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**Mr. Shelton Bennett
"Ben" Faulkner**

Mr. Shelton Bennett "Ben" Faulkner, 79, died Sunday, April 7, 2013, at Ambassador Health and Rehab in Wadesboro.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2013, at First Baptist Church, Wadesboro with Dr. Robert Hunter and his son-in-law, Dr. Van Lankford officiating. Interment will follow in Anson Memorial Park.

Ben was born June 26, 1933, in Anson County, a son of the late Horace Franklin and Fannie Elizabeth Honeycutt Faulkner. He was a graduate of Wadesboro High School and Catawba College. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, having served during the Korean Conflict.

Ben had a long and productive career in banking, having begun with First National Bank of Wadesboro, which changed to Southern National Bank, thus retiring from Branch Bank and Trust Company. A member of First Baptist Church, Wadesboro, he was a member of the Special Interest Sunday School Class and the Anticipators.

Surviving are his children, Shelton Faulkner (Charity) of Lilesville, Jeff Faulkner (Maria) of Cheraw and Ann Lankford (Van) of Mocksville, NC; his grandchildren, Jason Faulkner of Lilesville, Lauren Faulkner Howell (Eric) of Wadesboro, Molly Lankford and Evan Lankford, both of Mocksville and Brett Burnett and Eric Burnett, both of Cheraw; his great-grandson Bryson of Wadesboro; and his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mack Davis and Irene Davis Seago both of Wadesboro.

In addition to his parents

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he was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Helen Davis Faulkner and by his sisters and brothers, Myrtle Usrey, Ruth Davis, Horace "June," Jim, Bob and Bruce Faulkner.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to Dr. Gary Henry and Dr. Victoria Rommel for their dedication and medical care given, and to the staff at both Ambassador Health and Rehab and Meadowview Terrace Assisted Living for the high level of care and compassion shown to Ben while he was a resident with them.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 423, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com.

**Mrs. Helen
Williams Edwards**

Mrs. Helen Williams Edwards, 85, died Tuesday, April 2, 2013, at Lillie Bennett Nursing Center.

Funeral services were held on Friday, April 5, 2013, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Bill Whitlow and Rev. Doug Moore officiating. Interment followed in Eastview Cemetery.

Helen was born July 15, 1927, in Anson County, a daughter of the late John Dudley Williams and the late Mae Shaver Williams.

Surviving are her children, Catherine (Ben) Edwards Williams of Wadesboro and Marshall "Pro" (Hilda) Edwards, Jr. of York, SC; her granddaughters, Daphne (Keith) McNeely of McConnelly, SC, Sally (Eric) Partin of Dallas, GA and Catherine (Matt) Walker of Lilesville; her great-grandchildren, Dustin, Kobi and Kallie McNeely, Scarlett Partin and Leighla Walker; and her brother, John (Peggy) Williams of Albemarle.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by

husband, Marshall LeGrand Edwards and by her brothers and sisters, Earl, Frank and Maynard Williams and Fannie Bell Kelly and Mary Louise Goodwin.

Memorials may be made to Gideon's International, Anson Camp, P.O. Box 904, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

**Reverend Ruby
Sneed Harris**

Reverend Ruby Sneed Harris died April 6, 2013.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday April 10, 2013, at Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Anson Memorial Park. The family will greet friends Wednesday one hour prior to the service at the church.

**Mrs. Josephine
Sturdivant Smith**

Mrs. Josephine Sturdivant Smith, 90, died Saturday, March 30, 2013, at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 3, 2013, at First Baptist Church, Sikes Avenue with Rev. Gregory Everett, officiating. Interment followed in Williams Cemetery, Polkton.

Josephine was born April 2, 1922, in Polkton, and was a daughter of the late William A. and Fannie Little Sturdivant.

She graduated from Polkton High School in 1943 and was employed for many years with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Sanders at their boarding house. Later she married Raymond Smith and to this union was born one son, Billy Smith. She was a long-time member of New Grove Baptist Church in Polkton. At the time of her death she was a member of First Baptist Church, Sikes Avenue.

In later years she moved to Charlotte and resided there for 10 years, working at Belk Cafeteria. She joined

St. Paul Baptist Church and attended faithfully and sang in the gospel choir.

After residing in Charlotte she decided to move to New York for employment. While residing in New York she joined Antioch Baptist Church in Flushing Queens, NY and sang in the gospel choir. Following her retirement she returned to Anson County to be near her family.

Surviving are her granddaughters, Vickey and Kristy Smith, both of Chapel Hill, NC; her daughter-in-law, Sharon Dunn Smith; and special niece and nephews, Ella and Henry Black and William Lowery; her brother-in-law, George Borden of Polkton; her sister-in-law, Era Sturdivant of Charlotte; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, her husband and her son, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Tyler E. Sturdivant, John Sturdivant, Doris Lowery, Lillian Carvin and Fannie Borden.

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

Benjamin Tillman
August 28, 1959 - April 5, 2013
Son of Thomas and Gloria Tillman of Wadesboro



In mom's arms...

Graduated from Bowman High School in 1978 and Elizabeth City University in 1983. Married almost 27 years to Cheryl. Father of two sons, ages 19 and 14. Ben and his family resided in Sterling, Virginia.

Funeral Service
Saturday, April 13, 2013, at 2 p.m.
Gatewood Station AME Zion Church
2548 Gatewood Station Road • Morven

Rivers Community Funeral Home,
Elizabeth City NC in charge of funeral arrangements

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**Brown Creek
Soil & Water
Board Meeting**

The Brown Creek Soil and Water Conservation District monthly board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16 at 10 a.m. The meeting will take place at the BC-SWCD, located at 1758 Morven Road in Wadesboro.

**Beautiful Quilt
Being Ruffled for
Special Olympics**

A beautiful hand made quilt is up for raffle, with all proceeds going to benefit the Anson County Special Olympics. Anson County Special Olympians helped make the quilt and donated it for the raffle. It features representations from Anson schools.

For a donation of only \$5 you can get in on the chance to win this special piece of art...and it is warm too! Of course everyone is welcome to buy more tickets or donate extra. This raffle is truly for a great cause. Special Olympic participants are provided an exciting day or fun and thrills each year.

There are costs involved with putting on the Special Olympics. Also, there are needs for funds all year long, not just for the event itself.

To purchase tickets, please call Pam Ratliff, Fundraising Chairperson, at 704-294-0408. The raffle winner will be announced during opening ceremonies for Special Olympics on Tuesday, April 30. The rain date is Thursday, May 2.

This year's Special Olympics will be held at the Anson High School Football Field, with opening ceremonies beginning at 9:30 a.m. "We want to invite the community out to attend and enjoy the Special Olympics," said Sylvia Tillman, Special Olympics Coordinator. "The olympians love to hear the attendees cheer them on."

Would you like to volunteer to help? If so, please contact Tillman at 704-694-4417. She asks that you contact her as soon as you can so that organizers will know how many people they can count on.

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