

Obituaries

Mr. Franklin Mark Hildreth

On Wednesday, November 2, 2022, Mr. Franklin Mark Hildreth, 57, passed away peacefully at Atrium Health NorthEast in Concord.

Funeral services were held on Monday, November 7, 2022, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Patrick Ledford officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

The family greeted friends one hour prior to the service on Monday.

Mark was born August 14, 1965, in Anson County, and was a son of the late Franklin Leon Hildreth and the late Edna Moore Hildreth. He was a 1983 graduate of Bowman High School and was owner and operator of Hildreth's Best Muscadine's in Wadesboro.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 33 years, Terina Green Hildreth; his sons and daughters-in-law, Doug Alexander of Wadesboro, Jordan Hildreth (Alyx) of Peachland and Cory Hildreth (Cailie) of Kernersville; his grandchildren, Ethan, Rhett, Briggs and Conley; and his brother and sister-in-law Tim and Bonnie Hildreth of Norwood.

Mark enjoyed farming, hunting, golfing, making jokes, helping others, but most of all spending time with his grandkids. However, most importantly, he wanted everyone he came in contact with to

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know about his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The HEARTest Yard Fund at Levine Children's Hospital, c/o Atrium Health Foundation, 208 East Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28203.

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

Mrs. Sandra Susan Morgan Pratt

On Friday, November 4, 2022, Mrs. Sandra Susan Morgan Pratt, 71 of Charlotte, passed away due to complications following surgery for a brain tumor.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 12, 2022, at Hopewell Baptist Church, Legacy Campus, 420 Hopewell Church Road in Monroe, with Rev. Brian Austin officiating. Interment will follow in Anson Memorial Park in Wadesboro.

The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

Sandra was born December 16, 1950, in Mecklenburg County, NC and was a daughter of the late Sarah Ione Little and the late Homer Lee Morgan. She was a 1969 graduate of Harding High School in Charlotte.

Following graduation, the beginning of her lifelong career of being a wonderful mother and military wife. She met and married Leo Ernie Pratt of Wadesboro and she was supportive of his career with the United States Marines. They were blessed with two beautiful children, Shelly Kay and Leo Samuel, both of whom she loved and cared for very much. She was a wonderful mom.

Sandra worked in a few different fields after her children were finished with school, including sales and dental hygiene. However, she always put her job of being a wife and mom first.

Some of her favorite pastimes include providing home cooked meals for her family, her sweet potato casserole was always a family favorite, doing crafts, fishing with the grandkids, sewing dolls for her church's missions, gardening, but most of all, teaching her children about Jesus.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband of 53 years, Ernie Pratt; her daughter Shelly Jones (Rick); her son Leo Samuel Pratt; her grandchildren, Joshua Jones, Julianna Jones, Justin Jones and Jessica Jones; her half-brother Jeff Morgan (Shirley); her sister-in-law Vivian Reynolds (Bill); and her nieces, nephews, cousins and their families.

Sandra will be remembered as a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother, for her dry sense of humor and especially for being a prayer warrior.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to The Freedom School, a Christian school in the Dominican Republic that Sandra's grandkids have supported through mission trips www.itisforfreedom.com.

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

Mrs. Catherine Berros Short

On Tuesday, November 1, 2022, Mrs. Catherine Berros Short, 88, of Kernersville, NC and formerly of Wadesboro, passed away peacefully in her sleep.

There will be service by the graveside in Bethel Cemetery in Wadesboro held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 12, 2022.

The family will greet friends from 7:00 until 8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 11, 2022, at Leavitt Funeral Home.

Catherine was born September 9, 1934, in New York and was a daughter of the late James Berros and the late Julia Hutchko Berros.

While living in Wadesboro she was a pillar in her community and in her church, Bethel United Methodist Church, where she was active in the United Methodist Women. She lived a good and productive life in service to others.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter and sons-in-law, Nancy and Kevin Coffey of Morganton, NC, Cathy Faulkner of Kernersville, Cynthia and Jimmy Miller of Boone, NC, Jo Allison and Spencer Clary of Johns Island, SC, Donna and Jack Aver of Morganton and Diane and Chris Mowry of Lynchburg, VA; her sons and daughters-in-law, Don and Wanda Short of Deep Gap, NC and Ralph and Wendy Short of Powhatan, VA; her sister Chrissy Stubbins of Delaware; her brother and sister-in-law, James and Sue Berros of Tennessee; 16 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and 8 nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of more than 50 years, Ralph Horton Short; her daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ann and Larry Gatchel and her grandson Luke Short.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Bethel Cemetery Fund, c/o, Harold Carpenter, 1381 Cox Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

Nekeisha Lindsey and Nathan Jenkins are Metrolina Theatre Association Award Winners



The Metrolina Theatre Association (MTA) produced the Annual MTA awards to recognize excellence in the theatre community. In September the Ansonia Theatre had six nominations for MTA awards, and won two of them. Nekeisha Lindsey won Outstanding Supporting Actor/Female for her role as Oda Mae in *Ghost*. Nathan Jenkins won Emerging Artist of the Year.

Congratulations to the winners, and to everyone at the Ansonia for their terrific work.

Covid Update for Anson County

According to the latest information posted by the Anson County Health Department on Friday, November 4 the county was at 7,910 total Covid-19 cases, with 10 active and 100 deaths. On Wednesday, October 12 the county was at 7,877 total Covid-19 cases, with 21 active and 100 deaths.

The Health Department offers Moderna COVID Vaccines on Thursdays. They offer the primary series and the bivalent "Fall" booster. They are offered on Thursdays in a walk-in clinic. No appointment is necessary.



Mrs. Elsie Moore Gillis

Mrs. Elsie Moore Gills, 90, of Statesville and formerly of Wadesboro and Laurinburg, NC died at home on Sunday, November 6, 2022, in the company of her family.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2022, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. The interment will be private following the service in Anson Memorial Park.

The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service Thursday at the funeral home.

Elsie was born in Anson County on November 14, 1931 to the late Edmond Battle Moore and Wilma McIntyre Moore.

She was preceded in death by husband Arthur Newkirk, Jr in 1966 and by her husband of 49 years, Herman Gillis, in 2020. She was also preceded in death by siblings Edna Welborn, Pauline Allen, Virginia Crabtree, Bill Moore, Benton Moore, Battle Moore and Claude Moore and step-grandson Joseph Konen.

She lived in Anson County for over sixty years. She worked as a secretary at Hornwood Mills for sixteen years and retired from B.C Moore & Sons Credit Department in Wadesboro. She and Herman owned gift shops in Wadesboro and Laurinburg after retirement.

She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Wadesboro for over 50 years. She sang in the choir, taught Sunday School, worked with the youth and served on various committees.

After moving to Laurinburg in 1996, she became a member of Laurinburg Presbyterian Church where she served as the Sunday School Superintendent and served on various church committees. She joined Forest Park Presbyterian Church after moving to Statesville in 2015.

Elsie was a charter member of the Anson County Business and Professional Women's Club. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends and frequently entertained in her home. She belonged to several bridge clubs and was an accomplished square dancer. In her later years, she liked to read, stayed connected to others through Facebook and was very competitive when playing Phase 10.

Surviving are her daughter Jane Hinson (David) of Statesville, NC, son Arthur Newkirk III (Lucretia) of Laurinburg and stepdaughter Tammy Konen (Jim) of Fayetteville NC, grandchildren Lacey McIntyre (Justin), Ashlyn Murray, Logan Newkirk and Luciana Newkirk; step grandchildren Shawn Konen (Christy), Merica Marengo and William Konen (Leigh); five great-grandchildren; and her brother Robert Moore (Kathie) of Greenwood, SC. She also loved getting to know the extended Hinson family. "Gaga" will be missed greatly by her family.

The family wishes to thank the wonderful staff from Hospice of Iredell County and her private caregivers, Gigi and Kayla, whose support allowed her to receive end of life care at home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Hospice Palliative Care of Iredell County, 2347 Simonton Road, Statesville NC 28625 of Forest Park Presbyterian Church, 1026 Davie Avenue, Statesville NC 28677.

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