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On Saturday, March 8, 2025, Mr. Robert Douglas "Bob" Lowry, 80, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend passed away peacefully at Hospice Haven in Rockingham. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Mr. Ken Caulder officiating. Interment will follow in Anson Memorial Park. The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the funeral home and other times at the home. Bob was born in the White Store Community of Anson County and was a son of the late George William Lowry and the late Janie Virginia "JV" Tucker Lowry. He was a 1963 graduate of Morven High School where he played basketball and was voted most athletic. He was a veteran of the United States Army. A man with a strong work ethic, he was retired from Duff Norton in Wadesboro, now Cofing Hoists, with more than 30 years of service. Words like, loving, kind, generous and honorable are used by his family to describe him. He truly loved his family and shared time with them. Those who are left to cherish his memory are his wife of 56 years on March 15, Geneva Dawkins Lowry; his children, Christy Street and husband, Ivan of Raeford and Chris Lowry of Wadesboro; his grandchildren, Blake Lowry of Alaska and Brooke Lowry of Norwood; his sisters, Jane Kimrey of Norwood and Ann Bundy of Bennettsville, SC; his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Rita and Edwin Cornwell of Lilesville and his nieces and nephews and their families. The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and FirstHealth Cancer Center for the assistance and care they gave Bob and because of their kindness, the family suggests memorials be made to them.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, P.O. Box 12268, Newport News, VA 23612 or to the FirstHealth Cancer Center and FirstHealth of the Carolinas, P.O. Box 3000, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

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

Mr. Fred Donald "Don" Phillips

On Monday, March 10, 2025, Mr. Fred Donald "Don" Phillips, 87, beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother passed away peacefully at Atrium Health Union in Monroe.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 14, 2025, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Rick Eason and Rev. Chuck McKnight officiating. Interment will follow in Anson Memorial Park.

The family will greet friends from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at the funeral home.

Don was born March 13, 1937, in Anson County, and was a son of the late Charles Pinkston Phillips and the late Jewell Gertrude Weiner Phillips. He was a veteran of the United States Army. He was a member of Faith Baptist Church.

He is best remembered as the appliance repairman in and around Anson County. He worked for more than 30 years with Sears in Wadesboro and Rockingham, and following retirement he would often be called on for repair services.

Those who are left to cherish his memory are his wife of nearly 48 years, Mary Lee Freeman Phillips; his children, Donnie Phillips (Nancy) of Currie, Jackie McPhatter (Lynn) and Diane Collins, all of Lilesville and Terry Phillips (Dawn) of Raleigh; his grandchildren, Amanda Kenney (Chris) of Wilmington, Kristie Pearce (Matthew) of Currie, Courtney of Albemarle (Allen) of Wilmington, Matthew Griffin of Humpale, Chelsea McPhatter of Hawaii, David Phillips, Logan Phillips, Mattie Phillips and Matthew Phillips, all of Raleigh; his great-grandchildren, Brianna, Brayden and Braylee Kenney, all of Wilmington; and his sister and brother, Margie Vinson of Lancaster, SC and Bert Phillips of Wadesboro.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter Teresa McLeon; his son Lynn "Termite" McPhatter and his granddaughter Jessica Swearingin.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Faith Baptist Church, 3520 Stanback Ferry Ice Plant Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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BRLC Offers Their Free Food Pantry Every Wednesday

Burnsville's Food Pantry volunteers are needed

Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center operates their free Food Pantry each and every Wednesday morning unless the weather is truly bad.

BRLC is making a few minor adjustments during the Emergency Food Pantry hours. Volunteers will start accepting client registration application at 8:30 a.m. and cut off at 10:00 a.m. They ask all neighbors, if you are able, to please consider inside to register. Once you have registered please return back to your vehicle, or you may wait inside.

Neighbors will not be able to register for someone who has not arrived. Neighbors cannot hold a spot for someone else when registering. All veterans are welcome, as well as anyone who may need assistance with food. Emergency Pantry neighbors will be given a number for service, including volunteers once they have register. The number will determined what order you will be served. Due to the limited volunteers, waiting time for service can vary.

Volunteers are always needed. Please contact BRLC if you are looking for volunteer opportunities.

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Class of 1985 Reunion Information

This is a release from Tracy Medley Merriman: Thank you all for your responses and your willingness to attend our 40th class reunion on Saturday, September 20, 2025. I am excited to announce that we will be moving forward with our planning. We need your continued support for a successful event.

Letters and registration forms have been sent out, and if you do not have this information please contact Tracy Medley Merriman through Facebook messenger.

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