

Obituaries

Mr. Coit Wayne Davis

Mr. Coit Wayne Davis, 70, passed away Friday, January 29, 2021, at Atrium Health in Monroe.

Memorial graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 6, 2021, at the Peachland City Cemetery.

During these times of limiting the numbers for social gatherings, the family respects your concerns of avoiding crowds, so they welcome you to stop by the funeral home on Friday, February 5, 2021, from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. to pay your respects. The family will not be present.

Wayne was born on June 15, 1950, in Union County to Frances Williams Davis and the late Cecil Coit Davis. He was also preceded in death by his brother Terry Edwin Davis.

Wayne graduated from Forest Hills High School in 1968 and began his career in logging and truck driving with his father's logging operation, Davis Logging. He continued to drive a log truck after his father retired until his health would no longer allow him.

He served in the Army National Guard and was honorably discharged. Wayne was a member of Peachland United Methodist Church and enjoyed mission trips with the Baptist Men and Woodmen of the World.

In addition to his mother, Wayne is survived by brothers, Larry Cecil Davis and his wife Sharon of Monroe and Jeffrey Alan Davis and his wife Lisa of Peachland; sister, Karla Ranette Davis and her husband Melvin Furr of Peachland; many nieces and nephews; and great nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Peachland City Cemetery, 1642 Upper White Store Road, Peachland, NC 28133.

Morgan and Son funeral home is serving the Davis family.

Roy Alexander "R.A." Goodwin

On Thursday, January 21, 2021, Senior Master Sergeant Roy Alexander "R.A." Goodwin, 76, US Air Force Retired, passed away at the VA Hospital in Biloxi, MS.

A graveside service was held on Friday, January 29, 2021, at Lilesville Cemetery with Rev. Donnie Helms officiating.

R.A. was born April 24, 1944, in Suffolk, VA and was a son of the late Elmer Lamar Goodwin and the late Emma Gathings Goodwin.

He graduated from Bowman High School in 1963, and following graduation he enlisted in the United States Air Force. His military career would span 28 years.

During his years of service, R.A. would be stationed in North Carolina, Alaska and Mississippi. He served one year in Korea during peace time, the Vietnam War and Operation Dessert Shield in Kuwait. He retired at Keesler Air Force Base at the rank of Senior Master Sergeant.

Following retirement from the Air Force, he owned and operated Goody's Auto Repair in Biloxi, MS and was still working up until a week before he became ill.

Although he retired and lived in Biloxi, he still made annual trips back home to Lilesville. He would often visit "back home" to spend time with his parents and especially to help and care for his mother in her later years. R.A. always looked forward to the Goodwin Family Reunion every April at Olivet United Methodist Church. He enjoyed the time shared with his family and especially the "good eating" at the reunions and family gatherings at the farm.

In the words of his children, "Dad was a special man."

Those left to cherish his memory are his children, Kevin Goodwin (Brenda Cribb) of Morven and Donna Carter (Steve) of Wadesboro; his grandchildren, Jodie Goodwin (Alyssa) of Cheraw, Christopher "Chrisco" Goodwin of Morven, Kadaysha Kostelnik of Wadesboro and Kyle Cribb of Columbia, SC; his great-grandchildren, Landon, Alaina, Addison and Caydence Goodwin; and his brother and sisters, Lonnie Goodwin (Ellen) of Wadesboro, Emily Carpenter of Polkton and Cora Coile (Ross) of Kannapolis; his nieces and nephews and many other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

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

Mr. Ryan Paul Hill

Mr. Ryan Paul Hill, 46, died Wednesday, January 27, 2021, from complications resulting from heart surgery.

A service to celebrate his life was held on Sunday, January 31, 2021, at Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Calvin Ramsey officiating. Interment followed at Red Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.

Ryan was born April 16, 1974, a son of Willie Mae "Bunk" Hill and the late James Robert "Jim" Hill. He was employed as a truck driver with Bud's Logging & Trucking, Inc.

Survivors include his children, Ryan Paul Hill, Jr. of Wadesboro, Joe Hill of Ansonville, Kris Hill of Peachland and Emily Hill of the home; his mother Willie Mae "Bunk" Hill of Wadesboro; his stepmother Sandy Hill of Norwood; and his siblings, Robbie Hill (Keelie) and Renae Hill, both of Wadesboro and Brett Hill of Norwood.

Leavitt Funeral Home is serving the Hill Family. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Allie Mae Poplin McCormick

Allie Mae Poplin McCormick, 99, of Southport, NC and formerly of Lilesville, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Monday, February 1, 2021.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 7, 2021, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro with Rev. Randy Swearingen and Rev. Tom Walden officiating. Interment will follow in Anson Memorial Park.

Family and friends may pay their respects on Saturday, February 6, 2021, at the funeral home, from 1:00 until 6:00 p.m.

Allie was born September 20, 1921, in Anson County, and was a daughter of the late James Thomas Poplin and the late Betty Elizabeth Liles Poplin. She grew up in Lilesville.

She married her high school sweetheart, Calvin Nevil "Dooger" McCormick, and they had six children together. She was a housewife most of her life. In 1969 Allie and Calvin bought the Pee Dee Bait & Tackle Shop on the Pee Dee River in Anson County. Together they ran a family-owned business for 12 years until Calvin's death in 1985. Allie moved to Oak Island, NC and lived there for 20 years.

Allie came back to Southport in 2016, living with her daughter Phyllis Litke who was her caregiver until she moved into Liberty Commons Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in 2019. She lived there until her death.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Jimmy McCormick (Bonnie) of Lilesville, Carolyn Morris (H.C.) of Cheraw, Billy McCormick (Brenda) of Lilesville, Phyllis Litke (Rudy) of Southport, Joey McCormick (Janet) of Peachland, and Patty McCormick (Tommy Tadlock) of Boiling Springs Lakes, NC; 17 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Susan Morris, her great-grandson Noah Clarke and her brothers and

sisters, James Everette Poplin, Claude Thomas Poplin, her twin Allan Maynard Poplin, Ruth Hadden, Sue Conigliaro and Blanche Jennings.

Allie enjoyed cooking her children's favorite dishes when they visited. She enjoyed their company too. Her hobbies were gardening, crafting, word puzzles, watching birds and reading Nicholas Sparks novels.

The family would like to thank all who participated in the arrangements, and especially to Liberty Commons Nursing Rehabilitation Center of Southport. The awesome nurses and aides who took care of Allie (Allie Cat, as they called her) for one year and four months. They are all heroes!

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cathedral Baptist Church, 1215 Old Lilesville Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170 or to Gum Springs Baptist Church, c/o, Sarah Harrington, 1364 Haileys Ferry Rd., Lilesville, NC 28091.

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

Mr. Larry Eugene Smith

On Sunday, January 17, 2021, Mr. Larry Eugene Smith, 86, peacefully went to be with the Lord at Meadowview Terrace Senior Assisted Living Center in Wadesboro.

There will be a graveside service with full military honors at Anson Memorial Park at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 6, 2021, with rev. Jimmy Knotts officiating.

The family will be available to speak to those attending following the service.

Larry was born July 6, 1934, a son of Eugene Bennett Smith and Ethel Parker Smith of Wadesboro. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, and by his brother Donald Smith of Wadesboro.

He is survived by his brother, Harry Smith and wife Janet of Lugoff, SC; his sister, Avis Hampton and husband Denver of Boone, NC; his sister-in-law, Linda Smith of Wadesboro; and many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Larry attended high school at Wadesboro High School, but graduated high school at Wingate Junior College. After rejecting an offer from the New York Yankees, he chose to accept a contract with the Cleveland Indians and played their minor league system for three years.

He was drafted into the United States Army where he served two tours of duty in Vietnam and three tours of duty in Germany. After 25 years of serving his country, he retired with the rank of Sargent First Class.

Following retirement, Larry made beautiful furniture for his family and friends.

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Brenda Flake Baker



On Wednesday, January 27, 2021, Brenda Flake Baker, 70, went to be with her Lord and Savior while at Duke University Medical Center surrounded by her dear family.

There was a service to celebrate her life at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 31, 2021 at First Baptist Church, Wadesboro with Rev. Dr. Harry Workman officiating. Interment follow in Anson Memorial Park.

Brenda was born January 4, 1951, in Anson County, and was the daughter of the late Johnnie Boyce Baker, Jr and Johnsie Trexler Baker. She was a 1969 graduate of Bowman High School.

She worked as a Teacher's Assistant with Anson County Schools, and it was during that time that she further pursued her education. She graduated from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke with a Bachelor of Art's degree in Special Education with a concentration on mentally handicapped children. She worked for 14 years as a Special Education teacher at Unionville Elementary School. Following retirement, Brenda once again worked with Anson County Schools, being on staff at Peachland-Polkton Elementary School.

Brenda was a faithful member of First Baptist Church, Wadesboro for more than 30 years. She was involved in various interests in the church including Vacation Bible School Director, Sunday School teacher, Chancel Choir member, Host and Hostess Committee, Children's sermon coordinator, and Nursery committee. She was active with the youth ministry while her children were involved by chaperoning their trips and outings.

Prior to uniting with First Baptist Church, she and her family were members at Brown Creek Baptist Church, where she served as Choir Director and Boy Scout leader. She also served as President of the PTO at Peachland Middle School many years ago.

Brenda loved being outdoors working in her yard and gardening. She often cooked meals for her family and friends using the vegetables from her garden.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Jeania Flake Martin (Linc) of Ansonville, Michael John Flake and Christy Rose Flake, both of Wadesboro, their daddy, Eddie Flake of Wadesboro; her grandchildren, Walt Martin, Jack Martin and Tucker Rose Flake; her brother, Kenny Baker (Margaret) of Florence, SC; her sister-in-law, Susie Flake Bonds (Bobby) of Mt. Pleasant; her niece, Marney Baker Boatwright (Butch) of Florence, SC and nephew, Cal Baker (Tamala) of Myrtle Beach, SC; and her many cousins and their families.

Brenda also loved and cared for her three dogs, Oliver, Della and Roxie.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her grandson, Hampton Tucker Flake and her brother, Boyce Allen Baker.

Of all her accomplishments in life, her children share that being a loving and devoted mama and also "Moomie" to her grandchildren were her greatest accomplishments of all. She cared for her granddaughter, Tucker Rose, for the last 4 years and often remarked that Tucker Rose was the light of the family.

It was Brenda's request that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to First Baptist Church, Blessings in a Bookbag Ministry, PO Box 423, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Surely goodness and mercy followed her all the days of her life and she will now dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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