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Mr. George Kevin McKenzie

Mr. George Kevin McKenzie, 62, died Wednesday, November 22, 2017, at his home.

The family greeted friends on Sunday, November 26, 2017, at Leavitt Funeral Home, and a graveside service followed in Peachland Cemetery with Reverend Michael Bye officiating.

Kevin was born November 24, 1954, in Union County, NC, a son of the late George Edward McKenzie and the late Jewel Mae Vaughn McKenzie. He was a graduate of Bowman High

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School and received a Bachelor's Degree in Human Services from Wingate University. He worked for 30 years as a Juvenile Court Counselor for both Anson and Richmond Counties. He also worked for a number of years for JB Video in Wadesboro and eventually became co-owner of Hometown Video in Wadesboro.

Kevin was most proud of his recovery from alcoholism, and was very active in Alcoholic's Anonymous in Wadesboro. He helped many people who struggled with addiction to begin the steps to recovery.

Surviving are his children, Reese Cripe of Summerville, SC, Ben McKenzie (fiance' Katie) and Emily McKenzie, all of Sumter, SC; he was a loving Poppy to his granddaughters, Haelyn and Josie Cripe of Summerville; his sister Ann Frank of Hickory; his sisters-in-law, Melba McKenzie of Polkton and Martha McKenzie of Peachland; and his nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Tommy and Jimmy, and sister Elsie.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Anson County Council on Alcoholism, P.O. Box 1078, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

Mr. Allen Wayne "Beebop" Henry

Mr. Allen Wayne "Beebop" Henry, 42, died Friday, November 24, 2017, at Duke Hospice House in Durham.

Funeral services were held on Monday, November 27, 2017, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. Interment followed in Griffin Cemetery in Polkton.

Beebop was born July 4, 1975, in Anson County, a son of the late Jerry Wayne Henry and the late Martha Meachum Henry. He was a graduate of Anson High School and was employed with Columbus McKinnon.

He was an avid baseball and football card collector and made many friends across the United States because of his collection. He was also an avid Duke, Buffalo Bills and Boston Redsox fan.

Surviving are his fiancé Amy Carpenter; his chil-

dren, James Henry and fiancé Hannah Nelson of Rockingham and Taylor Golden of Peachland; and his brother Nome Henry of Killeen, TX.

Everybody loved Beebop, and beneath his rather tough exterior one could find a man with a big heart and loving spirit.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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

Mr. Gregory Marone "Greg" Smith

Mr. Gregory Marone "Greg" Smith, 55, of Sanford and formerly of Wadesboro, died Friday, November 24, 2017, at Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29, 2017, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Interment will follow in Bethel Cemetery.

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

Greg was born March 19, 1962, in Ton-

dawanda, NY, a son of the late Walter Thomas Smith and the late Pauline Benesch Smith. He was a carpenter and worked for a number of years with Gary McCormick.

Surviving are his sons, Mark (Jana) Smith of Wadesboro and David Smith of Sanford; his grandson Maddux Smith; his brothers, Daniel Wilson of Wadesboro and Mark Smith of Sanford; and his sister Sue Ann Wilson of Norwood.

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

Mr. Lester Grover Williamson

Mr. Lester Grover Williamson, 79, died Saturday, November 25, 2017, at his home.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Bro. Sydney Pratt officiating. Interment followed in Morven Ceme-

tery.

Lester was born June 20, 1938, in Anson County, and was a son of the late Will Noah Williamson and the late Pauline Trexler Williamson. He was a well-known mason and carpenter for many years.

Surviving are his longtime friend, Mary Dean of Morven; his sister Patricia Balds of Morven; his brothers, Harvey Williamson of Oxenhill, MD and Mike Williamson of Blythewood, SC; and his nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Lois Edkins Williamson; and his sisters and brothers, Julia Moore, Mary Alice Shook, Barbara Williamson, Sadie Campbell, Marjorie Elizabeth Williamson, Will Williamson, Ducky Williamson and Steele Williamson.

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

Enrollment for 2018 Affordable Care Act Coverage is Going on Now

- Contrary to president's tweets - Obamacare is not dead. It is open for enrollment, saving 9 out of 10 North Carolinians money on their health insurance last year.
- So far, record breaking enrollments for 2018.
- Financial help and in-person enrollment help still available for NC consumers.
- Shortened enrollment period ends December 15.

November 1st was the start of the Affordable Care Act's fifth - and shortest - open-enrollment period. Consumers will have until midnight on December 15 - just 45 days, which is half the length of past enrollment periods - to enroll in 2018 coverage on the Health Insurance Marketplace at www.healthcare.gov.

Due to the shortened enrollment period and general confusion surrounding the Affordable Care Act, a Kaiser Family Foundation study found that many consumers do not know the dates for the 2018 enrollment period. It is more important than ever for North Carolina consumers to know that they can rely on an experienced, fully funded corps of Marketplace navigators to provide them with free, local, in-person enrollment help all across the state.

Consumers can schedule a navigator meeting by visiting ncnavigator.net or calling 1-855-733-3711 (toll-free). They can also attend one of the free enrollment events that will be held around the state throughout open enrollment (see the events listing on ncnavigator.net).

Here are some other important facts for consumers to know:

- The Affordable Care Act is still the law, and Americans must be enrolled in health insurance in 2018 to avoid paying a fine.
- Subsidies to help consumers pay their monthly premiums and out-of-pocket costs - copays and deductibles - are still available. **Nine in 10 North Carolinians who enrolled in the last open enrollment period received some financial help to cover their premium costs.**
- Consumer subsidies go up or down along with premium rates, so most consumers should not feel the premium increase in their wallet.
- Consumers who already have Marketplace coverage should come back to review the new plans available for 2018, rather than automatically re-enrolling. New plans and prices are available, so consumers should make sure they are enrolled in the best plan for their family's medical needs and budget.
- All plans on the Health Insurance Marketplace cover comprehensive care, including doctor's visits, prescription drugs, emergency services, hospitalization, preventive and rehabilitative care, and more.

"The most important message for consumers is: do not delay!" Jennifer Simmons, director of the NC Navigator Consortium, said. "Given the shortened enrollment period, it's more important than ever for consumers to act now. If you have questions or don't know where to start, our navigators are here for you. Visit our website or call us as soon as possible."

About the NC Navigator Consortium The NC Navigator Consortium is a group of 12 health care, social service and legal aid organizations that helps North Carolina consumers enroll in affordable health insurance plans under the Affordable Care Act. Members of the consortium are Access East, Capital Care Collaborative, Care Ring, Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy, Council on Aging of Buncombe County, Cumberland HealthNet, HealthCare Access, HealthNet Gaston, MDC, Partnership for Community Care, and Pisgah Legal Services. The consortium is led by Legal Aid of North Carolina. (www.legallaidnc.org) Learn more at ncnavigator.net.

Wadesboro Lions Club Welcomes New Members

The Wadesboro Lions Club meets at the Papa Joe's Restaurant the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. For more information about these meetings or becoming a member, please call Lion Jim Chandler at 910-571-1448.

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