

# Obituaries

## Mr. John William Welsh Leak

On Tuesday, November 8, 2022, Mr. John William Welsh Leak, 67, passed away at Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center Main in Charlotte.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, in the chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro.

The family greeted friends following the service at the funeral home.

John was born August 1, 1955, in Mecklenburg County, NC, he was a son of the late James Alexander Leak, Jr. and the late Sallie Ann Welsh Leak. He graduated high school at the Darlington School in Rome, GA, and was also a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. For more than 25 years he was the owner and operator of Leak and Associates, Inc. in Monroe.

Surviving are his wife of 36 years, Jean Griffin Leak; his children, John Ralph Welsh Leak of Charlotte and Jenna Anne Griffin Leak of Monroe; his brother and sisters, James Alexander Leak, III (Sandy) of Durham, Sallie Leak Allen (Ron) of Lexington, KY and Mary Leak Wallace (Steve) of Norwood; his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Joyce Griffin Tyson (Ed) of Wadesboro and Richard Griffin (Suzanne) of Peachland; and his nieces and nephews and their families.

John was an avid hunter and fisherman, and he enjoyed scuba diving. He was a devoted fan of the Carolina Panthers since their beginning!

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mt. Olive Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 15958 White Store Pageland Rd., Marshville, NC 28103 or to Eastview Cemetery Trust, P.O. Box 274, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

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## Submit Soil Samples Now to Avoid Busy Lab Time and Peak-Season Fee

The busy season has begun for the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Agronomic soil testing lab and growers, gardeners and homeowners are reminded to submit their samples before Dec. 1 to ensure faster turnaround on results and avoid peak-season testing fees.

The peak season is anticipated to run from Dec. 1 to March 31, 2023. During that time, there is a \$4 fee per sample. Testing outside the peak season is free.

"Homeowners and community gardeners often have more flexibility in submitting samples, making it easier to submit soil samples before Dec. 1 or after the busy season beginning April 1," said Soil Agronomist Jagathi Kamalakanthan. "Samples must be received prior to Dec. 1 at our building to avoid fees. Clients who deliver samples on or after Dec. 1 until busy season ends will be assessed a fee. Date of shipping or postmarking is not considered."

Samples should be submitted in soil boxes provided by the Agronomic Division; samples are not accepted in other bags or boxes, Kamalakanthan said. Ample soil for testing should be supplied by filling to the red line found on the outside of the box. Information that is required on the box includes the client's name, address and sample ID. This information is also needed on the soil sample information sheet that is to accompany the soil box; a valid telephone number and email address is also required.

Clients will supply a code that specifies the intended planting for specific recommendations; the code is found on the second page of the soil information sheet.

Supplies of soil sample boxes and information sheets are provided at local county Cooperative Extension Centers and at the Agronomic Services Division, 4300 Reedy Creek Road, Raleigh, NC 27607.

For convenience, a fillable soil information form for routine homeowner samples is found at: [ncagr.gov/agronomi/documents/FormAD-15\\_corrected\\_logo.pdf](http://ncagr.gov/agronomi/documents/FormAD-15_corrected_logo.pdf).

Online soil submission is preferred over hand-written soil submission forms. Clients must first establish an account in the Public Access Laboratory- information-management System PALS for online submission and a copy of information form must be printed and submitted with the soil box. To avoid fees, online submission forms and boxes must be physically received at the division before Dec. 1. Online soil submission and instructions are found at NCDA&CS - Agronomic Services Division ([ncagr.gov](http://ncagr.gov)).

Soil test results are emailed to clients, so it is extremely important that a valid email address is used. Once the report is released, the client will receive an email with a link to the report.

"Additionally, providing a working phone number is highly encouraged as it is helpful for faster contact if there is an issue with soil sample submission," Kamalakanthan said.

Clients are encouraged to ship samples tightly-packed in a sturdy, shipping box to avoid damage during transit. For faster delivery, private carriers such as UPS or FedEx deliver directly to the Agronomic building rather than an off-site mail center. Some Cooperative County Extension offices collect samples from homeowners for delivery to the division; clients are encouraged to make sure that delivery meets their intended expectations and needs.

Clients are encouraged to look at current turnaround time that estimates the time for results. This changes frequently during the year. Go to:

[ncagr.gov/agronomi/PALS/Default.aspx](http://ncagr.gov/agronomi/PALS/Default.aspx). The sample turnaround time is based on the date the samples are received at their location.

Contact the Agronomic Services Division at 919-664-1600 with any questions.

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Sealed proposals will be received by the WADESBORO HOUSING AUTHORITY for separate and combined bids for **Two (2) projects in CAPITAL FUND PROJECT NC 50-50119, 50120, & 50121 until 3:00 PM, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2022**, and immediately thereafter publicly opened and read for the furnishing of labor, material and equipment entering into the Modernization of **Project NC 50-1, Site #2**.

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- Renovate Two (2) Existing Toilet Rooms.
- Replace exterior doors.
- Remove all VCT and provide new LVT.
- Prep and Paint walls.
- Provide new lighting.
- Provide new 200 AMP Panel with breakers.

**A Pre-Bid Conference has been scheduled for THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022 at 10:00 AM. Meeting will be held at the Housing Authority office, 200 West Short Plaza, Wadesboro, North Carolina 28170.**

**The Owner will unlock designated units so Contractors can have access to the interior.**

Complete Bid Documents will be open for inspection in the office of Stogner Architecture, PA, 615 East Broad Avenue, Rockingham, North Carolina (Designer); at the Housing Authority Office; or complete Bid Documents will be available for on-line viewing from the offices of **Construct Connect** [www.constructconnect.com](http://www.constructconnect.com); **Dodge Data & Analytics** <http://dodgeprojects.construction.com>; and **Construction Journal** [www.constructionjournal.com](http://www.constructionjournal.com).

Bid Documents may be obtained by download from Stogner Architecture, PA. by qualified contractors. For instructions on downloading these documents email [bids@stognerarchitecture.com](mailto:bids@stognerarchitecture.com).

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All contractors are hereby notified that they must have proper license under the State laws governing their respective trades, whether or not Federal Funding is involved.

**Contractors will be responsible to ensure that economic opportunities, to the greatest extent feasible follow Section 3 Requirements 24 CFR Part 135.1 and Section 3 Clause 24 CFR Part 135.38.**

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities.

**Betty Huntley, Executive Director**

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