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# Obituaries

Survivors include her children, Vent (Yvonne) Burr of Peachland and Kaye (Eddie) Edwards, all of Polkton; her grandchildren, Alaina (Sebastian Olivares), Cory and Meghan Burr, Tiffany (Matt) Randall and Jeremy (Heidi) Edwards; two great-grandsons, Evan and Caleb Randall; and her very close sister, Eloise J. Harrington of Polkton.

Memorials may be made to Peachland United Methodist Church, PO Box 330, Peachland, NC 28133

Leavitt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com](http://leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com).

## Mr. Walter Adam Downer, Jr.

Mr. Walter Adam Downer, Jr., 87, died Thursday, January 8, 2015, at Carolinas Medical Center Union in Monroe.

Services were held on Sunday, January 11, 2015 by the graveside in Savannah United Methodist Church Cemetery with Rev. Kaye Fry officiating.

Walter was born March 5, 1927, in Anson County, a son of the late Walter Adam and Minnie Mills Downer. He retired from W. R. Bonsal Company with 35 years of service as a truck driver. He was a veteran of the United States Navy.

Surviving are his wife of nearly 59 years, Louise Clark Downer of the home; his children, Mickey Downer, Adam Downer and Terri Goodwin, all of Lilesville; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by daughter Katherine Dianne Downer and sisters and brothers, Sadie Goodwin, Ruby Winfree, Charles Downer and James Downer.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Savannah United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 452, Lilesville, NC 28091.

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## Mr. Clayton C. Gaddy, Sr.

Mr. Clayton C. Gaddy, Sr., age 95, died Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at the Kerner Ridge Assisted Living Facility in Kernersville, NC.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 9, 2015, at Leavitt Funeral Home with interment following in Anson Memorial Park.

Clayton was born in Anson County on April 10, 1919, a son of the late Emma Ethel Porter and Simeon McRae Gaddy. Clayton had five brothers and three sisters. He was a graduate of Wadesboro High School and Catawba College, where he played football and baseball. Upon graduation Clayton served in the US Army Air Corps during World War II as a P-47 fighter pilot.

He was married to the late Anna Bernice Green Gaddy for 66 years until her death in 2008.

With over fifty years of service in the textile industry, Clayton retired from Wade Mfg. as Vice President of the finishing division. He was an avid hunter and golfer, and tremendously enjoyed fishing trips with friends and family to his home at Sunset Beach. Clayton was a faithful member of First Presbyterian Church until his health failed.

Survivors include his children, Kaye G. Morgan (Toby) and Jeanne G. Maynard, all of Salisbury, Clayton C. Gaddy Jr. (Merry Anne) of Summerville, SC, Judy G. Sheetz (Greg) of Cornelius and Sim Gaddy II (Rina) of Kernersville; 15 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Helen G. Hamden.

The family wishes to express their gratitude and appreciation to the wonderful staff at Kerner Ridge Assisted Living.

Memorials may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675 or to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1000 Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148.

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## Mrs. Lula Helms Ingold

Mrs. Lula Helms Ingold, 82, died Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at her home.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, January 8, 2015, at Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Rob Washington officiating. Interment took place on Friday, January 9, 2015, at Bethlehem Cemetery in Ansonville.

Lula was born June 16, 1932, in Stanly County, NC, a daughter of the late Henry Marshall Helms and the late Martha Freeman Helms. She had worked as a certified nursing assistant.

Surviving are her sons, Dennis Ross Ingold of the home, Prentiss Ingold of Texas, Kenneth (Sharon) Ingold of Jefferson, SC and Mitchell (Sandra) Ingold of Ansonville; sister Martha Douglas of Chesterfield; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

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

## Mrs. Betty Jo Hill Lee

Mrs. Betty Jo Hill Lee, 87, died Monday, January 5, 2015, at Anson Health and Rehab in Wadesboro.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 8, 2015, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Calvin Ramsey officiating. Interment followed in Westfield Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Cheraw.

Betty Jo was born October 24, 1927, in Anson County, a daughter of the late Joe Hendley Hill and Ruth Polk Hill. She had worked for a number of years in textiles and enjoyed being a homemaker.

Surviving are her children, Barbara (Larry) Helms of Marshville, Sherry (Franklin) Ponds of Ansonville and Joe E. (Kyra) Lee, Jr. of Murrels Inlet, SC; her grandchildren, Amy Echols, Annette Wilson, Tracy Joyner, Christy Treadaway, Wendee Ruppe, Kenny Streater, William Streater, Timmy Lee, David, Lee and Ian

Chinnes; 16 great-grandchildren; her brother and sisters, Jim Hill of Polkton, Peggy Heavener of Myrtle Beach, SC, Ann Munn and Catherine Tyson, both of Ansonville; and her nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Joe E. Lee, son David Lee, daughter Mary Jane Lee, great-grandson Joshua Ponds, and sister and brothers, Sue Brock, Ralph Hill, Johnny Hill and Paul Hill.

In lieu of flowers and in honor of Betty Jo's 15 years of breast cancer survivorship, memorials may be made to the Charlotte Affiliate of Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 2316 Randolph Rd., Charlotte, NC, 28207.

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

## Mr. Claude Lee "June" Williams, Jr.

Mr. Claude Lee "June" Williams, Jr., 87, died Wednesday, January 7, 2015, at Carolinas Healthcare System Anson in Wadesboro.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 10, 2015, at Oakdale Baptist Church with Rev. Tracy Hicks and Rev. Arnold Jackson officiating. Interment followed in Cedar Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

June was born February 5, 1927, in Stanly County, NC, a son of the late Claude Lee Williams and Lula Pinion Williams. He was retired from Wade Manufacturing Company with more than 50 years of service, a member of Oakdale Baptist Church, and a proud veteran of the United States Army, having served during the Korean Conflict.

Surviving are his brothers, Wayne (Jahala) Williams of Aquadale, Abby (Brenda) Williams of Albemarle and Larry Williams of Wadesboro; his sister-in-law, Nellie Dutton of Wadesboro; and his nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife Marie Walters Williams and brother Carlton Williams.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Oakdale Baptist Church, 3304 Hwy 218, Polkton, NC 28135.

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## Time for Radon Testing

As the turning of the seasons brings colder weather to North Carolina, and families close windows to keep warm, it is an excellent time to make plans for radon testing in your home.

Radon is the odorless, colorless gas that is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. The effects upon the families it touches can be just as devastating as lung cancer caused by smoking tobacco.

January is National Radon Action Month. Each year upwards to 22,000 people die from radon-induced lung cancer. Roughly 54 percent of those diagnosed with early-stage lung cancer are expected to live no more than five years after diagnosis.

Anson County Environmental Health is partnering with the NC Radon program to provide free short-term radon test kits in recognition of National Radon Action Month. Limited supplies of radon test kits are being made available locally starting on January 21 at 605 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro. Approximately 7,000 kits are being distributed statewide. Only one kit per home is needed to determine if your home has a high level.

The North Carolina Radon Program website, [www.ncradon.org](http://www.ncradon.org), will have a list of all 83 participating organizations across North Carolina. The NC Radon Program website will also have a limited supply of kits available. Once the supply of free kits have been exhausted, the NC Radon Program website will return to providing short-term radon test kits at a reduced cost of \$5.34 for a kit that retails at \$15.

The North Carolina Radon Program of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services educates families and homeowners about radon gas, how to test for radon gas and how to lower the radon levels within a home. Lowering the radon levels in a home lower the risk of lung cancer.

The North Carolina Radon Program website also contains a new mobile application. Meant to particularly help real estate brokers working in North Carolina, the mobile application will assist the user in determining how many tests have been conducted within a zip code as well as the highest radon level recorded in that zip code. The user of the APP will also be able to locate a certified professional to assist them in testing or fixing the radon issue in their home.

The cost of lowering radon levels in a home averages to about \$1,500. The North Carolina Radon Protection Section sought help for families that might struggle to meet that expense. The Self Help Credit Union stepped up and created a loan program specifically for radon mitigation. North Carolina homeowners who meet federal poverty criteria may be eligible for forgivable loans from local programs. A link to more information is available on the NC Radon Program web page: [www.ncradon.org](http://www.ncradon.org).

Lung cancer can strike anyone, even a nonsmoker. Test your home for radon and lower your family's risk of lung cancer. For more information visit [www.ncradon.org](http://www.ncradon.org).

## Kiwanis Celebrate 100th Anniversary Milestone

Did you know that Kiwanis International helped eradicate Iodine Deficiency Disorder in the world - which was the #1 cause of mental retardation? Currently the Carolinas District of Kiwanis has raised enough money to save over 10,000,000 babies from dying from Maternal

Neo Natal Tetanus. Kiwanis is as global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.

Over the coming year, Kiwanis clubs worldwide are celebrating Kiwanis International's 100th anniversary. The International service organization was founded on January 21, 1915 and today boasts more than 600,000 members ranging from elementary school aged children through adults, in more than 6,000 clubs in 80 nations. Kiwanis and its family of clubs, including Circle K International for university students, Key Club for high school students age 14-18, Builders Club for middle school students age 11-14, Kiwanis Kids for elementary students age 6-12 and Aktion Club for adults living with disabilities, dedicate annually more than 18 million service hours to strengthen communities and serve children.

"Very few organizations are 100 years strong, and the fact that communities around the world have benefited from Kiwanis service for a century is no small thing. But closer to home, Kiwanis serves the children in over 175 communities in North and South Carolina" says Gary Cooper, Governor of the Carolinas District.

Is Kiwanis in your community? If so, you have seen firsthand all the good they do for the children. If not, you need Kiwanis more than ever so please inquire how to start a club in your community. For more information about Kiwanis please visit [www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org) or [www.carolinakiwanis.org](http://www.carolinakiwanis.org).

"I invite you to make a difference in the lives of children in your community with Kiwanis by supporting our fundraising, service projects or better still, becoming a Kiwanian," Cooper added. "Those interested in learning more about Kiwanis, or visiting a meeting, or helping us establish a new club please contact our district office at 800-739-1827 or your local club."

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