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Mrs. Julie Kelly Grooms
On Monday, February 21, 2022, Mrs. Julie Kelly Grooms, loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and aunt, passed away peacefully at her home following a courageous battle with cancer.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 26, 2022 in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Steve Hill and Rev. Jimmy Knotts officiating.

The family greeted friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. on Friday, February 25, 2022, at the funeral home and other times at the home.

Julie was born September 29, 1948, in Anson County, and was a daughter of the late Curley Dew Kelly and the late Lillie Mae Carter Kelly. She worked for many years at Wade Manufacturing, later retiring from the Anson County School System. Following her retirement she worked at Whit's Convenience Stores.

She grew up in the Wadesboro Church of God and always cherished her heritage there and later became a member of Gum Springs Baptist Church.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband of 54 years, Barry Grooms; her sons, Michael Grooms (Lisa) of Marshville, and Scottie Grooms (Heather) and Stanley Grooms, all of Lilesville; her grandchildren whom she adored, Summer Hayden (Billy) and Skylar Grooms of Lilesville, Hannah Grooms of Indian Trail and Parker Grooms and Holly Grooms, both of Marshville; her great-grandson Braxton Parker; her brother Wayne Kelly (Linda) of Morven; and her nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters and brothers, Tillie Butler, Willie Kelly, Leonard Kelly, Mary Ruth Treadaway and Betty Jo Deese.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Mr. William Fletcher Lee

On Sunday, February 27, 2022, Mr. William Fletcher Lee, 77, passed away at his home. The family will greet friends from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2022, at Leavitt Funeral Home, with a funeral service following in the chapel.

Fletcher was born on October 19, 1944, in Union County, NC and was a son of the late John Van "Jack" Lee and the late Jessie Strawn Lee. He was a veteran of the United States Army, having served from 1962 until 1965.

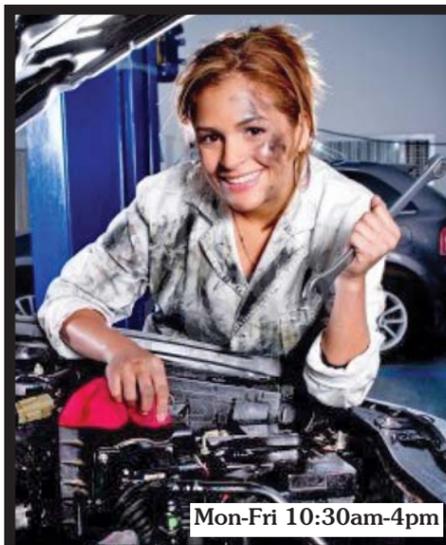
He brought cable television to Anson County. He first built Wadesboro Cablevision. Later he started WFL Cable Television, Inc., providing cablevision for Morven, Polkton, Peachland and surrounding areas in Anson County. He was also the owner and operator of Anson Trading Company in Wadesboro.

Surviving are his children, Cheryl Boone (Kevin) of Albemarle and William Fletcher Lee, Jr. of Lenoir; his sisters and brothers, Atha Nall (Charles) of Low Gap, Kay Hartsell (Jerry) of Aquadale, Jackie Lee (Margie) of Pineville, Frankie Lee (Cathy) of Morven and Carol Townsend (Butch) of Little River, SC; his special friend Sherry Powell of Wadesboro; his beloved dog Bell Bell; and a large extended family of nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Joyce Haas Lee, his sister Wincie Murray and brother Johnnie Lee.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Friends of the Anson County Animal Shelter, c/o Turner and Tarlton, P.O. Box 828, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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Harvest Ministries Holds Black History Program

This is a release from Harvest Ministries:

On Sunday February 27 Harvest Ministries in Wadesboro held a special Black History Celebration Program. The program was themed: A Celebration of Black Life, Love, and Legacy. The crowd was welcomed to the program with a special Worship Dance Presentation by Kareem Ellerbe entitled "No Matter What - Keep the Faith". Special Guest speakers for the day were Anson County Natives Dr. Takeda Legrand. Dr. Legrand is currently the Superintendent of Schools in Scotland County, North Carolina. Her charge and reminder to those in attendance was simple, Love Costs Everything. Dr. Legrand reminded all that the legacy of those who came before us is the reason we should be proud of who we are, where we are from, and those who paved the way for us today.



Harvest shared a special video honoring Anson County's own and WWE wrestling Hall of Famer: Sylvester "Junkyard Dog" Ritter.

Following Dr. Legrand, Anson County and Morven native and author Jeffrey Broadie shared the importance of hard work and faith that has made him the person he is today. Broadie owns 6 Barber Shops, and 2 Barber Schools and has written a book entitled "Beyond the Chair." His final reminder was to chase your dream - live your dream - and respect those who brought you along for their dream.

To close out the program, Lead Pastor Steve Adams reminded the crowd that the celebration of Black Life, Love, and Legacy should be an ongoing process. Adams thanked all those who came before him in the African American Community who gave, sacrificed, and paved the way for his father and mother (Pastor Tim and Brenda Adams) to come to Wadesboro and plant Harvest Ministries - which is a multi-racial, multi-cultural tapestry of people. Pastor Tim Adams echoed and shared - the next time anyone

says, "what good can come out of Anson County - remind them of Dr. Legrand, Mr. Broadie, Junkyard Dog, and so many others who have and are making a lasting difference!"

Pastor Steve would like to send a special thanks to Harvest Ministries Board of Directors Member Amethra Crawford for the coordination of this year's program.



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