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Mrs. Helen Joyce Wright High

Mrs. Helen Joyce Wright High, age 85, of Dobson, NC passed away on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at Forsyth Medical Center, in Winston-Salem, NC. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 4, 2023, in the chapel of the Dobson First Baptist Church with Rev. Cory Honeycutt officiating the service. A private burial will follow. No formal services will be held at the funeral home. Joyce was born in Anson County on March 3, 1937, to the late Fred Thomas Wright and the late Ollie Elizabeth Short Wright. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Roy Maye High, her sisters, Estelle Taylor and Ruth McLain; brothers, Clyde Wright, Leonard Wright, Grady Wright and Hugh Wright. Joyce graduated from Wadesboro High School and furthered her education by graduating Magna Cum Laude from Appalachian State University with a Master of Arts Degree in Library Science. She established Dobson's first flower shop, Ideal Florist and Gifts, which she later sold. She then became a Media Coordinator for the Surry County School System, from which she retired. She was a member of Dobson First Baptist Church.

Surviving is her daughter Cynthia High Tierney (Vince); son Gregory High (Lisha); grandchildren, Kyle (Christine) Tierney, Cory (Meredith) High, Eric (Rebecca) High, Dr. Andrew (Dr. Kaitlin) Tierney and Ryan High; great-grandchildren, Ellie High, Maverick Tierney, Henry High and Layton High; sisters, Patricia (W.T.) Hannah and Nancy Lou Jones; and her brother Fred D Wright.

The family wishes to express to Brittany Marsh their gratitude for the many years of loving care provided for Joyce and the High family. Moody-Davis Funeral Home is serving the High family.

Mrs. Matilda Gulledge Paul

On Wednesday, January 25, 2023, Mrs. Matilda Gulledge Paul, 82, passed away peacefully at her home in Wadesboro.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 30, 2023, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Teddy Lawson officiating. Entombment was private at Anson Memorial Park. The family greeted friends following the service.

Matilda was born September 1, 1940, in Anson County, and was a daughter of the late Joseph Francis Gulledge and the late Vera Beatrice Tarlton Gulledge. She was a graduate of Lilesville High School, and, along with her mother, attended beauty school to assist her in opening a beauty shop.

It was while she was working at Wood's Dime Store in Wadesboro that she met Doris McLendon, the owner and operator of Anson Flower Shop. Doris offered Matilda a job and her career in floral design began. She worked for many years at Anson Flower Shop and a few years after retiring she owned and operated Cottage Florist in Lilesville.

Cottage Florist in Lilesville was established in the log home, where she grew up in Lilesville, and she named it Cottage Florist because she referred to the log home as a cottage when she was a child.

Matilda was a longtime member of First Baptist Church where she attended faithfully until declining health.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Doug Paul (Donna) of Wadesboro and Tonjua Chapman (Michael) of Lilesville; her grandchildren, Miranda Velez (Alex) and Brandon Paul (Jessica), all of Wadesboro, Julianna Chapman of Burlington and Anneliese Chapman of Lilesville; her great-granddaughter Elizabeth; her brothers-in-law, Billy Garris of Winston-Salem, Wayne Lassiter of Asheville and Bobby Paul of Lilesville; special family friend Billy Baker of Wadesboro; and her nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Phillip Paul and her sisters and brother, Derenda Garris, Norma Lassiter, Diane Moore and Joe Gulledge, Jr.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations to be sent to an organization that has followed the family as the first genetic-link AML Leukemia and has worked to perfect stem-cell donation as a treatment. Please send any donations to Johns Hopkins University, Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center. Weinberg Building, Room 1355, 401 North Broadway, Baltimore, MD 21231-1146.

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

One-Man Show About Freedom Riders to be

Presented in Free Performance at Wingate this Sunday

Wingate University's Unity House Multicultural Center will host a live stage performance of "Breach of Peace: Stories of the 1961 Freedom Riders" Sunday at 2 p.m. The show is free and open to the public. Other programs are listed below.

Based on true accounts of surviving participants of the Freedom Rides, the one-man show will star award-winning North Carolina-based actor Mike Wiley, who is known for documentary theater works that spotlight American history through turning points and milestones. In this play, he'll portray civil rights activists who, in the early 1960s, took interstate buses into segregated southern states to demonstrate the lack of enforcement of the Supreme Court's ruling that segregated buses were unconstitutional.

The 80-minute show will be followed by a question-and-answer session. "The arts give us hope, that united we are greater than the sum of our problems, greater than the sum of our differences," Wiley says. One of his goals with the show is to raise cultural awareness among people of all ages as he portrays defining moments in African American history.

Wiley earned his master of fine arts from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and has more than 15 years of experience in the fields of documentary, television, film and regional theater. Through the North Carolina Arts Council, he has had the opportunity to conduct educational residencies and perform throughout the U.S. and Canada. He is also a 2017 recipient of the University of North Carolina's Distinguished Alumni Award.

The presentation will be held in McGee Theatre inside the George A. Batte Jr. Fine Arts Center at 403 N. Camden Road. For information email Antonio Jefferson, Wingate's assistant vice president of diversity, equity and inclusion, at a.jefferson@wingate.edu.

WINGATE

UNITY HOUSE PRESENTS BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2023

Breach of Peace: Stories of the 1961 Freedom Riders Live Stage Play
Award winning actor Mike Wiley stars in a live stage play that captures the bravery and impact of the Freedom Riders.
Sunday, Feb 5 at 2:00pm in McGee Theatre (Batte Center)

Contested Waters: The Phenomenon of Racism & Public Swimming Pools
Dr. Jeff Wiltse (University of Montana) will examine the troubled history of African Americans being denied access to public swimming pools in the U.S. He will as well highlight an incident right in Monroe (1957).
Monday, February 13 at 7:00pm (Virtual)

Shopping While Black: Encounters and Experiences
Dr. Michelle Dunlap (Connecticut College) will discuss her latest book, Retail Racism: Shopping While Black and Brown in America, which examines the negative experiences of Black Americans while shopping.
Monday, February 20 at 7:00pm (Virtual)

The Rebellious Life of Rosa Parks
Dr. David Canton (University of Florida) will lead a discussion on the life and legacy of Rosa Parks, including several misconceptions about the type of Civil Rights leader she actually was.
Thursday Feb. 23 at 4:00pm in Smith Science Building Room 116

Why is African American History Under Attack?
Dr. David Canton, Director of African American Studies at the University of Florida, will lead a discussion on the banning of Black history and the media's role in amplifying Critical Race Theory, "Wokeism", and the attempt to rebrand chattel slavery in the US.
Friday, February 24 at 12:30pm in Hayes 209

Black Arts Excellence: Poetry and Paintings
Local artist, Ryan Cureton will host an art exhibit displaying some of his most prominent pieces, and participants will be treated to amazing spoken word performances by Wingate students and local talent.
Saturday, February 25 at 4:00pm in Helms Art Gallery (Batte Center)

Black Box Trivia
Students from the Dept. of Physical Therapy (ADAPT) will host a month-long Black history trivia contest. A winner will be announced each week.
February, 6-28 in Levine Health Science lobby area

FOR QUESTIONS EMAIL DR. ANTONIO JEFFERSON AT a.jefferson@wingate.edu

David Kiser Hands of a Sportsman Event is February 11

Hands of a Sportsman is hosting the 3rd annual David Kiser Memorial Pheasant Hunt on Saturday, February 11 at Devil's Rib Preserve, located at 2466 Peachland Polkton Road in Peachland. This free event is open to the public. Youth and any life challenged hunter may register.

Lunch will be served around 12 noon and will be followed by an auction. All funds raised will go to furthering the mission of Hands of a Sportsman who provide outdoor adventures to anyone who might not otherwise get the opportunity, including youth, disabled youth and adults, and veterans.

More information is available at www.handsofasportsman.org.

Hands of a Sportsman and the Kiser family would like to thank all of the sponsors, volunteers and donors who have worked to make this day possible.

Grace Senior Center Sweet Heart Drop In

Be sweet to your heart! Grace Senior Center invites all seniors on Tuesday, February 7 at 12 noon. Music will be provided by N2HIM.

They are located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, just past IGA. For information call 704-694-6616.

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