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Mr. George **Robert Tatro**

George Robert Tatro, 95, died Sunday, August 7, 2016, at Carolinas Medical Center Union in Monroe.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, August 13, 2016, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. Inurnment will be at a later date in the Veteran's National Cemetery in Salisbury, NC.

Mr. Tatro was born May 3. 1921. in Elliott. Maine. He was retired from the United States Army, having served during World War II. He also worked with the Wadesboro Post

Surviving are his children, Robert Tatro of Monroe, Steven Tatro of Lancaster, SC, Paul Tatro of Wilmington, Nelson Tatro of the home, David Tatro and Beverly Macy, both of Kernersville; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Knotts Tatro and his son, Michael Tatro.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Leavitt Funeral Home, P.O. Box 274, Wadesboro, NC 28170 to assist with

Mr. Howze McLendon "Mac" Hardison

Mr. Howze McLendon "Mac" Hardison, 82, died Tuesday, August 9, 2016, at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, August 11, 2016, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. A private inurnment was held in Eastview Cemetery.

Mac was born October 17. 1933. in Anson County, a son of the late Hugh Bennett Hardison and the late Caroline Ashe Hardison. He was retired from the North Carolina Department of Transportation with 43 years of service. He was a member of Calvary Episcopal Church.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Betty Hough Hardison of the home; his son, Bob Hardison of Wadesboro; his daughterin-law, Selene Lowe Hardison of Wadesboro; his grandchildren, William Hardison of Monroe, Lauren Hardison of Wadesboro and Marissa (Michael) Thomas of Polkton; his great-grandchildren, Summer, Waylon, Noah and Christian; and his sister, Peggy Pruette of Raleigh.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son Bill Hardison and brother Hugh B. Hardison, Jr.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Calvary Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 942, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or the Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw, PO Box 127, Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450.

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

Mrs. Grace **Griffin Parrish**

Mrs. Grace Griffin Parrish, 68, died Monday, August 8, 2016, at Richmond County Hospice

Haven in Rockingham. A memorial service

was held on Friday,

August 12, 2016, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home.

Grace was born January 11, 1948, in Richmond County, NC, a daughter of the late John Terow Griffin, Jr. and the late Jennie Grace Price Griffin. She was a Licensed Practical Nurse and had worked in nursing homes in and around Anson County.

Surviving are her daughters, Stephanie Parrish of Fountain Inn, SC and Melissa (Mark) Bachman of Rockingham; her grandchildren, Maria (Matt Warwick) Bachman, who was a loving caregiver for her grandmother and Ryan Bachman, all of Rockingham; her great-grandchildren, Aliyah and Jordan; her sister, Dimple Treadaway of Ansonville and her grand dog Marley.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, John T. Griffin, III.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Richmond County Hospice Haven, 1119 N US 1 Hwy, Rockingham, NC 28379.

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

Mrs. Martha **Burns Steagall**

Martha Burns Steagall, earned her Angel wings on Tuesday, August 9, 2016, at Aldersgate Retirement Community in Charlotte.

Funeral services were held on Friday, August 12, 2016, at Morven United Methodist Church with Rev. Davi Trotti officiating. Interment followed in Morven Cemetery.

Martha was born October 28, 1926, in Anson

County, a daughter of the late Collie Hearne "Buck" Burns and the late Connie Allen Burns.

She was a graduate of Wadesboro High School and attended Greensboro College. She was an active and dedicated member of Morven United Methodist Church and had served in many of the churches min-

Martha loved music and enjoyed playing the piano. She played often at Mor-United Methodist Church and in later years for her friends at Aldersgate Community in Charlotte. She was an avid bridge player and also enjoyed playing rubicube with her church friends.

Surviving are her children, Anne (Ronald) Purcell of Wesley Chapel, Jeanne Price of Charlotte, Allen (Susie) Steagall of Monroe and Sara Lynne (Scott) Webb of Summerville, SC; her grandchildren, Kristy (Ashley) Hunsucker of Ft. Mill, SC, Jason (Sara) Purcell of Tega Cay, SC, Travis (Nicole) Steagall of Peachland and Katherine (John) Martin of Wingate; and her great-grandchildren, Brayden and Baxley Hunsucker, Emma and Allie Steagall and Weston and Graham Purcell.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Mickey Steagall, grandson, Jacob Webb and brothers, Buck and James Burns.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Morven United Methodist Women, c/o Ratliff, P.O. Box 336, Morven, NC 28119 or to Morven Cemetery Fund, c/o George Short, P.O. Box 173, Morven, NC 28119.

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

www.leavittfh.com.

Mrs. Carolyn **Frink Stephens**

Mrs. Carolyn Frink Stephens, 85, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, August 8, 2016. A service was held to cel-

ebrate her life on Monday, August 15, 2016, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. George Senter officiating. A graveside service was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2016, at Hillcrest Cemetery, Lake Waccamaw, NC. Carolyn was born Au-

1930, gust 18, Whiteville, NC, the daughter of the late Reno Frink and Doretha Meares Frink. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Elton LaRue Stephens, Jr. and her brother, John Charles

Surviving are her husband of 66 years, Elton LaRue "Tebo" Stephens of the home; her son, Charles Garry (Barbara) Stephens of Fuquay Varina, NC; and grandson, James Edward

Stephens of Charlotte, NC. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 118 E. Morgan St., Wadesboro NC 28170, Mt. Beulah Baptist Church, 3373 Country Club Rd., Wadesboro NC 28170 or Hallsboro United Methodist Church of Hallsboro, NC.

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

Miss Fay Virginia Cox

Miss Fay Virginia Cox, 92, died Saturday, August 13, 2016, at Meadowview Terrace Assisted Living.

Services were held on Monday, August 15, 2016, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Clay Burr and Dr. Bill Vaughn officiating. Interment followed at Forestville United Methodist Church Cemetery in Lilesville.

Fay was born Novem-

THE EXPRESS • August 17, 2016 • Page 3 ber 4, 1923, in Anson County, a daughter of the late Noah Eli Cox and the late Lillie Taylor Cox. She had worked for a period of time in textiles, but most of her career life was spent as an in home caregiver.

Surviving are her sisters, Ruby C. Vaughn of Wadesboro and Joyce C. Brown of Rockingham; her nieces and nephews, Emma Poplin, Dorothy Tyson, Diane Childs, Shirley Ingram, David Vaughn, Jr., Jeffrey Brown and Phillip Brown and their families.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers and sister, Tillery Cox, Houston Cox, Bill Cox and Betty In lieu of flowers, memo-

Forestville Cemetery Fund, c/o Debra Moss, 133 Forest Rd., Lilesville, NC 28091. The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condo-

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