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Mrs. Hazel Deese Adams

Mrs. Hazel Deese Adams, 72, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, February 3, 2019, at Atrium Health in Monroe.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at Oakdale Baptist Church with Rev. Arnold Jackson and Rev. Tim Helms officiating. Interment will follow in Griffin Cemetery.

The family will greet friends from 1:30 until 3:00p.m. on Wednesday at the church and other times at the home.

Hazel was born January 22, 1947, in Chesterfield County, SC, a daughter of the late Watt Thomas Deese and the late Bessie Lee Purvis Deese. She was a Certified Nursing Assistant and had worked for a number of years at Meadowview Terrace Assisted Living and later at Olive Branch Assisted Living.

She was a member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church and a former member of Oakdale Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband, of 31 years, Jerry Adams; her sons, Archie Lee (Sue) Henry, Jr. of Stanfield and Randy Lee (Kim Prevatte) Henry of Marshville; her daughter of the heart, Kandi (Dale) Hasty of Peachland; her grandchildren, Tyler Shane

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Henry, Ashley S. Henry, Jessica Nicole Henry and Shelby Rae Hasty; four great-grandchildren; and her nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters, Junior McKenzie, Arthur McKenzie, Thomas Deese, Alice Quick, Catherine Lee, Lilly Watts, Margie Lockler, Betty Jean Deese and Myrtle Yow.

Hazel will be remembered for her caring and compassionate heart and how she touched the lives of the residents of the assisted living facilities she worked in.

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

Mr. Robert Julian "Bobby" Rivers

Mr. Robert Julian "Bobby" Rivers, 65, of Monroe and formerly of Wadesboro, went to be with the Lord on Monday, February 4, 2019, at Hospice of Union County after a courageous battle with leukemia for more than five years.

There will be a memorial service at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 10, 2019, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Mark Moore and Rev. Tommy Wensil officiating. The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service on Sunday.

Bobby was born March 15, 1953, in Wadesboro, a son of the late Julian Brigman "Pete" Rivers and the late Mamie Lee Tomlinson Rivers.

He was a graduate of Bowman High School, Wingate College and Appalachian State University with a degree in marketing. He worked for a number of years in retail for B.C. Moore and Sons as store manager and later worked with Wadesboro Auto Sup-

ply. Bobby loved the Lord and was ordained a minister of the gospel. He enjoyed preaching at every opportunity made possible and singing in the choir. He was a member of Back to Bethel Baptist Church in Monroe.

Surviving are his wife, Brenda Hyatt Rivers; his children, Jonathan Rivers of Mocksville and Rebecca Rivers of Wadesboro; his grandchildren, Charlene, Leroy and Thomas; his sister Sarah "Teena" Hatcher (Alex) of Henderson; his twin brother William Lewis "Billy" Rivers (Martha) of Polkton; his stepdaughter Debbie Reeve (Willie) of Monroe; his cousin Betty Lou Horne of Peachland who was more like a sister; his faithful canine companion "Baby Girl" and other dear family members and friends.

The family appreciates so much the loving way in which he was cared for at Hospice of Union County.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, PO Box 98018, Washington DC 20090-8018 or online www.lls.org or to Hospice of Union County, 700 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 28110.

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Mr. Willie Gene Stephens

Mr. Willie Gene Stephens, 74, passed peacefully from this life to the next on Monday, February 4, 2019, while a patient at Anson Health and Rehab.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 7, 2019, at Leavitt Funeral Home. The family will greet friends immediately following the service.

A son of the late Henry Stephens and the late Rosie Craven Stephens,

Willie was born in Richmond County, NC on April 2, 1944. He had last worked as a heavy equipment operator for B.V. Hedrick Gravel and Sand in Lilesville, but also had previously worked at both Wansona, Inc. and Wade Manufacturing, Inc.

Willie was a great lover of the outdoors. He enjoyed hunting, yard work of most any kind, and also sitting on his porch watching the world go by. His favorite pastime, however, was fishing! He and Bobbie loved to fish, and his favorite fishing hole was Badin Lake.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 51 years, Bobbie Cook Stephens of the home; one sister, Frances McPhatter of Wadesboro; a brother-in-law and several sisters-in-law; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Willie was preceded in death by a sister, Louise Helms and two brothers, Donald and David Stephens.

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

Mrs. Jonny Lou Boling Trotti

Mrs. Jonny Lou Boling Trotti died peacefully at home in Morven on January 7, 2019, after several weeks of care by family, friends and hospice.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, January 12, 2019, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Dr. Sarah Kalish officiating.

Jonny Lou was preceded in death by her husband, David Lawrence Trotti (1937-2015), and her parents, Lula May Thomas Boling (1905-2004) and John Lawrence Boling (1909-1996).

Jonny was born June 26, 1942, in Anadarko, Oklahoma. Early in life Jonny attended Oklahoma "country rural" schools with her mother as teacher.

In 1951 she moved with her family to West Columbia, Texas, and then in 1953 the family moved to Alvin, Texas where Jonny completed her middle school and high school education. In 1958 Jonny graduated High School summa cum laude at age 16. She attended Sam Houston College. From 1958-1960 Jonny and David courted.

On January 18, 1961, Jonny married David Trotti in the Church of Christ in Alvin, Texas where they had first met.

David's military assignments began, and he and Jonny launched his career and their lives together. In 1960 they moved to Southwest Missouri State College in Warrensburg, MO for Dave's Charge of ROTC Cadet Program. Here Jonny continued her education at Southwest Missouri State, completing her degree Library Science. They moved to Ft Lewis, Washington where in 1964 they gave birth to their first child, Davi Lou. In this time Dave was called up for his first tour of duty to Korea. David was called up for two tours of duty in Viet Nam. During his first tour in 1965, Jonny gave birth to their second child, John, in Ft. Benning, GA. In 1969, during his second tour to Vietnam, Jonny, then pregnant, moved to York, Nebraska to be near her sister during the birth of her third son, Paul. Jonny was able to meet Dave for a short deeply celebrated furlough reunion in Hawaii during this time. Following his second tour of duty, in 1970, the Trotti's, now a family of five, moved to Fort Bragg, NC. From 1974 through 1977 they moved to several different bases in Germany. During this time the family traveled Europe and entertained extended family on shared excursions. Jonny collected chimney sweep figurines on this trip. After another tour of duty at Fort Bragg Dave retired from the Army in 1981, and the family put down their civilian roots in Mor-

ven. There Jonny took up her career as Librarian for Anson County Schools, serving at Bowman High School, Central Elementary School, and then at Anson Senior High School. She also completed her Masters of Library Science at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC.

Jonny Lou Trotti was a masterful story teller, bibliophile, quilter, toll painter, embroiderer, gardener and collector of sea shells and antiques. She was a serious scholar of theology and devoured the works of Dallas Willard (*The Divine Conspiracy*). Her kitchen table, once the hub for her growing and extending family, eventually became the gathering place for her bright circles of friends. There they gathered regularly for raucous games of bridge and Bible study.

Jonny is survived by her children, Davi Lou Trotti and John Charles Trotti, both of Morven, and Paul Lawrence Trotti of Fargo, ND; her grandchildren, Gavin Lawrence Trotti of Norfolk, VA, Mikayla Joy Trotti of Odenton, MD and Dayna Adaire Trotti of Moorhead, MN; her sister Martha Mae Thomas and brother-in-law Robert Harold Thomas of Blacksburg, VA; her nieces and nephews, Cathy Lu Thomas-Grant of Malibu, CA, Melody Ann Zobel of Blacksburg and Brad Boling Thomas of Grand Junction, CO and their families: sister-in-law Betty Lou Bevil of Dayton, TX; her cousins Barbara Jane Pickel of Lancaster, CA and Una Mae Trueblood of Oklahoma City, OK.

Please, no flowers. To honor Jonny, feed the hungry, provide for those in need, donate to a charity of choice or to the Anson Crisis Ministry, 117 North Rutherford St, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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Extension Corner Helping Reduce Energy Cost During the Winter

Although we have not seen snow in our area, there have been some cold days that let us know that it is indeed winter. When the temperature drops we make sure we take all the needed precautions against the elements and add extra layers to keep warm, we check air pressure in our vehicle tires, make sure our vehicles can withstand these temperatures by topping off fluids and getting needed services.

Sometimes we forget the most important area that needs to be checked and prepared for the winter season, and that is our homes. By making sure we have checked just a few things in our home, we could save money and keep our homes a little warmer.

According to the NC Cooperative Extension E-Conservation program, the average US household spends over \$2,000 a year on energy. By identifying potential energy savings, you can increase the value of your home while helping the environment. To start this energy saving process you should first and foremost conduct a home energy assessment. This allows you to identify areas in your home where you are losing energy.

The following is a checklist that will help you organize your assessment so you can pinpoint the energy efficiency improvements you need to make.

- **Locating and Sealing Air Leaks** Warm air leaking into your home during summer and out of your home during winter wastes a lot of energy. One of the most effective things you can do to start saving money now is to seal seams, cracks, and openings to the outside. Caulking and weather stripping will reduce drafts, saving energy and making you more comfortable. Take a close look at places where two different building materials meet such as corners, around chimneys, where pipes exit and around doors and windows. Start by sealing air leaks in the basement and the attic. These are often the places where the biggest holes can be found, and by properly sealing them will yield big benefits. Small gaps around the frames of windows and doors can be sealed with common caulks. You will also want to check these sometimes, troubled spots and seal when needed: Gaps around chimneys, around recessed lights in insulated ceilings, unfinished spaces behind cupboards/closets, electrical outlets, window frames, baseboards, around exterior doors, attic hatches and around wall or window mounted air conditioners.
- **Proper Insulation** Once you have sealed air leaks, having proper insulation in your home is one of the most cost-effective ways to use a whole-house approach to reduce energy waste and make the most of your energy dollars. Once you have sealed, make sure you have the proper amount of insulation for your area and that it is properly installed. Insulate heating ducts in unheated areas, such as attics and crawlspaces. Keeping ducts insulated, properly sealed and in good repair can prevent a substantial amount of heat loss.
- **Windows** Windows can account for 10-25% of your heating bill. It is important to reduce heat loss through windows in the wintertime. Adding a plastic window insulation buffer reduces drafts and can help your home hold heat. During winter, open curtains on your south-facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home and close them at night to reduce the chill of cold windows.

By improving the listed suggestions, you can make your home a safer and more comfortable place to live.

By Roshunda Terry, County Extension Director

Notice of Regular Meeting February 12
WADESBORO HOUSING AUTHORITY

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

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