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Mrs. Rebecca **Simpson Puryear**

Mrs. Rebecca Simpson Puryear, 71, known to her friends and family as "Becky," died Friday, May 6, 2016, at Ambassador Health and Rehabilitation.

A memorial service was held on Monday, May 9, 2016, in First United Methodist Church with Dr. Sarah Kalish officiating.

Born in Winston-Salem on December 2, 1944, Becky was a daughter of the late Ollie James and Glenora Crews Simpson. She grew up in the small community of Kernersville and finished high school at East Forsyth in 1963. Becky received her Associates degree from Louisburg College in 1965, her B.A. degree from Pfeiffer College in 1967, and a Master of Library & Information Science degree from the University of South Carolina in 1993.

As both a teacher and librarian, Becky worked many years in the Anson County public school system before retiring in 1996. lifelong Methodist, she was a member of First United Methodist Church in Wadesboro for forty-three years, taught Sunday School many of those years and enjoyed playing in the handbell choir. Becky loved sewing and all kinds of needlework, especially smocking. She was an avid bridge player, though her favorite game was Solitaire. She loved to read, travel, visit with friends, and spend time with her loving family.

Becky is survived by her loving husband, George Puryear of the home; four children, Stephen Puryear (Melissa) of Cary, Ethan Puryear (Erin Ann Ritter) of Richmond, VA, Andrew Puryear (Leigh Ann Powers) of Greenville, SC, and Katherine Black (James) of

celebration of her life.

grandchildren, Sydney and Abby Black of Harrison, and Alice Puryear of Richmond; a sister, Betty Sue Briggs of Walnut brother-in-law Cove: Ronald Chandler of Mt. Gilead; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

In addition to her parents, Becky was preceded in death by a brother-inlaw, Max Briggs of Walnut Cove; and a sister-in-law, Frances Chandler of Mt. Gilead.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 118 E. Morgan Street, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Leavitt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Mrs. Patricia "Pat" Taylor Allen

Mrs. Patricia "Pat" Taylor Allen, 66, died Thursday, May 5, 2016, at FirstHealth Richmond Memorial Hospital in Rockingham.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, May 8, 2016, at Forestville United Methodist Church with Rev. Kaye Fry officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Pat was born August 26, 1949, in Anson County, a daughter of the late Bruce Baxter Taylor, Sr. and the late Emma Lou Bunn Taylor. She was employed with Anson County Schools and a member of Forestville United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband of $4\bar{8}$ years, John Richard Allen of the home; her son Jeffrey Dean Allen and partner Brad Harris of Rock Hill, SC; her daughter Emily Allen Privette of Mebane; her grandson Samuel Privette of Mebane; and her brother and sisters, Bruce Taylor of Lilesville, Barbara Taylor of Waynesboro, PA and Carol Taylor Norton (Mike) of Hamlet.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Forestville United Methodist Church, Back Pack Ministry, c/o Deborah Moss, 133 Forest Rd., Lilesville, NC 28091.

Pat's family had requested for those attending the service Sunday to leave your "funeral clothes" in the closet and dress colorful and casual in

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

Mrs. Karen "Renae" Holland Goudelock

Mrs. Karen "Renae" Holland Goudelock, 59, of Maiden formerly Wadesboro passed away May 4, 2016, at her residence.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, May 7, 2016, at Dallas Church of God in Dallas, NC. Interment followed in Iredell Memorial Park Statesville.

Renae was born August 12, 1956, in Gaston County, the daughter of the late John Lawrence Holland and Helen Elizabeth Chapman Holland.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Karen Goudelock's funeral fund, c/o Jeff Goudelock, 107 N. 3rd. Avenue, Maiden, NC 28650.

Mr. Van **McArthur Williams**

Mr. Van McArthur Williams, 71, died Thursday, May 5, 2016, at Carolinas Healthcare System Anson in Wadesboro.

Funeral services were held on Monday, May 9, 2016, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church with Rev. James Hodges and Rev. Donnie Helms officiating. Interment followed in Jowers Cemetery.

Van was born March 12, 1945, in Anson County, a son of the late Ed Thomas Williams and the late Beulah Ricketts Williams. He was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and was a retired heavy equipment operator.

Surviving are his brothers and sisters, Elmer "Bud" (Ursula) Williams of Lilesville, Ronnie (Kay) Williams of Bumpuss, TN, Louise Tucker of Atkinson, Winnie Williams of the home, Frances (Wayne) Gathings and Margaret (Ronnie) Chewning, all of Wadesboro; and his nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Calvin Tommy Williams.

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This is a release from the Anson County Veterans Council: The Anson County Veterans Council is pleased to announce we are moving forward with the new Veterans Memorial to be located inside the Wadesboro City Park. The Veterans Council wants to show our appreciation to all our veterans for their service to our country.

The memorial will be concreted, with a granite marker with the emblems of the five branches of services and flags along with the American flag on a 30 foot pole. The Memorial will also have the North Carolina flag and the Anson County flag on each side at 25 feet. The memorial will have a box for used American flags. Flags that are placed inside the box will be collected and disposed of properly.

To make a contribution, please make checks payable to the Anson County Veterans Council, PO Box 791, Wadesboro, NC 28170. For more information on this project please contact Ed Parker at (704) 694 -6770.

The Veterans Council would like to acknowledge the Wadesboro City Council, Project Manager Max Kendell and Wadesboro Town Manager Alex Sewell for their continued support.

Free Kids' Fishing Events Scheduled for Late May, Early June

Kids can fish for free and register to win prizes, including two lifetime licenses, at one of more than 35 kids' fishing events being conducted across the state in late May and early June. The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, along with Neuse Sport Shop, Trout Unlimited and the U.S. Forest Service is supporting these fishing events as part of National Fishing and Boating Week 2016.

The grand prize in the random drawing is a lifetime sportsman's license. The license, donated by Neuse Sport Shop in Kinston, includes freshwater and saltwater fishing privileges, as well as hunting privileges. The first prize, donated by Trout Unlimited, is a lifetime freshwater fishing license. Neuse Sport Shop also is donating tackle boxes, rod-and-reel combos and spools of fishing line, while the Wildlife Commission is donating prizes, such as fishing towels, playing cards and mini-tackle boxes. Local sponsors for many events will provide prizes and gifts to registered participants as well.

The Wildlife Commission will conduct the drawing for prizes at the end of June and will publish a list of winners on its website, www.ncwildlife.org, in July. The agency also is stocking fish at many sites before the events to give participants a better chance

"The Commission is stocking fish, such as trout and channel catfish, in support of many of the events surrounding National Fishing and Boating Week," said Christian Waters, chief of the agency's Inland Fisheries Division. "We are very grateful to everyone — from sponsors Neuse Sport Shop and Trout Unlimited to the many cooperators who are hosting a kids' fishing event — for making these events possible. We couldn't

Find a nearby fishing event at www.ncwildlife.org. For more information on freshwater fishing in North Carolina, visit the Commission's Fishing page www.ncwildlife.org/fishing or call the Inland Fisheries Division, 919-707-0220.

For more information about National Fishing and Boating Week 2016, visit the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation's website, www.takemefishing.org.

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