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Obituaries

Mrs. Maria **Richardson Bliss**

Mrs. Maria Richardson Bliss, 83, died Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at her home following a courageous battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

A graveside committal was held on Friday, March 18, 2016, in the Lilesville Cemetery. Memorial services were held on Sunday, March 20, 2016, at First United Methodist Church in Asheboro with Rev. Lynda Ferguson officiating.

Maria was born in Lumberton, NC on February 5, 1933, a daughter of the late Van Best "Dick" Richardson and Edna Earle Arnette Richardson. She graduated Woman's College in Greensboro in 1955, and began teaching sixth grade at the Fayetteville Street Elementary School in Asheboro. She later graduated from the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and served Asheboro's First United Methodist Church as an ordained minister. Maria was very active in local women's organizations, helping found the Women's Crisis Center for abused women and children.

Maria was a loyal lifelong Democrat, receiving several awards from the North Carolina local and state Democratic Party. She was also the recipient of North Carolina's highest civilian honor, The Order of the Longleaf Pine for her exemplary civilian service to the State of North Carolina and her community. She was also the supervisor for Randolph County elections for 15

Survivors include her husband, Charles Henry "Chuck" Bliss of the home; daughter Dr. Katherine Bliss (Brian Dobyns) and their sons Tim and Ryan;

sons, Charles Richardson Bliss (Lisa Radtke) and their daughter Laurel and Neill Richardson Bliss; twin brother Henry B. Richardson of Monroe; and two sisters, Lynn Richardson of Durham and Jacqueline Huntley of Lilesville.

The family suggests donations in her memory be made to First United Methodist Church, 224 N. Fayetteville St., Asheboro, NC 27203.

Leavitt Funeral Home was in charge of arrange-Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Mrs. Maxine Henley **Mabry Childs**

Mrs. Maxine Henley Mabry Childs, 84, of Nashville, Tennessee and formerly of Wadesboro, entered into eternal rest on March 17. Thursday, 2016, at Mary Queen of Angels Assisted Living in Nashville, TN.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2016, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro with Rev. Sarah Kalish and Rev. Irvin Thompson officiating. Interment will follow at $\bar{3}$ p.m. in Evergreen Cemetery in Charlotte. The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Maxine was born April 1931, in Anson County, a daughter of the late Marvin and Beulah Smith Henley. She was a graduate of Wadesboro High School and Watts Hospital in Durham. She continued hospital work for many years and loving the people with whom she came into contact with. Her signature gift of joy, shown through her constant and uplifting attitude, will never be forgotten.

Maxine was a lifelong member of First United Methodist Church in Wadesboro where she was active in the ministries of the church prior to moving to Nashville. She was an avid gardener and enjoyed sharing plants from her garden as well as being the recipient of plants from her friends to add to her gar-She indeed felt closer to God in her garden and found a deep peace in God's promise of rebirth and hope of the resurrection in admiring the beauty of flowers and the gardens. Maxine loved the mountains and the sea, and through all creation she recognized God's handywork. She once said to her son, "I look at nature and I

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ine faced the challenges life had offered her, especially in recent months. proved to her family in Tennessee, again, her bravery and courage in the midst of adversity. Surrounded by her new friends and fond memories of her friends in North Carolina, Maxine's last chapter of her life was both meaningful and peaceful.

Surviving are her children, Stan Mabry (Mary Cash) of Nashville, TN and New York City, NY and Vanessa Mabry of Wadesboro; her grandsons, Adam Mabry of Wadesboro and Blake Lathan of Nashville; her sister, Edna Dula of Charlotte; her stepdaughters, Debbie Castigno of Florida and Brenda Shaffer of South Carolina; her special friend and companion Rick Carter of Nashville; and many dear and special friends in her life. often remarked at how blessed she was with many friends who were much like family to her.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husbands, Fred Mabry and Wade Childs and daughter Nancy Lathan.

Maxine will be remembered for her unwavering devotion to her family and friends. She was a loving devoted mother, grandmother and sister.

The family wishes to thank all of those who cared for her during her last few months, and all her new and old friends who meant so much to her. She cherished their friendship.

In lieu of flowers, it was Maxine's request for memorials to be made to Compassionate Friends of North Pee Dee, P.O. Box 1019. Wadesboro, NC 28170, of which she was a member, or the First United Methodist Church, 118 E. Morgan St., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

Mr. Darrell **Moore Lutz**

Mr. Darrell Moore Lutz, 49, of Knightdale and formerly of Peachland, died Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at his home.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 19, 2016, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Dale Bost and Rev. Gervais Hitch officiating. Interment followed in Fountain Hill United Methodist Church Cemetery in Peachland.

Darrell was born March 30, 1966, in Union born to Betty Moore Lutz and the late Graham L. Lutz, Jr. He was a member Polkton United Methodist Church, was a 1984 graduate of Bowman High School, and attended North Carolina State University. He was the manager of Worldwide Vision in Raleigh. A loving and devoted

son, brother and uncle, he is survived by his mother Betty of Peachland; his brother and sister-in-law, David and Marsha Lutz of Eatonton, GA; his nieces, Summer Lutz of Bethlehem, PA and Chelsea Lutz Wilson (Jimi) of Eatonton; his aunts and uncle, Sandra Moore of Matthews, Roy and Bar-Moore Huntersville, Jerry Lutz of Dallas and Hellon Medlin of Charlotte: and his cousins and their families. In addition to his fa-

ther, he was preceded in death by his grandparents, Dewey and Lillian Moore and Graham L. and Sally Lutz.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Levine Children's Hospital, Pediatric Heart Center, 1000 Blythe Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28203 or United Polkton Methodist Church, P.O. Box 36, Polkton, NC The

arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made www.leavittfh.com.

Mr. Bobby Wallace

Mr. Bobby Wallace, 81, died Saturday, March 19, 2016, at Carolinas Health Care System-Anson in Wadesboro. Funeral services will

be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23, 2016, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Dr. Kinney Wallace officiating. Interment will follow in Anson Memorial Park.

Bobby was born April 17, 1934, in Chesterfield County, SC, a son of the late William Thomas Wallace and the late Rosella Brock Wallace. He was retired from County Parks and Recreation as Supervisor with more than 24 years of service. He was a veteran of the United States

Surviving are his children, Dianne (Bill) Oliver of Gibsonville, George (Lisa) Wallace of Polkton and Paula (Tony) Lear of Lilesville; his grandchildren. Billy Oliver and Brandon Oliver, both of Mebane, Angela Wilson of Burlington, Bobby Lee Wallace and George Wallace, Jr., both of Polkton, Ben Wallace of Topeka, KS, Katie Kraft of Lima, OH, Anthony Knight of Raleigh and Jessica Lear of Lilesville; 17 great-grandchildren; and his brothers, Charles Wallace and Johnny Wallace, both of Wadesboro.

In addition to his par-

THE EXPRESS • March 23, 2016 • Page 3 ents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Vera Wallace and brothers and sisters, Plase, Lee and Hampton Wallace, Nancy Teal, Carolyn Wuerpel and Peggy Trexler.

The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Online condo-Home. lences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.



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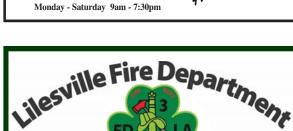
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