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**Mr. Michael  
Leon Baker**

Mr. Michael Leon Baker, 61, died Sunday, March 15, 2015, at FirstHealth Hospice House in Pinehurst, NC.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2015, in the Colonial Chapel of Carter Funeral Home with Dr. Robert L. Hunter, Jr. officiating. Interment will follow in Richmond County Memorial Park.

At the request of the family, those attending the funeral service are asked to wear jeans or dress casual.

The family will greet friends from 7 until 9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at Carter Funeral Home in Rockingham and other times at the home of his parents on Dewese Avenue, Rockingham.

Mike was born January 17, 1954, in Anson County, a son of Jesse Leon Baker and the late Mary Agnes Russell Baker. He worked at Clark Equipment Company in Rockingham and later was employed with Domtar in Bennettsville, SC for many years prior to his declining health.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman, and often enjoyed hunting trips with his friends across the United States. He especially enjoyed his cats and hunting dogs and times riding in his antique corvette and boating. Another of his favorite hobbies was antique car restoration.

Surviving are his parents, Leon and Virginia Baker of Rockingham; his brothers, Glenn Caulder and Ken Caulder, both of Wadesboro; his brother-in-law, Donald Griggs of Hamlet; his nieces, Amy (Mac) Griggs Tucker, Traci (Mike) Griggs Morrison and Lauren (Nick Moore) Griggs, all of Hamlet; and his great-nephews and great-nieces, Caleb and Cameron Neeley, Alden, Brayden, Kyleigh and Kelby Morrison, and Aniston and Nicholas Griggs. In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by his sister and brother, Deborah Baker Griggs and Jeffery Scott Baker.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the staff of Wake Forest Baptist Hospital Cancer Center, Manor Care in Pinehurst and FirstHealth Hospice and Palliative Care for the excellent care they have given Mike during his battle with leukemia. A special thank you to his niece Traci for her support to her Uncle Mike, and to Tony Puckett for being a true friend to Mike and standing by his side through it all.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to FirstHealth Hospice Foundation, 150 Applecross Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374 or to the Richmond County Humane Society, 529 E US Highway 74, Rockingham, NC 28379.

The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home, assisted by Carter Funeral Home, Rockingham. Online condolences may be made at [leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com](http://leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com).

**Mr. Charles  
Lamar Thomas**

Mr. Charles Lamar Thomas, 71, died Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at Autumn Care in Marshville.

**Obituaries**

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 16, 2015, at Hopewell United Methodist Church with burial following in the church cemetery.

Born December 10, 1943 in Anson County, Mr. Thomas was a son of the late Charlie B. and Frances Mae Ferree Thomas. He was preceded in death by siblings, Carol Motley, Geraldine Barton and Graham Thomas.

Survivors include son Charles Lamar "Chip" Thomas, Jr. of Charlotte; daughter Cindy Thomas Campbell of Fort Mill; brother Alton Douglas Thomas of Peachland; and three grandchildren.

**Mrs. Marguerite  
Powell Coley**

Mrs. Marguerite Powell Coley, eldest child born to Clayton and Madge Powell on May 7, 1928, went to be with her Lord and Savior on March 14, 2015.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at Cathedral Baptist Church with Rev. Randy Swaringen officiating. Interment will follow at Anson Memorial Park.

Angels are rejoicing as she enters Heaven and reunites with her loving husband, Buddy Coley; her precious son, Mertis Ray Mills; and her other siblings, Betty Harrington, Peggy Ponds and Jimmy Powell. Oh What A Glorious Day!

Left to cherish her memories are her devoted daughters, Susan Murphy (Dennis) of Charlotte and Sandy Davidson (Dean) of Manakin Sabot, VA; granddaughter Dana Douglas (Chad) of Asheboro NC; great-granddaughters, Chelsea and Chloe Douglas; daughter-in-law Pam Mills; grandson Chad Mills; granddaughter Lindsay Marshall; great-granddaughter Mikala; great-grandson Hunter; and her nieces, nephews and extended family. This is her immediate family, but her legacy as "Mee Maw" touches many residents of Wadesboro. She also considered the members of Cathedral Baptist her extended family.

She enjoyed her family immensely and she was the glue that held it together. Words cannot describe the loss and void created by her debilitating health. She will be missed by all who knew her, but never, ever forgotten. A very special thank you goes to all who assisted in her care over the last two years.

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**Mr. John Spencer  
"Spence" Lowe**

Mr. John Spencer "Spence" Lowe, 87, died Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at Carolinas HealthCare System-Anson.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 14, 2015, at Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Benny Clodfelter officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

One of four children, Spence was born in Wadesboro on March 12, 1927, a son of the late Joseph Valentine and Belle Foye Carpenter Lowe. He attended Wadesboro High School and graduated from Presbyterian Junior College in Maxton, NC. He went on to serve in the US Army during World War II. A very athletic individual, Spence played football and baseball in high school. As a young pitcher for a Monroe American Legion team and the semi-pro Wade Flannels, Spence earned the nickname "Fogball." He would go on to coach Senior Little League baseball where he was well respected for his ability to develop young players. Spence was also a tal-

ented boxer also, winning a set of "Gold Gloves" before deciding to concentrate his talent on baseball.

Following World War II Spence returned to Wadesboro to work with his father in the family printing business. Upon his father's death he assumed the role of owner/operator of Lowe's Printing Company until his retirement in 2003. Whether playing ball, hunting, fishing or gardening, Spence loved the outdoors.

A longtime member of First United Methodist Church, Spence taught Sunday school for a number of years, and often served as both a greeter and usher for the worship services.

Survivors include his son John S. Lowe, Jr. (Karen) of Goldsboro; daughter Selene L. Hardison of Wadesboro; five grandchildren, William Hardison, Jr., Lauren Hardison, Marissa H. Thomas (Michael), John K. Lowe of Fairbanks, AK, and Cameron Lowe; and five great-grandchildren, Waylen, Noah, Christian, Summer and Karson.

In addition to his parents, Spence was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Thomas Lowe, son-in-law Bill Hardison and siblings, Jane L. Davis, Foye L. Ray and Joseph Valentine Lowe, Jr.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, Scholarship Fund, 118 E. Morgan St., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

**Mrs. Annie  
Wallace Pope**

Mrs. Annie Wallace Pope, 90, of Kershaw, SC, widow of Rev. Clayton William Pope, Sr., died peacefully at Lancaster Convalescent Center in Lancaster, SC on Thursday morning, March 12, 2015.

A funeral service was held on Sunday, March 15, 2015, in the sanctuary of Midway Baptist Church in Kershaw with the Revs. Todd Gandy, Tony Pope and Eric Truesdale officiating. Burial followed in the

Born in Peachland, Mrs. Pope was a daughter of the late William Vander and Louisa Taylor Wallace. She was a member of Midway Baptist Church, where she participated in the W.M.U. and the Young at Heart. Mrs. Pope was also an excellent seamstress.

Surviving are two daughters, Carol Pope Williams (R. D.) of St. Paul, NC and Rebecca Pope Estridge (Jerry) of Anderson, SC; two sons, Clayton Pope (Jackie) and Lamar Pope (Cindy), all of Kershaw; twelve grandchildren; a number of great grandchildren; two sisters, Frances Stevens of Albemarle and Mae Wallace of Charlotte; and a sister-in-law, Frances Wallace of Charlotte. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Aileen Biggers and Virginia Blalock and two brothers, Vander Wallace and Irvin Wallace.

Memorials may be made to Midway Baptist Church Building Fund, 7760 Old Jefferson Highway, Kershaw, SC 29067 in memory of Mrs. Pope.



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