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**Mrs. DeVeda Wicker Cox**, 72, slipped away peacefully on Monday, March 30, 2020, while at her home.

Due to public gathering restrictions issued by the State of North Carolina, memorial services will be held at a later date.

DeVeda was born in Aberdeen, NC on June 13, 1947, the youngest of four children born to Raymond Blackwell Wicker and Lila Bonnie Brigman Wicker. She graduated Aberdeen High School in 1965. DeVeda worked for a short time in Greensboro as a dental assistant, and later made her way to Anson County, working at Wansona, Inc. Following Wansonia's closure, she worked for Hornwood, Inc. until her retirement. She was a longtime resident of Polkton.

Survivors include her daughter DeRita C. Carpenter (Amos) of Wadesboro and their son Martin Carpenter; and her son Johnny Cox (Tricia) of Huntersville and their son Greyson Cox. Also surviving is a number of extended family members such as nieces, nephews, etc.

The family would like to recognize Gail Clark for her outstanding love and concern demonstrated in her devoted care of DeVeda over the last months.

The family suggest memorials be made to the American Heart Association online at [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org).

Leavitt Funeral Home is serving the Cox Family.

### Mr. Herbert "Tom" Taylor

Mr. Herbert "Tom" Taylor, age 91, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, March 31, 2020.

Due to public gathering restrictions issued by the State of North Carolina, funeral services will be private.

Tom was born on in Anson county on July 4, 1928, a son of the late Lillie Taylor Gaddy. He graduated local public schools and soon thereafter was drafted into the US Army for service during the Korean War. He worked several jobs upon his release from the service, including for Southern Bell Telephone Company. However, Tom always maintained a deep interest in farming and was never happier than when he was tending

his own cows. Tom was married to Anna Lee Waddell and they celebrated 65 years together before her death in 2018. They were both active members of Brown Creek Baptist Church, and Tom enjoyed at least 41 years of perfect attendance at the church.

Survivors include his daughters and sons-in-law, Clara Lee Johnson (Bobbie), Mary Moore (Ted), and Nancy Williams (Mike), all of Wadesboro; his grandchildren, Adam Johnson (Pam) of Monroe, Mike Williams Jr., Hannah Williams, Hunter Williams and Rocky Moore, all of Wadesboro; and a great granddaughter, Caroline Lee Johnson of Monroe. Also surviving are two nephews, Buddy Waddell (Joye) of Wadesboro and Steve Waddell (Sharon) of Charlotte and their families and the family of Add Waddell.

In addition to his wife, Tom was preceded in death by his stepfather Eric Gaddy, a sister, Evelyn Baucom; and a nephew, Add Waddell.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Kindred at Home and staff, Dr. Lincoln and his staff, Hospice, and caregivers, Paula Tyson, Rachel Lockler and Debbie Taylor for the care they provided for Tom and his family.

The family suggests memorials to Brown Creek Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Mary Moore, 151 Cameron Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Leavitt Funeral Home is serving the Taylor Family. Online condolences may be made at [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).

### Mrs. Juanita Smith Wright

Mrs. Juanita Smith Wright, age 74, died peacefully at her home on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Due to restrictions on public gatherings issued by the State of North Carolina, funeral services will be private.

Juanita was born in Rockingham, NC on August 30, 1945, a daughter of the late Sadie Lee Ransom and William T. Smith. She grew up in the neighborhood behind Little Cotton Manufacturing, and went on to spend most of her life in the production of textiles. She was retired from Polkton Shirt, Inc.

Survivors include her husband William V. "Bill" Wright, Jr. of the home; a son, Danny R. Wright (Terri) of Wadesboro; a daughter, Sandy W. Evans (Tony) of Ruby, SC; three grandchildren, Anthony Taylor, Brian Taylor and Danielle Wright; and four great-grandchildren, Addison Eury, Skye Taylor, Easton Taylor, and Mason Taylor.

In addition to her parents, Juanita was preceded in death by a brother, Tom Smith and a sister, Frances Vaughn.

The family suggest memorials be made to Hospice of Union County, 700 W. Roosevelt Blvd, Monroe, NC 28110.

Leavitt Funeral Home is serving the Wright family. Online condolences may be made at [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).

## NC Department of Public Instruction Activities and Resources

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI)'s Digital Teaching and Learning Division created a public website with tons of resources around remote learning. If you find yourself supporting a student's learning while they are away from school, it's a great site to visit.

[sites.google.com/dpi.nc.gov/remote-learning-resources/home](https://sites.google.com/dpi.nc.gov/remote-learning-resources/home)

### Online Resources for Children and Youth:

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- NC Zoo wildlife cams [www.nczoo.org/conservation/regional-conservation/catching-native-wildlife-camera](http://www.nczoo.org/conservation/regional-conservation/catching-native-wildlife-camera)
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### Mrs. Virginia Jones Baker

On Friday, April 3, 2020, in the early hours of the morning, Mrs. Virginia Jones Baker, 83, woke her sons and while holding her hands, they gently let her know they were with her and that everything was okay. Just a few moments later she peacefully took her last breath on earth and breathed her first in Heaven.

Virginia is lying in repose at the home of her son, Ken. Friends and family are welcome to drop by to pay their respects any time during this week. The family will hold a private service on Holy Saturday, April 11, 2020, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. The family is also planning a Celebration of Life service for a date to be announced later.

Virginia May Jones was born May 19, 1936, in Richmond County, NC, a daughter of the late Bernie Jones and the late Janie Leviner Jones. She was a 1956 graduate of Laurel Hill High School.

She was first married to Bobby Glenn Caulder of Rockingham, and they were blessed with two sons. She worked a number of years in the office of the Pepsi Cola Bottling Plant in Rockingham and later at Sandhurst Hosiery in Quality Control, retiring from Hanes Brands with 30 years of service.

A former member of the Church of God of Prophecy in Rockingham, Virginia served as a Sunday School Teacher, Vacation Bible School Director, Prayer Band Leader, and sang in the choir.

In September of 1991 she married Leon Baker and immediately her family grew by three children and four grandchildren. She and Leon enjoyed spending time at their second home in Holden Beach and also visiting with Leon's brother and his family in Florida. They shared many happy and wonderful times together. Together, they attended Jesus First Free Will Baptist Church for a number of years before the church closed.

Later, Virginia enjoyed a second relationship with the Church of God of Prophecy and renewed many old friendships there – special friends that were near and dear to her heart.

Virginia became a faithful Sunday evening worshiper with First United Methodist Church, Rockingham through their cable television ministry. This came at a time when she was physically unable to get around but the televised services kept her feeling connected to the church.

Four years ago, due to health circumstances, Virginia came to live with her son Ken in Wadesboro. Ken and Glenn's church family from First Baptist Church, Wadesboro soon "adopted" Virginia and offered a welcome and needed support system - a wonderful example of God's love in Christian service to others.

Survivors include her husband of 28 years, Leon Baker; her sons, Glenn Caulder and Ken Caulder, both of Wadesboro; three granddaughters, Amy Tucker (Mac), Traci Morrison (Mike) and Lauren Griggs and her companion, Nick, all of Hamlet; eight great-grandchildren, Caleb Neeley, US Army National Guard, stationed in the Middle East, Cameron Neeley, Alden Morrison, Brayden Morrison, Kyleigh Morrison, Kelby Morrison, Aniston Griggs and Nicholas Griggs, all of Hamlet; one sister, Evelyn Burrell of Laurinburg; a niece and nephew, Jane Patterson (Don) of Laurinburg and Ronnie Clark (Tara) of Elizabeth City; her great-nieces, Margot Clark of Greenville and Katlyn Cockrell (Aaron) of Angier; and a beloved grand-dog, Emma, whom Virginia spoiled and caused to gain more than a few unnecessary pounds.

Virginia is also survived by a cousin, who was more like a sister, Brenda Peele (Robert) of Laurel Hill; her brother-in-law Larry Caulder of Ellerbe and his family; her sister-in-law Rose Baker from Laurinburg, and Glenn and Ken's "other mother" Linda Caulder of Rockingham.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her children, Debbie Griggs, Jeff Baker and Mike Baker.

Virginia's family could not have cared for her so wonderfully if it were not for her caregivers who are more like family: Lyra Johnson, Lindsay Haire, Sue Boyer, Deitra Warwick and Frances Townsend, as well as former caregivers, Nay Nay Borden, Brittany Spencer and Susie Curtiss. Others lovingly involved in her care include neighbor Cathy McLaurin and friend Charlotte Treadaway.

Virginia was an inspiration to those she came in contact with. Those who cared for her honored her daily and lovingly referred to her as "The Queen," "Grandma Baker," "My Angel," "Momma," and simply "Miss Baker." These care providers meant so much to her and lovingly looked after her just as if she was their own Mother or Grandmother.

In addition to her caregivers, the family would like to express sincere gratitude to Kelly Dutton Horne, FNP and the staff at Carolinas Primary Care; and the physicians and staff at Atrium Health Anson for the times they cared for her and treated her like royalty.

The family also offers praise and thanksgiving for the staff of Healthy at Home – Union Home Care for their services for the times spent in her home and to our family at Ambassador Health and Rehab for the times she was a resident in their care for rehabilitation and physical therapy following hospital stays. And, more recently, we owe a debt of gratitude to Anson Community Hospice, a division of Richmond County Hospice, for helping her and our family walk through the final weeks of life with comfort, compassion and dignity. At the time of her leaving, they offered the assurance that we were doing all we could for her.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorials be made to First Baptist Church, Decorating Committee, P.O. Box 423, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or to Anson Community Hospice, c/o Richmond County Hospice, 1119 US Hwy 1 N, Rockingham, NC 28379 or to First United Methodist Church, Television Ministry, P.O. Box 637, Rockingham, NC 28379.

"All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother" - Abraham Lincoln

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