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Mrs. Joyce Downer Batykefer

Mrs. Joyce Downer Batykefer, 78, died Saturday, February 22, 2014, at Richmond County Hospice Haven in Rockingham.

Services were held on Tuesday, February 25, 2014, by the graveside at Savannah United Methodist Church Cemetery with Rev. Kaye Fry officiating.

Joyce was born August 7, 1935, in Anson County, a daughter of the late Edwin Carver Downer and the late Grace Pauline Tarleton Downer. She was a graduate of Lilesville High School and Pfeiffer Junior College, where she played basketball and was voted "friendliest" student. Joyce was a hard working and dedicated employee, working and retiring from W. R. Bonsal Company after more than 30 years of service.

Besides her children, one of Joyce's greatest loves and passions was Savannah United Methodist Church of which she had been a member for more than 40 years. She was one of the last few members of the church to help sustain its opened doors, monthly worship service and annual homecoming.

Joyce will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother and sister. A friend to many, although confined to her home, she maintained her relationships by keeping up with her family and friends via her telephone ministry and later on Facebook. Her quick wit, candor and kind spirit will be missed by all who knew her.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, John William "Jack" Batykefer, Jr. and by her brother, Edwin Carver Downer, Jr.

Surviving are her children, Dawn Leonard of South Port, Dena (Patrick) Evans of Rockingham and John W. (Cheryl) Batykefer, III stationed at Lakenheath Air Force Base, Thetford, England; her grandchildren, Kelsey Baker, Holli Wood, Summer Leonard, Will Batykefer and Abby Batykefer; and her sister Catherine (John) Neal of Lilesville.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Savannah United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Dena Batykefer Evans, 164 Happy Valley Rd., Rockingham, NC 28379.

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

Mrs. Annie Dutton Bowman

After 97 years of a wonderful life with many friends and family, Annie Dutton Bowman left this world on Saturday, February 22, 2014, for a better place that is a reward for living a loving and caring life.

There will be a service to celebrate the life of Annie Bowman at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, February 26,

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2014, at Long Pine United Methodist Church with Rev. Stephen Shytle and Rev. Ray O'Ferrell officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Annie was born on July 6, 1916, in Anson County, a daughter of the late Gifford and Eula Kelly Dutton. She was preceded in death by her husband Herman, brothers, Clifford, Luke, Jack, Eugene, Robert and Milton, her sister Jamie Hough and son Charles.

Surviving are her brother Maynard Dutton; her daughters, Shelba Poplin and Ann Moody (Stephen); her three living grandchildren, Lydia Bowman, who lived with her grandmother for several years, Susan Tucker (Gene) and Frederick Liles (Donna); six great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was much loved by her nieces and nephews and their families.

Annie was a devoted and active member of Long Pine United Methodist Church and her community. She retired from Anson County Hospital as a Certified Nurse's Assistant in 1984.

Annie Dutton Bowman was loved by all who had the good fortune to know her. We can all take note of her shining example of a humble spirit and truly a giving, servants heart.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Long Pine United Methodist Church, c/o Gail Preslar, 8472 Hwy 109 S, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

Mr. Jack Junior Curlee

Mr. Jack Junior Curlee, 88, of Oakboro passed away Monday, February 17, 2014, at Carolinas Medical Center-NorthEast in Concord.

The funeral service, officiated by Rev. Jeff Whitecotton and Rev. Jerome Cash, was held on Friday, February 21, 2014, in Hartsell Funeral Home in Albemarle. Burial followed at the Smith's Grove Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Oakboro.

Jack was born August 14, 1925, in Stanly County to the late Devotion Curlee and the late Lectie Curlee. He was also preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Evelyn Holt Curlee and a sister, Louise Curlee.

A veteran of the US Marines, he served in the South Pacific during World War II.

He is survived by daughters Patricia Whitecotton of Oakboro and Kathy (Ron) Wright of Matthews; sons Tony (Connie) Curlee of Wadesboro and Jack "JJ" (Louise) Curlee of Oakboro; sisters Edith Little and Myrtle Drye, both of Oakboro; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and special friend, Willadeen Williams.

Memorials may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675.

Online condolences may be made at hartsellfh.com.

Mr. James Albert Gaddy, Sr.

Mr. James Albert Gaddy, Sr., 58, died Sunday, February 16, 2014, at Anson Community Hospital.

Funeral services were held on Friday, February 21, 2014, at Greater St. Mark Church of Deliverance with Apostle

Leonard Williams officiating. He was born July 9, 1956, in Anson County, a son of Ethel Cole Gaddy and the late Willie Gaddy. He was known as "Woo," "Soldier" and "Bull Dog."

James Albert Gaddy was a graduate of Bowman High School and was honorably discharged from the United States Army. He had worked with H. F. Marsh and Son in Wadesboro for more than 30 years prior to the closing of their business, and was considered "the best welder around."

He loved to have fun and there was never a dull moment in his life. He loved to entertain and never met a stranger. He had a caring and giving heart and loved to help others in need. He was always a man of God no matter what. He was a member of Greater St. Mark Church of Deliverance in Wadesboro until his death.

He was a loving and wonderful husband to his wife of 36 years, Fairy Lee Forte Gaddy; and a wonderful father to his beautiful children, Eric Gaddy (Dinisha); Nina Preston (James) and Monique Gaddy (Donald), all of Wadesboro; grandchildren, Fairy Gaddy, D'Mikal Gaddy, Dream Sturdivant, Zaylen Rorie and Zamariah Rorie; his mother, Ethel C. Gaddy of Wadesboro; his Godfather, Marshall Little of Wadesboro; his sisters, Barbara Timmons (Jasper) of Polkton and Willie M. Douglas of Wadesboro; his brothers, Robert Lee Gaddy and Gary Lee Gaddy (Cathy), all of Wadesboro and Danny Gaddy (Amanda) of Denver; his very best friends, James and Shirley Garris, Cynthia Melton, Benjy Brasington and Leroy, all of Wadesboro; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and dear friends. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his son, James Jr. Gaddy and by a brother and sister, Johnny Cole and Dianne Gaddy.

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

Mr. Vann Wiley Sims

Mr. Vann Wiley Sims, 60, died Wednesday, February 19, 2014, at his home in Wadesboro.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 22, 2014, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Randy Brooks officiating.

Vann was born in Chesterfield County, SC on May 30, 1953, a son of the late Floyd Sims and Lydia Collins Sims Thomas

and James "Burt" Brady Thomas. He had worked as a carpenter in home construction for Charles "Scrunchie" Mills and Larry Griggs.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Peggy Jarrell Sims of the home; his sons, Elvis Sims and Benji Oxendine, both of Wadesboro; his grandchildren, Kaitlyn Sims, Harmony Scarborough, Dylan Sims, Kristy Sims and Kaden Sims; and his siblings, Joseph "JW" William Sims, Shirley Sims Davis, David Warren Sims, Brenda Sims Stegall, Lonnie Dale Sims and James Thomas Sims.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Joseph Vann Sims; and seven siblings.

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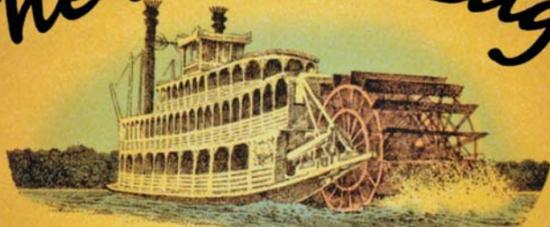
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