

On Monday, October 3, 2022, Mr. John Clark "Jay" Bennett, 90, beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away peacefully to be with his Lord at Atrium Health Union in Monroe.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, October 9, 2022, at First Baptist Church, Wadesboro with Dr. Harry Workman officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

The family greeted friends one hour prior to the service Sunday at the church.

Jay was born July 21, 1932, in Anson County, and was a son of the late George Wilson Bennett and the late Mary Elizabeth Moore Bennett. He was a graduate of Deep Creek High School and Palmer Business College in Columbia, SC, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. He was a veteran of the United States Army.

He had a long career in plywood sales, having worked for Winnsboro Plywood Company and later owned and operated Tri-Wood Products.

Jay had a very strong faith and was a member of First Baptist Church, Wadesboro where he has served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Fonda Suits (Carl) of Moseley, VA, Ann Bennett of Lexington, SC and Stan Bennett (Jennifer) of Bedford, VA; and his grandchildren, John Suits of Alexandria, VA, Gracen Bennett of Irmo, SC, Steven Bennett of Roanoke, VA and Eva Bennett of Brooklyn, NY.

Among Jay's greatest joys was that of spending time with his family and being able to help them in times of need. He was an avid bridge player, coached Royal Ambassador Basketball and refereed in Columbia, SC, and volunteered with Meals on Wheels through Grace Senior Center in Wadesboro.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Betty Waddell Bennett and his brothers, George Bennett, Jr. and Carl Bennett.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Meals on Wheels, c/o Grace Senior Center, 199 NC-742, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or to the American Cancer Society, 1901 Brunswick Ave #100, Charlotte, NC 28207.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).

## Rev. Delmond Walter "D.W." Carpenter

On Thursday morning, October 6, 2022, Rev. Delmond Walter "D.W." Carpenter, went home to be with his Lord and Savior while being cared for by his family at his home. His family rejoices that he has seen his Savoir face to face and that he has been reunited with the love of his life, Willie Baker Carpenter.

The service to celebrate his life was held on Monday, October 10, 2022, at Deep Creek Baptist Church with Rev. Mark Perko officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

The family greeted friends one hour prior to the service in the church fellowship hall and other times at the home of his niece in Wadesboro.

Rev. Carpenter was born November 17, 1928, in Anson County and was a son of the late Walter Franklin Carpenter and the late Mary Honeycutt Carpenter Smith. He was in the eighth grade when his father passed away, and being the oldest child he felt the need to quit school to help his mother provide for their family. He was drafted to serve in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict.

After realizing the importance of a strong work ethic and providing for his family, he worked at Parker's Feed and Seed, Wade Manufacturing and retired from Duff Norton as a machinist.

He was a longtime member of Deep Creek Baptist Church where he has served as youth leader, coach for the church softball teams, four terms as deacon and Sunday School Superintendent. He also served as the Sunday School Director for the Anson Baptist Association.

In 1977 Rev. Carpenter was ordained into gospel ministry after accepting God's calling on his life. He served churches in Anson, Richmond and Chesterfield Counties, to name a few. His first place of service was Brown Creek Baptist Church, and he later went to serve at Roberdel Baptist Church in Rockingham, Calvary Baptist Church in Wadesboro and Morven Baptist Church, serving there last in 2017, when he retired from ministry. He served Oakland Baptist Church, Hopewell Baptist Church and Thompson Creek Baptist Church, all in Chesterfield County, SC. At age 92 it was his desire to preach one last time in Deep Creek Baptist Church and the pastor asked him to fill the pulpit in his absence one Sunday, thus his desire came true.

## Paint Buddies with Mike Philips

Beginning Tuesday, Nov. 1st, there will be an open forum painting session in the Drake Gallery Studios. Painters will be asked to bring their own materials and can work on whatever project they may have in progress. This will be a time to exchange ideas and collaborate with other artists, and is at no charge. The time will be from 10 a.m. until 12 noon and will be every Tuesday beginning Nov. 1st.

The first session will be led by Mike Phillips.

The Drake Gallery is located at the Anson County Arts Council, 110 South Rutherford Street in uptown Wadesboro. For any questions call Mike at 704-819-2487.

## Reception for Cynthia Little at Drake Gallery

The public is invited to join the Anson County Arts Council for a reception to view Cynthia Little's beautiful handmade quilts on Sunday, November 6, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Drake Gallery & Studios. Refreshments will be provided.

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Also, a large part of his ministry was THE EXPRESS • October 12, 2022 • Page 3 able, he visited both nursing homes in Wadesboro and the residents always looked forward to the visits from "The Little Preacher Man."

An avid gardener, he always shared the bounty from his garden with family and friends. He also shared jars of his famous homemade pickles, and he was the cole slaw champion in the eyes of his family.

He was active in membership with the Anson Beekeepers Association and Woodmen of the World, where he was honored by the local Woodmen Lodge with the "Caring for Others" award in 2016.

His wife of 64 years, Willie Baker Carpenter, preceded him in death, and he has longed for the day of their reunion. Those left to cherish his memory are his nieces who were much like his daughters, Debbie Jarman of Wadesboro and Linda Pilkenton (Eric) of Lenoir; his grandchildren, Adam Jarman (Lauren) of Charlotte, Emily Trexler (Dave) and Justin Jarman (Shelley), all of Wadesboro and John Jarman (Nicole) of Peachland; his great-grandchildren, Avery Jarman, Abby Trexler and Alyssa Trexler; and his nieces and nephews and extended family from both the Carpenter and Baker families.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by an infant son, his stepfather Roy Smith and his sister and brothers, Lillie Mae Baker, Hobert Carpenter, Billy Carpenter and Floyd Carpenter.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Deep Creek Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 1280 Beck Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170 or to the Gideon's International Anson Camp, P.O. Box 904, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Servant of God, well done! Thy glorious warfare's past: The battles fought, the race is won, and thou art crowned at last.

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## Mr. Jerry Wilson Jones

On Saturday, October 8, 2022, Mr. Jerry Wilson Jones, 79, passed away peacefully at Atrium Health Union in Monroe.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 14, 2022, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Sam Abee officiating. Interment will follow in Lilesville Cemetery.

The family will greet friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at the funeral home.

Jerry was born August 31, 1943, at the Jones Home Place in Lilesville and was the sixth child, third son of the late Roland Hampton Jones, Sr. and the late Julia Mae Tarlton Jones. He was a grandson of the late Charlie Thomas Jones and Florence Eugenia Teal Jones and William Battle Tarlton and the late Susie Cornelia Newton Tarlton.

Jerry worked as an insulator, carpenter, painter, mechanic and large machinery operator and later retired from Wiggins Construction in Monroe.

He was a member of the Wadesboro Church of God where he faithfully attended and supported the church's ministries.

Jerry was a supporter and member of Alcoholics Anonymous and was looking forward to receiving his 31-year chip in November. He supported and attended AA meetings, not only in Wadesboro, but in Monroe, Rockingham and Cheraw, SC, attending at least five meetings each week. He encouraged many in their recovery from alcoholism and drug abuse. Each year, as he celebrated his sobriety, he always hosted a meal for his family and friends.

He was always willing to assist anyone he met if they happened to be down on their luck. He had a soft spot for children, and he often made sure they had food, school supplies and of course, candy.

Jerry enjoyed going to Hemby Bridge to listen to bluegrass music, and Hargett Store for music and especially senior dances.

Jerry was community-minded and accepted others as they are without judgement. He could often be found enjoying a meal at Lady Bug Family Restaurant and would silently pick up the tab for others.

Those left to cherish his memory are his sons, Bryan Jones (Alison) and Chris Fincher, all of Monroe; his granddaughters, both of whom he loved dearly and was proud of, Carson Jones and Reese Jones, both of Monroe; his sisters and brother, Doris Ellis of Hamlet, Polly Becker of Finksburg, MD, Susie Curtiss and Gay VanBrero (Erik), all of Wadesboro and Clayton Jones (Carolyn) of Kinston; his sister-in-law Bobbie Jones of Rockingham.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brothers and sister, R.H. Jones, Jr., William Jones, Loise Steele and Harold Jones.

Jerry's family is most appreciative to his primary care physician, Dr. Tadde with Carolinas Primary Care and to the staff at Atrium Health Anson for the exemplary care they provided.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Wadesboro Church of God, 809 North Greene St., Wadesboro, NC 28170 or to Anson County Council on Alcoholism, P.O. Box 1078, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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