

Tossie Hannah Williams Griggs. She was a 1942 graduate of Deep Creek High School and was Valedictorian of her class. She attended Wingate College. Polly had worked for a number of years as a secretary at Burlington Industries in both Randleman and Wadesboro. She was a devoted member of New Hope United Methodist Church, and served the church and its ministries faithfully until her declining health.

Surviving are her daughter, Linda Vaughn (Don) of Morven; her grandchildren, Michele Hinson of Asheboro, Tammie Phillips (Scott) of In-

dian Trail, Jennifer Helms (Mark) of Matthews, Angie Garris of Shallotte and Bryan Garris(Stephanie) of Marshville; her great-grandchildren, Chuck Hinson, Christian Hinson, Logan Phillips, Lexie Phillips, Owen Phillips, Ethan Helms, Aiden Helms, Scott Teal, Kyle Teal and Becky Teal; great-great-grandson Brantley Teal; and her sister Myrlie Wallace (Charles) of Wadesboro.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Charles A. Garris in March 2016, her son Charles Lyndon "Chuck" Garris, great-

grandson Cody Phillips and sister Valma Dillingham.

Polly loved time spent with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a true southern lady and was loved by her family and many dear friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to New Hope United Methodist Church, c/o Elizabeth Tucker, 1338 Mayesville Rd., Morven, NC 28119 or to Hospice of Union County, 700 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 28110.

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

# Church News

## DECEMBER 9

**Christmas Program**  
At Bethany Free Baptist Church, 7pm. Remembrance tree service, Christmas singing. 1510 Old Lilesville Rd in Wadesboro

## DECEMBER 11

**8th Anniversary**  
Of Bishop Arvestor Lindsey & Min Terry M Lindsey at Rose of Sharon Friendship COG at 3pm  
**Pack A Pew**  
Trustee service at Poplar Springs MBC in memory of Bro Walter Ledbetter w/Pastor Sharon Lockhart at 2pm

**Candlelight Service**  
At Rock Hill MBC, 3pm. All missionaries asked to wear white. Everyone is welcome

**Morven Community Choir Concert**  
"Come, Let Us Worship the King" at 5pm at Morven UMC. Covered dish supper after. Everyone is invited

**Appreciation Service**  
For Elder Roman Henry at Morning Star Redeemed COG in Lilesville, 3pm w/Pastor Donna McNair

## DECEMBER 17

**Christmas Gala**  
At Lockhart-Taylor Center, sponsored by Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, 6pm. Donation \$30 couple, \$20 single

## DECEMBER 18

**Christmas Program**  
At East Rock Ford, 2:30pm. Christmas dinner after morning worship. Everyone is invited

**ONGOING Bible Study**  
Thursday nights, 6:30pm at House of Faith Outreach Ministries, 198 Wortham St, Wadesboro

**Bible Study**  
Every Wednesday at noon at Expected End Ministries by Pastor Betty Tillman

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# Events

## OCT 15 - DEC 7

**Medicare Prescription Drug Sign-up Period.**  
Sign up or change your existing plan at Grace Senior Center. Info for low income subsidy & extra help. Info & register 704-694-6616

**DECEMBER 7 Free Groceries**  
Mobile Food Pantry & CHS Mobile Health Unit at Bethel Community Center, 10:30am-12noon. Info 828-891-2753

**DECEMBER 8 Business After Hours**  
At Anson County Cooperative Extension, 5-6:30pm. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres & visit with staff members

**DECEMBER 8, 10 & 12 Christmas in the Park**  
Free event for all ages on Monday, Dec 12 at

Hatcher Park in Lilesville, 6-8pm w/Christmas carols by children's choir, free photo with Mr & Mrs Santa Claus, train ride through the beautifully decorated park, hot chocolate, apple cider & cookies. Would your child like to be in the choir? Have them attend 2 practices at Lilesville Baptist Church, Tue & Thu 12/8 & 12/10 at 6pm

**DECEMBER 10 Breakfast with Santa**  
Hosted by Uptown Wadesboro, Inc at Oliver's Restaurant in Wadesboro, 8-10am. Pancake breakfast (\$6 adults, \$4 kids 12 & under) and a visit with Santa too! Info 704-695-1644

**DECEMBER 11 Disney Christmas**  
Movies at the Ansonia Theatre, 10am. Free, but please bring new toy for children in need. Info 704-694-4950

**DECEMBER 11 Morven Community Choir Concert**  
"Come, Let Us Worship the King" at 5pm at Morven UMC. Cov-

ered dish supper after. Everyone is invited

**DECEMBER 12 50+ Club Meets**  
10:30am at Hampton B Allen Library w/program of Christmas music by Ed De-ment, formerly with the band O'Kaysions. Everyone is welcome. Info 704-694-5177

**DECEMBER 17 Malpass Brothers Concert**  
at the Ansonia Theatre, 7:30pm featuring traditional country music. Tickets available at 704-694-4950 or visit Arts Council next door M-Thu, 1-4pm

**Christmas Dinner For Homeless, Sick & Shut-ins**  
by Faith Based Center of Hope, 11am at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, Salisbury St in Wadesboro. Free & gifts for attendees too! Donations of money or food welcomed to help support this community event. For info call Vancine Sturdivant 704-848-4412

**COMMUNITY Christmas Blessing...**  
(sponsored by Poisson Poisson Bower)

**A Community Event**  
Harvest Ministries Outreach Center  
(BEHIND PIZZA HUT IN WADESBORO, NC)  
**Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup> 2016**  
**10:30am-3:00pm**

**\*\*EVENT BEGINS AFTER AREA CHURCH SERVICES\*\***

We will be giving away hundreds of TOYS, PRIZES, BICYCLES, AND MUCH MORE  
**\*\*WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH ANSON COUNTY TOYS FOR TOTS THIS YEAR TO REACH MORE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES\*\*!!!**

**FREE EVENT** ONE LUCKY PERSON WILL LEAVE WITH A NEW TELEVISION, \$200.00 IN CASH OR A "SPECIAL PRIZE"  
**FREE EVENT** FREE CHRISTMAS GOODIE BAGS FOR EVERY FAMILY  
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**TOYS FOR TOTS RAFFLE WILL BE HELD THIS DAY!!**

## TOWN OF WADESBORO JOB OPENING

### UTILITY MAINTENANCE WORKER I

The Town of Wadesboro has a Utility Maintenance Worker I position that is vacant. Job duties include reading water meters, reconnects, and cutoffs, repairing leaks, and any duty assigned. This is a physically demanding job, as well as a mind challenging position. Applicant must be able to work in bad weather, on holidays and off hours as needed. Operation of heavy equipment, and experience of the operation and maintenance of water and sewer systems is highly desired.

Applicants shall have a valid driver license, and a High School diploma or GED. Must be able to pass drug screening. North Carolina distribution certifications will be a requirement of the Town of Wadesboro.

Position review will begin immediately and position will remain open until filled. To ensure full consideration, applications should be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on December 23, 2016. An application may be obtained in-person or printed from [www.townofwadesboro.org/employment.html](http://www.townofwadesboro.org/employment.html). Applicant should apply at the Wadesboro Town Hall, located at 124-126 East Wade Street, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Compensation is dependent on qualifications.  
**Salary Range: \$26,093 - \$36,030 Annually**  
**Hiring Range Likely: \$23,665 - \$28,000 Annually**  
But salary dependent on qualifications

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