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On Tuesday, January 11, 2022, Mrs. Eleanor Carter Pesce, 99, passed away peacefully at Meadowview Terrace Assisted Living. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Stacey Lundy and Rev. Steven Chewning officiating. Interment will follow in Anson Memorial Park. The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the funeral home. Eleanor was born July 19, 1922, in Richmond County, NC (Hoffman) and was one of nine children born to the late Sam Jones Carter and the late Ollie Virginia Covington Carter. At the age of 4 her family moved to a farm in McFarlan during the depression. She then attended elementary school in McFarlan and later graduated from Morven High School. Following high school graduation Eleanor enrolled in Continental Beauty College in High Point, obtained her beautician license and moved to Winston Salem. She later moved to Charlotte to work in a salon at the Latta Arcade Building. It was then that she met an Italian soldier by the name of Armando "Andy" Pesce. Following their courtship they were married in Charlotte on March 26, 1944. Following, Andy's discharge from the Army they moved to Wadesboro, where he would be a barber. Eleanor worked at West Knitting Mills in Wadesboro for 35 years. Following retirement Andy and Eleanor enjoyed camping together between trips to the beach or the mountains, anywhere that she could do a little fishing and make new friends. Eleanor was an active member of First United Methodist Church, Wadesboro where she served as Treasurer of her Sunday school class and church circle meetings. She was an active member of the Wadesboro Lioness Club, a volunteer at the Anson County Hospital, Anson County Board of Elections, and a member of the Down to Earth Garden Club. She leaves to cherish her memories her children, Brenda Swing (Jeff) of Leland and Sam Pesce (Vickie) of Peachland; her grandchildren, Amanda Nicholas (Scott) of Wilmington, Timothy Swing (Trista) of Chapel Hill, Heather Swing of Castor Valley, CA, David Pesce of Lilesville and Kristie McCollum of Peachland; her great-grandchildren, Gabe Hernandez, Mason Nicholas, Caroline Nicholas, Carter Nicholas, Eleanor Ruby Swing, Mabel Swing, Brianna McCollum and Ginna McCollum; her brother 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 Armando "Andy" Pesce and her sisters and brothers, Virginia Brooks, S. J. Carter, Tilton Carter, Hazel Caulder, Audrey Threadgill and Ollie Mae Chewning. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 118 E. Morgan St., Wadesboro, NC 28170, or to Community Home Care and Hospice, 1791 E. Broad St., Rockingham, N C 28170. The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

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Tar Heel State's Workplace Injury and Illness Rate Continues to Decline

New figures released by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Labor, show the nonfatal workplace injury and illness rate for North Carolina's private industry remains at a historic low for 2020 with a rate of 2.1 cases per 100 full-time workers. This represents a decline from the 2019 rate of 2.3 and is significantly lower than the national rate of 2.7. North Carolina's rate for private industry is the fourth lowest in the nation and is the lowest rate among all State-Plan states.

These data are estimates from the Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (SOII) compiled by the BLS. The rate accounts for growth and contraction in total hours worked in industry, which is an important factor in a state like North Carolina that has experienced significant growth.

"I am pleased to see that the downward trend in workplace injuries and illnesses continued in 2020," Labor Commissioner Josh Dobson said. "Given the additional challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, employers and employees should be commended for their dedication to safety on the job. Businesses in this state have embraced a culture of safety, which is reflected in the fact that North Carolina's injury and illness rate is the fourth lowest in the nation."

The 2020 rate for North Carolina's state and local government sector was 3.0 cases per 100 full-time employees. This represents a significant decline from the 2019 rate of 3.8 cases per 100 workers. Nationally, the rate was 3.9 for 2020. In North Carolina, the rate for private industry construction in 2020 was 2.0 cases per 100 full-time employees and the rate for private industry manufacturing was 2.5. These rates are statistically unchanged from 2019.

As a State-Plan state, North Carolina's Occupational Safety and Health Division will continue its focus on hazardous industries, such as construction and manufacturing, through its special emphasis programs, by providing free safety training and education, conducting free safety and health consultative visits, and establishing partnerships and alliances with industries.

This column by Melanie Lyon was published in The Express on January 16, 2008, in commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Remembered as a Believer

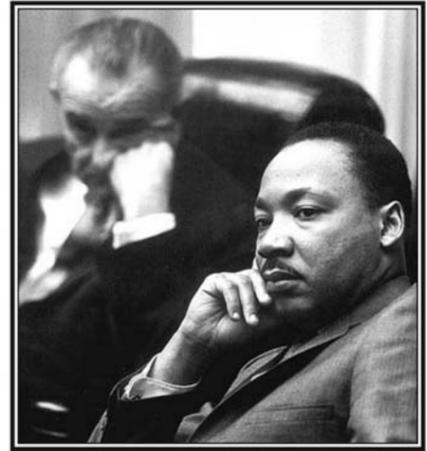
Had Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. lived he would have celebrated his 79th birthday yesterday, January 15. Unfortunately for the world, on the evening of April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tennessee, he was assassinated.

During his life he achieved monumental things attributing to the greater good of the civil rights movement. So many in fact, all could never be accounted for in one brief summation. King was a member of the Executive Committee of the National

"I Have a Dream," was delivered in Washington, D.C. to over 250,000 people. He was named Time Magazine's Man of the Year, and at age 35 was the youngest person to ever receive the Nobel Peace Prize. Upon his acceptance of the prestigious award, King donated his near \$55,000 prize money to help further the civil rights movement. He was arrested over twenty times and assaulted as well. He received a doctorate degree in 1955; he married Coretta Scott and had two daughters and two sons, just to name a few.

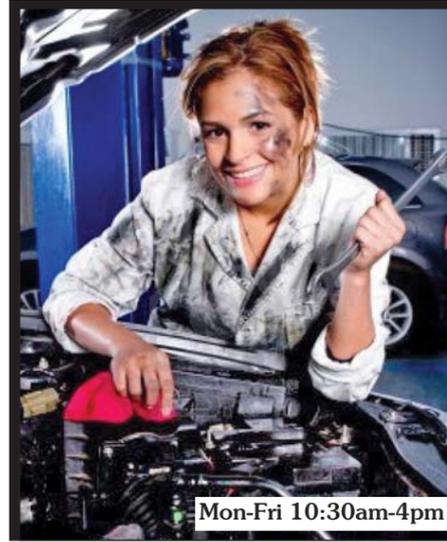
But this mere rundown of such a great man and powerful leader by no means tells the complete story. In his brief 39 years Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. did more for the good of his people and for the entire world than many others combined. He was a true leader and a true believer that things could, should and would, one day be better. He was a true believer that the world would embrace his dreams and live in harmony with one another. He was a true believer that good would outweigh evil and that peace would prevail throughout the land. He was a true believer that we would grow and prosper together as one people under God and forever stand shoulder to shoulder through life's trials and tribulations. He was a true believer that one man could make a difference if he decided it was important enough. He was a true believer that people could change and must change in order that life could be fruitful for all. He was a true believer in the good in everyone, even when it was very difficult to find. He was a true believer in right versus wrong through every walk of life. In essence, Dr. King was a true believer.

As we celebrate his life on January 21, let us all become true believers in Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dreams for a peaceful world for all mankind. We attribute so much to his great works and teachings. Imagine what we as an entire world could do if we worked together towards a common cause: peace on earth, goodwill toward men. *By Melanie Morse*



Dr. King is pictured with President Lyndon B. Johnson in the background.

Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He was elected President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which was organized to help provide new leadership for the civil rights movement. The ideals for this organization he took from Christianity; its operational techniques from Gandhi. In the eleven-year period between 1957 and 1968, (the year of his death) King traveled over six million miles and spoke over twenty-five hundred times. One of his most memorable speeches,



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