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Obituaries Mr. James Al Harris

Mr. James Al Harris, 78, departed his life on Sunday, February 28, 2016, while a patient at Carolinas HealthCare System-Union in Monroe.

Funeral services were held on Friday, March 4, 2016, at Henry Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Lilesville with Rev. Robert Davis officiating and Rev. L. Alvin Patterson giving the eulogy. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

James was born January 25, 1938, in Lilesville, a son of the late Al Sylvester Harris and the late Goldie Spencer Harris. He worked in the logging industry as both a chainsaw operator and skidder operator until declining health.

He is survived by his daughter, Cathy Harris (Rev. Garrie) Gaddy; three grandchildren, Tiffany Baucom, Gary Gaddy, Jr. and Shakasha Gaddy; two great-grandchildren, Malachi Gaddy and Mikiah

Harris and Terry Harris, both of Wadesboro; his sisters, Nellie M. Wilson of Lilesville, Bernice Wall and Mary (Lewitt) Melton, all of Wadesboro and Bobbie (Alvin) Patterson of Salisbury; his nieces and nephews, including two with whom he had a very relationship, special Tiffany Harris of Wadesboro and Alexis Lee of Charlotte; and a host of other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ingram Harris, brothers, Alfonza Thedo, and Tommy Harris and sisters, Eliza Grace, Dorothy

Gaddy; his brothers, Robert

Smith and Betty Lee. The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the staff of Carolinas HealthCare System-Anson, Deborah Lomax, Carolinas Primary Care, Carolinas Primary Care, Carolinas Health-Care System-Union, Marlene Cole and Healthy at Home Care for the wonderful care they gave James.

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

Mr. William Charles Diggs

Mr. William Charles Diggs, 88, of Morven went home to be with the Lord from Richmond County Hospice Haven on Monday, February 29, 2016, following several years of declining health.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, March 3, 2016, at Shiloh United Methodist Church in the Cairo community with Rev. Larry King and dear friend Mr. Sydney Pratt officiating. Burial followed in the Shiloh Church Cemetery.

Charles was born January 24, 1928, to the late Riley Harrison Diggs and Esther Lowry Diggs. He spent most of his life in the Morven/Cairo area, except for the two years spent in the US Army.

His younger years were spent farming, after which he became manager for Malsgate Farms. He was a member of Shiloh United Methodist Church, serving as trustee for a time and helping to construct the church fellowship building in 1999-2000.

Those left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife of 63 years, Elizabeth Carpenter Diggs; two sons, Eric Diggs (Nancy) of Polkton and Brian Diggs (Robyn) of West Palm Beach, FL; two daughters, Sara D. Griggs (Danny) of Morven and Julie D. Griffin (Carl) of Wadesboro; five grandchildren, Matthew Diggs (Megan Helms), Nicole D. Hyatt (Chris), Loren Griggs (Regina), Brad Diggs and Nick Diggs; four great-grandchildren, Jackson Griggs, and Ruby, Susanna and Marshall Hyatt; his only sister, Ruth D. Cruset of Kettering, OH; and many nieces and nephews.

The family expresses their heartfelt thanks to those who provided special care for Charles in these last weeks and months, Jackie Little, Bridgette Tillman, Willie Pickett, Henry Collins and the Richmond County Hospice workers.

Memorials may be made to Shiloh United Methodist Church, c/o Sara Griggs, 778 Long Rd., Morven, NC 28119.

Leavitt Funeral Home served the Diggs family. Online condolences may be made at *leavittfh.com*.

Monthly Family Support Group Meeting is March 15

Connections Family Support Program hosts a monthly family support group opened to parents, grandparents and foster parents. This is a

time for those with children who have behavioral, emotional, and/or learning challenges to share their experiences and learn from others.

The group meets the third Tuesday of the month, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Pritchett Room at the Hampton B. Allen Library. Brunch will be provided at no cost. Contact Suzanne Maness at (910) 627-1769, toll free (877) 211-5995 or by email at *connectionsfsp@gmail.com* to register. The deadline to register is Friday, March 11.

Bowman Senior High Class of 1971 Meets March 19

Bowman Senior High School Class of 1971 will meet on Saturday, March 19 at 3 p.m. at Hilltop Restaurant in Monroe.

For more information call Patricia Little or Winnie Brown at 704-848-8165.



Cell 910-331-2366

Mrs. Mary Etta Lewis Keith

Mrs. Mary Etta Lewis Keith, 82, died Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at Carolinas MHealthCare System-Union in Monroe.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 5, 2016, at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church with Rev. Larry King officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mary Etta was born May 18, 1933, in Anson County, a daughter of the late Johnny Isiah Lewis and the late Emma Jean Tyner Lewis. She was retired from Saconey Manufacturing in Cheraw with 31 years of service, and was a member of Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her sister Doris Whittington of McFarlan and her nieces and nephews and their families. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husbands, Walter James Keith and Jim McQuaige and sisters, Laura Phillips, Janie Livingston Moore, Janie Livingston Moore and Lizzie Griggs.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church Building Fund or Cemetery Fund, c/o Mildred Lowery, 8998 Diggs Rd., Morven, NC 28119.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be at www.leavittfh.com. THE EXPRESS • March 9, 2016 • Page 3



IN APPRECIATION

For 30 years Wilbur Moore was a part of Wadesboro and surrounding Anson County. He owned and operated the Hair Shack, shared his gift and love of music, and cultivated many precious relationships with the great people there. Though he touched the lives of many, he was always blessed in return.

On February 8th Wilbur went home to be with the Lord. His family would like to express their thanks and gratitude for each gesture of support, love and sympathy. Each act is greatly appreciated and we covet your continued prayers.

May God bless you all!

The Family of Wilbur Moore



Mrs. Dorothy Jean Preslar Taylor

Mrs. Dorothy Jean Preslar Taylor, 82, passed away Saturday, March 5, 2016.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at Hopewell United Methodist Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery. The family received friends following the service.

Mrs. Taylor was born August 8, 1933 in Anson County, daughter of the late Jonah Brice and Callie Mae Huneycutt

Preslar. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Ray Taylor, Sr.

Mrs. Taylor is survived by a son, Arthur R. Taylor, Jr. (Debbie) of Hartsville, SC; a daughter, Yvonne Little (Mike) of Peachland; a sister, Ann P. Williams (Harold) of Peachland; four grandchildren, Alana Little Hyatt (Rusty), Adam Little, Bronson Taylor and Alyx Little; and three great grandchildren, Audrey, Averie and Camille Hyatt.

Memorials may be made to Hopewell UMC Preschool or Cemetery Fund, 1715 Hopewell Church Rd., Peachland, NC 28133.

Gordon Funeral Service & Crematory located at 1904 Lancaster Avenue, Monroe NC 28112 is caring for the Taylor family.

Online condolences may be made at www.gordonfuneralservice.com.

