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A Celebration of Life Service for Lonnie and Anna Baucom will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 3, 2022, at First United Methodist Church, Wadesboro. Inurnment will follow in the church columbarium.

Anna Hyder Baucom
July 16, 1943 ~ January 16, 2022
Lonnie Baucom
November 20, 1944 ~ November 6, 2021

Mr. Edmond Donald Lassiter

On Saturday, August 27, 2022, Mr. Edmond Donald Lassiter, 81, passed away peacefully at Wadesboro Health and Rehab in Wadesboro.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Jimmy Knotts officiating. Interment with military honors followed in Anson Memorial Park.

The family greeted friends one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the funeral home. Ed was born September 18, 1940, in Bertie County, NC and was a son of the late James Lassiter and the late Pattie Mary Cox Lassiter. He was a graduate of Roanoke Rapids High School and was a veteran of the United States Army.

He worked as a machinist and retired from Michelin Aircraft Tire in Norwood. Those left to cherish his memory are his children, Gwen Foard (Mitch) of Marshville and Don Lassiter of Wadesboro; his grandchildren, Brittany Barbee (Andrew) of Oakboro, Dustin Lassiter (Skylar Grooms) of Wadesboro and LeAnn Smith (Jake)

of Wingate; great-grandchildren, Kaleigh Barbee, Dalton Barbee, Ava Barbee and Granger Smith; and his half-sister and half-brother, Linda Williams of Henrico and Earl Lassiter of Virginia.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his sisters and brothers, Evelyn Moseley, Johnny Lassiter, James Lassiter, Hilda Spence and Pattie Johnson.

Ed will be remembered for being a loving and devoted father and grandfather. He was very involved in the lives of his grandchildren, who he loved very much, and he looked forward to Sunday trips to Sonic with his grandson.

He was active with Little League Baseball in Anson County, having coached the Wansona team who won the local championship. Several of his players made the Anson County All Star team and he served them as coach as well.

Following his retirement he enjoyed woodworking, making and refinishing furniture and sharing his handywork with his family and friends. He especially liked working with cedar.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the veteran's organization of the donor's choice. The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at leavittfh.com.

Mr. James Ransom Tate

Mr. James Ransom Tate, 86, formerly of Harris, NC, died Friday, August 26, 2022, while a resident at Anson Health and Rehabilitation in Wadesboro.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at Leavitt Funeral Home.

A native of Harris, Mr. Tate was born February 9, 1936, a son of the late Brodus Volney Tate and the late Jennie Sue Sane Tate. He graduated from Harris High School in 1954, Gardner Webb College in 1956 with an Associate of Arts degree, and the University of Georgia in 1958 with a degree in Business Administration.

Mr. Tate went to work in the business world but quickly realized he had a love of history and wanted to try teaching. So he enrolled at Southern Wesleyan College where he took the required education courses and once again graduated, this time with a degree in History and Social Studies. He began his teaching career at Louisburg High School in Franklin County, NC, where he taught for four years. Having family in Rutherford County and a sister in Orlando, FL, Mr. Tate took a job a teaching in Folkston, GA, which sat between the two locations. In 1966 Mr. Tate left Folkston for Anson High School in Wadesboro where he found his second home.

From 1966 until his retirement in 1993, Mr. Tate enjoyed a productive teaching and coaching career. His girls' basketball teams enjoyed tremendous success and more often than not were conference champions. During his years in Wadesboro Mr. Tate earned his Master of Education degree from North Carolina A&T State University. In charge of the school's driver education program, Mr. Tate had the unique opportunity of teaching every single ninth grade student enrolled in the Anson County School System for many years.

Following his retirement, Mr. Tate returned to the Harris area of Rutherford County to be closer to family. In February of 2021, due to declining health, he made the decision to return to Wadesboro.

Mr. Tate was a Scottish Rite 32° Mason holding membership in both the Kilwinning Masonic Lodge #64 in Wadesboro, and the Oasis Shrine Temple in Charlotte. He was affectionately known in Forest City by many local businesses as the "two dollar bill" man because he preferred to carry and use uncirculated two dollar bills rather than the more common one dollar bill. Perhaps though, he was best known by the locals as a liberal "yellow dog democrat" due to his unwavering support of the Democratic Party. Professionally, Mr. Tate was a lifetime member of the National Education Association and the N.C. Association of Educators, the North Carolina Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association, and the Retired Governmental Employees Association.

Survivors include a niece Sandra Kay Moore Stewart of Harris; and several great nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Mr. Tate was preceded in death by his sisters, Estelle T. Dobbins, Lucille T. Murrell, Mary Sue Tate, Annie T. Moore; and a brother, J. B. Tate.

Memorials may be made to a charity of your choice. Leavitt Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Mr. John Lloyd Wall, Sr.

It is with heavy hearts we announce the death of our friend John Lloyd Wall, Sr. John, age 77 passed away Saturday, August 13, 2022 while at Santee with his family. A Celebration of Life Service will be held 4:00pm Tuesday at Emmanuel Baptist Church. Pastor Jimmy Beck will officiate, directed by Norton Funeral Home and Crematory. Visitation of Remembrance will be held 1:00-4:00pm Tuesday at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

John was born in Lilesville, NC the son of the late Stephen Graham Wall and Lucy Covington Morton Wall. He loved his family, his favorite times were spent with them, he was there provider, as he was to many others that he loved. He loved being outside, he was a proud member of the "Outdoor Club". He enjoyed hunting and was an avid fisherman. John truly loved his place at Santee, he loved sharing it with family and friends, their home at Santee was affectionately known as the "Stumble In". He enjoyed his visits to Northside Auto Parts working "Security", drinking coffee and hanging out with some of his dearest friends. John was retired from Sonoco Products Company and was a US Army Veteran.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 52 years, Dianne Shoemake Wall, Hartsville; son, John Lloyd Wall, II, Hartsville; daughter, Lisa Diane Wall, Hartsville, grandchild, Hunter Wade Nobles, Hartsville; brother, Bill (Myrtle) Wall, Lilesville, NC; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by siblings, Steve, Pat, Dot and Jim. Memorials may be made the Ronnie Grant Memorial, C/O C.W. Grant, 1324 Fox Hollow Drive, this memorial is for lifetime hunting and fishing license for youth. Norton Funeral Home and Crematory are honored to be of service to the Wall family. "A life so beautifully lived should be beautifully remembered"



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It's hard to believe Grace Senior Center has been closed to the public for 27 months due to COVID-19. The spread of the novel coronavirus and COVID-19 led to quarantine and isolation for millions around the world. Seniors, especially face not only this isolation, but also the fear of knowing that they were at a higher risk of contracting the disease.

We are finally easing our way back into normalcy and are excited to welcome the return of our seniors at the center. Our dedicated staff persevered and adapted very quickly during COVID making it possible for us to provide virtual and outdoor programs during the pandemic. The staff and I have really missed seeing clients in person.

Grace Senior Center is reopening for in-person activities, programs, and congregating dining beginning Tuesday, September 6, 2022. Refreshments will be served at the ceremony for Seniors 55 years of age and older. Staff, Volunteers, Advisory Board Members, the Anson County Board of Commissioners and SHIIP Volunteers. Welcome back!

Wanda Talbert, Anson County Council on Aging Elderly Services Director

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