of the United Methodist Women. She chaired work area on education and youth, coordinated Disciple training, maintained the church bulletin boards, was a member of the No Boundaries Travel Group and was involved in other various committees and areas of service.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Crysta Gray Williams of New London and Kelly Gray Bradley (Scott) of Gastonia; her grandchildren, Whitley Morgan Griggs of Charlotte and Matthew Gray Bradley of Gastonia; her step-grandsons, Ryan Michael Bradley of Jacksonville, FL and Kyle Edward Bradley (Carrie) of Indian Land, SC; her step-great-grandson Easton Edward Bradley of Indian Land, SC; and her brother and sister, Dan Cabot Whitley (Janet) of Norwood and Patsy Whitley Crowell of Indian Trail.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Donald Bennett Gray. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 118 E. Morgan St., Wadesboro, NC 28170 or to Community Home Care and Hospice, 1791 E. Broad Ave., Rockingham, NC 28379.

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

## Mrs. Joannie D. Pegram

On Saturday, February 19, 2022, Mrs. Joannie D. Pegram, 64, went to be with her Lord, with her family at her side while being cared for at McWhorter Hospice House in Monroe.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 25, 2022, at Deep Creek Baptist Church with Rev. Mark Perko officiating. Interment will follow in Anson Memorial Park.

The family will greet friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at Leavitt Funeral Home and other times at the home.

Joannie was born December 21, 1957, in Anson County, NC. She was a 1977 graduate of Bowman High School and worked as a CNA MedTech at Heritage Hills Nursing Home for many years.

She was a dedicated member of Deep Creek Baptist Church where she was a member of the Mamie Webb Prayer Circle, WMU and the Fellowship Melissa Ratliff Sunday School Class. She also volunteered with Gullede Volunteer Fire Department.

Joannie loved to stay on the go. She enjoyed travelling and looked for any excuse to go on a road trip. Trips to the mountains or the beach were among her favorite places to visit. She also enjoyed planting and growing flowers, watching wrestling and the Andy Griffith show, decorating for all holidays, especially Christmas and any time to get together with her family and friends.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband of 42 years, Frankie Pegram; her son Franklin Pegram of Morven; her parents, Joyce and Van Garris of Morven; her brother and sister-in-law, Darrell and Phyllis Dawkins of Wadesboro; her beloved dog BJ and beloved cat Willie; her brother-in-law and sisters-in-law, Joe and Gayle Pegram of Wadesboro and Sandra Mabry of Peachland; her nephew and nieces, Mike Pegram (Rachel) of Midland, Katie Green (Brad) and Candace Roberts (Travis), all of Ansonville and their families; her first cousins, Jean Tyson (Dennis) of Traveler's Rest, SC and Helen Maree of Wadesboro, with whom she shared very special relationship; and four half-sisters.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents D.F. and Lonie High, Coleman and Sarah Garris, her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Joe and Alberta Pegram and her brother-in-law Rod Mabry.

Joannie's family is most grateful for the outpouring of love shown to her during her courageous battle with cancer.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Deep Creek Baptist Church Building Fund, c/o Wanda Steele, Mayesville Rd., Morven, NC 28119 or to McWhorter Hospice House, 700 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 28110.

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



## Mrs. Peggy Cox Bernstein

Mrs. Peggy Cox Bernstein, 76, went to be with her Lord on Saturday, February 19, 2022.

A service to celebrate Peg's life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 26, 2022, at North Raleigh United Methodist Church. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

We are blessed to have learned many valuable lessons from Peg during her 76 years among them, her motto for life "No one or no thing will ever rob me of my joy."

She met and fell in love with Dr. Jerry C. Bernstein while he was in his residency training. They married in 1975 and were linked in their hearts by an undying love. Devotion to each other was evident to all who knew them. Her greatest joy she shared with Jerry were their two daughters, Beth and Blair. There was nothing she enjoyed more than being a mom, and how she adored her girls! We would be remiss without mentioning the love they shared for shagging and cutting a rug.

Peg's greatest gift to her Lord was loving and doing whatever needed to be done for any of His children. She was a natural at spirit-lifting, listening and care writing. It was also her gift just to be available and welcoming to any who needed her. Her inner joy and wisdom she passed on with ease and kindness. To her, it was just what she was put here on this earth to do. She met everyone with a smile and encouraged laughter as the best medicine. She had the most incredible laugh! She was an inspiration and a true angel on earth.

Peg was born in Wadesboro on December 9, 1945, to Mararuth Allen Cox and Norwood Cox, Jr. She leaves to cherish her memory her beloved husband of 46 years, Dr. Jerry Charles Bernstein, her children, Elizabeth (Jason) Monastra and Blair Adele Bernstein; her siblings, Mararuth (Joe) Capell of Kure Beach, NC, Adele (Doug) Cines of Wynnewood, PA and Nick (Janet) Cox of Myrtle Beach, SC; five grandchildren; and ten nieces and nephews.

Those of us left behind celebrate the miracle that we had her in our lives to love us and to help mold us into the people we are today. That was surely one of her greatest gifts. She would ask that we fill the hole in our hearts by healing and helping others in all the ways we can.

Peg leaves you with these words from one of her favorite devotionals, Daily Word, "I rest in the knowledge that I am one in Spirit with those I love. If we are separated by death, we are still eternally connected by love that never ends. The love, the memories we made and the bond we share remain alive in you. I am reassured by the awareness that our truest connection is spiritual and eternal, draw upon the comfort and light of God at any time and rest in the sanctuary of peace. I am strengthened and renewed in Spirit, knowing those I love are part of God, just as I am. May this knowledge comfort you on life's journey for peace, blessed with eternal comfort and hope."

The family expresses special thanks to the following: Dr. Ben Fischer and his staff; Dr. Jim Palombaro and WakeMed North ED staff; Drs. Mark Wood and Paul Carnes; Sean Russell PA, and WakeMed CICU staff.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The WakeMed Foundation, 3000 New Bern Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27610, or a charity of one's choice.

The arrangements are in care of Brown-Wynne Funeral Home, 300 Saint Mary's Street, Raleigh, NC 27605. Online condolences may be made at [dignitymemorial.com](http://dignitymemorial.com).




**NEW SOFA & LOVESEAT**



**SAME OR NEXT DAY DELIVERY!**



**NEW QUEEN BEDROOM**

**MARTIN FURNITURE FACTORY OUTLET**  
Highway 74 West in Wadesboro • 704-694-3185

Mon-Fri 8:30-5 Closed  
Saturday 8:30-1 Sunday

# CLASSIFIEDS

## REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

**HOUSES FOR RENT**  
Crider & Crider Properties  
704-694-3030

**1 BEDROOM APARTMENT IN WADESBORO**  
For single professional only.  
No pets. No children.  
**CRIDER & CRIDER PROPERTIES**  
Text 704-694-8080

## FOR SALE

**2011 HONDA ODYSSEY VAN TOURING EDITION** Silver with gray leather interior. Very good condition. Garage kept, non smokers. 175k mainly highway miles. No problems - runs & looks great. Recent tuneup. New battery, belts & spark plugs. Tires in very good condition. \$12,000 Call Allen Lyon 704-681-5776



**MARSHVILLE FAMILY DENTISTRY**  
General, Cosmetic & Implant Dentistry  
6604 E. Marshville Blvd.  
Marshville, NC 28103  
704-624-6300  
[www.marshvilledentist.com](http://www.marshvilledentist.com)

**WE SELL APPLIANCE PARTS**  
**MARTIN FURNITURE FACTORY OUTLET**  
High Quality - Low Prices  
1367 Highway 74 West  
Wadesboro • 704-694-3185