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On Thursday, November 18, 2021, Mrs. Ollie Mae Carter Chewning, 86, loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister went to be with her Lord and Savior while being cared for at Anson Health and Rehab in Wadesboro.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, November 21, 2021, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with her grandson, Rev. Steven Chewning and Rev. Mark Perko officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

Ollie Mae was born May 20, 1935, in Anson County and was a daughter of the late Sam Jones Carter and the late Ollie Virginia Covington Carter. She was a graduate of Morven High School.

She grew up in McFarlan, and along with her family, was a member of Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church. After being married to John Franklin Chewning of Wadesboro she joined Camden Presbyterian Church and remained a faithful member until the church was closed just a few years ago. Ollie Mae then began attending Deep Creek Baptist Church with her son, and united with the church only after the pastor agreed to accept her Presbyterian baptism!

Ollie Mae worked for many years in textiles, retiring from Zimmer Manufacturing in Wadesboro and Takata, Inc. in Cheraw, SC. Following her retirement from textiles she worked parttime as a receptionist at ACTS in Wadesboro.

She loved her family and time spent with them. Family time was very important to her. She was an excellent cook and found a lot of pleasure in feeding her family and friends. Nothing pleased her more than being involved in the lives of her grandsons.

Those left to cherish her memories are her son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Ann Chewning of Wadesboro; her son-in-law Ed Gatewood of Wadesboro; her grandsons, Shawn Harris, Brad Gatewood and Tyler Chewning (Mirandi), all of Wadesboro and Rev. Steven Chewning (Meghan) of Sanford; her nine great-grandchildren; and her sister and brother, Eleanor Pesce of Wadesboro and Terry Carter (Julia) of Anderson, SC; and her nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband John Franklin Chewning; her daughter Sybil Gatewood and her sisters and brother, Virginia Brooks, Tilton Carter, Hazel Caulder, Audrey Threadgill and S. J. Carter.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Deep Creek Christian Academy, 3425 Deep Creek Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

Mr. Walter Milton Pegram, Jr.

On Saturday, November 20, 2021, Mr. Walter Milton Pegram, Jr., 72, passed away peacefully at his home with his loving and devoted family at his bedside.

A service to celebrate Milton's life was held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. The family greeted friends from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. on Monday, November 22, 2021, at their home.

Milton was born May 24, 1949, in Guilford County, NC and was a son of the late Vera Maness Burris and the late Walter Milton "Tot" Pegram. He was a 1967 graduate of Anson High School. Upon graduation Milton served in the United States Air Force, having tours of duty in Turkey and North Dakota.

He retired after serving for 30 years with the North Carolina Forestry Service as County Ranger in Anson County. Afterwards he served with the Anson County Sheriff's Office as Chief Deputy for Sheriff Tommy Allen. He retired from the office with the rank of Major.

He was active in his community, having coached baseball for Lilesville Little League teams, the Lilesville Reds and Sheppard Wood Products. He served with the Lilesville Fire Department for many years in continuation of his lifelong calling of "service to others."

In 1998 Milton served as Incident Commander during the fires in Daytona Beach and Ormond Beach Florida.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 53 years, Brenda Usrey Pegram; his children, Todd Pegram of Lilesville and Michelle Dennis (Matt) of Norwood; his granddaughters, Ashley Steagall (Wes) of Polkton and Natalie Davis and Lee Ann Dennis, both of Norwood; his great-grandchildren, Summer Davis of Norwood and Weston Steagall and Catie Steagall, both of Polkton. He is also survived by his brother and sister, Jeff Pegram (Joanna) of Lake Wylie and Jeanne Zentmeyer (Larry) of Kannapolis; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Ron Usrey of Garden City, SC, Tom Usrey of Myrtle Beach, SC, Patty "Kitty" Montgomery (Eddie) of Kansas City, MO and Mary Lynn Usrey of Wadesboro; and his nieces and nephews and their families.

Milton loved being with family and friends; he never met a stranger. He was at his happiest when socializing surrounded by those he loved and entertaining them while sharing his passion for meal preparation. Among his favorite pastimes was hosting others and enjoying his home at Holden Beach and fishing the waters off Shallotte Inlet.

For 26 years he was known as the "Christmas Tree Man." He and Brenda owned and operated Milton and Brenda's Christmas Trees at their home. Many people traveled many miles to Lilesville for a Christmas tree or wreath from their lot for generations.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice: Forestville United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Joanne Clark 1781 Clark Mountain Rd., Lilesville, NC 28091 or the American Cancer Society 1901 Brunswick Ave #100, Charlotte, NC 28207 for ongoing research.

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Mr. Robert Joe "Bobby" Carpenter, Sr.

Mr. Robert Joe "Bobby" Carpenter, Sr., 76, entered his heavenly home on Friday, November 19, 2021, while at home surrounded by family and friends.

A service to celebrate his life was held on Monday, November 22, 2021, at Cathedral Baptist Church with Rev. Randy Swaringen and Rev. Jesse Carpenter officiating. Interment followed at Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church Cemetery in Polkton. The family greeted friends in the church before the service.

A native of Anson County, Bobby was born January 16, 1945, a son of the late Robert Gilmore Carpenter and Callie Mae Phillips Carpenter. He spent 27 years working a full-time job with Carolina Power and Light before retiring in 2000. However, Bobby was never one to sit around pondering what he might do, so he made sure he had plenty of part-time jobs all along the way. He once had an appliance repair business that he worked evenings and Saturdays. He also worked for Ronald McCollum doing grading work, and later had some equipment of his own that he would use to do small jobs for friends and neighbors. A deeply religious man, Bobby taught Sunday school and served as a deacon of the church for most of his life. He was an active participant in our local prison ministry where he was able to escort an inmate on Sunday evenings to church for preaching, Christian fellowship, witnessing, and a meal before returning him to the prison.

Another way in which Bobby chose to serve his community was by volunteering his time with both the Polkton and Burnsville Volunteer Fire Departments. He was an advocate for the younger firemen and enjoyed mentoring them. However, Bobby's greatest joy in life was time spent being a father to his children and a grandfather and great-grandfather to his grand and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Linda McLaughlin Carpenter of the home; two sons, Robert Joe "Robbie" Carpenter, Jr. (Tonya) of Olanta, SC and Russell D. Carpenter (Christie) of Norwood; a daughter, Angie C. Beachum (Ben) of Cottonville; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Also surviving is one brother, Walter Fred Carpenter of Norwood; and a sister, Rosa Lee Powell of Polkton.

The family suggests memorials be made to Cathedral Baptist Church, 1215 Old Lilesville Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170; or to Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church, c/o Joyce Meachum, 2139 Stanback Ferry Ice Plant Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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Our pet cat, Monkey went missing on Saturday, November 6 from the South Pine Lane area, off White Store Road in Wadesboro.

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