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**Obituaries**

**Mrs. Betty Jo Kelly Deese**

On Saturday, February 20, 2021, Mrs. Betty Jo Kelly Deese, 79, went to be with her Lord while at Atrium Health Anson in Wadesboro. Funeral services will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 4, 2021, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Michael White officiating. The family will greet friends one-hour prior to the service on Thursday. A private interment will be on Friday, March 5, 2021 at Anson Memorial Park. Betty Jo was born October 31, 1941, in Anson County, and was a daughter of the late Curly Dew Kelly and the late Lillie Mae Carter Kelly. She worked for many years in textiles and retired from Carolina Apparel Group in Wadesboro. Although she was not a member, she attended the Wadesboro Church of God all her life and she sang in the choir. Those left to cherish her memory are her husband of 60 years, Julian Deese; her children, Cathy Deese Grantham of Hartsville, SC and Tim Deese (Joyce) of Polkton; her grandchildren, Rick Davis (fiancé Michelle Williams) and Chase Davis (Tracy Spencer), all of Chesterfield, SC and Jamie Diggs and John Diggs, both of Wadesboro; her great-grandchildren, Colbi Griffin (Garrett) of Polkton, Kendal Diggs (fiancé Brandon Eddins) of Norwood, Alyssa, Jaylynn and Austin Curry, Wyatt Adams and Hunter Blackwell, all of Chesterfield and Jorja Diggs of Oakboro; her brother and sister, Wayne Kelly (Linda) of Morven and Julie Grooms (Barry) of Lilesville; and her nieces and nephews and their families. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters, Willie Kelly, Leonard Kelly, Tillie Butler and Mary Ruth Treadaway. Betty Jo will be remembered for loving her family deeply and for her great sense of humor and infectious laughter. The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).

**Chief Master Sergeant (Retired) James Harold Martin**

Chief Master Sergeant (Retired) James Harold Martin, 84, died Monday, February 22, 2021, while a resident at the Yadkin Nursing Center in Yadkinville, NC. A service to celebrate James' life was held on Friday, February 26, 2021, at Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro with military honors. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park. The public was invited to attend the funeral service and encouraged to wear masks while practicing social distancing. Born in Tabor City, NC on February 27, 1936, James was a son of the late Grover Cleveland and Eva Smith Martin. He joined the United States Air Force soon after his graduation from high school and spent 30 years proudly serving his country at various bases around the world. Upon his retirement he settled in the Fayetteville area where he and his wife remained until recently when his health began to fail. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Betty Poplin Martin of the home; two daughters, Linda M. Martin (Tim) of Yadkinville and Gloria McGowan of Loxahatchee, FL; four grandchildren, David Martin (Melissa), Daniel Martin, Ashley McGowan and Courtney McGowan; and one brother, Ray Martin (Joan) of Petersburg, VA. In addition to his parents, James was preceded in death by a brother, Joe Martin; and three sisters, Eloise M. Malinowski, Frances Miller, and Doris M. Hutto. Leavitt Funeral Home served the Martin Family. Online condolences may be made at [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).

**Mrs. Patricia "Toosie" Thompson Melton**

On Thursday, February 25, 2021, Mrs. Patricia "Toosie" Thompson Melton, 68, went to be with the Lord at her home. The services will be private at her request. Toosie was born July 5, 1952, in Alamance County, NC and was a daughter of the late Julian Bennett Thompson and the late Helen Kiker Thompson. She was a 1971 graduate of Bowman High School and worked for several years in hotel hospitality management. She grew up in North Wadesboro Baptist Church and most recently attended All Souls Episcopal Church in Ansonville. Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Kevin Melton (April) of Chesterfield, SC, and Christy Williams (Jimmy) of Wadesboro; her grandchildren, Brooke Melton, Leann Melton, Hailey Melton, Cassidy Harward, Jordan Williams and Addison Williams; her great-grandchildren, McKinlee Deese, Kasen Walsh and Sophia Parks and baby girl Maya who is due to arrive in April; her brothers, Butch Thompson (Kathy) of Wadesboro and Mason Thompson (Jo Lynn) of Concord; and her lifelong friend Katrenia Davis of Peachland who was more like her sister. Toosie will be remembered as a loving and devoted mother, grandmother and friend. In her words she shared, "I want my children and grandchildren to know that I will leave this world loving them as much in death, and I will see you again." In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to assist with funeral expenses by choosing the Crowd Funding option on the obituary page and certain fees apply. The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).

**Carri Jackson Rembisz,**

On Wednesday, February 24, 2021, Carri Jackson Rembisz, 58, formerly of Lilesville, passed away peacefully at Novant Health Brunswick Medical Center in Bolivia. Her brother and son were with her. Funeral services were held on Sunday, February 28, 2021, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with her brother, Rev. Chris Jackson, officiating. Carri was born September 2, 1962, in Hickory, NC, and was the daughter of William Alan Jackson and the late Gloria Gilbert Jackson. She was a 1981 graduate of Bowman High School and had worked for CMH Flooring Products in Wadesboro. She was well liked by her coworkers and the customers she assisted every day. Those left to cherish her memory are her sons, Douglas Rembisz of Hamlet, Daniel Rembisz of Ocean Isle Beach and Andrew Rembisz of Lilesville; two granddaughters; her father Alan Jackson of Wadesboro; her brothers, Chris Jackson (Cathy) of Lilesville and Alex Jackson of Wadesboro; and her nieces and nephews and their families. In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by her brother David Jackson. The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).

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\* All events are subject to change because of the COVID-19 situation. You may want to seek confirmation of events.

**Church News**

**ONGOING In Home Prayer Meetings Offered** by New Life Ministries Pentecostal. Call Pastor Randy Brooks 704-690-4900 or Sister Linda Mitchell 704-270-4071  
**Bible Study** At Christ Chapel of Truth on Hwy 74E in Wades  
**Bible Study** Every Wednesday at Poplar Springs MBC, 6-7pm  
**Bible Class** At Lindsey Chapel FCOG every Wednesday, 7pm. Genesis to Revelations. Everyone invited

**Events**

**MARCH 11 Middle & High School Conferences**, 2-7pm. Held remotely. Your child's teacher will reach out to you to schedule  
**MARCH 15 Middle & High School Conferences**, 2-4pm. Held remotely. Your child's teacher will reach out to you to schedule  
**MARCH 16 Middle & High School Conferences**, 2-4pm. Held remotely. Your child's teacher will reach out to you to schedule

**ONGOING EVENTS Thrift Store** Open at Feed My Lambs every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 1-5pm. Located at 2290 Hwy 74 West, Wadesboro. 704-695-1820  
**Senior Box Program** at Feed My Lambs starts the third Tuesday each month for seniors only. Located at 2290 Hwy 74 West, Wadesboro. 704-695-1820  
**Food Pantry** Free food every Wed, 9-11am at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Ctr. 704-826-8182  
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