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Mrs. Frances Smith Hyatt-Harrington

Mrs. Frances Smith Hyatt-Harrington, 81, died peacefully at her home Wednesday, February 17, 2016, with her family at her bedside.

A service celebrating Frances' life took place on Saturday, February 20, 2016 in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. Private inurnment followed in Bennett Grove Cemetery in Polkton. There was also be a reception following the service on Saturday at the Lilesville Fire Department.

Frances was born July 30, 1934, in Anson County, a daughter of the late Marshall Albert Smith and the late Ethel Graham Smith. She was a graduate of Polkton High School, and retired from Alltel Communications as Division Manager with 35 years of service.

A very active lady, following her retirement she worked at Anson Community Hospital, and at the time of her death was working at Head Start as a receptionist. She obviously had a strong worth ethic and never wanted to be idle. In addition to her career life, her greatest pleasure came from being an auctioneer since 1977 and working with her friends at Wadesboro Auction House. She was affectionately referred to as "The Colonel" and "The Queen" at the auctions by her family and friends.

Frances served as chairman of the board of directors for Anson Crisis Ministry and was a member of Lilesville United Methodist Church. When spending time at Holden Beach she worshipped at Sharon United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her children, Freddy Hyatt (Joanne) of Ansonville, Ann Hyatt Poplin (David) of Lilesville, Harriett Hyatt Leary (Tank) of Ansonville and Frank Hyatt (Leslie) of Polkton; her grandchildren, Chris Hyatt (Nicole), Tiffany Ingold, Katie Poplin Martin (Scott), Bethany Poplin, Nick Ingold and Raylan Hyatt; her great-grandchildren, Landon, Ruby, Susanna and Marshall; her sister, Margaret

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Smith Henry of Polkton; and her step-children, Bucky Harrington of Polkton and Diane Harrington Gaddis (W.A.) of Concord.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Frankie Hyatt, second husband, Malvin Harrington and sister, Betty Smith Adams.

Frances loved life and lived it until the end! In her words, she was blessed with a wonderful family and many dear friends. She touched lives in a very positive manner and loved others as Christ does, unconditionally. Her family and friends are indeed better persons for having walked through life with her.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Anson Crisis Ministry, P.O. Box 797, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or to Union County Community Action Headstart, Attn: Jenny McGuirt, P.O. Box 1029, Monroe, NC 28111 or to the children's charity of the donor's choice.

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

Mrs. Brenda Cook Johnson

Mrs. Brenda Cook Johnson, 72, died Monday, February 22, 2016, at the home of her son in Rockingham.

There will be a visitation from 5 until 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at Leavitt Funeral Home, with a memorial service following in the chapel with Rev. Rob Washington officiating.

Brenda was born April 27, 1943, in Anson County, a daughter of the late Claude Cook and the late Elise Bolton Cook. She had worked as manager at McDonalds Restaurant in Wadesboro and later worked at Welika Restaurant and Dollar General.

Surviving are her son and daughter-in-law, Timothy B. and Natasha Johnson of Rockingham; her grandchildren, Tina Howard (David) of Wadesboro, Amber Johnson, Sherry Johnson, Alyssa Clark (Josh) and Breanna Whitt, all of Rockingham; her brother and sisters, Pete Cook (Joyce) and Bobbie Stephens (Willie), all of Wadesboro, Christine Thompson (Jerry) of Mt. Gilead and Doris Marsh of Ludiwici, GA.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Richmond and Anson Counties, 1119 N US Hwy 1, Rockingham, NC 28379 or Ambassador Health and Rehab, Activity Department, 2051 Country Club Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

The family is most grateful for the loving care Brenda received from both the staff at Richmond County Hospice and Ambassador Health and Rehab.

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

Master Aaron Jacob "A.J." Mabry

Master Aaron Jacob "A.J." Mabry, age 2, celebrated his heavenly healing on Monday, February 15, 2016, after his brief lifetime of severe health issues.

A service to celebrate AJ's life took place on Friday, February 19, 2016, by the graveside in Anson Memorial Park.

AJ was born November 30, 2013, in Mecklenburg County, NC, a son of Samantha L. Carpenter and Adam Mabry.

Surviving are his grandparents, Danny and Vickie Freeman Carpenter, who lovingly brought him to their home to care for him after being discharged from the hospital when he was 2 months old; his sister Jaycee Lynn Carpenter; his aunt Tiffney Danielle Carpenter; his uncle Randell Glenn Sellers and fiancé Bailey Rhynes and their child Case Wayne Sellers; his great-grandparents, Betty and Vaden Freeman, Carol Downer Griffin and Maxine Childs; his very special nurse who has cared for him since he was 3 months old, Joy Austin; and many other aunts, uncles and cousins.

AJ was an angel sent to Danny and Vickie from above, and he brought much joy to them. He will always be remembered as a bright spot for the joy he brought to their home. We rejoice knowing he has been fully healed and is once again an angel with the Lord looking down on his loving grandparents.

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

Mrs. Sara Eddins Robinson

Mrs. Sara Eddins Robinson, 88, died Saturday, February 20, 2016, at Weddington Park Assisted Living in Matthews.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Mrs. Bonnie Morgan officiating. Interment will following in Bethel Cemetery.

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Mrs. Rita Edwards Mills



Mrs. Rita Edwards Mills, 67, passed away Sunday, February 21, 2016, at her residence.

Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, February 25, 2016, at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be 6 to 7:30 p.m on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at Morgan & Son Funeral Home in Marshville.

Mrs. Mills was born on May 6, 1948, in Anson County to Clinton and Annie Lou Huntley Edwards.

She was preceded in death by her granddaughter Hannah Cummings.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her husband Ronnie V. Mills of the home; son Mark E. Mills and his wife Melissa of Peachland; daughter, Donna Mills Cummings and her husband David of Monroe; and grandchildren, Elizabeth Cummings, Clinton Mills and Mason Mills.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested memorials be made to Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 6510 Mt Moriah Church Road, Marshville, NC 28103 or Anson Agri Civic Center, PO Box 633, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Online condolences may be made at www.morganandsonfuneralhome.com

Morgan & Son Funeral Home of Marshville is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Louise Huntley Garris



Mrs. Louise Huntley Garris, 93, died Saturday, February 20, 2016, at Quail Haven Village in Pinehurst, NC.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2016, at 11:30 a.m. at Eastview Cemetery in Wadesboro with the Reverend Karen Allen officiating.

The family will greet friends at Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro prior to the service beginning at 10 a.m.

Louise was born in Anson County on December 22, 1922, the daughter of the late Louise Penelope Beverly and William Henry Huntley. She was preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, George Manley Thomas, and her husband of 10 years, Lt.Col. Herbert L. Garris; her brothers, Charles Beverly Huntley, Col. William Henry Huntley, Jr., Herman Harry Huntley and Robert Walter Huntley.

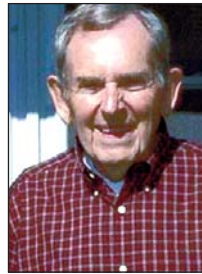
Louise was a graduate of Wadesboro High School and Brevard College. She was a member of Daughters of the American Revolution for 71 years, and served as Regent for the Thomas-Wade Chapter of that organization for two terms. She was an active member of the North Carolina Poetry Society and a 35 year member of Friends of Weymouth.

Louise loved writing and painting and was most proud of her native North Carolina.

Surviving are her daughter Louise Beverly Beane of Raleigh; her son James Henry Thomas of Greensboro; her daughter Patricia Thomas Bissett (Bill) of Southern Pines; and her daughter Annie Thomas Stephenson (Victor) of Apex; her grandchildren, Sean Padric McLaurin (Laura) of Raleigh; John Franklin Thomas (Melody) of Greensboro; Sarah Lauren Thomas (Bert) of Lexington; Owen Huntley Garner of Charleston, SC; Joseph Chapman Garner of Raleigh; Thomas Hudson Stephenson of Apex; and William Andrew Stephenson of Pittsboro; her great grandchildren, Patrick McLaurin, Jackson Thomas, Wyatt Thomas and Nova Stephenson; stepdaughters, Pati Garris Fekete (Mike) of Brookeville, Md, and Polli Garris Goiser of Fairfax, Va; her sisters in law, Ruby Huntley and Nancy Huntley, both of Wadesboro and Bettie Huntley of Southern Pines; and beloved nieces and nephews and their families.

Memorials may be made to Friends of Weymouth, PO Box 939, Southern Pines, NC 28388, or Anson Historical Society, 206 East Wade St, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Mr. James Haywood Diggs



Mr. James Haywood Diggs, 95, of Morven died Friday evening, February 19, 2016, at Ambassador Health & Rehab in Wadesboro after several years of declining health.

Services were held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, at the Morven Methodist Church, followed by a reception in the church parish hall. A private burial followed at the Morven Cemetery.

Born May 25, 1920, in the Cairo Community of Anson County, Haywood was a son of the late Raymond Diggs and Una Ratliff Diggs. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother Raymond Carlyle Diggs and his sister Sara Louise Morgan Lamb.

Haywood is survived by his wife Louise Williams Diggs; sister-in-law Kathleen Williams Eller (Roland) of Lexington, NC; numerous nieces and nephews; and his precious dog Peekie.

Haywood was a graduate of Morven High School and completed a one year Business Administration Course at Lilesville High School. He continued his education at Brevard College in Brevard, NC studying Agriculture.

In 1940 he began work with the Atlanta Army Service Forces as a US Government Inspector, working on many assignments along the East Coast where he inspected various products manufactured under government contracts to support the Nation's war efforts. One such assignment was to Hickory, NC where he met his wife, Louise Williams Diggs, whom he married in 1946.

At the deactivation of the War Assets Administration in 1948 Haywood returned to his beloved Cairo and began work for W. R. Bonsal Company in Lilesville. He remained in its employ for 37 years, being appointed as Assistant Secretary and Treasurer of the company. Upon his retirement he was thanked and commended for a "job well done and a life well run." Haywood's life was well run, he was a man of sterling character who loved the Lord, loved his fellow man, and especially his family. He so appreciated all of life's little extras, many and much of which he found in his own backyard sanctuary, the place he loved, and the place where he was happiest.

Haywood will be missed in his home communities of Morven, Cairo and Lilesville. He remained an active member of Morven Methodist Church, having served as its Sunday School Superintendent for seventeen years, sang in the Church Choir, chaired the Administrative Board and also served in other areas when called upon. He served on the Anson County Library Board and was Coordinator for Anson County Nursing Homes. Haywood was also the Treasurer for the Morven Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Morven Methodist Church, PO Box 302, Morven, NC 28119 or Morven Cemetery, PO Box 166, Morven, NC 28119.

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

Mrs. Virginia Gullede Griggs



Mrs. Virginia Gullede Griggs, 75, of Concord went home to be with the Lord on February 19, 2016, surrounded by her loving family.

A homegoing service to celebrate her life will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2016, at Northwest Baptist Church, Concord with Rev. John Lindsay officiating. Interment will follow at West Lawn Memorial Park in China Grove. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2016, at the church.

Virginia was born on November 15, 1940, in Wadesboro and later moved to Cabarrus County. She was the daughter to the late Alfred Gullede and Virginia Mae McQuage Gullede Tarleton.

She was employed by Cannon Mills, Value Village and retired from JC Penny. She loved her family, friends and dog Baby Girl very much. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother and special friend. She loved helping others.

Virginia is survived by her children, Linda Bare (Billy) of Jefferson, NC, Judy Hildreth (Jasper) of Wadesboro, Bruce High (Samantha) of Concord and William High (Sharon) of Mt. Pleasant, NC; 18 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; brothers, William Gullede (Mary Jo) of Kannapolis, Stevie Tarleton (Pam) of Wadesboro and Tinker Tarleton of Rockingham; and sister-in-law Mather Gullede of Wadesboro.

She was preceded in death by her husband Frank Griggs, children, Rosie and John High, brothers, Buddy Gullede and Danny Tarleton, stepfather Robert Tarleton and great grandson Colton Ray High

To offer condolences please visit www.siskbutler.com.

Arrangements are by Sisk-Butler Funeral & Cremation Services in Bessemer City, NC.