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Mr. Mert Stegall Austin

Mr. Mert Stegall Austin, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on his 75th birthday while a patient at Novant Presbyterian Health in Charlotte.

There will be a service to celebrate his life at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 5, 2016, at Deep Springs Baptist Church with Rev. Tony High officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Mert was born October 1, 1941, in Anson County, a son of the late James Pernay Austin and the late Ellen Stegall Austin. He was the owner and operator of Mert Austin Poultry Farms for 20 plus years and had also worked for a number of years with Allvac, now ATI. He loved farming.

Mert was a life-long member of Deep Springs Baptist Church and was dedicated to the ministries of the church. He sang in the choir and served as an usher.

Surviving are his wife of 44 years, Sherry Hager Austin of the home; his children, Robin Austin Lowder (Tim) of Albemarle, Mark Dagenhart

Obituaries

(Wendy) of Peachland, Matthew Dagenhart (Tracy) of Statesville and Anthony Austin (Jenna) of Peachland; his grandchildren, Jonathan Ross (Tori), Macy Austin, Will Dagenhart, Abby Dagenhart and Sydney Austin, all of Peachland, Meredith Love (Justin) of Indian Trail, Austin Dagenhart and Madison Dagenhart, both of Statesville; his great-granddaughter Ella Grace Love; his sisters and brother, Delores Thomas (Richard), Marie Bagley and Hal Austin (Linda), all of Peachland; and his sister-in-law Marty Austin Thomas (Conway) of Peachland. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Larry Austin.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Deep Springs Baptist Church, 1908 Deep Springs Church Road, Peachland, NC 28133.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11

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

Mrs. Arlene Allred Martin Bowman

Mrs. Arlene Allred Martin Bowman, 91, died Sunday, October 2, 2016, at the Autumn Care Nursing Facility in Marshville.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5, 2016, at Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Phillip Parrish and Rev. Chuck Marbry officiat-

ing. Interment will follow in Anson Memorial Park. The family will greet friends prior to the service beginning at 1 p.m.

Arlene was born in Troy, NC on September 4, 1925, a daughter of the late Aretta Herring and Grover Franklin Allred. She was first married to Mr. Hampton "Hamp" Martin, who died in 1992 and later to Mr. Clarence Bowman who died in 2014. She was a homemaker and wonderful mother and grandmother, not just to her own kids and grandkids, but for many of her neighbors and friends as well. If you came to visit her, she always insisted you have something to eat and drink. In addition, she celebrated and cheered her kids through school as she was actively involved in many of the extracurricular activities at Southview Academy. Arlene will also be remembered by many students for her work in several of the Anson County school cafeterias.

Survivors include her daughter Vickie Martin of Wadesboro; son Darrell Martin (Karen) of Peachland; and three grandchildren, Max, Mason and Mia Martin. In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Don Allred and Buddy Allred.

The family wishes to thank both the nursing staff on the Rehabilitation Hall and the members of the Rehabilitation Department at Autumn Care for their wonderful care and concern shown to Miss Arlene during her stay.

Leavitt Funeral Home is serving the family. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

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Medicare Open Enrollment Period is Oct. 15 - Dec. 7

Change is a part of everyday life and change may be necessary to get the most out of your health care benefits. Each year during the Open Enrollment Period, Medicare beneficiaries have the opportunity to compare and evaluate their current plans and make changes as necessary. Just as your health needs may change from year to year, so may the benefits and costs of your health plan. By comparing plans during the Open Enrollment Period, Medicare beneficiaries can save money and make certain that their 2017 plan will be the best for their needs.

The Open Enrollment Period begins on Oct.15 and runs for 7 weeks to give you enough time to review and make changes to your Medicare coverage. All changes must be made by Dec. 7 to ensure that your coverage can begin without interruption on Jan. 1.

"Many Medicare beneficiaries assume that the plan they are in this year will also work for them in the coming year and that is not always the case," said North Carolina Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin. "The staff from SHIIP, the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program, are available to help over the phone or in-person in all 100 counties in North Carolina."

SHIIP is a division of the North Carolina Department of Insurance and offers free, unbiased information about Medicare, Medicare prescription drug coverage, Medicare Advantage, long-term care insurance and other health insurance issues. In addition to helping Medicare beneficiaries compare and enroll in plans during the Open Enrollment Period, SHIIP counselors can help people find out if they are eligible for Medicare cost savings programs.

Here are some of the ways to review and compare plans available for 2017:

- Get one-on-one help from SHIIP, the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program, by calling 1-855-408-1212, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can also request in-person assistance in your home county.
- Visit www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan to compare your current coverage with all of the options that are available in your area, and enroll in a new plan if you decide to make a change.
- Review the Medicare & You handbook. It was mailed to people with Medicare in September.
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) 24-hours a day, seven days a week, to find out more about your coverage options. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

For more information about SHIIP and the Medicare Open Enrollment Period, call the Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616 or call 1-855-408-1212 or visit www.ncshiiip.com.

Free ADHD Awareness Workshop Oct. 25

An ADHD Awareness Workshop will be held on Tuesday, October 25 at the Hampton B. Allen Library in the Pritchett Room, from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. Cassandra Byers with Daymark Recovery Services will be the guest speaker. Lunch and materials will be provided free. Contact Suzanne Maness at (910) 627-1769 to register. The deadline to register is Friday, October 21.

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