

On Thursday, May 4, 2023, Mr. John Charles Allen, 80, passed away peacefully at the home of his daughter in the Burnsville Community in Polkton.

There will be a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 12, 2023, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. The family will greet friends following the service at the funeral home. Inurnment will be private in the Columbarium at Anson Memorial Park.

The family is gathering at his home on Burnsville Church Road in Polkton.

Charles was born August 1, 1942, in Wilmington, NC and was the only child of the late John Parker Allen and the late Rachel King Allen Thomas. He was a graduate of Polkton High School and was drafted into the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Following the war, he enlisted in the South Carolina National Guard. He retired from the National Guard with 24 years of service.

He owned and operated Polkton Welding and Fabricating, a welding and pipefitting business. Following retirement from both the military and his business, he worked for 10 years at Beachum and Lee Ford in Wadesboro and as a security officer with API.

Charles has also served on the Polkton Town Council.

He leaves to cherish his memory his daughters, Paige Allen Dyson (Michael) of Polkton and Ashlie Allen Jones (Chip Gay) of Keystone Heights, FL; his grandchildren, Gavin Jones of Polkton and Kennedy Jones of Darlington, SC; his great-grandson Levi Jones of Darlington, SC; his aunt, Barbara Williamson of Morven; and his sister-in-law Jeanette Howell (Curtis) of Wadesboro.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Pat Williams Allen and his stepfather Haywood Thomas.

Charles' family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to Patricia Harrison, Jackie Huntley, Linda Pratt and Tasha Lucas for the excellent care they gave him. The family will remain forever grateful for their being a part of their lives and his.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Friends of the Anson County Animal Shelter, c/o Turner and Tarlton, 111 E Wade St # B, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Mrs. Bonnie Randle Gay

On Saturday, May 6, 2023, Mrs. Bonnie Randle Gay, 66, beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, friend, and nurse, passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer.

There will be a memorial service at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 10, 2023 at Hopewell Baptist Church with Rev. Karl Randall officiating. The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the church.

Bonnie was born July 5, 1956, in Anson County, NC, and was a daughter of the late William Alfred Randle, Sr., and the late Annie Lee Caskey Randle Freeman. She was a 1974 graduate of Bowman High School and a 1975 graduate of Sandhills Community College Nursing Program.

A successful nursing career of nearly 47 years most of which was spent in her home of Anson County. She worked for a few years at Mission Hospital in Asheville in pediatrics when she and her husband lived in Asheville.

Bonnie worked in the Emergency Room at Anson County Hospital and from there she worked in skilled nursing. First, she worked at Anson County Hospital on Second Skilled Nursing, then at Lillie Bennett Nursing Home, and Heritage Hills Nursing Home, ultimately retiring from Wadesboro Health and Rehab. Many lives have been made better by Bonnie's nursing skills. She not only cared for her patients, but she also cared for their families. She possessed a heart for others and nursing truly was her calling.

She leaves to cherish her memory her husband of 46 years, Calvin S. Gay, Jr.; her daughter Jessica Lee Gay of the home; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Bill and Sylvia Randle of Albemarle and Terry and Jenny Randle of Anderson, SC; her nieces and nephews, Missy Price (Lynn) of Monroe, Morgan Gurley of Charlotte, Holly Spiars (Stephen) of Anderson and Nick Randle (Kathryn) of Chambersburg, PA and their families; and her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Warry and Wendy Gay of Manassas, VA and family.

Bonnie will long be remembered for her beautiful and caring spirit. May her memory be eternal, and her reunion be with not only her family but with the patients she cared for throughout the years.

Bonnie's family is grateful for all the acts of love and kindness shown during her battle with cancer.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to her daughter for her future needs, Jessica Lee Gay, c/o, Calvin Gay, 1907 Morven Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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Church

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MAY 14

Missionary Annual Women's Day at Greater St. Mark Church of Deliverance, 1003 Main St in Wadesboro, 11am with National Mother Mahalia Williams. All women in all white please.

MAY 20

Mind, Body & Spirit Symposium for the women of Anson County & surrounding community at First Baptist Church, Sikes Avenue, 9:45am-2pm. Speakers: Sharon Knotts-focus on women's health; Renee Hill Carter-grief & loss, soul self care; Shenna Wilson-mental illness among Black women. Come & join us.

Collard Green Sandwiches & Fish Sandwiches for sale at Rocky Mount AME Zion Church, 465 Grassy Island Rd in Ansonville, beginning at 11am. Also, fish plates, hot dogs & sausage dogs.

Bessie Chapel Male Chorus Gospel Fest - Outside fun! 1pm at Bessie Chapel AME Zion Church, Ingram Mountain Rd in Lilesville. Singing, eating & fun for the kids! Info 704-690-6873.

Fruit of the Spirit

Program at Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 5pm. Dinner served. Donation \$10. Everyone is welcome.

MAY 10

Muffins for Mom At Grace Senior Center, 2:30-3:30pm. 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

MAY 13

Class of 1973 Bowman High School 50th Reunion planning meeting at Lady Bug Restaurant in Wadesboro, 3pm. All classmates invited to attend. Info Brenda S. Rorie 704-695-5196.

MAY 16

Senior BINGO At Grace Senior Center, 1:00-2:00pm. 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

MAY 18

Craft & Workshop At Grace Senior Center, 12 noon-2:00pm. 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

MAY 19

Senior Line Dancing at Grace Senior Center, 2:30-3:30pm. 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

MAY 20

Motorcycle Benefit Ride held by Bowman High School Class of 1973 at White Pond Community Center, 2549 Sandy Ridge Church Rd, Morven. Registration 10-11:30am, ride begins 12 noon. Single rider \$15, double \$20. Free food for riders, non-riders self pay. Info Brenda S. Rorie 704-695-5196.

Events



Caroline Taylor Craig

Caroline Taylor Craig, after a global journey beginning in Wadesboro, NC, passed away peacefully on April 28, 2023.

Born to Inez and Patrick Taylor on May 9, 1931, Caroline, at the age of four, declared her calling as a concert pianist. She devoted her life and nourished us all with her music, curiosity, and conversation.

Taking the concert stage at nine, she was launched into a life of sharing her extraordinary heart, soul, and talent. The scrapbook her daddy kept highlighted her love of music, performance, and benevolence. At age 12, she performed with the North Carolina Symphony. Accepted as a private student of Dr. Carl Friedberg and Madame Lhevinne at The Julliard School, just shy of her twenty-third birthday, she made her debut at Town Hall in New York City with one reviewer asserting she played "with utmost delicacy."

After a chance meeting at the Parnassus Club, Caroline met her husband, Thomas Craig, who took her on a journey across the globe through India, Europe and Africa. Her music mentor, Dr. Homer Smith, cried when she chose to leave for India to start a new life of family. Despite the challenges of raising five children, born on four different continents, Caroline continued to perform, teach, and musically elevate the lives of people all over the world. Caroline co-founded the New Delhi Symphony Orchestra with General Chaudry of India and performed as a regular guest artist on All-India Radio.

The family's glorious life abroad ended in the early 1970s with roots firmly planted in Caroline's cherished Wichita. Her life was full of solid friends and family who endured her proclivity to ask one more question. She continued to be forever overwhelmingly generous with her time, talents and treasures. Caroline was a guest artist for the Wichita Symphony in 1975. She was a member of local music organizations, taught piano to all ages emphasizing technique and perfection, and accompanied young artists and accomplished musicians.

Caroline was never at a loss for a conversation. We are forever grateful to all the good folks, including Harry Hynes Hospice, who continued to visit her at Covenant Care Senior Living, her home across the lake from the family house, where friendship, love, and compassionate care enriched her life.

Caroline is survived by three of her children with Tom, David Craig (Shirley Casner) of New Mexico, Ted Craig of Alaska, and Jane De Giacomo (Rich) of Texas. Surviving her are also nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She is predeceased by her former husband, Thomas Craig, and two of their daughters, Patricia Haley and infant Peggy. Meeting her in Heaven are also her parents and her two brothers, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Jr. and Frank Wooten Taylor.

Family and friends joined together on May 5, 2023, at Downing Lahey to honor Caroline. Over the summer, we will again gather in fellowship to celebrate Caroline in her favorite place, her home in Springdale.

Now is the time for her to tickle the ivories and share her gift of music for all of Heaven.



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