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On Friday, January 30, 2026, Mrs. Nancy Kelly Bryant, 71, passed away peacefully at Richmond County Hospice Haven in Rockingham with her loving family at her bedside.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 6, 2026, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Jeff Johnson officiating. Interment will follow in Anson Memorial Park.

The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Friday. Nancy was born May 28, 1954, in Anson County, and was a daughter of the late Sim Delano Kelly and the late Faye Miller Kelly. She attended Anson County Public Schools and had a long career in textiles which included West Knitting Mills in Wadesboro and Burlington Industries in Rockingham.

She will be remembered as a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend. She was a real, no-nonsense kind of lady with a personality larger than life.

Those who are left to cherish her memory are her husband Rufus M. Bryant; her children, April Parks (Lowell) of Wadesboro, Chris Wright (Stacy) of Holden Beach, P. J. Kistler of Rockingham, Joshua LaCroix and Jonathan LaCroix, both of Billings, Montana, Chelsea Bryant of McFarlan and Taylor Bryant of Cheraw, SC; her grandchildren, Hayley Wright, Tyler Blalock (Shelby), Megan Biles (Brandon), Hunter Blalock (Molly), Christian Wright, Dawton Kistler, Ellieana Kistler, Bailey LaCroix, Isiah LaCroix, Micah LaCroix, Jameson LaCroix, Kennedi LaCroix, Limmerick LaCroix, and Ronan LaCroix; seven great-grandchildren; and her brother Dale Kelly (Kathy) of Lilesville.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother Danny Kelly.

Nancy's family is most grateful to the staff at Richmond County Hospice Haven in Rockingham for the excellent and loving care they provided for her.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Richmond County Hospice Haven, 1119 N. U.S. 1 Hwy., Rockingham, NC 28379.

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

Mrs. Helen Sikes Coble

On Saturday, January 31, 2026, Mrs. Helen Sikes Coble, 85, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and sister, passed away peacefully at Brookdale Carriage Club Providence in Charlotte.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 7, 2026, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Dr. Bill Jeffries officiating. Private interment will follow in the Bennett Family Cemetery. The family will greet friends from 2:00 until 2:45 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home.

Helen was born in Wadesboro, on March 15, 1940, and was a daughter of the late Johnnie Frank Sikes and the late Nellie Edwards Sikes. She was a graduate of Wadesboro High School.

While growing up in Wadesboro, she and her family were members of First Baptist Church, where she and her twin sister were married to first cousins in a double wedding. She and her sister Ellen shared a close, loving bond as both sisters and friends.

Helen worked for Scholastic, a publisher of books and educational material dedicated to inspiring a love of reading and supporting education. She had a deep love of books and found great joy in her book club with close friends. Her main career, however, was that of being a wife and mother, both at which she excelled.

A member of Providence United Methodist Church, she attended weekly church services, bible study, and volunteered in the church's activities.

An avid tennis enthusiast, Helen played weekly and attended the U.S. Open in New York City for many years with dear friends. She was also a member of a neighborhood women's bridge group that on occasion invited their husbands to play.

Helen will be remembered as a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. Those who are left to cherish her memory are her sons, William "Bill" James Coble, Jr. of Concord and Clifton Sikes Coble (Amy) of Charlotte; her grandchildren, Claire Coble of Concord, Jill Coble Jones (Bryson) of Midland, William "Tripp" Coble, III of Concord, and Lily Coble and Ellie Coble, both of Charlotte; her twin sister Ellen Hill (Ben) of Beaufort, SC; her sister-in-law Helen Bowers of Indian Trail; and her nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, William "Bill" James Coble, Sr.

Helen's family would like to express their sincere appreciation to Brookdale Carriage Club Providence and VIA Health Partners for the loving way in which they cared for her. Also, heartfelt gratitude is extended to her friends, Flora Beth Patterson and Sharon Storck, for their weekly visits.

Flowers are welcomed; however, the family would prefer memorials be made to Providence United Methodist Church, 2810 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28211, or to Bennett Family Cemetery, 305 Camden Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

Jackie Livingston White

Jackie Livingston White, 77, of McFarlan, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 31, 2026, at home with her family at her side. The day was filled with falling snow, which was peaceful and stunning, much like Jackie.

Her funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, 126 Main Street, McFarlan, NC. The service will conclude with visitation and lunch, just as she would have wanted it.

Born to the late Robert and Janie Livingston, Jackie always boasted to be slightly spoiled as she was "the baby." Marrying the love of her life in 1965 only continued the spoiling, as Julian never seemed to tell her no.

Jackie will be remembered for her deep love of family and strong faith. She was a devoted wife, mama, granny, sister, and friend. She never missed the opportunity to take the trip, drink the Coke, have a lemon doughnut, eat the vanilla ice cream, or reapply the lipstick. Her favorite days were spent with her family, and she insisted that they always share a meal or, at a minimum, a glass of tea.

She is survived by her husband Julian; and their children, Julie and Brian Melton, Joel White, and Joye and Scott St. Louis. She took great pride in her grandchildren, Leslie and Brent, Eric and Jenni, Elizabeth and Billy, Luke and Jonah. Her legacy continues through her great-grandchildren, Hailee, Baylee, Garrett, Savannah, Gabby, Chloe, and Josie. She is also survived by her sisters, Clara Marie and Margaret; along with numerous nieces and nephews whom she loved as her own.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Jacquelyn; and her siblings, Robbie Jean, Jimmy, and Edd.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be directed to Pleasant Hill Cemetery Fund, attention Mr. Perry Johnson, P.O. Box 18, McFarlan, North Carolina 28102.

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



Thank You

The family of Deaconess Hattie Gatewood Caple would like to acknowledge their deepest expressions of love and kindness shown us following our loss.

A special thanks to our family, friends and neighbors who rendered support. Whether you sent a card, food or floral tribute or just called, we say Thank You.

The Family of Deaconess Caple

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FATS, OILS, AND GREASE (FOGS) EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

In an effort to reduce the potential for Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO), the Public Works staff of the Town of Polkton has compiled the following information to help educate our water and sewer customers concerning the best management practices for the disposal of household Fats, Oils, and Greases (FOGs).

How to dispose of Fat, Oil & Grease

- 1) Allow to cool
- 2) Use a container with a lid.
- 3) Pour the cooled grease or oil into a container
- 4) Place lid on container
- 5) Scrape or wipe cookware using paper towels or spatula into the garbage before washing.



**Don't
Feed
the Grease
Goblin!**



**No
Alimente
a el Duende
de Grasa!**

DO

- ✓ Put oil and grease in collection containers
- ✓ Remove oil and grease from kitchen utensils, equipment and food preparation areas with scrapers/towels/brooms
- ✓ Keep grease out of wash water
- ✓ Place food scraps in collection containers

DO NOT

- ✗ Pour oil and grease down drains
- ✗ Wash fryers/griddles, pots/pans and plates with water until oil and grease are removed
- ✗ Use hot water to rinse grease off surfaces
- ✗ Put food scraps down drains



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- ✓ Ponga la grasa en contenedores apropiados
- ✓ Remueva el aceite y la grasa de utensilios de cocina, equipos, y areas de preparación de comidas con espátulas/toallas/escobas
- ✓ Mantenga la grasa fuera de el agua de lavar
- ✓ Ponga los desperdicios de comida en contenedores adecuados

NO

- ✗ No tire aceite o grasa en los drenajes
- ✗ No lave con agua freidora/planchas, ollas, cacerolas y platos hasta que el aceite y la grasa hayan sido removidos
- ✗ No use agua caliente para limpiar la grasa de las superficies
- ✗ No tire desperdicios de comida en los drenajes

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