

# Obituaries

## Mrs. Nell Cox Conklin

On Tuesday, February 23, 2026, Mrs. Nell Cox Conklin, 90, passed away peacefully at Wadesboro Health and Rehab in Wadesboro with family at her bedside.

A memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 7, 2026, at Olivet United Methodist Church. Private interment followed in Cedar Grove Baptist Church Cemetery in Polkton. The family greeted friends following the service at the church.

Nell was born in Anson County, on August 3, 1935, and was a daughter of the late Reuben Silas Cox and the late Mamie Jewel Bowers Cox. She was a graduate of Lilesville High School, class of 1953, and she was a veteran of the United States Air Force, having served during the time of the Korean Conflict.

She worked in various retail positions which included Parsons Drug, Roses and Walmart. She retired from Walmart at age 70 and many still remember her for her years of service there.

Nell had a green thumb and enjoyed gardening and raising beautiful flowers. She also enjoyed feeding and watching the birds.

Those who are left to cherish her memory are her sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Cynthia Conklin of Lilesville, and Terry and Patricia Conklin of Peachland; her grandchildren, Justin Conklin (Melanie) of Cameron, Mary Beth Barrett (Jordan) of Lilesville, David Conklin (Claire) of Polkton, Neal Conklin (Jessica) of Wadesboro, Kevin Conklin (Meleah) of Polkton and Jarred Conklin (Baylee Starnes) of Lancaster, SC; her great-grandchildren, Knox Barrett, Birdie Barrett, Brayden Conklin, Ada Conklin, John Neal Conklin, Reese Conklin, Blaise Conklin, Archer Conklin, Silas Conklin, Maddux Conklin, Remi Conklin and Maisy Starnes; her sister and brother, Judy Cox of Lilesville and Roy Cox of Wadesboro; and her sister-in-law Cassie Cox of Lilesville

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Jimmy Conklin and by her brothers, Roger Cox and Buddy Joe Cox.

Nell's family is most grateful to her caregivers, Wendy Ard and Sue Williams, for all they did for her which allowed her to remain at home for as long as she could and most recently to the staff of Wadesboro Health and Rehab for the care they provided.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cedar Grove Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Alice Cox, 12509 Highway 742 N, Polkton, N.C., 28135.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at [leavittfh.com](http://leavittfh.com).

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**SATURDAY MARCH 28**  
**6am-10am**  
Food Prepared by Christian Cooking Convoy

**IN HONOR OF CLIFF HYATT**  
Wife: Jennifer Hyatt & Children: Summer Tarlton, CJ Hyatt & Conner Hyatt

Cliff Hyatt has spent his life building houses and is widely known in the community for his dedication to quality craftsmanship. Friends describe him as a perfectionist and a tireless worker when it comes to framing homes.

Four years ago Hyatt was involved in a devastating accident on Highway 218 between Olive Branch and Richardson Creek. According to organizers, a young driver attempted to pass on double yellow lines while navigating a curve and struck Hyatt's driver's side door. The impact forced Hyatt's vehicle off the road, down a ditch and across a field. Hyatt's quick reaction helped prevent a head-on collision, allowing the other driver to walk away unharmed.

Hyatt, however, suffered severe injuries. Damage to his vertebrae has required three surgeries so far and also led to a heart attack, with doctors expecting that at least one more surgery may be necessary. The injury shifted his spine and damaged nerves, leaving him unable to lift his arms fully, bend normally, or walk without the risk of his legs giving out beneath him. Although the surgeries have relieved some of the pain, they have not restored the function needed for him to return to work.

Due to an ongoing battle with the insurance company and the inability to qualify for disability support, Hyatt has been without steady income for more than four years. His wife, Jennifer Hyatt, has been working two jobs while the family continues to face mounting medical bills and household expenses.

Checks can be made payable to New Home Baptist Church, Memo: Cliff Hyatt  
Donations can be mailed to: PO Box 72, Marshville NC 28103

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## Church MARCH 29

**Family & Friends Day** At Victory Temple Miracle Center, 3pm with Dr. Thomas Horne of Rock Hill MBC in Lilesville. Hosted by Bishop James & Lady Beryl Glen. 1685 Morgan Sellers Rd, Wadesboro.

**APRIL 1, 2 & 5**  
**Holy Week** Theme: "A Journey to the Cross." 4/1 Pee Dee MBC, 7pm with Pastor Samantha Bowden of Red Hill MBC & Rev. Cynthia Martin of NLMFC. 4/2 New Grove MBC, 7pm with Pastor Donna McNair of Fairview & Pastor Eddie Maye of Pee Dee MBC. 4/5 Resurrection Sunday at Red Hill MBC, 6am with Pastor Sharon Lockhart of NGMBC.

**APRIL 3 & 4**  
**Fish Sale** At Pleasant Hill AME Zion Church, 11am. 378 Pleasant Hill Church Rd, Wadesboro. Info 704-380-7142.

**APRIL 4**  
**Easter Fun Day** At Divine Unity HORM 12-5pm at 3760 Hwy 109 S, Wadesboro. Free event includes egg hunt, cookout, activities, prizes & giveaways. Rain or shine. Transportation: 704-225-1667 or 704-475-0058.

**APRIL 4 & 5**  
**Easter Weekend Resurrection Celebration** At Sandy Plains Christian Fellowship, 1154 Cason Oldfield Rd, Morven. Sat-Easter Party at 4:30pm with food, snacks & egg hunt. Sun-Fellowship at 9am, Sunday School 9:45am & morning worship 11am - all centered on celebrating Resurrection Sunday.

**APRIL 5**  
**Sun Rise Service** At East Rock Missionary Baptist Church at 6am with Pastor Taylor. No Sunday School. All are welcome.

**APRIL 12**  
**Pastor Aid Program** At New Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 2:30pm with Pastor E. Duncan of New Meltonville.

**Usher's Ministry Program** At West Rocky Ford Missionary Baptist Church, 11am with Min. Shavonne Parson. 4497 White Store Rd, Polkton.

**APRIL 18**  
**Day of Hope Community Ministry Day** at Anson High School Ball Field, 10am-2pm.

**APRIL 19**  
**81st Anniversary** Of the High-Land Singers, 2pm at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Ansonville.

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Or sat quietly on a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,  
If so we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,  
As any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all,  
Just thought of us that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
We thank you so much whatever the part.

With love from the family of Deaconess Jean Wiggins Kersey

## Events

**MARCH 26**  
**Beekeepers Meet** At Extension Office, 501 McLaurin St. in Wadesboro, 7pm. Anson NCSBA Bee Inspector Shirley Harris will talk about "Getting Ready for the Golden Harvest" Learn more about the local chapter, beekeeping educational programs, or if you need a beekeeper to re-home a visiting swarm. Info Facebook page, "Anson Beekeepers Association."

**APRIL 18**  
**Bowman Class Of 1974 Gathering** 4pm at Blue Bay Fish Camp in Albemarle for an informal class get-together. Bring a guest & enjoy fun, fellowship & delicious Dutch treat food. Updates on Facebook "Bowman High School c/o 1974."

**MARCH 19**  
**Free Food Anson Mobile Food Market** 10:00 a.m. at Ansonville Town Hall, 8778 Hwy 52 (Main Street) in Ansonville. Fresh veggies, fruit & bread if available. Blood pressure checks, along with healthy living topics & booths. Nothing required to receive food, just come! Volunteers will help you with the bags. Sponsored by Anson Extension Service.

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