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Mr. Rufus Thomas Getzen

Mr. Rufus Thomas Getzen, 72, died Saturday, April 1, 2017, at his sister's home.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. There will be a reception following the service at the home of his sister.

Rufus was born April 11, 1944, in Columbia, SC, a son of the late Rufus Williams Getzen and the late Sarah Catherine Thomas Getzen.

He was a graduate of Lower Richlands High School in Hopkins, SC. Following high school graduation he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Religion with a Minor in Physics from Wake Forest University in 1965. He earned a Master's of Science in Geology from the University of South Carolina, and then in 1972, a PhD in Geology with a specialty in ground water hydrology from the University of Illinois, Champaign - Urbana.

Rufus worked for more than 30 years with the United States Geological Survey Water Resources Division Research in New York, Washington, DC, Palo Alto, CA and Yucca Mountain, NV prior to his retirement in 1997. Following retirement he and his wife Beverley would return to Washington, DC until her retirement.

In 2005 Rufus and Beverley would purchase a home in Wadesboro to be near Rufus' family. Family was a very important part of his life, and the move to Wadesboro would be necessary to be of help to his beloved brother Phil and dear brother-in-law Larry as they were battling cancer, and to be involved in the care of his mother.

Rufus and Beverley made themselves right at home in Wadesboro and soon would become involved in various civic organizations. He was a member of Wadesboro Civitan Club, Anson County Writer's Club, Anson County Arts Council, Anson Historical Society and Hampton B. Allen Library.

One of Rufus' passions was the youth of Anson County. He was involved in an effort to help with youth literacy and a con-

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tributor to youth successes in Anson County. He was instrumental in forming the Junior Civitan Club and was involved with the Robotics Team at Anson New Tech School. He was supportive of scholarships through the Wadesboro Civitan Club and South Piedmont Community College.

He was a writer of poetry in his college years and his works were published in the college literary magazines as John Q. Gilterhopper. He most recently won First Place from Anson County Writer's Club for his poem entitled *Cyrus*, written for one of his dearly loved cats.

He was a licensed private airplane pilot, having flown around the United States in private planes, and was a former SCCA Racing Champion in 1997.

Surviving are his wife of 48 and a half years, Beverley Bushong Getzen of the home; his sister Catherine Crandell of Wadesboro and Seattle, WA; his brother Phillip Getzen (SinCha) of Weddington; his brother-in-law James Bushong (Kay) of Daleville, VA; his sister-in-law Patricia Williams (Alfred) of Roanoke, VA; and his nephews and nieces, Steve and Heather Cotton and Jeff and Stacy Cotton, all of Seattle, WA, Patrick and Coleen Getzen of Apex, Kim and Rory Whelehan of Greenville, SC, Nick Getzen of Portland, OR, Kim and Sam Crawford and Kristal Bushong, all of Roanoke and their families. He is also survived by his beloved feline children, Peteseeger, Lady Kiri, Gigi and Lignite.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials may be made to Anson County Arts Council and Ansonia Theatre, P.O. Box 332, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or Anson County Animal Shelter, 101 S. Greene St., Suite 205, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or South Piedmont Community College Foundation, P.O. Box 126, Polkton, NC 28135.

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

Mrs. Betty Zane Campbell Lee

Mrs. Betty Zane Campbell Lee, 85, died Saturday, April 1, 2017, at Carolinas HealthCare System Anson in Wadesboro.

The family greeted friends on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at Sandy Plains United Methodist Church, with a graveside service following the visitation in the church cemetery.

Betty Zane was born January 30, 1932, in Anson County, a daughter of the late William Alexander Campbell and the late Bessie Irene Lang Campbell. She was a graduate of Morven High School, and worked as a nursing assis-

tant at Wadesboro Nursing Home for many years and later as a private duty in home care aide. She was a member of Sandy Plains United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her daughters, Karen (Ronnie) Nicholson of Mt. Croghan, SC and Kim Burr of Pageland, SC; her grandchildren, Stephanie Nicholson of Mt. Croghan and Stetson Burr of Pageland; and her brother Alex Campbell of Morven.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Homer "Jim" Lee.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sandy Plains United Methodist Church.

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Mrs. Aldena Childers Whitlow

On Friday, March 31, 2017, Mrs. Aldena Childers Whitlow, 85, heard the words of her Savior, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Funeral services were held on Monday, April 3, 2017, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Dr. Eugene Hunsinger officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

Aldena was born December 12, 1931, in Whittier, NC, a daughter of the late Theodore Francis Childers and the late Clearsey Estes Childers. Although born in North Carolina, Aldena was reared in a Christian home in Virginia. She graduated from Rural Retreat High School with honors and earned her degree in education from Radford College in Radford, VA.

She taught school in Collinsville, VA, and it was while in Collinsville she met William Michael "Bill" Whitlow. They were married, and their life together would take them many places due to Bill's long career in textiles. They would eventually make Morven their permanent home, and Aldena retired from teaching at Lilesville Elementary School. Following her retirement she tutored children to read, not only their school books but the Bible as well.

Aldena was a great supporter of her husband's ministry and was a wonderful pastor's wife. She would often serve the churches as pianist or organist and even choir director. She taught Sunday school and was very active in Baptist Associational WMU activities too.

Her husband Rev. Bill Whitlow preceded her in death December 30, 2016, and she is survived by her daughter, Beth

Whitlow Marin of Charlotte; her grandchildren, Kaylan Johnson of Morrisville, Kyle Johnson of Wadesboro and Allyssa Aldena Martin of Charlotte; and her sister and brother, Frances Cline of Abingdon, VA and Cecil Childers of Ocala, FL.

Aldena will be remembered for her great faith, love of music, teaching children and being a faith-

ful wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She truly lived a life devoted in service to God and others.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, P. O. Box 338, Thomasville, NC 27360 or to the Alzheimer's Association of North Carolina, 300 Shamrock Dr., Charlotte, NC 28215.

Aldena collected light-houses, and may their guiding light be a great source of comfort knowing she has found rest and clarity of mind, safe in Heaven's harbor.

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



Mrs. Mary Ward Allen Norris

Mrs. Mary Ward Allen Norris, 91, on Saturday, April 1, 2017, heard those welcome words of her Savior, "Well done, good and faithful servant: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" while in the loving comfort of her family at her daughter's home in Midland where she has resided for the last three and half years.

Celebration of Life services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at Lilesville Baptist Church, 118 Camden Street, Lilesville, NC, where Mary was a proud lifelong member. The family will greet friends in the church prior to services beginning at 1 p.m. Interment will follow in Lilesville Cemetery.

Born August 1, 1925, Mary was the loving daughter of H. A. and Flossie Liles Ward. She graduated from Lilesville High School and went on to graduate from Women's College in Greensboro with a business degree. Over the course of a long and productive career Mary managed offices for Burlington Industries, The Bonsal Company and Carolina Tire, Inc.

It was in third grade that Mary met Bettie Elaine Wall, and together they became lifelong best friends. They went through school together and were college roommates before returning to the community and settling down to work, marriage and raising families. Their close bond remained until Bettie Elaine Davidson's death in 2013.

Mary married the first true love of her life, Beverly "B.Y." Allen. Together they raised three wonderful girls and enjoyed life to the fullest until Beverly's untimely death. Later, Mary would meet, fall in love with, and then marry the last love of her life, James A. "Bud" Norris. Bud and Mary had many happy years together until Bud's death in 2013.

More affectionately known as "Me-Ma," Mary was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, neighbor and friend. She loved animals of all kinds, flowers - especially roses, sweet eats - especially chocolates, and all things PINK! When life or work didn't always go her way, she was quick to express her personal motto of "You just have to POWER THROUGH IT!"

Survivors include her children, Mary Beverly Allen Hathcock of Matthews, and Suzanne Allen (Wayne) LaBroad of Midland; Connie N. (Travis) Williford of Fuquay-Varina and John (Sue) Norris of Edenton; son-in-law Walter "Buddy" Goodwin of Lilesville; grandchildren, Chris Childress, Jeff Childs (Steve), Shawn (Steve) McStravick, Dustin Wrenn, Chelsea Wrenn (Patrick) McLaughlin, Shelly (Joel) Snipes, Aubrey Jones, Morgan Williford, Adam Williford, Jacqueline Norris, Candace (Dusty) Peaden, and Chasity (Jason) Hatchell; great-grandchildren, Kristi Collins, Jen Hopkins, Angela Childress, Kian McStravick, Hunter McLaughlin, Blaine Snipes, Justin Jones, Kaitlyn Jones, Kayleigh Hatchell, Wesley Hatchell and Landen Hatchell; and her faithful four-legged best friend and fur-baby Sassy.

In addition to her parents and both her husbands, Mary was preceded in death by a daughter, Martha Allen Goodwin, son James David Norris, two grandsons, Alex and Eric Goodwin, and two sons-in-law, William "Bill" Wrenn and Ted Hathcock.

The family wishes to offer thanks and praise to caregiver and "Chief Field Trip" planner and partner Shelly Snipes and also to Cindy Mills for their tender loving care. They also give their heartfelt thanks to the team at Signature Healthcare, especially Dr. Beth Perry and her special nurse and friend Dixie.

In keeping with her love of pets, the family asks that you consider memorials to Mary's special animal friends at the Anson County Animal Shelter, Attn: Maureen Lett, 7257 Hwy 74, Polkton, NC 28135.

To our friend Mary we say, "many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excelled them all." Proverbs 31:29.

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