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Mrs. Katie Martin Rice

Mrs. Katie Martin Rice, 81, went home to be with her Lord on Saturday, February 1, 2020, while a patient at Anson Health & Rehab in Wadesboro.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 4, 2020, at Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Lonnie Grose and Bro. Sydney Pratt officiating. Interment followed at Shiloh United Methodist Church Cemetery where she was a member.

Katie was born December 21, 1938, in Rutherford County, a daughter of the late William Winston Martin and Virgie Owens Martin. She was married to Thomas William Rice, Sr., who passed away in 2011.

Katie was a much loved homemaker for her husband and her children. She was a well-known babysitter for her friends and neighbors, and in addition to her own children, helped raise many of her neighbor's children. When she was younger she sewed many of her children's clothes, and enjoyed working a garden and sharing her produce with as many people as she could. In later years she enjoyed reading and putting together jigsaw puzzles. At every age of her life Katie was always happiest when she was a busy bee.

Survivors include her children, Tom Rice, Jr. of Polkton, Katrina R. Martin of Peachland, Sherry

(Jimmy) Walton of Stone Mountain, Ann (Gary) Medlin of Jefferson, SC, David (Karin) Rice of Lilesville and Barbara (Paul) Allen of Huntersville; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; her brothers and sisters, Betty Reynolds of Harrisburg, Vernell (Bob) Buchanan of Spruce Pine, William (Linda) Martin of Concord, Mary Byars of Middleburg, FL; Linda (Billy) Cooper of Charlotte and Dennis Martin of Lincolnton.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Katie was preceded in death by two sisters, Frances Humphries and Doris Hudson.

The family suggests memorials be made to Shiloh United Methodist Church, c/o Sara Griggs, 778 Long Road, Morven, NC 28119.

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

Mr. Samuel D. "Sam" Sessions, Sr.

Mr. Samuel D. "Sam" Sessions, Sr., 83, of Ocean Isle Beach, NC and Wadesboro, died Thursday, January 23, 2020, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, NC.

A graveside funeral service was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at Anson Memorial Park.

Sam was born in Kershaw County, SC on August 2, 1936, a son of the late Paul Otis Sessions, Sr. and Mary Scott Sessions. He and his late wife Agnes Oliver Sessions were owners and operators of Sessions Bark and Trucking and many other business ventures.

Surviving is a son, Samuel D. "Sammy" Sessions, Jr., of Ocean Isle Beach, NC; and a sister, Mrs. Jewel Sessions Jones (Jack) of Wadesboro.

In addition to his parents and his wife, Sam was preceded in death by two brothers, Paul Sessions, Jr. and Randy Sessions; a sister, Ellen Sessions McLain; and a very special brother-in-law, Aaron Oliver.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Crippled Children's Foundation, 2019 4th Avenue N. #101, Birmingham, AL 35203.

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

Mrs. Phyllis Corey Wright

Mrs. Phyllis Corey Wright, 100, went home to be with her Lord on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, while a patient at Anson Health and Rehab.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 1, 2020, at El Bethel Baptist Church with Rev. Rob Washington, Dr. Tommy Wensil and Rev. Allen Wright officiating. Interment followed at Anson Memorial Park.

Mrs. Wright was born August 2, 1919, in Houlton, Maine, a daughter of the late Wallie and Mae Hogan Corey of Hodgdon, Maine. She graduated from Hodgdon High School in 1937, and from Aroostook Hospital in Houlton as a registered nurse in 1940.

Phyllis and her late husband Philip Wright moved to Lilesville in 1970. She was employed at Wadesboro Nursing Home (now Wadesboro Health and Rehab) for 11 years, retiring in 1981. She was a charter member of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Wadesboro, which is now El Bethel Baptist Church, and served as their Treasurer for 36 years.

Phyllis is survived by two sons, Lee Wright (Brenda) of Lilesville and Eugene Wright of Presque Isle, Maine; six grandchildren, Wayne Wright (Lisa), Kevin Wright (Martha), Timothy (Garie Ann), Allen Wright, Angela Wright, and Matthew Wright; seven great-grandchildren, Andrew, Ian, Ella Isaiah, Emily, Riley and Sadie; two step-grandchildren, Greg Lee (Beth) and Tonya Huneycutt (Teddy); five step-great-grandchildren, Ashton, Jordan, Leah,

Brooke and Hailee; along with nieces, nephews and many special friends.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her husband, Philip Wright; two brothers, Donald Corey of Houlton and John Corey of East Corinth, ME; and a sister, Mildred Benson of Hodgdon.

Memorials may be made to El Bethel Baptist Church, 532 McRae Avenue, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

Miss Elizabeth Ann "Libby" Burr

Miss Elizabeth Ann "Libby" Burr, 82, died Sunday, February 2, 2020, at Atrium Health Union in Monroe.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 5, 2020, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Jimmie Furr and Rev. Robert Burr officiating. Interment will follow in Anson Memorial Park.

The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service on Wednesday and other times at the home of her nephew, Boot Isenberg.

Libby was born January 26, 1938, in Anson County, a daughter of the late Nelson Lee Burr and the late Lizzie White Burr. She was educated at the North Carolina School for the Blind in Raleigh. She was a long-time member of Salem

United Methodist Church in Wadesboro before the church closed, and in 2007 she moved her membership to Wade United Methodist Church where she attended faithfully until her health declined.

Surviving are her sisters-in-law, Betty Burr and Dolie Burr, both of Wadesboro; her nieces and nephews, including Johnny Isenberg (Jonie), Boot Isenberg (Karen) and Vickie Black (Rusty Link), all of Wadesboro, whom she cared for as her own children; and her great-nieces and great-nephews and their families.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers and sister, John Burr, Lee Burr, Willie B. Burr, Jack Burr, Berta Isenberg, Paul Burr and J. C. Burr.

Although limited due to being legally blind, Libby maintained independent living until two years ago when she moved to Anson Health and Rehab in Wadesboro. She found great delight in family gatherings and visits from dear friends. She always looked forward to mealtime, good homecooked meals and talking on the telephone. She had the gift of remembering all the birthdays of her family and their telephone numbers.

At family gatherings Libby was always treated as royalty, and because of that she was nicknamed "Queen Libby."

Libby's family is grateful for her special friend, Charlotte Treadaway, who made sure she got to church on Sundays and had lunch afterwards. The family will always remember all the things she did for her.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Anson Health and Rehab Activities Department, 405 S. Greene St., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

Notice of Regular Meeting February 11
WADESBORO HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Board of Commissioners of the Wadesboro Housing Authority meets on the second Tuesday of the month.

The meeting is held at 1 p.m. at Papa Joe's Restaurant in Wadesboro.

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Tickets for the Largest Civil War Re-enactment and Family Day Are Available

Advance tickets for the country's largest Civil War re-enactment of 2020, the 155th anniversary of the Battle of Bentonville slated for March 21-22, are limited but still available. Other weekend family activities are free.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children aged seven-12; younger children are free. Advance purchasing also allows purchase of a combination ticket for both days at \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Battle reenactments will be Saturday at 3 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Food vendors will be present also. Come early for an entertaining day out.

The weekend activities will include lectures, games, music and other free family fun. Only the battle reenactments are ticketed and include calvary mounted drill demonstrations an hour before the battles. Program presenters will include Mark Bradley, renown Civil War Historian and Carolyn Cole, speaking on descendants of enslaved from the Cole Plantation.

Bentonville Battlefield is the largest Civil War Battlefield in the state and the site of the only offensive battle to stop Gen. William Sherman's march north from Savannah. This was one of the last major battles fought during the Civil War, involving over 80,000 troops covering 6,000 acres of farmland in Eastern North Carolina.

Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit preservation of Bentonville Battlefield and construction of a new visitor center. Tickets can be purchased online at www.johnstoncountync.org.

The 2020 event is sponsored by the Friends of Bentonville Battlefield Inc. (FOBB), the Johnston County Visitors Bureau and the N.C. Division of Historic Sites within the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

Bentonville Battlefield is located three miles north of Newton Grove on U.S. 701 and then three miles east on S.R. 1008. For more information on Bentonville, call (910) 594-0789 or visit website www.bentonvillereenactment.com.

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