

Obituaries

Catherine was very active in civic activities in Stanly County including board member of Mental Health Association, past co-director of Stanly Community Christian Ministry, past President of Crisis Assistance Fund, Albemarle Women's Club, World Book Club, Ladies Auxiliary Stanly Memorial Hospital and a member of Central United Methodist Church, where she and her late husband were named Lay Persons of the year in 1989.

Surviving are her brothers, Med Northcutt, Sr. of Morven and Frank (Louise) Northcutt of Charlotte; and her nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Cecil Duckworth and her sister and brothers, Marie Burns, Harold, Raymond, Edward and Jerry Northcutt.

Although Catherine never had children of her own, she loved and adored her nieces and nephews as if they were her own children. She enjoyed celebrating their successes with them and spending time with family and friends. She was the matriarch of the Northcutt family and was often the primary caregiver for family members.

Catherine's family wishes to thank the staff of Forrest Oaks for the loving and exemplary care they gave her. Her Forrest Oaks family affectionately called her "Duckie." The family will remain eternally grateful.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Pleasant Hill Cemetery Fund, c/o Becky Nelson, P.O. Box 13, McFarlan, NC 28102.

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

Mr. William "Bill" McLendon Hardison, Sr.

Mr. William "Bill" McLendon Hardison, Sr., 62, died Sunday, February 22, 2015, at his home.

There will be a memorial service on Friday, February 27, 2015, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Benny Clodfelter officiating.

Bill was born April 22, 1952, in Anson County, a son of Howze McLendon and Betty Hough Hardison. He was a graduate of Bowman High School and received an Associate's Degree from Wingate College. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Wadesboro and had been employed with W.R. Bonsal Company in Lilesville until declining health.

He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting, fishing, gardening and simply being in the country. He also enjoyed writing and collecting knives and guns.

Surviving are his wife, Selene Lowe Hardison of the home; his children, William McLendon Hardison, Jr. of Monroe, Lauren Ashley Hardison of Wadesboro and Marissa Hardison Thomas (Michael) of Polkton; his grandchildren, Waylen Hardison, Summer Hardison, Noah Ratliff, Christian Ratliff and Karson Thomas; his parents, Mac and Betty Hardison of Wadesboro; his brothers, Robert Braswell Hardison of Wadesboro and John Ashe Hardison of Vero Beach, FL; father-in-law, Spencer Lowe of Wadesboro; his brother and sister-in-law, John and Karen Lowe of Goldsboro; and his faithful canine companion Midnight.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, Scholarship Fund, 118 E. Morgan St., Wadesboro, NC 28170 or to Anson County Writer's Club, P.O. Box 363, Wadesboro, N.C., 28170.

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

Mr. James Robert "Jim" Hill

Mr. James Robert "Jim" Hill, 76, died Tuesday, February 24, 2015, at Carolinas Medical Center Union in Monroe.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 28, 2015, at Harmony Community Church with Rev. Rocky Carpenter officiating. Interment followed in Red Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.

Jim was born May 31, 1938, in Anson County, a son of the late Joe Hendley and Ruth Polk Hill. He was a veteran of both the United States Coast Guard and United States Army. He was the owner and operator of Jim Hill Sand and Gravel in Wadesboro for more than 40 years. He was a member of Harmony Community Church where he had served as a trustee.

Surviving are his wife, Sandy Harrington Hill of the home; his children, Robbie (Keelie) Hill of Wadesboro, Renae (Jeff) McCormick of Polkton, Ryan Hill of Lilesville and Brett Hill of Raleigh; his sisters, Peggy Heavener of Myrtle Beach, SC, Ann Munn and Catherine (Smokey) Tyson, all of Ansonville and Barbara (Larry) Helms of Marshville; his brother-in-law, Johnny (Dolly) Harrington of Wadesboro; 16 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; and his nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, Paul, Ralph and Johnny Hill, Sue Brock and Betty Jo Lee.

Jim's family would like to express their sincere gratitude to Dr. Amir Farahany, Dr. Gary Henry, Staff of DaVita Dialysis and Carolinas HealthCare System Anson for the wonderful care they have given him through the years of his declining health.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Harmony Community Church, Youth and Children Ministry, P.O. Box 138, Peachland, NC 28133 or to Red Hill Baptist Church, Cemetery Fund, c/o Kay Benton, P.O. Box 305, Ansonville, NC 28007.

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

Mr. Thomas Therrell Jones

Mr. Thomas Therrell Jones, 82, died Thursday, February 26, 2015, at Hospice of Union County in Monroe.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, March 1, 2015, at Gum Springs Baptist Church with Rev. Steve Hill officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery with military honors.

Therrell was born January 6, 1933, in Anson County, a son of the late Charlie Hopson and Martha Burr Jones. He was retired from All Right Parking Services in Charlotte, a member of Gum Springs Baptist Church and a veteran of the United States Army, having served during the Korean Conflict.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Sarah Gathings Jones of the home; son Harvey (Michelle) Jones of Concord; his grandchildren, Chris (Chasity) Jones of Kannapolis and Candice Jones of Claremont; his great-grandchildren, Emily, Tyler, Bryson, Hannah, Kaleigh, Taylor, Billy and Makayla; and his brother and sister, Arthur (Frances) Jones of Indian Trail and Shirley (William) Brock of Hartsville, SC.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Gum Springs Baptist Church, Youth Program, c/o Sarah Harrington, 1364 Haileys Ferry Road, Lilesville, NC 28091.

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

Mr. James Ellis Lawhon

Mr. James Ellis Lawhon, 70, died Saturday, February 28, 2015, at Hospice of Union County in Monroe.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Bethlehem Cemetery in Ansonville.

The family will greet friends beginning at 2 p.m. until time for the service and other times at the home.

Ellis was born June 14, 1944, in Anson

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Mrs. Kristen Joy Black Diggs

Mrs. Kristen Joy Black Diggs, age 40, died suddenly on February 24, 2015, at her home.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, March 1, 2015, in Mt. Beulah Baptist Church, Wadesboro. Burial will be private.

Joy was born in Anson County on December 19, 1974, a daughter of Fred O. and Lois Watts Black, Jr. She graduated from Anson High School in 1993, UNCC in 1997 with a degree in special education, and Wingate University in 2011 with a master's in Educational Leadership. As a teacher of exceptional children with learning disabilities, Joy enjoyed her work but most of all, loved her "children." Over seventeen years of teaching she worked in the Anson County school system, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system, and in the Union County school system at Unionville Elementary and currently at Western Union. Joy excelled at both academics and athletics and was a past "Teacher of the Year" for Union County.

She was active in the Indian Trail Baptist Church where she taught a children's Sunday school class and often served as a greeter for the church. She also found time to be a mentor for a local chapter of Girls on the Run and thoroughly enjoyed running herself. But she considered her greatest love to be that of her family of which she was most proud.

Family members include her husband of 12 years, Jeremy Diggs of the home; two daughters, Kristen Jeri Diggs (age 4) and Jordyn Claire Diggs (age 3); parents, Fred and Lois Black of Wadesboro; brother Ray Black (Karey) of Monroe and their children, Caroline Rose Black, Grayce Rae Black, and Miller Deas; sister Miriam Black Sallee of Monroe; maternal grandmother Esther Watts of Wadesboro; mother-in-law Mary Polk Diggs of Peachland; sister-in-law Monica Hege (Mike) of Kannapolis; and brother-in-law Jason Diggs and his son Trystan of Surfside Beach, SC.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Kristen Jeri and Jordyn Claire Educational Fund, c/o Ray Black, 2210 Fowler Secrest Rd., Monroe, NC 28110.

Leavitt Funeral Home served the Diggs family. Online condolences may be made at leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com.

Mrs. Catherine Northcutt Duckworth

Mrs. Catherine Northcutt Duckworth died Thursday, February 26, 2015, at Forrest Oaks Healthcare Center in Albemarle.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 2, 2015, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. Interment followed in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in McFarlan.

Catherine was born in Anson County, a daughter of the late Grover Cleveland and Gladys Timmons Northcutt. She had worked for 25 years at Blalock Tire and Appliance in Wadesboro, worked many years with her brother Raymond in the insurance business, and then assisted her husband, the late Dr. Cecil Duckworth, with his optometry office in Albemarle. In later years she worked part-time at Brodt Music Company in Charlotte and Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro.

Thank You

The family of the late Kathleen W. McGregor would like to take this time to pause and thank those who played a part in the care of our mother during her illness.

Special thank you to Mrs. Betty Marshall, Mrs. Dorothy Kirkley, Mrs. Debra Lomax, Ms. Patsy Little of Anson Home Care, Ms. Demetris Kendall, Ms. Alberta Smith, and other former and current staff of Anson Health and Rehab/Lillie Bennett Nursing Facility, the Emergency Staff of Carolinas Medical Center-Anson along with Mr. Gordon Jackson, Security Officer for the prayers and kind remarks to our family, our mother's roommate Mrs. Catherine Pickett, Rev. Joletha Dockery and Bessie Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, Rev. Bernice Johnson and Pee Dee Church of Deliverance, and Rev. Luther McLendon and Galilee A. M. E. Zion Church.

A very special thank you to the staff and management of American Cleaners on Rockingham Road in Rockingham, NC for being a blessing to our family, Ken and the staff at Boe's Florist of Rockingham for going the extra mile to see that our family was satisfied with the arrangements prepared, Ms. Alva Melton of World of Curls of Wadesboro for making our mother beautiful, Mr. Harold C. Smith, Funeral Director and the staff of Smith's Funeral Home of Wadesboro for going that extra mile for us.

Also, our family would like to thank Ms. Winnie Margaret Brown for the assistance that she gave to our family during our most difficult time; we say thank you, thank you, thank you.

We truly thank God for all you did to help and assist us during the illness and passing of our mother. It is our prayer that God will shower you with His blessings. Once again,

"THANK YOU"

Respectfully Submitted,

K. Patricia, Joyce, Deborah M., Michael and her grandchildren, Tanya, Marqus, Brian, Brittany and Jasmine

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