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**Mrs. Miriam Lana Brooks Burr**

Miriam Lana Brooks Burr of Lilesville, 72, died peacefully on Sunday, October 15, 2017, after a long courageous battle with gastro-intestinal cancer.

A service to celebrate her life was held on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Tom Walden officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

Miriam was born March 5, 1945, in Anson County, a daughter of the late Benjamin Timothy Brooks and Mary Poplin Brooks of Lilesville. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother Harold Lamar Brooks who was 27 years old when he died of cancer.

She is survived by her three sons, Bryan (Shonna) Burr of New London, Darryl (Sherry) Burr of Lilesville and Justin (Kim) Burr of Wadesboro; and her brother Benjamin Timothy Brooks, Jr. of Oak Island. She was blessed with seven grandchildren, Cherish, Bryan Christian, Camron, Matthew, Krystal, Dalton and Kalista; seven great-grandchildren, Serenity, Charity, Brooklyn, Jaxon, Daylee, Karoline and Wyatt; and many nieces and nephews.

A retired teacher who loved those teachable moments, Miriam was a graduate of Wingate College, and received her M.A. in Elementary Education from UNC-Pembroke. She was a member of Gum Springs Baptist Church and a member of the local chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution.

Miriam was blessed with a wonderful smile which she used to make folks feel better. She loved gardening and crocheting, and her feline companion Max. She fought her cancer with the same optimism, courage and determination she exhibited throughout her life.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the staff at Ambassador Health and Rehab for their loving care and faithful service to Miriam and her family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Gum Springs Baptist Church Building, 1364 Hailey's Ferry Rd. Lilesville, NC 28091 Fund or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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

**Obituaries**

**Mrs. Clara Ann Livingston Gathings**

Mrs. Clara Ann Livingston Gathings, 79, died Thursday, October 26, 2017, at her home with her children by her side.

Funeral services were held on Monday, October 30, 2017, in Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, McFarlan, NC.

Clara Ann was born in Anson County on November 13, 1937, a daughter of the late Clara Mae Allen and Hugh Alfred Livingston. She graduated with 12 years of perfect attendance from Morven High School in 1956. Clara Ann eventually earned employment as a tax preparer and worked for over 40 years for H&R Block.

Survivors include two daughters, Tammy Swearingin (Steve) and Robbie James (Derek), all of Wadesboro; three grandchildren, Stephanie Cox (Cobey), Macy Smith (Brandon) and Sally James; three great-grandchildren, Hailey Swearingin, Isaiah Swearingin and Graycen

Cox; brother Henry Livingston (Sarah) of Cheraw; two sisters-in-law, Shirley Livingston and Glenda Livingston; and her beloved four-legged canine companion Kendall.

In addition to her parents, Clara Ann was preceded in death by her husband of 44 years, William F. "Billy" Gathings; her grandson William Matthew Swearingin; three brothers, Robert, Rufus and Johnny Livingston; and her sister Polly L. Edwards.

The family suggests memorials be made to Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, c/o Mildred Lowery, 8998 Diggs Rd., Morven, NC 28119.

Leavitt Funeral Home served the Gathings family. Online condolences may be made at [leavittfh.com](http://leavittfh.com).

**Mr. Carl Thomas Griggs**

Mr. Carl Thomas Griggs, 80, died Friday, October 27, 2017, at his home.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, October 29, 2017, at Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Jimmie Furr officiating.

Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

Carl was born in Chesterfield County, SC on June 18, 1937, a son of the late Thurston and Bernice Vaughn Griggs. Proud to do his duty for his country, Carl served six years in the US Army Ready Reserves. He also worked for Delta Mills for nearly 45 years before retiring to spend more time with his wife and grandchildren whom he loved so much.

Carl was a loving and devoted husband to Frances Oliver Griggs for 58 wonderful years. He had two daughters, Wanda Harris (Jeff) of Peachland and Angie (Mike) Creager of Fayetteville; five grandchildren, Misty Harris, Heather Poplin (Jamie), Josh Harris, Kelsey Creager, and Karlee Creager; one great-grandchild, Bailey Poplin; a sister-in-law, Donnie Faye Griggs; several nieces and a nephew.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, J.W. "Nookie" Griggs, Harold Griggs, Boyce Griggs and Charles Griggs.

The family expresses their heartfelt thanks to Bob Lowry, Carl's

nephew Rodney Griggs and to Community Home Care and Hospice for all of their love and support so unselfishly given. The family suggests that any memorials be made to Community Home Care and Hospice, 1971 E. Broad Avenue, Rockingham, NC 28379.

Leavitt Funeral Home served the Griggs family. Online condolences may be made at [leavittfh.com](http://leavittfh.com).

**Mr. Benjamin Gary Thompson**

Mr. Benjamin Gary Thompson, 67, went to Heaven on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, at CMC-Main in Charlotte

A visitation was held on Monday, October 23,

2017, followed by a memorial service at Wadesboro Church of God.

Mr. Thompson was preceded in death by his wife, Jan Henry Thompson, his father and mother, B. F. "Buddy" Thompson and Anna Lowder Thompson.

He is survived by a son, Dane Thompson; sisters, Barbara Thompson Cave (Roger) and Debbie Thompson Smith (Felix); sister in law Sherry Henry Lisk; and numerous nephews, nieces, uncles, aunts and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1300 Baxter St. #150, Charlotte, NC, 28204.

Online condolences may be made at [www.tributecremationsociety.com](http://www.tributecremationsociety.com).

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**Notice of Municipal Election for Anson County, North Carolina**

The MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR ANSON COUNTY will be held on **Tuesday, NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017** The polls will be open for voting on **Election Day from 6:30am to 7:30pm.**

<p><b>Anson County Registered Voters in the Following Municipalities (Towns) are eligible to vote in this election:</b></p> <p><b>TOWN OF LILESVILLE MAYOR</b> James Richard Harrington</p> <p><b>TOWN OF LILESVILLE COMMISSIONER</b> Bernice Bennett Jason T. Clarke Frank E. McAllister Peggy B. Treadaway Steve Whitlock Juanita Williams</p> <p><b>TOWN OF MORVEN COUNCIL</b> Marjorie Cole Johnie Clayton Marshall Alvin Solomon Carolyn Gatewood Solomon John Trotti Susan Woodburn</p> <p><b>TOWN OF PEACHLAND TOWN COUNCIL</b> James Thomas Hamilton Gail D. Home Bennie Garrett McLendon Jason Mullis Leigh Taylor</p> <p><b>TOWN OF POLKTON MAYOR</b> Robert Goodwin Minnie P. Staton</p> <p><b>TOWN OF POLKTON COMMISSIONER</b> Myra Thomas Dalgleish Janet Maria Dyson Johnny Faulk Henry C. Furr Jr. Cindy Melton Heafner Jimmy Hildreth Sissy Stegall</p> <p><b>TOWN OF WADESBORO COUNCIL</b> Gilbert (Gibby) Bachiochi Fred Davis Terry Lane Helms James David Lee Bobby Usrey</p>	<p><b>1 SEAT AVAILABLE</b></p> <p><b>5 SEATS AVAILABLE</b></p> <p><b>3 SEATS AVAILABLE</b></p> <p><b>3 SEATS AVAILABLE</b></p> <p><b>1 SEAT AVAILABLE</b></p> <p><b>5 SEATS AVAILABLE</b></p> <p><b>3 SEATS AVAILABLE</b></p>	<p><b>ANSON COUNTY POLLING PLACES OPEN FOR NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017</b></p> <p>LILESVILLE FIRE DEPT 202 W WALL ST, LILESVILLE</p> <p>MORVEN- FIRE DEPT 242 E MAIN ST, MORVEN</p> <p>PEACHLAND FIRE DEPT 35 E PASSAIC ST, PEACHLAND</p> <p>POLKTON FIRE DEPT 61 W POLK ST, POLKTON</p> <p><b>ALL TOWN RESIDENTS OF WADESBORO</b> SPCC LOCKHART TAYLOR-INGRAM RM 514 N WASHINGTON ST, WADESBORO</p> <p><b>*ALL WADESBORO TOWN VOTERS WILL VOTE AT LOCKHART TAYLOR*</b></p>
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**\*\*WRITE IN'S ARE PERMISSIBLE THIS ELECTION\*\***

For More information contact: Elections Director Steve Adams  
Board Chair: Rochelle Williams

Elections Office: 704-994-3223

The deadline to register to vote for this election is: **FRIDAY OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Absentee by Mail voting :**

**ALL TOWNS HAVE OPTED OUT OF ABSENTEE BY MAIL VOTING FOR THIS ELECTION.**

**ABSENTEE BY MAIL VOTING WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS ELECTION ( INCLUDES MILITARY AND OVERSEAS)**

**EARLY VOTING WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS ELECTION IN ANY TOWNS**

**DATES TO KNOW**

Monday November 6<sup>th</sup> – Pre Election Day Board Meeting – 5:00 PM

**Tuesday, November 07, 2017 MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY: 6:30 AM – 7:30 PM 163-279**

Friday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – County Closed for Veterans Day

Monday November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 11:00 am – Sample Audit/Provisional Count - 163-182.1

**Canvass Day meeting ( certification of results )will be held in the Board of Elections Office on FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 AT 11:00 AM**

NC GS 163-33. (8) Notice shall be given by advertisement at least once weekly during the 20 day period in a newspaper having general circulation in the county.

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