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**Mr. Curtis Eugene Howell**

On Saturday, February 8, 2025, Mr. Curtis Eugene Howell, 93, passed away peacefully at McWhorter Hospice House in Monroe.

There will be a memorial service at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2025, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Donnie Helms officiating.

The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service on Friday.

Curtis was born July 23, 1931, in Anson County, and was a son of the late Edward David "Ed" Howell and the late Alice Mae Braswell Howell. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, having served during the Korean Conflict. Curtis worked as a licensed insurance agent for more than 45 years with Liberty Life Insurance Company.

He was a lifelong member of North Wadesboro Baptist Church. He enjoyed traveling, going to the beach, fishing, hunting, dancing and keeping up with friends on CB Radios. He was also a member of Kilwinning Masonic Lodge in Wadesboro.

Those who are left to cherish his memory are his wife of 69 years, Jeanette Williams Howell; his sons, Gene Howell (Sandra) and Tony Howell of Wadesboro; his grandchildren, Leslie Griggs (Gregg) of Wadesboro, Lori Burr (Jeremy) and Jessica Martin of Wadesboro, and T. J. Howell (Sarah) of Polkton; his sister-in-law Julia Howell of Clarksville, VA; and his nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers and sister, Tommy Howell, Edna Howell, Douglas Howell and J. B. Howell.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to North Wadesboro Baptist Church, P.O. Box 764, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).

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**Free Tax Assistance at Grace Senior Center**

Free income tax assistance will be available for Anson County Residents sixty years of age or older of low-or moderate-income, needing help in preparing their income tax returns. The assistance is a program sponsored by AARP and Grace Senior Center.

Volunteer counselors trained in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service will be at Grace Senior Center on Wednesday, March 5 and Wednesday, April 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day. This free assistance is designed to help taxpayers fill out forms 1040EZ, 1040A, 1040 and the North Carolina return.

Persons using the services should bring a picture ID, this year's tax package, age and earnings statements (forms W-2) received from employers, interest statements from the bank (form 1099-INT), a copy of last year's tax return, and any other relevant information concerning income and expenses.

Everyone with an appointment must pick up a Tax Package at Grace Senior Center before their scheduled appointment. Bring the completed package to the appointment. Electronic filing of returns will be available.

If you are interested call Grace Senior Center to schedule an appointment and for additional information at (704) 694-6616.

**African American History Event at BRLC**

Don't miss this event! Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center will celebrate diverse cultures with an event called "Whose Names are You Keeping Alive?" BRLC volunteers and Kids Cafe students take a deeper look into the history of ancestors, both local and abroad.

This educational event takes place on Saturday, February 22 at 2:00 p.m. at BRLC. Participants will have family artifacts, such as old pictures to show, music from the past and stories of traditions that ancestors passed on.



If you would like to wear your heritage attire, please do. Refreshments will be served. For information call Carol Smith, BRLC Director, at 704-778-7478.

BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department. For more information you can call 704-826-8737, check their Facebook page or visit [www.burnsvilleelc.org](http://www.burnsvilleelc.org).

**Bluegrass Music Jam at the Library**

The Hampton B. Allen Library will host bluegrass acoustic music jams on Thursday, February 13 and Thursday, February 27, 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. in the Little Theater. Musicians, singers and spectators are welcome. Jam sessions are open to all age levels and skill levels. Children age 12 & under must be accompanied by an adult.

If you have any questions please contact the library, 704-694-5177 or event volunteer Randy Collins at 336-430-6318 (call or text) or [vaguitar@msn.com](mailto:vaguitar@msn.com).

On behalf of the Downer family I want to say thank you so much to everyone who attended my husband George Downer's funeral on January 31, 2025. Thank you for showing up for George and sharing your memories of him with us.

Thank you to Mrs. Evadne and Smith's Funeral Home for their professionalism and compassion.

A special thank you to Thomas Chapel A.M.E Zion church, Harvest Ministries Outreach Center, and the Brothers from Lodge #603 for their attendance.

Thank you for every card, hug, and the kind words spoken to us in our time of grief.

For those who could not come, but sent plants, thank you for your heartfelt sentiments.

We will for your miss George, a great husband, father and friend. Thank you Anson County for loving him as much as I did.

**Sincerely, Benita Brown-Downer**

**Notice of Request for Proposals  
For Environmental Services for The Town of Lilesville**

The Town of Lilesville has been awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the rehabilitation of approximately six (6) single family housing units in the Town of Lilesville. We estimate multiple properties will be pre-1978 houses requiring a lead-based paint test and clearance, as well as asbestos and radon tests.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal, the RFP is available by contacting James Luster at 704-458-3106 or [jluster@centralina.org](mailto:jluster@centralina.org); All proposals should be submitted to Lynn Whitlock at [lilesvilletown@windstream.net](mailto:lilesvilletown@windstream.net); by March 7, 2025 at 2:00pm. Both electronic and hard copy proposals will be accepted. Hard copies should be delivered to: Town of Lilesville, 114 E. Wall Street, Lilesville, NC 28091. Attn: James Luster / Environmental Services Bid.

For questions and/or comments contact James Luster at 704-458-3106 or by email at [jluster@centralina.org](mailto:jluster@centralina.org);

The Town of Lilesville shall retain the Request for Proposal (RFP) and all related terms and conditions, agendas, exhibits, and the other attachments in an original form in an archival copy. Any modifications in vendors submissions are grounds for immediate disqualification. The Town of Lilesville further reserves the right to reject any and all submittals.

The Town of Lilesville is an "Equal Opportunity Employer". Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) including small and minority firms and Section 3 firms are businesses are encouraged to participate in the project.

This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Lynn Whitlock at 704-848-4711 or at 114 E. Wall Street, Lilesville, NC 28091 for accommodations for this request.

- "Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Lynn Whitlock al 704-848-4711 o en 114 E. Wall St., Lilesville, NC 28091 de alojamiento ara esta solicitud."



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