

Mr. Cecil Thomas Meachum, Jr.

Mr. Cecil Thomas Meachum, Jr., 73, died Friday, September 7, 2018, at his home.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Dr. Warren Nance officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

Cecil was born July 9, 1945, in Anson County, a son of the late Cecil Thomas Meachum and Naomi Louise Helms Meachum of Wadesboro.

He was a veteran of the United States Marines, having served during the Vietnam Era, and while enlisted he chose to further his education and received an associate's degree.

Cecil's love and interest in hermetic motors led him to his career as an engineer at TRANE in Charlotte where he worked for a number of years. In 1996 with his expertise in hermetic motors, he established XCEL HERMETICS in Wadesboro in which he owned and operated until his passing.

Surviving his wife, Brenda Gaddy Meachum; his son and daughter-in-law, Tony and Monica Meachum of Rockingham; his grandchildren, Zachary and Molly; his sister, Helen (Fred) Sellers of Lilesville; and his sisters-in-law and brother-in-law, Sara Freeman of Chesterfield, Elaine (Johnny) Thomas of Peachland and Jimmy Gaddy of Wadesboro; and numerous nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters and brother, Joyce Henry, Nancy Treadaway, Linda Funderburke, Betty Lou Funderburke, Debbie Ramsey, Louise Bowman, Martha Henry and Jerry Meachum.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Shaundasia T. Smith Foundation, 1151 Shannon Dr., Wadesboro, NC 28170 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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



Register Today for Rural Center Policy Roundtable

Free, public regional roundtables will be held in September and October

This is a release from the NC Rural Center: What is the Rural Center? Since 1987, the Rural Center has worked to improve the quality of life for the state's rural people and places. We operate with the core belief that our rural communities have inherent cultural value and are vital to the overall economic health of our state.

We recognize that the changing landscape of rural North Carolina brings with it significant challenges, but we also believe in the resiliency of our state's rural people and their dedicated stewardship of the communities they call home.

The NC Rural Center's mission is to develop, promote, and implement sound economic strategies to improve the quality of life of rural North Carolinians. We serve the state's 80 rural counties (including Anson County), with a special focus on individuals with low to moderate incomes and communities with limited resources.

Policy Roundtable From its very beginning, the Rural Counts advocacy program has been committed to taking its lead from the wisdom of local champions and Rural Center partners. After collaboratively developing our 10 strategies agenda in 2016, we spent a year on the road hosting listening sessions and visiting with leaders from each of the 80 counties we serve. Those conversations helped us articulate the top economic development priorities facing rural North Carolina: broadband, health, and small business development.

Now, it's time to put meat on the bones of those issues and find solutions that will work for our entire state.

We hope you will join us for (at least) one of seven Zero Barriers Regional Policy Roundtables this fall. These day-long sessions will feature in-depth discussions about each of our three top policy issues. We will present suggestions of policies that may make a difference, and then we want your feedback on what is good, what is bad, and what is missing. We will use your feedback to shape specific policy recommendations for the NC General Assembly to consider when it convenes for the 2019 session next January.

You met us in your hometown for our 80-county Rural Road Trip and let us know the top priorities for rural economic development in North Carolina. Now it's time to gather again, get in the weeds, and shape the policies that will determine the future of our rural communities.

We hope you will join the Rural Center this fall for our Zero Barriers Regional Policy Roundtables hosted in seven towns across North Carolina. These day-long sessions will feature in-depth discussions about each of our three top policy issues: broadband, health, and small business development. We will present suggestions of policies for your consideration and ask for your feedback on what is good, what is bad, and what is missing. Then, we will use your feedback to shape specific policy recommendations for the NC General Assembly to consider when it convenes for the 2019 session next January.

The closest roundtable to Anson County will be held on Wednesday, October 24 at Montgomery Community College in Troy. Registration is free but required. Each event will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and feature 90-minute conversations about each of our three policy areas: broadband, health, and small business development. Attendees are welcome to join for the entire day or for topics of interest. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be provided.

For information about the roundtables, to learn more about NC Rural Center or to register visit www.ncruralcenter.org. You can also call or email John Coggin, Director of Advocacy, NC Rural Center, 919-250-4314 or jcoggin@ncruralcenter.org.

Music Under the Stars Event in Monroe September 22

Chasity's Hope of Union County invites you to an evening under the stars on Main Street in Monroe to support the Artist Music Guild on Saturday, September 22, from 6 to 10 p.m. This family/pet friendly event will showcase local music artists Chris Atom, Nathan Spittler with special performances by The Sisterhood Tribe and seven time Emmy Award Winning Artist and Academy Award Winner David L. Cook.

Come out and see Terri Gibbs. Country Music Legend. She will hit the stage around 8:45 p.m.

Chasity's Hope will offer a wide variety of locally grown wines and wine slushies, cheese and BBQ plates. Additionally, there will be a silent auction with a wide variety of items, a 50/50 ticket raffle, cash bar and much much more! A \$10 donation per person is required for admission to this event. Guests expenses are 100% NC Tax Deductible through Chasity's Hope Foundation of Union County. 100% of all revenues generated will benefit the Artist Music Guild.

The Artists Music Guild was established to help in the understanding, appreciation and to advance the contributions of the arts to American culture - from the artistic genius' of the current day; to the technical legends of the past; and to those still unimagined artistic breakthroughs of future generations. The Guild accomplishes this mission through programs and activities that engage the artistic and cultural community as well as the general public. The Guild works in partnership year-round with artists to bring national attention to important issues such as the value and impact of the arts and education. They also emphasize the urgency of preserving our rich cultural heritage for the generations that will follow us.

To learn more about the Artist Music Guild find them on facebook or at their website artistsmusicguild.com.

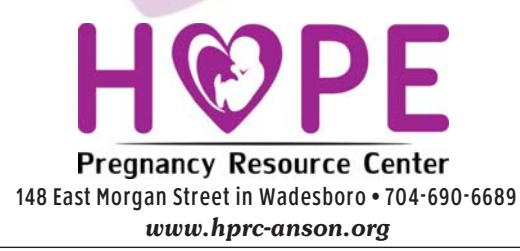
HOPE Pregnancy Resource Center 5K is Saturday

HOPE Pregnancy Resource Center will hold their Stand Fast for Life 5K this Saturday, September 15 at 8:30 a.m. The event will take place at South Piedmont Community College's Polkton campus.

The HOPE Chest

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HOPE Pregnancy Resource Center is a local nonprofit that strives to offer hope to women in crisis and save the lives of the unborn. They offer limited ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, pregnancy verification, clothes up to 4T and prenatal, parenting & child-birthing classes. All services are free and confidential. They are open on Mondays and Tuesdays, 1:30 to 4 p.m. HOPE is located at 148 East Morgan Street in Wadesboro. The telephone number is 704-690-6689. The website is www.hprc-anson.org.

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SATURDAY SEPT 22 6PM

**AT LOCKHART-TAYLOR CENTER
 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro**

Guest Speaker is Professor Gene Nichol

Gene Nichol is a Boyd Tinsley distinguished professor at the University of North Carolina. He was director of the UNC Poverty Center (2008-2015) until it was closed by the Board of Governors for publishing articles critical of the governor and General Assembly. Since 2015 his research has been supported by the N.C. Poverty Research Fund.



Nichol was president of the College of William & Mary (2005-2008), Law Dean at the University of Colorado (1988-1995), and Dean at UNC from 1999-2005.

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