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Obituaries

Sherrill Morgan of the home; his children, Eddie (Shannon) Henry of Oakboro and Dean (Brandon) Thomas of Lilesville; his grandchildren, Olivia, Lennon, Shaler and Cartney Henry and Ivy Thomas; his brother and sisters, Gary (Penny) Henry of Rockingham, Donna (Larry) Griggs of Lilesville and Julie Morris of Wadesboro; his mother-in-law, Maxine Morgan of Morven; his brothers-in-law and sister-in-law, Joe (Becky) Morgan of Wadesboro, Phil (Wanda) Morgan of Garden City, Steve Morgan of Morven and Gina (David) Wooten of Cumming, GA; five nieces; five nephews; two great-nieces; and four great-nephews.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his sister, Joy Henry and father-in-law, J. B. Morgan.

Eddie will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle. He loved and was loved by many friends and touched many lives by his warm personality and daily visits on his rounds about town.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to

Faith Baptist Church, 3520 Stanback Ferry Ice Plant Rd., Wadesboro, NC or to Anson County Relay for Life Team, c/o American Cancer Society, 1901 Brunswick Ave., Charlotte, NC 28207.

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

Mr. Kenneth Claude Kiker

Mr. Kenneth Claude Kiker, 70, died Thursday, October 16, 2014, at his home.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, October 19, 2014, at Hopewell United Methodist Church with Rev. Steve Hill officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Kenneth was born June 30, 1944, in Anson County, a son of the late Charles Hampton and Ruby Little Kiker. He was retired from Allvac, with 35 years of service to the company.

Surviving are his children, Dennis Kiker of Peachland, Cynthia (Chris) Bales of Apex and Bryan (Jennifer) Kiker of Polkton; his grandchildren, Brandon, Zachary,

Katie, Matthew and Timothy Kiker; his great-grandchildren, Zachary and Raylyn; his sister, Linda (Jimmy) Phifer of Marshville; and his nieces and nephews and their families.

Kenneth was an avid Nascar fan, loved to design, build and fly model airplanes, and was mechanically gifted. He will be remembered most, however, as a loving father and grandfather.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hopewell United Methodist Church, c/o Susie McSwain, 424 Pork Rd., Polkton, NC 28135 or to Hospice of Union County, 700 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 28110.

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Mr. James Calvin "Rocky" Smith

Mr. James Calvin "Rocky" Smith, 57, died Friday, October 17, 2014, at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

There was a gathering of family and friends in celebration of his life on Sunday, October 19, 2014, at the home of his sister in Wadesboro.

Rocky was born July 30, 1957, in Richmond County, NC, a son of the late Calvin Smith, Jr. and the late Annie Ruth Black Smith. He had worked in commercial construction for a number of years.

Surviving are his daughters, Ann Marie Smith of North Myrtle Beach, SC, Teesha Smith of Wadesboro and Erica Smith of Longs, SC; his grandchildren, Casper, Jace, Chip,

Josalyn, C. J., Sophie, Nayomi, and one on the way, Ava, due in December; his sisters and brothers, Shirley (Wayne) Marsh and Thomas Smith, all of Chesterfield, Dale Smith of Wallace, SC, Bill (Kim) Smith of Nakina, NC, Martha "Cookie" Goodwin of Wadesboro and Teesha "Puddin" Smith of Morven; and his beloved nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, James Roland Smith and his sister, Mary Ellen Smith.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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

Mr. George Edward "Eddie" Henry, Jr.

Mr. George Edward "Eddie" Henry, Jr., 65, died Friday, October 17, 2014, at his home.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, October 21, 2014, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Jimmy Knotts officiating. Interment followed in Morven Cemetery.

Eddie was born December 21, 1948, in Anson County, a son of the late George Edward and Eugenia "Jean" Kanipe Henry. He was retired from CMH Flooring.

Surviving are his wife,

On October 27, 2013, the world as we knew it flipped over - Cline Pope made his final journey that day to heaven, leaving us, his family and friends, to cope without him. Thanks to a lot of prayers and love we are surviving.

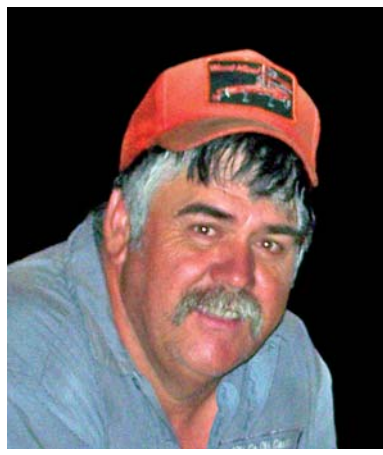
Hardly a day goes by without someone telling us something funny

Cline said, how he made them laugh, or how much he is missed by so many.

We want to thank everyone from the first day for all you have done to help us. We were overwhelmed by the support you have given us. For all the food, flowers, cards, memorials, gifts, calls, love and prayers, there are no words to thank you enough. You are what helps us make it through another day.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers. And, may the Lord bless each of you every day in every way.

The Family of Cline Pope



A Big Dose of Love is Available at the Anson Animal Shelter

This is Knuckle. He has been at the Anson Animal Shelter since August 18 and would love to have a home. He is a lab mix, potty trained and loves attention! Do you have a place in your heart and your home for this sweet dog?

Knuckle and lots of other dogs, cats, puppies and kittens are ready to bring love and joy into your home. All the animals that are up for adoption at the Animal Shelter are listed and have a picture at Petfinder.com. When you visit the site search for any Anson County town

or zip code and you will be able to see them.

A rescue can bring lots of happiness and love into any home...and you will make the animal happy too! It's a win-win.

For more information contact Becky Wilson at 704-994-2738. The Animal Shelter is located on Highway 74 in Polkton, at the entrance to the Field of Dreams.

Fresh Ways to Enjoy Fall Across North Carolina

Fall's blue skies, crisp temperatures and vibrant foliage create the urge to head outside, and fresh activities across North Carolina add ways to enjoy the season. With six weeks of prime leaf looking, events that relish the harvest and festivals energized by fall breezes, travelers find boundless rewards for exploring the state.

To help autumn lovers make the most of the splendid season, superintendents from North Carolina's state parks and other local experts will post photos and reports on fall color and activities at VisitNC.com. The site's Fall for Fall in North Carolina section adds notes of inspiration for those seeking events with music, seafood, family activities, wine and beer. Get started here with seven ideas for relishing fall in a new way.

1) Use your feet. Banjo tunes send runners on their way at the Rhythm & Roots Run, and more music awaits along the route. Run, stroll or walk your dog through the 5K or 10K course and get a free pass to the new Earl Scruggs Center, an innovative attraction that celebrates the place that shaped the premier picker's life. Nov. 1, Shelby.

2) Paddle a creek. If you love true stories of derring-do, it's hard to top the one about William B. Cushing, a 21-year-old Union officer who sneaked up the Roanoke River and torpedoed a Confederate ironclad. Learn all about it as you paddle the getaway route at Cushing's Escape: 150th Anniversary Paddle, which includes lunch, music and more. Oct. 25, Plymouth.

3) Sow seeds of imagination. A new children's garden adds magic to the fall transformation at Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden. The three-acre Lost Hollow, designed by W. Gary Smith, invites young minds to wander through areas fit for fairy tales — a mysterious Fireplace Cave, a Sunken Pond, an Aviary and the castle-like Moon Keep. Belmont.

4) Blaze a trail. Countless trails afford stunning views amid North Carolina's ancient mountains and old growth forests. This fall, hikers, bikers and horseback riders can enjoy the blazing mountain colors along the newly completed Santeelah Lake Trail, which hugs the shore of a sparkling reservoir in the Nantahala National Forest. Time a visit to Fall Hike Week at Fontana Village Resort or the Harvest Festival at Stecoah Valley Cultural Arts Center. Robbinsville.

5) Drink in the scenery. Even designated drivers enjoy North Carolina wineries in the fall. Take the Pilot Mountain Parkway to the new JOLO Winery & Vineyards, where you can linger at the lake, follow nature trails and toss bocce balls. Or check out newly designated Upper Hiwassee Highlands wine region in the mountains of southwestern North Carolina.

6) Find an old favorite. With all the signature festivals that take place in the fall, you're bound to find something that's new to you. And classics events such as Lexington's Barbecue Festival, the North Carolina Seafood Festival, the Woolly Worm Festival and Mayberry Days never grow old.

Access trip-planning information and more ideas about where to enjoy a festive fall in the searchable listings at VisitNC.com.

Class of 1979 35th Reunion is Saturday

The Bowman High School Class of 1979 will be celebrating their 35 year class reunion on Saturday, October 25 at 7 p.m. All classmates are invited to come out to the Holla Community Center, located at 229 East Main Street in Morven for this big event. Dress is formal or semi-formal, and the cost is \$25 per person.

Please send check or money order to: Class of '79, PO Box 322, Lilesville NC 28091. For more information call Lyndell Ingram at 704-465-0295 or Williesenia Allen at 704-695-7599.

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