

Organization, she was a driving force for community celebrations, beginning with the Morven Centennial Celebration.

Mrs. Dora Bates Trexler

Mrs. Dora Bates Trexler, 88, formerly of Wadesboro, passed peacefully from this life to the next on Monday, April 10, 2017, while a resident at Brookdale Weddington Park. Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 15, 2017, at Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

Born in Anson County on March 12, 1929, Dora was the eighth of nine children blessed to Thomas Dixon and Elizabeth Ewers Bates. The entire family had a great love and talent for music, and by the time Dora was seven years old she was singing in church. At the age of fourteen she was playing regularly for services at her family's beloved North Wadesboro Baptist Church. Her love of music, along with a knack for creative writing, were gifts Dora used throughout her life to entertain others and share her strong faith.

Dora attended Wadesboro High School and would go on to marry Wallace R. Trexler, also of Anson County. Dora enjoyed a long career as a secretary, bookkeeper and even executive secretary for several private businesses over the years. She was a wonderful homemaker, seamstress and cook and earned renowned for her potato salad, fudge, pickles and fig preserves. Her talent for sewing was evident in the many beautiful clothes she made for her children and for her children's baby dolls!

Survivors include three children, Jane T. Frye (Jeff), Lynn Coppersmith and Ray Trexler, Jr.; four grandchildren, Jennifer (Carroll) Gayton, Jamie (Marcin) Grucela, Josh Frye, and Emily Copper-smith; and six grandchildren, John Morgan Gayton, Grant Gayton, Gabriel Grucela, Charlotte Grucela, Aaron Grucela and Jonah Baum.

In addition to her parents, Dora was preceded in death by her husband and all eight of her brothers and sisters whom she dearly looked forward to seeing again in heaven one day.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice and Palliative Care Charlotte Region, 1420 E. Seventh St., Charlotte, NC 28204.

Leavitt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Mr. Richmond Lee Sikes

Mr. Richmond Lee Sikes, 86, died Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017, at Carolinas Medical Center Union in Monroe.

Services, with military honors, will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 20, 2017, by the graveside in Brown Creek Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Irvin Thompson officiating.

The family will greet friends from 6 until 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at Leavitt Funeral Home and other times at the home.

Lee was born January 30, 1931, in Anson County, a son of the late Thomas Clyde Sikes and the late Effie Rushing Sikes. He attended Burnsville High School and later served in the United States Navy for eight years. While in the Navy he served aboard the Destroyer USS Shelton during the Korean Conflict. Lee assisted in the construction of the X-15 experimental plane. He enjoyed horses, NASCAR racing and working in his yard.

Surviving are his wife, Emma Thomas Sikes; his children, Cheryl Sikes LePort (John) of Conway, SC and Ricky Lee Sikes of Kingston; his grandchildren, Nikki LePort of Sioux Falls, SD, Jonathan LePort of Conway, Erick Sikes and Abby Sikes, both of Charlotte; and his sister and brother, Margaret Bowers and Winfred Sikes (Sheila), all of Wadesboro.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Jackie D. Sikes, son Richard Leon Sikes, his brothers, Ross, Tommy, Paul and Boyce, and Joyce Sikes.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Brown Creek Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Mary Taylor Moore, 151 Cameron Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

Church News

APRIL 17 - 19 Revival

At Forestville AME Zion. Mon-Min Vivian Williams, Tue-Min Margo Gaddy, Wed-Rev David Richardson, all at 7pm. All are invited

APRIL 19 - 21 Pre-Anniversary Revival

at Church of God of Prophecy. Wed-Min Dannie Montgomery, Thu-Min Timothy Marshall, Fri-Pastor Christopher Chance, all at 7pm

APRIL 21 & 23 Pastoral Anniversary

For Bishop William Taylor at Johnson Chapel Holiness Church. Fri-Pastor Iris Tillman at 7:30pm. Sun-Pastor Joletha Dockery at 3pm. All are invited

APRIL 22 Rainbow Tea

At Poplar Springs MBC, 5pm w/Pastor Stedman Steele of First Baptist MBC of Ansonville. Everyone is invited

Women's Fellowship Luncheon at West Rocky Ford Baptist Church, 11am w/Taqwanda Parsons Haily & Pastor Sylvia McLendon. All are invited

APRIL 22 Rainbow Tea

At Poplar Springs MBC, 5pm w/Pastor Stedman Steele of First Baptist Church Ansonville

APRIL 23 Usher's Program

At Kesler Chapel AME Zion, 2pm w/Patricia McCoy. Area & district ushers are invited

Friends & Family Day At Mt Pleasant MBC, 2:30pm w/Rev Dale Jordan of Monroe. All are invited

Family & Friends Day At Fairview COG, 2:30pm

Family & Friends Day At Harris Chapel AME Zion w/Rev Christine Hall at 11am & Rev Donnie Pratt at 3pm. All are invited

Foot Stomping Program At Church of God of Prophecy in Morven. Want to sing, dance or participate? Call 704-294-9231

Family & Friends Day At West Deep Creek MBC, 11am w/Pastor Baucom from Benton's Crossroads Baptist Church in Monroe

APRIL 24 - 26 Spring Revival

At Lindsey Chapel Friendship COG. Mon-Evangelist Leola Allison, Tue-Min Selinda Barksdale, Wed-Min Martez Little, all at 7:30pm. All are invited

APRIL 28 - 30 Second Southern District Meeting

at Grace Temple COG in Lilesville. 10am, 3:30pm & 7pm each day. All are welcome

APRIL 30 1st Anniversary & Friends & Family Day

at New Life Ministry & Faith Center, 121 Wortham St in Wadesboro, 11:15am w/Missionary Connie Bostic & 3pm w/Pastor Mary Lindsey

15th Anniversary Of Youth Choir at West Deep Creek MBC, 2:30pm. All are invited

MAY 5 Mother's Day

Extravaganza at Church of God of Prophecy in Morven, 6pm w/BJ Pratt & Destined, Family Devotion, Friends United, Renewed Voices, Sis Amanda Little & more! \$10 at door, children under 10 free. Info 704-475-5199

MAY 6 Woman's Day Program

At Divine Unity Church, 11am w/Elder Mahalia Williams & Shirley Frank. All are invited

MAY 7 Anniversary Concert

Boys of Glory & Spirit, 2:30pm at Harvest Ministries in Wadesboro

4th Appreciation Service for Elder Pearl Taylor at Johnson Chapel Holiness Church, 4pm w/Pastor Terry Little. All are invited

MAY 7 & 8 Homecoming & Revival

At Cedar Hill UMC w/Rev Jimmy Knotts. Homecoming Sunday at 11am. Revival Sunday & Monday at 7pm

MAY 14 Mother's Day Program

at New Life Trinity Church, 11am

MAY 28 Pastor Aid Program At Morning Star Redeemed COG, 3pm w/Pastor Pedro Billinger

4th Anniversary Of Rev Bertha Medley at

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Red Hill Church, 3pm w/Rev Harold Timberlake of Mt Zion of Badin & choir
JUNE 11 Children's Day Program at New Life Trin-

ity Church, 11am
JUNE 18 Father's Day Program at New Life Trinity Church, 11am

Events

APRIL 22 Youth Fishing Day

At Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge Sullivan Pond, 8am-12 noon. Prizes, hot dog lunch & free! 3 miles south of Ansonville on Hwy 52N. Info 704-694-4424

APRIL 23 Relay for Life

Survivor Reception, 2-

3:30pm at First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro. Each survivor is invited to bring up to 2 guests. Info 704-826-8407

Lisenby Reunion

At Hopewell Baptist Church in Chesterfield (Hwy 9 west of Chesterfield) at 12:45pm. Church services begin 10am. Bring your favorite food & join in for fun & fellowship

APRIL 24 Free Movie

Prayer Never Fails, 10am at the Hampton B. Allen Library. Info 704-694-5188

APRIL 25 Board of Elections Meeting

5pm. This meeting was originally scheduled for April 18

Board Meeting

Of Brown Creek Soil &

Water Conservation District, 10am at BCSWCD office. Info 704-694-3516

APRIL 27 Veterans Memorial Dedication

at Wadesboro City Park, 11am. Public is invited

MAY 3 Free Groceries

For families in need. Mobile Food Pantry at Wingate United Methodist Church, 11am. Call for details 828-891-2753

MAY 13 Yard Sale of the Carolinas

in downtown Chesterfield, 7am-12 noon. Many sellers, both in town and in surrounding neighborhoods. List of sellers will be available. If you would like to sell, register by May 10 by emailing jdouglashcc@hotmail.com or call (843) 623-9155

ONGOING EVENTS

Storytime

Tuesdays, Hampton B. Allen Library, 10am

50+ Club

At Hampton B. Allen Library, second Mondays, Pritchett Room, 10:30am, wheelchair accessible

Cub Scouts Pack #530

Meets each Thursday at Peachland UMC at 7pm. Info 704-994-9173

Bariatric Pal Support

Group meets the 4th Monday of each month at CHS-Anson, 6pm. Info 704-475-3024

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For families in need, free groceries will be available. The Mobile Food Pantry and CHS Mobile Health Unit will be at Wingate United Methodist Church, located at 109 Hinson Street in Wingate, on Wednesday, May 3, at 10:30 a.m.

- Be sure to bring your own bags, boxes or carts to carry your food.
- Arrive between 9:30 to 11 a.m. to be sure you can receive food.
- If it is raining the day of or before the delivery, contact Anson Crisis Ministry for a recorded message to know if it is cancelled: 704-694-2445.
- If you have not yet done so, bring proof of your income to register.
- You can only pick up food for yourself and one other registered household.

This event is sponsored by Anson Crisis Ministry and local United Methodist and Baptist Churches. Interested in volunteering? Call Rev. Cindy Lunsford at (828) 891-2753.

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