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Hart Burr, Jr.

Mr. Robert Hart Burr, Jr., 70, passed peacefully away on Thursday, March 21, 2019, while at the Lake Park Nursing and Rehab Center.

Obituaries

A memorial service to celebrate his life was held on Monday, March 25, 2019, at Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Randy Storz and Rev. Charlie Short officiating. Interment followed at Anson Memorial Park.

Born in Anson county on November 27, 1948, Robert was a son of the late Robert Hart Burr and Evelyn Ricketts Burr. He learned early on about the value of work as he got his first job at the age of 10 working at the Hi-Lo Store on Rutherford Street in Wadesboro. He graduated in the last graduating class Wadesboro of High School, Class of 1967, and then joined the US Army. His first two years were spent teaching helicopter maintenance and repair in Maryland and his last year in Vietnam was spent actually repairing helicopters

himself. After returning to Anson County Robert began work at Duff-Norton, now the Columbus-McKinnon Corp. Following his retirement from there he started his own construction company, Burr Construction, where he enjoyed building, remodeling and repairing Whatever job houses. needed a carpenter, Robert was up to the task. He particularly enjoyed a good relationship with Larry and Max Kendall over the years.

Robert was a wonderful family man who was best known as a fun-loving prankster who had nicknames for all his grandchildren and nieces and nephews. When he wasn't working he enjoyed fishing and cooking. Rather than traveling, Robert enjoyed having family and friends over for huge meals, because it seemed he really didn't understand what "a little food" meant.

Survivors include his wife of fifty years, Helen

Short Burr of the home; son Robert Hart "Bobby" Burr, III (Evonne) of Polkton; daughter Tracy Beyonka Burr of Wadesboro; two grandchildren, Kayla Marie Burr (fiance' Max Moallen) of Charlotte and Robert Coleman Burr of Polkton; two sisters, Grace Griffin and Joyce Deese, both of Wadesboro; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Robert was preceded in death by brother William "Billy" Burr.

The family suggests memorials be made to Down Syndrome Association of Greater Charlotte, 3900 Park Rd., Suite C, Charlotte, NC 28209 (online at *www.dsagreatercharlotte.org/donate*); or to Lake Park Nursing and Rehab Center, 3315 Faith Church Rd, Indian Trail, NC 28079.

Leavitt Funeral Home served the family of Robert Burr. Online condolences may be made at *www.leavittfh.com*.

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 Mr. Ward Horn
 rier at Peachland Post Office.

Mr. Ward Horne 72, died Friday, March 22,

2019, at Atrium Health

held on Tuesday, March

26, 2019, in the Chapel of

Leavitt Funeral Home. In-

terment with military hon-

ors followed in Peachland

County, a son of the late

Lester Kirby Horne and the

late Lucille Cline Carpenter

Horne. He was a graduate

of Anson High School and

received an Associate's De-

gree in Business from

Anson Technical College.

He was a veteran of the

United States Army, hav-

ing served during the Viet-

farmer, and later retired

from United State Postal

Service with 19 years of

service as a rural mail car-

Ward was a long-time

Ward was born August

Anson

Funeral services were

Union in Monroe.

30, 1946, in

Cemetery.

nam War.

fice. Ward really enjoyed horses and often participated in wagon trains and

local parades. Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Martha Clontz Horne; his daughter and son-in-law Lynn and Andy Burr of Peachland; his grandchildren, Maddie Burr and Brayden Burr, both of Peachland; his aunts and uncles, Betsy Vanhoy, Emily Carpenter, Charles and Jeanette Carpenter and Lillian Carpenter, all of Polkton and Carol Carpenter of Wadesboro; and his sister-in-law Doris Braswell of Marshville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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

What is REV Uptown and What Does it Really Mean for Wadesboro and Anson County?

If you follow AnsonEDP, you probably saw the announcement about something called REV Uptown, but what is it, really, and what will it mean for Wadesboro? REV Uptown is an audacious and forward-thinking project being undertaken by the Anson Economic Development Corporation with support from Anson County, the Town of Wadesboro, the Anson County Chamber of Commerce, Anson EDP, Uptown Wadesboro and the Anson County Tourism Development Authority (TDA). Located in the old Roses building at 114 West Wade Street, it will be a 3,400 square foot facility that will house a coffee shop, visitor center, offices of several key community development organizations and a business incubator and co-working space which will attract business start-ups and provide local entrepreneurs with a place to get started. The Rev Uptown concept simultaneously addresses several issues identified by those organizations and by the public at-large which impact the ability of the community to grow and develop:

Attractive and Informative Visitor Center: While information about the county's dining, lodging, entertainment and recreational opportunities has been available at the Chamber of Commerce and other venues around town, we have not had a central location where out-of-towners could come and learn about these things in an attractive, upscale environment. REV Uptown will prominently feature a new visitor center operated by the Anson County Tourism Development Authority. There will be additional signage directing travelers off the highway and into uptown, and an interactive kiosk where visitors can learn more about the county and our assets.

Uptown Coffee Shop and Gathering Place: Perhaps the most common complaint we hear about the uptown from both the public and the business community is the lack of a casual gathering place. In many communities a "Main Street" coffee shop serves this function; a place where business people can meet and talk over a cup of coffee and a cinnamon roll or friends can gather and discuss the news of the day. As we were thinking about the design for REV Uptown, we knew we wanted to integrate this concept, and we were fortunate to find experienced and willing partners in Speckled Paw Coffee, who operate just such a gathering place just a few miles up the road in Mt. Gilead.

Development on the West Side of Town: While REV Uptown will be located just a few hundred feet from the current Chamber and economic development offices, it will significantly shift foot traffic patterns and create a more desirable business environment on the west side of Greene Street, potentially helping fill the other vacant storefronts on that side of town. This will also help to better distribute parking patterns along Wade Street and free up some premium spots for the businesses there.

Business Incubator and Co-working Space: There are three ways new jobs are created; new businesses coming to town, existing businesses growing, and local people starting new businesses. REV Uptown will feature private offices, semi-private workstations and co-working space which will provide new businesses coming to town with a cost-effective place to set up and get established while their permanent locations are being renovated or built, as well as a space for locals looking to get a new business venture off the ground. With co-working space starting at just \$50/month, bootstrappers, freelancers and other entrepreneurs who may not need a full-time

office, but need a professional space to do administrative work and meet with clients can easily create room in their budgets. This strategy has been successful in other communities similar in size and demographics to Wadesboro, and we are excited to bring it to Anson County!

All of the Key Community Organizations in One Place: Community organizations often fall prey to "silo" thinking, carving out a niche and defending it against all the others. Fortunately, we do not have that problem to any significant degree in Anson County. The Chamber of Commerce, Uptown Wadesboro, AnsonEDP and the TDA all work very well with each other, sharing many common board members and a genuine camaraderie between directors. We often work together on business recruiting and community events. The only real issue has been proximity, having to refer people to offices up the stairs or across the street in order to get an answer. With all of these organizations now in one place, a tourism-related business that wants to locate uptown





now has a "one stop shop" to get all of their questions answered and the process started. Oh, and they can get a cup of coffee at the same time.

REV Uptown is a BIG deal for Wadesboro and Anson County. I'm not certain that even those of us who have been involved from the beginning truly understand what a game-changer this will be. It is much more than just a coffee shop or a visitor center; it is a new way of looking at Anson County and our economic future. Who knows what groundbreaking new technologies or fast-growth new companies will come out of the incubator, or how many people will wander off the highway, have a cup of coffee, pick up a brochure and decide to stay? This is important news, folks, and we need to celebrate it and share it!

New Hours for Anson Crisis Ministry

The Anson Crisis Ministry, a food bank serving Anson County citizens, has released information about their new operating hours. The change will take place on Monday, April 1. It is located at 117 North Rutherford Street in uptown Wadesboro.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hidden Secrets, the thrift store located across the street at 108 North Rutherford Street also will have new hours

• Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Anson Crisis Ministry is ready to serve the people of Anson County, so they welcome you to come by. The telephone number is 704-694-2445.

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