



Miss Annie Ruth Caulder

On Sunday, May 5, 2019, Miss Annie Ruth Caulder, 88, a resident of Wadesboro and formerly of Rockingham, went home to be with her Lord after being in the care of the staff of Wadesboro Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 11, 2019, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Dr. Robert Hunter, Jr. officiating. Interment will follow in Richmond County Memorial Park.

The family will greet friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 10, 2019, at the funeral home and other times at the home of her nephew and caregiver, Ken Caulder, 606 North Pine Lane in Wadesboro.

Annie Ruth was born September 5, 1930, in Richmond County, NC, the only daughter of the late Henry Duncan Caulder and the late Mary Jane Lampley Caulder. Due to an orthopedic condition and surgeries, she was unable to complete school. One of her proudest accomplishments was that she earned her GED through the Adult Education Program at Richmond Community College.

She worked many years as a seamstress in textiles, having worked at Rockingham Industries for 21 years and then 14 years at Sara Lee Hosiery where she retired.

Annie Ruth and her mother were both accomplished seamstresses, and made the majority of their own clothing. Annie Ruth would still be dressed in those same clothes if her nephew had not "cleaned out her closet." The ability to use her hands was not limited to sewing; she enjoyed making various kinds of crafts. Annie Ruth made ceramics, enjoyed decoupage, cross stitch, needle point, plastic canvas arts, and in recent years, knitting. All of the aides who worked with her at the nursing home each have a cross she made for them.

She was a member of the Church of God of Prophecy in Rockingham for more than 60 years, where she sang in the choir (before being unable to get in the choir loft), but her greatest love in church work was with the children's ministries. She served as the Vacation Bible School Director, and served 17 years as Gleaner Leader. She worked with several generations of children in the church. Under her leadership the Gleaners were recognized 6 years as the top program in the state of North Carolina for their offerings.

Thirteen years ago Annie Ruth realized she could no longer live alone and she made the decision to move from the family home in Rockingham to Wadesboro. She was one of the first residents to reside in Meadowview Terrace Assisted Living and lived there until 2011 when she was in need of more skilled care and moved to Heritage Hills Nursing Home, now Wadesboro Health and Rehab.

It was after moving to Wadesboro, she would be ministered to by the pastor and church family of First Baptist Church, Wadesboro. It was then she would be introduced to knitting prayer shawls and she was invited to be a part of the Wadesboro Prayer Shawl Ministry. Many of the prayer shawls she knitted have been shared with those in need of prayer and encouragement in various states. Among the prayer shawl recipients was Robin Roberts from Good Morning America during her battle with cancer.

Although she never married, she was preceded in death by her one and only true love, Murray Teal in 1963. She often said he was the only one for her, and now the sweethearts are reunited. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Henry "Hank" Caulder, Boyce Caulder and Walter Duncan Caulder who was an infant.

Surviving are her brothers and sisters-in-law, Bobby and Linda Caulder of Rockingham, Larry and Billie Sue Caulder of Ellerbe, Virginia Baker of Rockingham and Shirley Harward of Peachland. She never had children of her own, but often referred to her nephews, nieces and church children as her babies. Also surviving are a special cousin, Myra Garrett of Rockingham; and her caregivers at Wadesboro Health and Rehab, especially Miranda Quick who she referred to as her girl.

The family wishes to express their sincere thanks to the staff and residents at Wadesboro Health and Rehab for being a family to Annie Ruth and accepting and loving her for the person she was. She loved you.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Wadesboro Prayer Shawl Ministry, c/o 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 www.leavittfh.com.

Governor Proclaims May 5-11 Hurricane Preparedness Week

North Carolinians urged to update emergency kits and plans

As North Carolina works to rebuild from past storms, Governor Roy Cooper today urged North Carolinians to take steps now to get ready for the next hurricane season. Hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30 and to encourage residents to prepare, Governor Roy Cooper has proclaimed May 5-11 as Hurricane Preparedness Week.

"North Carolina has been hit by two huge storms in two years, and we know from experience that any storm should be taken seriously," said Gov. Cooper. "We hope and pray that North Carolina will be spared this hurricane season, but we must do everything we can to be prepared. Now is the time to get ready to protect your home and family from the next hurricane."

History indicates that families and communities who prepare in advance for hurricanes and other disasters are generally able to recover more quickly. Gov. Cooper urged families not to wait until a possible hurricane is in the forecast and to make time now to discuss their emergency plans, review their homeowners and renters insurance policies, and update their emergency supplies.

An emergency supply kit should contain enough supplies not just to get through the storm, but for the potentially lengthy aftermath. Make sure to have enough non-perishable food and water to last each family member three to seven days. Other essential items include:

- Copies of insurance papers and identification sealed in a watertight plastic bag
- First-aid kit
- Weather radio and batteries
- Needed prescription medicines
- Sleeping bag or blankets
- Changes of clothes
- Hygiene items such as toothbrush, toothpaste, soap and deodorant
- Cash
- Pet supplies including food, water, leashes, bedding, muzzle and vaccination records.

During storms, people should stay tuned to a trusted local news source and keep a battery-powered radio nearby for weather and evacuation information. They also need to heed the warnings of state and local officials and evacuate quickly when told to do so.

"It's critical that people prepare themselves and their families now for emergencies," said Public Safety Secretary Erik A. Hooks. "Prepare not just for the storm itself but for the days to follow, as with the larger storms it sometimes takes a few days for essential services to be restored."

Hooks reiterated that the most dangerous threat from hurricanes and tropical storms is flooding and storm surge. The storm doesn't even have to be classified as a tropical system to cause serious damage, he said.

Other steps to take now to before hurricane season:

- Know your evacuation routes and plan how you would get to safer ground if needed.
- Consider flood insurance, especially if you live near a body of water or in an area that has ever experienced flooding.
- Sign up for flood alerts from FIMAN, the NC Flood Inundation Mapping and Alert Network, to get up-to-the-minute warnings on potential flooding.

More information on hurricanes and overall emergency preparedness can be found on the ReadyNC mobile app and online at www.ReadyNC.org.

Bad Art Program! This Saturday.

Free event for young adults, 20s and 30s, to have fun while creating awful art!

The Hampton B. Allen Library is excited to announce it's the first program for individuals in their 20s and 30s! The theme for the program will be "Bad Art!" This fun event will be held this Saturday, May 11, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Make the craziest and tackiest art you can think of while enjoying a no pressure atmosphere with your peers. The only requirement: Leave your good taste at home...and let your silliness flow.

If you're interested, call the library at 704-694-5177 to reserve your free spot. The library is located at 120 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro.

Sponsorships Available for Upcoming Women's Conference

On Sunday, May 11 Greater St. Mark Church of Deliverance, located at 1003 North Main Street in Wadesboro, is holding their annual Women's Conference, hosted by the church's Missionary Department. The speakers are Pastor Donna McNair of Fairview Church of God in Burnsville and Minister Clintonia Forte, Associate Pastor at Greater St. Mark. The event runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dress is casual.

Sponsorships are available for area merchants and individuals in the form of financial contributions of \$50 or more. Also, you are welcome to share pens, pencils and other items with your business logo or information that will be distributed to the attendees. That way the church can promote those who support it and its efforts. The address for checks is: PO Box 172, Wadesboro NC 29170. The church thanks you in advance. For information call 704-694-5265.

Senior Citizen Prom is Rescheduled to August 9

Come and enjoy the Fabulous Fifties Senior Citizen Prom, to celebrate Older Americans Month. Come dressed in your fifties best...and eat, dance and have fun! All Anson County seniors are invited to join in the fun on Friday, August 9 for the Grace Senior Center Senior Citizen Prom. It will take place at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The event is free, free, free!!! Call Mary Jones to register at 704-694-6616.

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