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Obituaries

Mr. John Edward "Ed" Carpenter

Mr. John Edward "Ed" Carpenter, 80, slipped away peacefully on Wednesday, June 30, 2021, while a patient at Hospice of Union County.

A graveside celebration of life service will be held at 12:00 noon on Saturday, July 10, 2021, at Brown Creek Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Curtis Williams officiating. The family will greet friends prior to the service from 10:00 until 11:30 a.m. at Leavitt Funeral Home. There will be a break between the visitation and the graveside service to allow friends and family to transition from the funeral home to Brown Creek Church Cemetery.

Born July 31, 1940, in Salem, New Jersey, Ed was a son of the late Joseph Paul and Mary Helen Winfield Carpenter. He worked several years at Southern Fabricators, Inc. in Polkton and later spent 16 years with the Anson County Water Treatment Plant where he retired. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, having served for three years.

Survivors include his daughter Sonya C. Owens (Tim) of Mooresville; a stepdaughter, Taunya Stephens of Wadesboro; two brothers, Joe Carpenter (Paulette) of Summerville, SC and Larry Carpenter (Dawn) of Polkton; a sister, Sue C. Kendall, also of Polkton; a special 100 year old aunt, Sarah Icard; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Martha Tice Carpenter. Ed had a passion for fast cars and motorcycles. He loved to work on cars and could talk endlessly about motors and car parts. He loved NASCAR on Sundays, and all who knew him well knew not to come or call while the race was on.

He enjoyed boating on Lake Tillery and was an animal lover, especially dachshund dogs as he had many of the years.

Ed enjoyed trips to North Myrtle Beach with Martha most of all. The family suggests memorials be made to Brown Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, c/o Mary T. Moore, 151 Cameron Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170 or to Hospice of Union County, 700 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 28110.

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

Mrs. Ruby Sheppard Deese

Mrs. Ruby Sheppard Deese, 94, of Peachland passed away Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at Atrium Health - Anson.

A funeral service to celebrate the life of Mrs. Ruby was held on Saturday, July 3, 2021, at Peachland Gospel Tabernacle. Burial followed in the Peachland City Cemetery.

Born January 9, 1927, in Anson County, she was a daughter of the late Brady and Lessie Braswell Sheppard. She was also preceded in death by husband Douglas, sister Edna, daughter-in-law Margaret, granddaughter Traci and a son-in-law, Carter.

Mama left her old home in Peachland and entered her new home in Heaven on Tuesday morning. Mama lived a Christian life and taught her family to live each day as if it were their last. She always said you can go in the blink of an eye and she did just that.

Mama read her Bible daily and was a loyal member of her church. After a decline in health, she faithfully followed her favorite TV ministers. This was her special time, and if you called her it had better be an emergency.

She loved her children, her grandchildren and her great-grands. In fact, Mama loved everyone. Many knew her as Grandma Ruby, and she was famous for her fried apple pies.

An excellent seamstress, she sewed clothes for her children and grandchildren as well as many members of her community. She could make patterns from newspapers and could make anything from curtains to wedding gowns. Numerous family pictures showcase Mom's talent with a needle and thread.

Mama was blessed to share many years with her family and friends. A host of family members and dear friends were at the gate to welcome her home and she will be there for each of us on our appointed day.

Mom's request for all would be to love God and one another and pray for our nation.

Mrs. Ruby is survived by children, Brenda (Ronnie) Kirby, Marlene (Roger) and Gail (Jimmy); grandchildren, Amy, Lori (Kenny), Kevin (Morgan), Ashley (Justin) and Josh (Melissa); great-grandchildren, Evan, Kacey, Hadley, Jackson, Bailey and Evie; and sister Virginia.

The family suggests memorials be made to Lanes Creek Baptist Church, 118 Marshville Waterplant Road, Marshville, NC 28103.

Morgan and Son funeral home is serving the family of Mrs. Ruby.

Margie Steele Thompson

Margie Steele Thompson, 84, died Friday, July 2, 2021, at Atrium Health Anson.

A service to celebrate her life will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 7, 2021, at Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Jimmy Knotts officiating. Interment will follow at Anson Memorial Park. The family will greet friends before the service beginning at 4:00 p.m. The family requests that everyone dress casual for the services in keeping with Margie's wishes.

Born September 21, 1936, in Anson County, Margie was a daughter of the late Claude Eugene and Rosie Adams Steele. She was educated in local public schools, and worked for many years at Chic Hosiery and later for Dawson, Inc. Some of her favorite things were talking with her sister every day and cooking for family get-togethers. She was a wonderful grandmother, loved her grandbabies, and adored her 4-legged companion Precious.

Survivors include her children, Marvin "Bo" Thompson (Bonnie) and Wanda Tillman (Ross), all of Wadesboro; three grandchildren, Amanda Thompson, Miranda "Shug" Thompson and Grady "Gene" Thompson (Shaina); eight great-grandchildren, Brant Gibson, Garrett Gibson, Stephanie Gibson, Richard Martin, Jr., Summer Martin, Prentice Martin, Logan Thompson and Presley Thompson; and her special friend and soulmate of 38 years, Ralph Gilmore. Also surviving are three brothers, Biven Steele (Dorothy) of Lilesville, Virgil Steele (Ruth) and Eddie B. Steele, all of Wadesboro; a sister, Peggy Trexler (David) of Wadesboro; and a sister-in-law, Lois Steele of Wadesboro.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Claude "Sonny" Steele Jr. and a sister, Mary Grace Jones.

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

Plant and Play Story Time with Aimee Colf

The Anson County Partnership for Children presents Plant and Play Story Time with Horticulture and Forestry Agent Aimee Colf. The event will take place this Thursday, July 8 at 10 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Garden, located at 208 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro.

All children must be accompanied by a parent or adult. Be prepared to play in the dirt, and dress appropriately!

Mrs. Betty Jean Horne Traywick

On Monday, June 28, 2021, Mrs. Betty Jean Horne Traywick, 83, heard the words from her Lord and Savior, "Well done, good and faithful servant enter into the joys of your Lord".

Funeral services were held on Thursday, July 1, 2021, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Barry Gerald and Rev. Arnold Jackson officiating. Interment was private in Marshville City Cemetery.

Betty Jean was born August 22, 1937, in Anson County, and was a daughter of the late Hoyle Beecher Horne and the late Annie Lou Wallace Horne. She was a graduate of Peachland High School and was retired from Unity Knitting Mills with 30 years of service.

A woman of great faith and strong Christian witness, she was a member of First Baptist Church, Wadesboro and attended Calvary Baptist Church in Wadesboro. Her life was a living testimony of her faith and walk with Christ.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years Curt Traywick, Jr. on March 24, 2017, her daughter Sandy Traywick Deal on August 11, 2015, and her son Bryan Lex Traywick June 9, 2021.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Mike Traywick of Wadesboro, Ronnie Traywick (Gwen) and Mark Traywick (Beth), all of Marshville and Connie Traywick Rape (Wayne) of Monroe; her son-in-law Jeff Deal of McLeansville; her grandchildren, Tiffany Traywick Walsh (Bill), Adam Traywick, Amanda Traywick, Caroline Traywick Mullis (Josh), Carson Traywick (fiancé Amanda Moss), Alexandra Deal Thomas (Chris), Clifton Deal, Austin Rap (Alexis), Jared Rape (Cate), Caleb Reeb (Phallin), Anna Rape and Cason Rape; nine great-grandchildren; and her sisters and brother, Carolyn Ussery of Charlotte, Eldis Caudle (Jerry) and Delane Horne, all of Peachland. Others left to remember Betty Jean are her nieces and nephews and their families, cousins and many dear friends.

A true southern lady, she was by far the best among southern cooks and hostesses. She was a loving and nurturing caregiver, always putting the needs of others before her own.

To know Betty Jean Traywick was to love her.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to either First Baptist Church, Sound System Fund, P.O. Box 423, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or to Calvary Baptist Church, 430 Lansford Dr, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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



Mr. James Beard Tait

Mr. James Beard Tait, 83, of Boone, NC, to Jacksonville, FL, and finally to Wadesboro, NC, passed away on Monday, June 28, 2021 in Wadesboro.

A celebration of life was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 3, 2021 at Deep Creek Baptist Church.

Jim was born in Carrollton, AL to Reginald Lawrence Tait and Clyde Beard Tait (Polly). He was lovingly known as "Sonny" to his family. Jim met his loving wife of 56 years at Gardner-Webb College. They had two children, Melissa and Christopher.

Jim was a member of the United States Air Force and later became a Chorus and Band teacher in Jacksonville FL, where he taught for 34 years.

Jim was an avid hobbyist, he loved building and flying model RC airplanes, fixing and piddling on small gas engines, playing trumpet, singing, telling stories and whistling like no one else could.

He loved being a grandfather and he was a loving husband and caring father.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents and his two sisters, Regina and Mary Jane

Jim is survived by his wife, Judith Tait; children, Melissa (John) and Christopher (Sarah); grandchildren, Jared, Hailey, Jacob, Cadence, and Willow; and several nephews.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to ALZ.org or Deep Creek Christian Academy.

ANSON COUNTY HOMES OF HOPE

Activities and Capabilities Statement

Anson County Homes of Hope will provide the highest quality of care and personalized supportive services to Anson County individuals and families who need assistance to successfully return to stable residences and employment in their old or in new communities. The program is committed to operational efficiency, fiscal responsibility, future flexibility, and housing expansion through emergency, transitional, and rapid rehousing. We will also provide affordable housing to those who possess a Section 8 voucher, or, if we are funded, assist with permanent supportive housing. We will rehouse those in emergency situations, especially victims of domestic violence and their children. We will offer utilities assistance to those in need on a rolling once-in-a-twelve-month period. We will re-evaluate this position if we need to.

We will provide outcomes and reports to any program, agency, or entity from which we receive funding. We will make ourselves available for interviews, visits, video conferences, and any method of reporting and communication that is deemed appropriate. Our commitment to success is second to none.

We are committed to raising the bar in our community by showing residents that better residences await them. We will do this by acquiring properties, upgrading them, maintaining them, and offering more than just a roof over heads. We will do our due diligence to connect our residents and program participants to educational and self-empowering programs that will lead to better and brighter futures.

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