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# Obituaries

## Mrs. Frances "Sammie" Boswell Teal

On Sunday, March 21, 2021, Mrs. Frances "Sammie" Boswell Teal, 92, went to be with in Rockingham.

Funeral services were held on Friday, March 26, 2021, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. Interment followed in Westfield Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Cheraw, SC.

Sammie was born June 2, 1928, in Anson County, and was a daughter of the late James Sanford Boswell and the late Carrie Talent Boswell.

She never met a stranger and loved everyone she met. She was well known for working at Walmart in Wadesboro as a greeter. She took her job seriously and greeted every customer lovingly with a smile, a kind word, and perhaps a hug. She was a true southern lady.

Sammie attended Cheraw Family Worship Center with her daughter and son-in-law.

Those left to cherish her memories are her grandchildren, Jennifer Hill (Kevin) and Autumn DuBois (Scott), all of Raleigh and Shawn Livingston of McFarlan; her daughter-in-law Jenny Saldi of Raleigh; her son-in-law Edd Livingston of McFarlan; her great-grandchildren, Brittany Lancaster (Michael), Bethany Livingston, Addison Hill, Camden DuBois and Cash Livingston; and her great-great-grandson Lincoln Asher Lancaster.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Bruce Teal and her children, Bruce Sanford (Sandy) Teal and Carolyn Teal Livingston.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the staff of Anson Health and Rehab, Anson Community, and Richmond County Hospice for the care they provided for their beloved mother and grandmother.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Richmond County Hospice Haven, 1119 US 1 N, Rockingham, NC 28379.

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



## Mrs. Ann Randall Taylor

Mrs. Ann Randall Taylor, 87, of Oakboro passed away Sunday morning, March 28, 2021, at her home.

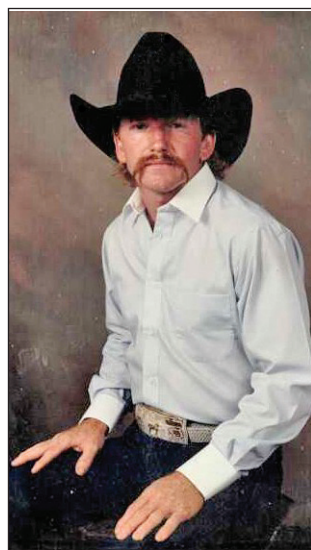
Graveside Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 2, 2021, at Rocky Mount Baptist Church Cemetery. Rev. Billy Hill and Rev. Coley Rimer will officiate. She will lie in state at Edwards Funeral Home in Norwood on Thursday afternoon, April 1, 2021, from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. and Friday morning, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Ann was born January 9, 1934, in Anson County to the late John Frank and Ora Braswell Randle. She was a 1952 graduate of Ansonville High School and a member of Rocky Mount Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Melvin Taylor, Jr. of the home; one son, David Taylor (Kathy) of Locust; one daughter, Susan Taylor Burgess (Steve) of Oakboro; three grandsons, Andrew (Kimberly), Brian and Cooper Burgess; seven great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Libby Taylor Nance of Polkton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters, Bill Randall, Fred Randall, Polly Baucom and Kate Coggins.

Memorials may be made to Glaucoma Foundation, 80 Maiden Lane, Suite 700, New York, NY 10038 and/or Alzheimer's Association, Western Carolina Chapter, 4600 Park Road, Suite 250, Charlotte, NC 28209.



## Mr. Charles Gary "Red" Wright

Mr. Charles Gary "Red" Wright, age 67, entered into rest on March 26, 2021, at his home.

A memorial service was held on Monday, March 29, 2021, from the chapel of Miller-Rivers-Caulder Funeral Home by Pastor Sweet Jenkins.

Mr. Wright was born March 10, 1954, in Union County, NC, a son of the late Herman Lee and Evelyn Blanche Jordan Wright. Affectionally known as "Red," he was a truck driver by trade but a cowboy by heart. Red loved horses and barrel racing. Over the years, he trained many horses and taught and inspired many children and young adults about riding barrels. He was a Tarheel basketball and Dallas Cowboy football fan. Red loved to eat and could always be found eating out, especially at his favorite restaurant, Moore's Drive In.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Wright was preceded in death by a son, Stephen Wright; sister, Alice Moore; and brother-in-law, Terry Jordan.

Survivors include his brothers, Lee (Elizabeth) Wright of Mt. Croghan, SC and Ronnie (Nancy Shaw) Wright of Ruby, SC; sister, Becky Jordan of Lilesville; daughter of the heart, Sadie Brumett; in addition to numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorial be made to the NBHA, PO Box 623 Pelzer SC 29669 or a charity of one's choice.

Miller-Rivers-Caulder Funeral Home ([www.mrcfuneralhome.com](http://www.mrcfuneralhome.com)) of Chesterfield, SC is serving the Wright family.

## Anson County Schools Increasing Mental Health Support

Anson County Schools will soon be boosting mental health support for students through the district's new agreement with the Sandhills Center.

Anson County Schools currently has a total of 13 social workers, counselors and school psychologists working throughout the district, each position fulfilling a different role in support of students' emotional well-being.

Anson County Schools continues to have a high need for mental health counselors to coordinate, facilitate, and implement mental health services to at-risk students. Specifically, many students with the highest needs have families who have difficulty accessing mental and behavioral health services in the community. The needs for these services are even more critical due to the impacts of COVID-19.

Based on the 2019 Youth Risk Behavior Survey data obtained by surveying students anonymously and with the pandemic, the district anticipates an increase in the need for student counselling and support staff. The current staff conducts wellness checks and makes referrals for services to various support agencies. In some instances, the staff makes home visits to deliver food, academic assignments, laptops, and perform general wellness checks for high-risk students. Referrals include requests for services in the areas of support for mental health counseling, suicide ideation, housing, parenting support, childcare, wellness visits, tutorials on how to access zoom, and food insecurity. The next Youth Risk Behavior Survey is scheduled for the Fall 2021. The survey is facilitated by the Department of Public Instruction and submitted to the Centers for Disease Control.

The new mental health support team will ideally consist of two School-based Mental Health Counselors and one Parent Liaison team member. The School-based Mental Health Counselor position will coordinate, facilitate, and implement mental health services. This position will also work with a district-level administrative team and lead/coordinator position to coordinate consistent support services across the district. The School-based Mental Health Counselor position will provide social emotional support and foster a safe and successful learning environment for students at the elementary, middle, and/or high school levels. The primary focus will be on building students' capacity for success and positive social emotional well-being. The district Parent Liaison position involves multiple responsibilities including overseeing and enforcing the attendance policy, monitoring school-wide attendance data, and working with individual students and their families concerning attendance issues.

Superintendent Howard McLean stated, "On behalf of the Anson County Board of Education, we value the partnership with the Sandhills Center and the Board of County Commissioners and County Manager for supporting our vision for increasing mental health support in the district. We are excited about how this will benefit students."

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of school health services, especially mental health services. While the crisis will pass, the critical role schools play in providing healthcare will be more important than ever. We have an opportunity through the agreement with the Sandhills Center to take what has happened over the last year and think about how we can support some of these changes moving forward to ensure students have access to the health services they need now and when schools fully reopen.

## Anson County Road Closed on Monday for Repairs

A section of Jack's Branch Road in the Ansonville area closed near Martin Road on Monday morning so N.C. Department of Transportation contract crews can replace a culvert, thanks to a \$412,000 contract recently awarded to APAC-Atlantic, Inc. out of Greensboro.

Drivers will follow a signed detour from Jack's Branch Road to U.S. 52, Polkton Road, Mount Vernon Road and Martin Road, returning to Jack's Branch Road. Work is scheduled to be completed in early September 2021.

## Anson County Offices Closed for Good Friday, April 2

The headline says it all. Everyone enjoy a safe and happy Easter.

## Community Outreach Offers Household Items on April 24

The Lamb of God Church in Wadesboro will hold a Community Outreach Event on Saturday, April 24 at 10 a.m. This will be a drive-in service, and they will be giving out free household items and paper products on a first come, first served basis.

The event will be held at 118 West Wade Street in Wadesboro.

If you would like to donate or volunteer for the event, please call 843-623-3777.

The website is [www.logomchurch.com](http://www.logomchurch.com).

## TOWN OF WADESBORO JOB OPENING



### FLEET MAINTENANCE MANAGER

The Town of Wadesboro is seeking applicants for a fleet mechanic to perform responsible skilled and semi-skilled mechanical work helping to maintain and repair a wide variety of automotive, construction, and power-driven equipment.

Applicant must possess a valid North Carolina CDL (Class A) or have the ability to obtain within a reasonable time period. Applicants must also be able to obtain NC and Federal certification to conduct vehicle inspections, or have the ability to obtain within a reasonable time period.

Minimum education and experience requirements include: graduation from high school (or equivalent) supplemented by course work in mechanical and/or related trade skills; significant experience in repairing automotive and power-driven equipment. Experience with heavy equipment and vehicle diagnostics is preferred.

Salary range for this position is:

\$16.49 - \$23.91 hourly \$34,301.06- \$49,735.61 Annually.

The Town also offers a wide range of benefits including health insurance, NC State Retirement, 401k, and other benefits.

Applications can be picked up at Town Hall, Monday thru Friday, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. All potential employees must undergo pre-employment drug screening and may be subject to random drug screening as well.

Applications will be accepted until April 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

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