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Miss Carolyn Sue Davis

Miss Carolyn Sue Davis, 57, died Saturday, August 28, 2011 at Presbyterian Hospital in Matthews.

There was a memorial service on Tuesday, August 30, 2011 in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Jeff Goudelock officiating. Interment followed in Lilesville Cemetery.

Obituaries

Carolyn was born November 29, 1953 in Robeson County, NC a daughter of the late Lois Vivian Brigman Davis and the late Wade Thad Davis. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister and brother, Vicky Lynn Davis and Steven Wade Davis.

She was a graduate of Bowman High School, Class of 1972, and attended Western Carolina University, later graduating from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke with her degree in elementary education. Among her accomplishments as an educator, she completed the requirement to become a National Board Certified Educator.

Many lives have been touched by her 32 year career in elementary education at Mt. Gilead Elementary School, where she taught both first and third grades.

Surviving are her cousin, Jimmy "Red" Britt (Judie) of Charlotte; her dearest friend

and sister at heart, Wanda Hinson Morton (Craig) of Troy and their daughter, who was considered Carolyn's God-daughter, Ashley Morton of Raleigh; and her long-time childhood friends, Nancy "Fig" Avrette, Karen Diggs and Debbie Cox.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mt. Gilead Elementary School, School Supply Fund, 100 School St., Mt. Gilead, NC 27306 or to Montgomery County Humane Society, 1150 Okeewemee Rd., Troy, NC 27371.

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

Mrs. Sarah Brown Jenkins

Mrs. Sarah Brown Jenkins, 78, of Hendersonville, NC and formerly of Alpharetta, GA, died Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at Spring Arbor West Assisted Living in Hendersonville.

Services were held on

Saturday, August 27, 2011 by the graveside in Peachland Cemetery with Rev. Charles Cauthen officiating.

Mrs. Jenkins was born December 6, 1932 in Peachland, a daughter of the late Jesse Joseph Brown and Lillie Mae Poplin Brown. She and her husband were residents of the Atlanta area for many years before relocating to Hendersonville to be near their families.

She was a graduate of Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing and enjoyed a brief nursing career before caring for her sons. She was a member of the American Guild of Organists. A long-time member of the Lutheran faith, she was a charter member of St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Decatur, GA, where she served as church organist and choir director full-time for 20 years.

Surviving are her sons and daughters-in-law, Oscar R. Jenkins, Jr. (Elizabeth) of Asheville, and John M. Jenkins (Christina) of Apex; and her grandchildren, Joshua, Stephen, Matthew,

Samantha and Timothy Jenkins.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar Ray Jenkins and by her brother and sister-in-law, Edward and Susan Ratliff Brown.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Peachland Cemetery Fund, c/o Dan Overcash, 1642 Upper White Store Rd., Peachland, NC 28133.

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Extension Notes Relief and Pests from Rain

From Michael Waldvogel, PhD and NCSU Cooperative Extension Associate Professor & Specialist, comes some interesting and timely tips on native insects that you are likely to see more of these days.

The recent rains have triggered termite swarms. Most of the swarming activity that folks are likely to see takes place outdoors which is simply a reminder that termites are around us outdoors. It is a good reminder to homeowners that if they have not inspected their houses for termites in a number of years, this is a good time to get it done. If you are trying to save money by doing it yourself, you need to look carefully for the termite shelter ("mud") tubes on foundation walls and piers. You also need to check the wood along the top of the foundation looking carefully for tubes and/or damage. This often means pulling back insulation to inspect. Another option is to get a pest control company to inspect the house for you.

There is a lot of confusion about what pest control companies can/cannot tell potential customers. If there is no evidence of termite activity, a pest control inspector cannot tell someone that they "need" to have their house treated. On the other hand, if it has been 10+ years since the house was last treated, they might "suggest" a treatment as a way of protecting a major investment. In instances where people have termite contracts with pest control companies, some companies have a clause in their contract that allows them to require retreatment of the home after some interval (usually 5 years).

This clause applies whether or not there are signs of termite activity. So, advice to the public is simple and the same as any other contract they sign - read it carefully. If you do not understand part of it, get the company to explain it thoroughly before you sign it. The rains will also leave behind water sources that can produce mosquitoes. While puddles of water will dry up, the major concern will be for all of those items people have around their property: buckets, old tires, flower pots with dishes underneath, tarps covering boats and other items, and even tree holes.

Remember to "Tip and Toss" - Tip the item to drain the water and Toss the items you do not need. Also, if you are in fire ant infested areas, do not be surprised if you see mounds popping up. This situation happens where dry summer conditions reduce surface activity but significant rainfall often affords the ants the opportunity to form mounds from what was very hard packed soils.

By Janine B. Rywak

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Remembering.....
 By Ed McBride

Trp. George I. Thompson
 Accident Victim - 1929

Safety ... Plus

As vacation time 2011 draws rapidly to an end other duties and obligations take over. Schools are opening for the fall season, "being off" early afternoons get fewer, and everything that fall of the year represents "takes off running!"

Many do not remember, however some few people have read about the beginning of the North Carolina Highway Patrol in 1929, and the fact that the first fatality of a trooper was George L. Thompson on July 2, 1929 in downtown Wadesboro. 14 year old Dewey Doby hit Patrolman Thompson's motorcycle, killing him and making Thompson the first NC Highway Patrol casualty. The Highway Patrol had been created the day before and the patrolmen and command staff were riding across the state for publicity to introduce the new agency to the citizens. Doby was driving his father's vehicle despite the legal driving age of 16. He and his father were both convicted of manslaughter.

Thank "you all" for your part in making our community the "safest and best" to live in - whether you be a peace officer, fireman, ambulance/rescue squad member, military person, school bus driver, or who or whatever...may every moment be safer!! Ed

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