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**Mrs. Lillian Gray
Rivers "Billie" Allen**

Mrs. Lillian Gray Rivers "Billie" Allen, 88, of Bradenton, Florida, formerly of Wadesboro and Laurens, SC, died Monday, January 20, 2014, at the Tidewell Hospice House in Bradenton, FL.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 25, 2014, at Leavitt Funeral Home. Interment followed in Eastview Cemetery.

Billie was born March 18, 1925, in Raleigh. She received her B.A. degree in Art Education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and taught art in Durham, Wadesboro and Laurens. She was a former president of the Laurens County Arts Council and the Laurens County Historical Society. She was nominated by the Arts Council for the Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Award for her promotion of the arts. Billie also served on the executive council of the Confederation of SC Historical Societies, and received their prestigious Robert N. Pryor Volunteer Service Award in 1993. She was the director of the restoration of the historic Octagon House in Laurens, and was the director of an archaeological survey of the ancestral home site of Ann Pamela Cunningham, who organized the Mt. Vernon Ladies Association of SC. As a result of her work and effort many buildings and sites in Laurens County were placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Survivors include her daughters, Edna Allen Early and Jane Allen Myers, both of Bradenton and Cathy Allen Nutting of Erie, CO; son Dr. Benjamin G. Allen of Dahlonge, GA; ten grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Billie was preceded in death by her husband, Charles I. Allen, Jr., MD.

Memorials may be made to the Ben and Lillian Gray Rivers Scholarship Fund, South Piedmont Community College Foundation, PO Box 126, Polkton, NC 28135 or to the Billie and Charles I. Allen, Jr., MD Family Scholarship Fund, c/o Wake Forest Baptist Center, PO Box 571021, Winston-Salem, NC 27157-1021.

Leavitt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com.

Mr. Charles J. Boyle

Mr. Charles J. Boyle, 92, died Sunday evening, January 19, 2014, in Carolinas Medical Center-Union in Monroe.

A funeral Mass was held on Thursday, January 23, 2014, in Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

Charles was born in New York City on March 6, 1921, a son of the late John Boyle and Mildred Moore Boyle. He faithfully served this country in the US Army from June 1942 until November 1945. He was

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stationed in the Ardennes, Central Europe and in Rhineland. Charles also served in the US Air Force from February 1952 until February 1953. He was awarded the American Service Medal, the European-African Middle Eastern Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.

Charles was a retired railroad mechanic. He was an active and faithful member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and was involved in many other activities, including a lifetime membership in the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers and the Lions Club. He served as a volunteer with the Anson Crisis Ministry, working five days a week for 10 years picking up food donations from local grocery stores.

Survivors include his only daughter, Vivian Skipworth (Cecil) of Goose Creek, SC; two granddaughters, Lynn Bonnette Manning (Thomas) of El Centro, CA and Kellie Bonette Bumgarner (Christopher) of Goose Creek; four great-granddaughters, Morgan Manning, Julia Bumgarner, Jasmine Bumgarner and Elizabeth Bumgarner; sister Kate B. McLaughlin of NY; his special companion and friend Hazel Morris; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Charles was preceded in death by his wife, Gertrude Stroud Boyle, a brother, Raymond Boyle and a sister, Anne Boyle Dasher.

Memorials may be made to the Anson Crisis Ministry, PO Box 797, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or the American Heart Association, 128 South Tryon St., Suite 1588 Charlotte, NC 28202.

Leavitt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com.

**Mrs. Sarah
Poorbaugh Boyer**

Mrs. Sarah Poorbaugh Boyer, 87, died Friday, January 24, 2014.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 27, 2014, at Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Barry Gerald officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

Sarah was born January 19, 1927, in Mt. Pleasant, PA, a daughter of the late Etta Geary and Raymond Elias Poorbaugh. She was homemaker and was married to the late Joseph Randall Boyer who died in 1998.

Survivors include her children, Ray Boyer (Shirley), Joe Boyer Jr. and Bud Boyer (Sue), all of Wadesboro, Nancy Jean Starling of Pulaski, VA, Albert E. Boyer of Mayodan, NC and Hazel M. Allred (Roger) of Stanfield; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; brother Raymond Poorbaugh of Blairsville, PA; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Leavitt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com.

**Mrs. Kimberly
Johnson Hardison**

Mrs. Kimberly Johnson Hardison, 47, died Thursday, January 23, 2014, as the result of an automobile accident.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, January 26, 2014, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Michael Bye officiating. Interment followed in Morven Cemetery.

Kim was born August 8, 1966, in Mecklenburg

County, NC, a daughter of James Cleveland Johnson and Linda Morelock Johnson. She was employed with Domtar Papermill in Bennettsville, SC.

Surviving are husband, Jay Hardison of the home; her sons, Shawn (Tiffany) Flores of Norwood and Terry Flores of the home; her grandchildren, Kaylee Jade Williams and Elijah Jaiden Flores of Norwood; her mother, Linda Johnson of Charlotte; her father, James Johnson of Huntersville; her brother and sister, Ricky Johnson of Monroe and Crystal Johnson of Charlotte; mother-in-law, Dorothy Ann Hardison of Wadesboro; Dutch (Fonda) Hardison of Monroe, Ann (David) Black of Ansonville, Bill (Terri) Hardison and Ken (Brenda) Hardison, all of Wadesboro, Robert (Katy) Hardison of Huntersville and Charlie (Randy) Moore of Marshville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Calvary Episcopal Church, 308 E. Wade St., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

**Mrs. Alberta
Parker Pegram**

Mrs. Alberta Parker Pegram, 84, died Sunday, January 26, 2014, at Carolinas Medical Center Union in Monroe.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Dr. Robert Hunter and Rev. Gene Alexander 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 and other times at the home.

Alberta was born May 1, 1929, in Anson County, a daughter of the late Albert Luther Parker and the late Lillie Mae Allen Parker. She was retired from Sears and was a member of First Baptist Church, Wadesboro.

Surviving are her children, Joe (Gayle) Pegram, Jr. and Frankie (Joannie) Pegram, all of Wadesboro and Sandra (Rod) Mabry of Peachland; her grandchildren, Michael (Rachel) Pegram of Mint Hill, Katie (Brad) Green of Ansonville, Franklin (Allyce) Pegram of Wadesboro and Candice Mabry of Peachland; her great-grandchildren, Noah, Caleb, Cali and Ella; her sisters, Alice Meeks of Wadesboro and Betty Jean Boatwright of Jacksonville, FL; and her special friend, Rosa Wall of Wadesboro.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Thomas Pegram and by her sisters and brother, Virginia Adams, Ruth Mason, Louella Parker, Louise Alexander and Jody Parker.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 423, Wadesboro NC 28170.

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

**Soup Luncheon is
February 11**

The Anson Women's League is preparing for its annual Soup Luncheon, which will be held on Tuesday, February 11, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church on Lee Avenue in Wadesboro. Hundreds of people look forward to this event each year. The menu consists of piping hot homemade vegetable beef soup, toasted cheese sandwich, beverage, and your choice of a delicious homemade dessert. Tickets are \$6.

This fundraiser is to support various programs of Anson Women's League. This year these included scholarships for high school seniors, sponsorship of a very successful bone marrow registry drive, and donations to numerous programs in Anson County that benefit the community.

See any Anson Women's League member for tickets. For questions please call Sandra Pliescott at 704-694-7853.

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