

Obituaries

Mrs. Doris Mattox Bias

Mrs. Doris Mattox Bias, a beloved wife, mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully at her home on Thursday, February 4, 2021, at the age of 95.

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 8, 2021, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Dr. Sarah Kalish officiating. Entombment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

Doris was born April 12, 1925, in McDowell County, WV, the daughter of the late Russie Moore Mattox and Sylvester Mattox.

She was married to her wonderful husband Bill for 73 years. They traveled extensively and enjoyed times shared on the dance floor. She was a former Girl Scout leader, a member of the Anson County Historical Society and was a faithful member of First United Methodist Church, Wadesboro.

In addition to her husband, Doris is survived by her daughters, Carol Jones, and Becky Cockman (Kinsey); and her grandchildren, Lauren Jones,

Rachel Cockman and Kinsey Cockman (Ashley).

The family is forever grateful for a group of outstanding caregivers who cared for Doris in their home for the past few years.

Doris will be remembered as a loving wife, devoted mother, cherished grandmother and loyal friend.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 118 E. Morgan St., Wadesboro, NC 28270 or to the Friends of the Anson County Animal Shelter, c/o, Maureen Lett, 307 Leak Ave., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

Elizabeth Kennedy Ray Bowers

Elizabeth Kennedy Ray Bowers was born on December 10, 1956, to mother Foye Lowe Ray and father William Joseph Ray. The angels above had a huge celebration on January 30, 2021, as they welcomed her home.

A service to celebrate her life was held on Wednesday, February 3, 2021, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home

Kenn is survived by brother Marshall Ray of Wadesboro and sister Anne McLean who is married to Michael McLean and is currently residing in Pinehurst. Mama was reunited with her older brother William Joseph Ray.

Kenn, as most would know her, had four children whom she loved dearly, Daniel, the eldest, Will, next in line, Jill, the first girl, and Maggie, the baby, mama's rock and best friend. Kenn had three beautiful grandchildren, Kaitlyn, 11, Ella Ray, 8 and Lily Belle, almost 2. Her daughters in law include Anna Bowers, married to Will and mother of Ella Ray, and Lauren Bowers, married to Daniel and mother of Lily Belle. Kyle Edwards, father of Kaitlyn, is her son-in-law. Jeff Pucek was her companion, best friend and partner. Jeff was whatever mom needed him to be and she loved him tremendously, or to the moon and back as she would say. But anyone who knew mama or anyone in her family knew that our immediate family was slightly bigger than most immediate families. Immediate family to mama did not really have anything to do with blood, and that's the way she lived her life. Mama really truly cared for and loved everyone in her life and it showed. If you were in her life, you were family.

Kenn Bowers was a rock star, plain and simple. My family and I have been comforted over the past few days reading the small notes posted on social media celebrating her life. Mama, as evident by the posts, touched people throughout her life. But, the most amazing thing is the amount of people she touched within the past 30 years. The reason for that is because that's when her battle with multiple sclerosis began. Post after post referenced mama's work ethic, drive, compassion, love and all around beautiful soul. We started noticing that a huge number of these people have only known her the past 30 years or less. It takes a special kind of person to live your life that way, knowing you are facing a losing battle. Knowing that no matter what you do, barring a medical breakthrough, your time is going to be shorter than most. Knowing that the quality of your shortened time will be impacted greatly, and still living your life as if everyone else is struggling more than you. That is what she did. That is why she's a rock star.

Mama Kenn, as a lot of you knew her, graduated from Bowman High and attended the University of Chapel Hill. She was the owner/operator, HBIC of the Anson Buyers Guide and the Anson Express for many years. Kenn was the composing editor of The Enquirer Journal in Union County before retirement. She also had a stint teaching Graphics, and coaching Cheerleading at Anson Senior High.

Kenn Bowers was loved by many and will be missed by many. She made the world a better place. We love you mama!

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

Mrs. Troyene Harrington Cowick

On Wednesday, February 3, 2021, Mrs. Troyene Harrington Cowick, 83, peacefully went to be with her Lord and Savior.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 6, 2021, at First Baptist Church, Wadesboro with Dr. Gene Hunsinger officiating.

Interment was private at Anson Memorial Park.

Troyene was born September 7, 1937, in Anson County, and was a daughter of the late Claude Alexander Harrington and the late Vertis Estelle Alexander Harrington. She was a graduate of Wadesboro High School.

For 20 years she worked with the Probation and Parole offices in Anson County, and later worked with the Developmental Evaluation Center, retiring from the state with 30 years of service. Following her retirement she later worked as an Administrative Assistant for the Federal Probation Office in Rockingham.

Troyene was a longtime and faithful member of First Baptist Church, Wadesboro. She was active in many areas of service and especially loved the Special Interest Sunday school class.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Ellis Hart Cowick and her brothers, Harold Harrington and George "Buck" Harrington.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Danny Cowick of Marshville, Dwayne Cowick (Willie Mae) of Carnesville, GA, Doug Cowick (Pam) and Rhonda Sessions (Mike), all of Rockingham; her grandchildren, Christy Finley of Canton, GA, Jeremy Cowick (Darya) of Greenville, SC, Kacie Hamby (James) of Hamlet, Landon Cowick (Alyssa) of Rockingham and Matt Sessions (Hillary) of Laurinburg; her great-grandchildren, Colson, Coen, Camber, Freya, Malachi Kallie, Kendall, Hadley, Nora and Hart; her brother Robbie Harrington (Debbie) of Lilesville; and her nieces and nephews and their families.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, Sound System Fund, P.O. Box 423, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

Daniel Whitaker (Whit) Davis

Daniel Whitaker (Whit) Davis, a beloved family doctor in Anson County, died February 2, 2021, at age 91. Former patients remembered his dedication and good humor. From 1960 to 2000 Dr. D. W. Davis was a general practitioner in an office beside the old Anson Community Hospital in Wadesboro. He delivered thousands of babies and also served for a time as medical examiner.

A memorial service is to be scheduled for a future date at Calvary Episcopal Church when public health conditions permit. Burial will be in Andrews, NC.

He was born on December 21, 1929, in Andrews, NC, a mountain town near Murphy, the son of Elizabeth Pullium and Hamilton Ewart Davis. After graduating from Andrews High School he attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, graduating in 1952 with membership in Phi Beta Kappa. He served in the US Navy as an ensign on a destroyer, the USS Knapp, for two years, and one year on the USS Meredith. On August 20, 1955, he married Lucy Welch Claytor of Charleston, SC. He graduated from the UNC School of Medicine, and then interned at Duke Hospital. He was a member of UNC's Morehead Scholarship Selection Committee. Upon retirement he was recognized with a service award by the Carolinas Healthcare System Anson in Wadesboro.

Dr. Davis was an avid golfer and fan of UNC sports, but his favorite hobby was music. As a high school student during World War II he served as a bugler, playing taps for military funerals. While serving on the USS Knapp he played trumpet in a jazz band of sailors on a 'round-the-world cruise. In Wadesboro he sang bass in the choir at Calvary Episcopal Church for over 50 years, until he was over 90. After retirement he helped form a popular band, the Hidden Talents, which entertained around Anson County and beyond for many years.

Dr. Davis is survived by his sister, Jane Davis Swan; children, Virginia Davis (Joe Donohue), Edward Davis (Sandy), and Charles Davis (Mary); grandchildren, William Bost, Helen Bost, Samuel Davis, Henry Davis, Sarah Davis, Daniel Davis and Sophie Davis, and great-grandchildren, Lomi and Lucy.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lucy; siblings, Mary Delle Davis Greer, Jack Beason Davis and John Henry Davis.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Calvary Episcopal Church Music Fund, 308 East Wade St., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be offered at www.leavittfh.com.

Mrs. Ruby Cauble Rorie

Mrs. Ruby Cauble Rorie, 94, passed away Friday, February 5, 2021, at Anson Health and Rehab in Wadesboro.

The family will have a private graveside service at Anson Memorial Park.

Ruby was born in Anson County, on October 17, 1926, and was a daughter of the late Abby Alexander Cauble and the late Bessie Viola Swaringen. She attended Anson Technical College, earning an associate degree in Education.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Wadesboro.

Surviving are her sons, Ronnie Rorie (Dianne) of Morristown, TN, Gerald Rorie (Deborah) of Wadesboro and David Rorie (Ann) of Kernersville; her grandchildren, Brent Rorie (Danielle) of Georgetown, KY, Angie Dutton (Scott) of Polkton, Laruen Rorie of Charlotte, Melissa Rorie of Kernersville, Sally McAtteer (Justin) of Monroe, Mary Anne Ray of Morristown, TN, Cory Davis (Melissa) and Christy Burch (Mike), all of Wadesboro; 15 great-grandchildren; and her sister Hilda Stock of St. Louis, MO.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Emmitte Rorie and her brothers and sisters, Fred Cauble, Randle Cauble, Vera Faggart, Virginia Faggart, Gladys Allen and Kaye DeRoche.

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