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Obituaries

2017, at Carolinas Medical Center Union in Monroe.

A memorial service was held on Monday, February 27, 2017, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. There will be a private inurnment in Eastview Cemetery at a later date.

Mac was born May 24, 1955, in Anson County, a son of the late Henry Clay Benton and the late Dorothy McRae Benton. He worked as a Supervisor at the Anson County Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Surviving are his wife Karla Carpenter Benton of the home; his brother and sisters, Henry Clay Benton, Jr. (Dianne) of Angier, Jan Benton of Myrtle Beach, SC and Dorothy Ann Inman (Billy) of Hamlet; his

father-in-law, Steve and Sue Carpenter of Ansonville; sister-in-law, Kay Smith (Mark) of Oakboro; his brother-in-law, Steve Carpenter, Jr. (Nichole) Carpenter of Ansonville; and his nieces and nephews and their families.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 4701 Hedgemore Drive, Suite 810, Charlotte, NC 28209.

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

Mrs. Pauline Garris (Davidson) Davis

Mrs. Pauline Garris (Davidson) Davis, 98, formerly of Pageland, SC and Wadesboro, departed this

life for eternity on Monday, February 20, 2017.

A service to celebrate Pauline's life was held on Thursday, February 23, 2017, in Providence Baptist Church of Pageland, with burial following in the church cemetery.

Pauline devoted her life to serving her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and to her dear family. She was a current member of Conrad Memorial Baptist Church in High Point, and a longtime former member of Providence Baptist Church in Pageland where she served in many capacities, including Associational WMU Director.

Pauline was married to Robert Lee Davidson for almost 60 years and to Elijah Davis for six years, both of whom pre-

ceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish her memories a son Gene Davidson (Marsha) of Columbia, SC; a daughter Elizabeth Gullede Taylor (Herman) of Trinity; six

grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; and three siblings, Julian Garris and Eunice Jordan, both of Wadesboro, and Margaret Tucker of High Point.

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Wildlife Commission Sets Regulations for 2017-18

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission voted yesterday on proposed rule changes to 39 agency regulations related to wildlife management, fisheries, game lands, and law enforcement for the 2017-18 seasons. The effective date for these regulations is Aug. 1, 2017.

Of the 39 proposed rule changes presented during public hearings in January, 38 were approved. The one proposal that was not approved would have prohibited the use of archery equipment for taking nongame fishes on a section of Lake James (F15). This proposed change was designed to protect muskellunge during the spawning season. After hearing from constituents, wildlife commissioners recognized that stakeholders are working together to resolve those issues outside of rule changes and instead through angler education and signage on the lake.

Wildlife commissioners approved fishing proposals that will add 40 miles of wild trout waters to the agency's Public Mountain Trout Waters program - 10 miles on Rendezvous Mountain State Forest Game Land in Wilkes County and 30 miles on Stone Mountain State Park in Alleghany County. The addition of these wild trout waters brings the total number of miles in the Public Mountain Trout Waters program to more than 5,300 miles.

Wildlife commissioners approved three regulations that redefine youth as anyone under 18 years old for the purpose of allowing youth to participate in the youth either-sex deer hunts (H2), Youth Deer Hunting Day (H2), Spring Youth-only Wild Turkey Season (H2), Delayed Harvest Trout Waters Youth-only Season (F9), and any youth hunts on game lands (G2). This new definition applies only to the age for the youth hunts and the youth fishing season listed above. For license purchases, youth continues to be defined as anyone 15 and younger.

Among the eight wildlife management-related changes that were approved, was one that would eliminate the use of paper Big Game Harvest Record sheets (H7). Hunters will begin reporting their big game harvest either by phone or Internet, starting with deer season this fall. This change completes the conversion of big game harvest reporting from paper to an electronic registration system, which began with turkey harvest reporting in 2003.

To view the full text of all 39 regulations, download the public hearings booklet at www.ncwildlife.org.

Other Actions - In addition to voting on the above regulations, wildlife commissioners approved three water safety rules:

- A no-wake zone on Lake Tillery in the vicinity of the Lilly's Bridge Boating Access Areas and the Route 1110 bridge, in Montgomery County
- A no-wake zone in the portion of the canal at Dolphin Bay Estates in the Town of Cedar Point
- Technical changes to clarify text for no-wake zones in New Hanover County

Water safety rules will go into effect April 1, 2017. Read full text of the three water safety rules at www.ncwildlife.org.

Wildlife commissioners also approved taking to public hearings, proposed modifications to the state protected animal list for 37 wildlife species. Public hearings will be held in Raleigh, New Bern and Morganton in April, with exact dates to be determined.

Hunting and Fishing License Exemptions for NC Military Personnel

North Carolina residents serving full-time active military duty outside of the state in the Armed Forces or a reserve component of the Armed Forces and home on leave for 30 days or less may hunt or fish without obtaining a license. When hunting or fishing, they must have with them a military identification card and a copy of the official document issued by their service unit confirming that they are on authorized leave from their duty station outside of the state.

Military personnel also must comply with all reporting and hunter safety requirements as mandated by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, purchase any federal migratory waterfowl stamps as required by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and comply with all other state license requirements.

All annual and short-term licenses, including the Coastal Recreational Fishing License, are included in the exemption.

For a list of all available licenses, visit the NC Wildlife Resources Commission's website, www.ncwildlife.org.



Mr. Samuel Lamar Smith

Mr. Samuel Lamar Smith, 82, of Polkton, passed away Friday evening, February 24, 2017, at Stanly Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 27, 2017, at Rocky River Baptist Church with Rev. Dennis Stegall officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

The family received friends Sunday evening at Rocky River Baptist Church fellowship hall.

Mr. Smith was born December 17, 1934, to the late David Victor and Frances Braswell Smith. He was a faithful member of Rocky River Baptist Church. He was a textile retiree and a US Army veteran.

In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by one brother, David V. Smith, and three sisters, Vernell Helms, Stella Griffin and Barbara Godwin.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Conseen Smith of the home, one brother, John Smith and wife Brenda of Peachland; one sister, Doris Quinn and husband Tom of Surprise, Az.; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to: Rocky River Baptist Church, 297 Rocky River Church Road, Polkton, NC 28135.

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