

On Sunday, April 30, 2023, Kenneth Lee Brown, 18, passed away to be in the presence of God due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2023, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Kevin Ricketts and Rev. Jerome Cash officiating. Interment will follow in the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family will greet friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at the funeral home and other times at the home on Pinkston River Road.

Kenneth was born December 29, 2004, in Union County, NC, and was the youngest child born to Renee Taylor and Mitchel Lee Brown. He was currently employed with Papa Joes in Wadesboro and was a senior classman at Anson High School.

He was recently recognized by the Town of Wadesboro while doing an internship with the maintenance department and he was looking forward to being an employee with the Town of Wadesboro following graduation.

Kenneth enjoyed playing golf and spending time at the lake with his family and friends. He never met a stranger and had a great personality. He had a huge heart and would give anyone the shirt off his back. He enjoyed his co-workers at Papa Joes, as well as getting to know the customers there.

Most of all, he accepted Christ as his savior and was baptized at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church where he was a member.

Those who will cherish his memory are his parents, Renee Taylor (Benny Dennis) of Wadesboro and Mitchel Brown (Joannie Barnhill) of Lilesville; his sisters, Kelsey Brown (Harris Elder) of Albemarle and Kaitlyn Brown (Bryson Stogner) of Lilesville; his grandparents, Jan Taylor and Jackie Taylor, both of Wadesboro and Darnel Brown Teal (Joey) of Morven; his aunts and uncle, Stephanie Dutton (Legrand) of Lilesville, Kenneth Taylor (Shanna) of Newport News, VA and Christy Taylor of Myrtle Beach, SC; special family members, Stanley "Bubba" Parker and Kayla Carpenter; his cousins, great-aunts and great-uncles, friends, Papa Joes family, and Pleasant Grove Church family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Cemetery Fund, Attn: Pam Gathings, P.O. Box 656, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

Mr. Barry Goodwin Bunn

On Friday, April 21, 2023, Mr. Barry Goodwin Bunn, 86, passed away peacefully at his home.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, April 30, 2023, at Brown Creek Baptist Church with Rev. Johnny Williams officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

The family greeted friends one hour prior to the service at the church on Sunday.

Barry was born May 4, 1936, in Anson County, and was a son of the late Charles Baxter Bunn and the late Winnie Elizabeth Goodwin Bunn. He was a graduate of Lilesville High School and attended Pfeiffer College.

Having grown up in Lilesville, he and his family attended Olivet United Methodist Church where the Goodwin family still celebrates an annual reunion. The history of his family and upbringing remained a very important part of his life.

As a young man he worked with his father at the McLeod Lumber and Plywood Mill, however his working years were spent mostly with Allied Chemical/Honeywell, retiring after 35 years of service. Following retirement he worked as a substitute teacher with Anson County Schools.

Barry was an active and faithful member of Brown Creek Baptist Church where he served as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, sang in the choir, and gave the children's sermons during worship services.

He enjoyed history and sharing stories with his family and friends. He and his family were actively involved in the Anson Writer's Club's production of the play *Sneedsborough, A Ripple in the River*, an outdoor drama, for several years. He was at one time the sports reporter for the Anson Record, and he enjoyed country music.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 64 years, Rachel Waddell Bunn;

his children, Elizabeth Ruth Adams (Lynn) of Monroe and David Barry Bunn of Wadesboro; his grandchildren, Courtney Adams Wooten (Mikell) of Centerville, VA, Colby Lee Adams (Ansley) of Rock Hill, SC, Tyler Goodwin Adams of Matthews, Heather Elizabeth Adams of Mint Hill, Bethany Grace Adams (Henry Mencias) of Rock Hill and Hayleigh Bree-Anna Adams of Monroe; his great-grandchildren, Elias and Emmett Mencias; his sister Elaine Bunn Johnson (Richard) of Wadesboro; his sisters-in-law, Rose Waddell Adams of Charlotte and Sara Waddell Johnson of Wadesboro; and his nieces and nephews and their families.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Brown Creek Baptist Church, either the general fund or the cemetery fund, c/o Mary Taylor Moore, 151 Cameron Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

Mrs. Frances Biles Wright

On Tuesday April 25, 2023, Mrs. Frances Biles Wright, 95, passed away peacefully to be with her Lord and Savior while being cared for lovingly at her home by her family. Her family is comforted in knowing she has been reunited with her husband, son and granddaughter, her Biles family and many other loved ones and friends in heaven.

Funeral services were held on Sunday April 30, 2023, at First Baptist Church, Lee Avenue, in Wadesboro with Dr. Tim Moore officiating. Interment followed at Sharon Cemetery in Mt. Gilead, NC.

The family greeted friends one hour prior to the service at the church in the parlor and other times at the family home.

Frances was born January 6, 1928, in Stanly County, NC, a daughter of the late Daniel Augusta and Emma Lou Epps Biles. She graduated from Albemarle High School and Morgan's Business School. She began her career in banking in Mt. Gilead and met her husband there when he came to the bank to do business one day. When her children were older she went back to work with American Bank in Wadesboro and retired from what was later known as UCB.

Frances married Bernard "Bun" Wright on June 12, 1948, and they enjoyed 58 wonderful years of marriage. While the proud mother of five children, she was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who will be remembered for her smile, her kind and loving ways, her wonderful baking and her flower gardening. Her family will also remember her as a woman of strong Christian faith who sought to instill those beliefs in her children. She was someone who stood by her husband, children and grandchildren, as well as her friends. She always had time for her family and enjoyed playing with them and traveling together for their annual Wright family beach trips.

Frances loved planting and tending to her flower gardens. She and Bun spent countless hours working in the yard together to have a beautiful yard for all to enjoy. She was a member of the local gardening club that planted flowers in the downtown area. She also worked as a volunteer with the Anson Community Hospital Auxillary, serving snacks and encouraging patients in the hospital. Frances was a wonderful cook and enjoyed preparing full meals daily for her family and others who liked to join them. She was very talented in baking and decorating beautiful birthday cakes.

Frances was faithful in serving her church. She had a kind and loving heart and compassion for others. She worked with the youth alongside her husband, both on Sunday mornings and in chaperoning many local youth activities and trips to Caswell. She was a member of the Anticipators Club for seniors. She supported Bun in the Family Deacon Ministry by baking bread and goodies for him to take when he visited church members.

Surviving are her children Deborah Wright Ballard (Charles) of Mebane, Rebecca Wright O'Neal of the home, Daniel Edward Wright (Pam) and John Walter Wright (Rexanna), all of Durham. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, Charles IV, Barclay, Rebecca, Austin, Jeremy, Jackson, John Walter; and eight great-grandchildren, Jordan, Carson, Madison, Braxton, Carley Grace, Raylee, Siann and River.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, her son Donald Harold Wright and her granddaughter Emma Caroline Wright.

Frances was deeply loved by her family and will be greatly missed.

The family would like to thank the caregivers who helped make it possible for their mother to remain in her home. We appreciate the love and caring you showed to her and our family.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, Music Ministry or Children's Ministry, PO Box 423, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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Join the 'Open that Bottle of NC Wine Night'

Virtual event May 6 to celebrate May as N.C. wine month

North Carolina wineries, cideries and meaderies across the state are hosting special events and promotions in celebration of May being N.C. Wine Month. Activities include a virtual event with NC Wine Guys and NC Wines (ncwine.org) on May 6 to officially kick off the month.

Open that Bottle of North Carolina Wine Night starts at 6 p.m. on Facebook and is a way to celebrate the state's local wine industry plus great tasting North Carolina wines.

To participate:

- Select a bottle of North Carolina wine, cider or mead.
- Open it on the evening of May 6 and join the livestream event on the NC Wine Guys Facebook page at 6 p.m.
- Take a picture and post it on social media.
- Share why you chose that bottle.
- Tag the winery, cidery or meadery and tag @NCWineGuys and @NCwines, too.
- Use #NCWineNight and #NCWineMonth on your posts,

To find other wine experiences, go to ncwine.org or be an N.C. Wine Month supporter and check out other events and promotions at ncwine.org/nc-wine-month. Share your experiences on social media to help promote N.C. Wine Month by using the hashtags #NCWine, #NCWineMonth and #NCWineSupporter.

While May marks Wine Month, N.C. wines can be enjoyed all year long. Visit a local winery, cidery or meadery today and discover a new favorite.

The North Carolina wine and grape industry has grown from 21 wineries in 2000 to more than 200 today. Wineries are now located in 71 counties across the state, and North Carolina sees new wineries opening every year, adding more than 60 since 2013.

North Carolina ranks 10th in wine production and 10th in grape production nationally.

The North Carolina wine and grape industry accounts for an annual economic impact of more than \$1.97 billion and supports 10,296 jobs across the state.

Revised Anson County Schools Calendar for May

At the Board of Education's regular meeting on September 26, 2022, the board approved revisions to the 2022-2023 School Calendar. A summary of those revisions are below:

- **May 5** is now a regular school day (it was previously an optional teacher workday)
- **District Graduation** is now Wednesday, May 31 at 8:00 p.m. (it was previously Tuesday, May 30).

Class of 1973 Reunion Meeting

All classmates of the Bowman High School Class of 1973 are invited to help plan the 50th class reunion. A meeting will be held at the Lady Bug Restaurant in Wadesboro on Saturday, May 13 at 3 p.m.

For information contact Brenda S. Rorie at 704-695-5196.

Hargett Store House Band Concert

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces a musical program featuring the Hargett Store House Band on Monday, May 8 at 10:30 a.m. in the Little Theater. Come and enjoy some beautiful bluegrass, country and gospel music.

Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

TGIF Paint Party on May 5

City Reach Community Center is holding a TGIF Paint Party on Friday, May 5, from 7 to 10 p.m. It will be a fun way to say "thank you" to the week behind as well as the weekend ahead! This mini mental vacation includes an instructed paint and sip session, food & beverages, karaoke, card games, corn hole, pool, paint kit raffle and an overall great atmosphere to unwind!

Here is the schedule:

- 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Network, Music, Find Your Seat, Receive Paint Materials, Grab Your Drink
- 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Step-by-Step Painting
- 8:30 - 9:00 p.m. Eat and Be Merry! Paint Kit Raffle.
- 9:00 - 10:00 p.m. Karaoke & Games!

The address is 1124 East Caswell Street (Highway 74) in Wadesboro, behind Pizza Hut. The cost is \$30 per person. For information and to buy tickets you can scan the QR code or send a text to 704-294-9556 to get paper tickets.



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