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On November 6, 2021, Lonnie Baucom, devoted husband and father, passed away after days filled with friends, family, love, and laughter.

The family will greet friends on Thursday, November 18, 2021, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Leavitt Funeral home in Wadesboro.

A service to celebrate Lonnie's life will be held in early January.

A native of Mecklenburg County, Lonnie was born November 20, 1944, to Lillian Meacham and Carl Baucom. In March 1966 he married the love of his life, Anna Hyder, completed boot camp, then married Anna again in May 1966. In 1968 Lonnie returned from active duty in the United States Army in Germany to Charlotte to serve as daddy to DeAhn Hyder Baucom. In 1970 Lonnie and Anna moved to Wadesboro and expanded the family to include Nicole Dominique Baucom and in 1972, Samantha T Baucom. During that time the family grew to include family of choice: the Covingtons - Jack, Lou, Cindy, and Fred. In retirement Lonnie added Patti and Jackson Poulcott

to his family of choice, declaring Jackson as his son.

Lonnie was an entrepreneur, allowing him to directly care for and nurture his daughters, while Anna worked outside the home. He helped Anna finish college, earn two degrees, and continue to work outside the home, pioneering a marriage of partnership.

Lonnie and Anna loved Wadesboro and served Anson County for decades. When his daughters were young he was Girl Scout cookie mom for many years, earning the honor "Girl Scout cookie mom of the year." He worked tirelessly on the Anson County Board of Elections, often as chair. He supplied knowledge and expertise to First United Methodist Church in many roles - managing sound, supporting the radio station, and helping open the preschool, Open Doors, where he was known as Mr. Funny Voice.

Lonnie is survived by his life partner Anna Baucom; his daughters, DeAhn, Nicole and Samantha, and their spouses, Tim Hitch, Laura Rogers, and Lance Randall; his grandchildren, Anna and Sydney Baucomhitch, Georgeanna Randall, Elijah Baucom Hayes, Ben Randall, and Wyatt Baucom; his grandson-in-law Chase Browne; his son Jackson Poulcott; his brother Tom; Fred and Cindy Covington and their children Meredith, Matt, Gretchen, Will and John Ross; and a host of dear friends, including Patti Poulcott, Ron Bryant and Beverley Getzen, all of whom brought him great joy in his final years.

Lonnie was preceded in death by his parents Lillian and Carl Baucom, his Aunt Gladys Canty, Jack and Lou Covington, and his good friend, Charles Litaker.

The family suggests memorials be made to: First United Methodist Church Radio Station, 118 E. Morgan Street, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or to HOLLA! In Morven by using the following link www.holla.ws/contact-us/donation/paypal/.

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

Mrs. Frances McRae Downer

Mrs. Frances McRae Downer, 82, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, while a patient at Hospice Haven in Rockingham.

A service to celebrate her life was held on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Steve Goodwin officiating. Interment followed at Savannah Cemetery in Lilesville. The family greeted friends an hour before the service.

A native of Anson County, Frances was born November 18, 1938, a daughter of the late Walton and Lois Louise Griffin McRae. Her family later moved to Charlotte, NC, and she finished high school at West Mecklenburg. She worked many years as an insurance underwriter with Hardware Mutual Insurance Company, also in Charlotte.

Survivors include three children, Patricia Downer Seago (John) of Wadesboro, Robert F. "Bobby" Downer, Jr. of Jefferson, NC and Jerry B. Downer of Marion, NC; five grandchildren, Jordan Wheeler, Mary-Kathryn Downer, Jacob Phillip Downer (Lucia), Landon Jordan and Lilly Jordan; two great-grandchildren, Chase and Emma Carolyn; and two sisters, Lois McRae Hall of Polkton and Mildred McRae Hudson of Spruce Pine.

In addition to her parents, Frances was preceded in death by her husband Robert Franklin Downer; and five siblings, Eugene McRae, Franklin McRae, Susan McRae Edmisten, William R. "Bill" McRae and Preston McRae.

Leavitt Funeral Home is serving the Downer Family. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Mrs. Elizabeth "Lib" Costner Liles

On Monday, November 8, 2021, Mrs. Elizabeth "Lib" Costner Liles, 87, went to be with her Lord while being cared for at Atrium Health Union in Monroe.

A graveside which was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 13, 2021, in Anson Memorial Park with Rev. Randy Swaringen officiating.

Family and friends are welcome to visit at the home on Horton Road, following COVID 19 precautions and protocol.

Lib was born August 25, 1934, in Gaston County, NC, being one of six children born to Jesse James Costner and Ruby Gilmore Costner. She worked to earn her General Education Development, high school diploma equivalency and attended other college classes at Anson Technical College.

She worked for nearly 50 years at Little Cotton Manufacturing, starting out in the spinning department and working her way up to be secretary for the plant manager. Following her retirement from Little Cotton, she worked at WalMart in Wadesboro, retiring from customer service.

Lib was a faithful member of Cathedral Baptist Church in Wadesboro.

Those left to cherish her memories are her children, Connie Liles Curlee (Tony), Susan Liles Harrington (Robbie) and Ashley Liles (Mary Martha), all of Wadesboro; her grandchildren, Jaime Jarrell (Dallas), Zac Tarlton (Jennifer), Scottie Harrington (Brandy), Jace Liles and Krislyn Liles, all of Wadesboro, Christy Stilwell (Travis) of Marshville and Mike Curlee (Lea) of Norwood; her great-grandchildren, Mason Tarlton, Bladen Harrington and Addison Jarrell, all of Wadesboro; her brother Buddy Costner (Lynda) of Harrisburg; and a host of nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Milton V. "Son" Liles; her son-in-law Sammy Harrington and her brother and sisters, Kenneth Costner, Faye Vaughn, Margaret Pigg and Doris Yem.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cathedral Baptist Church, 1215 Old Lilesville Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

Cynthia Deese Sasser

Cynthia Deese Sasser, 42, went home to be with her Lord on Friday, November 12, 2021, from the UNC Medical Center in Chapel Hill, after a courageous

battle with cancer. A service to celebrate her life was held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at Faith Free Will Baptist Church in New London, NC. Interment followed in the church cemetery. The family greeted friends on Monday evening at Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro.

A native of Anson County, Cynthia was born April 4, 1979, a daughter of Troy and Patricia Odom Deese. She graduated high school in Anson County before entering the work force. She worked a number of years in the cafeteria at Peachland-Polkton Elementary School where she was well thought of by both students and staff. She was married to the late Matthew Alden Sasser of Millingport who passed away in 2016.

Survivors include a daughter, Madilyn Rose Sasser of the home; two stepdaughters, Allison Wensil (Jesse) of Albemarle and Lisa Goodman (Andy Salmon) of Richfield; her parents, Troy and Patricia Deese; a sister, Vonda Allen (Jamey) of Rockingham; six grandchildren, Lane, Luke, Lyle, Dennie, Korie and Kymbree; and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family suggests memorials be made to Joshua Free Will Baptist Youth Camp, 29387 Pennington Rd, Albemarle, NC 28001.

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