

Obituaries

Mr. Addison Moore, Jr.

Mr. Addison Moore, Jr., 80, departed for his heavenly home on Saturday, April 30, 2022, while surrounded by his family in the comfort of his home.

A service to celebrate his life was held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Donnie Helms and Rev. Steve Hill officiating. Interment followed at Anson Memorial Park. The family greeted friends before the service.

Born in Chesterfield, SC on April 4, 1942, Addison was a son of the late Addison Moore, Sr. and Irene Brock Moore. His family moved soon after to Morven and then to Wadesboro where Addison grew up. Even before graduating from high school, Addison, better known as "Junior" to most, was helping his dad in a newly founded paint business. Following his graduation, Junior took on more of a manager's role while Addison Sr. concentrated on launching his new business, Anson Pest Control. The painting business, known as Addison Moore & Son, Inc., took off under Junior's leadership as he often sent painting crews out to multiple states up and down the east coast.

In 1963 Junior married the love of his life, Libby Aycock. Between Libby, his Mom and Dad, and the painting business, Junior didn't have a lot of time to waste but he always had time for his church and made daily prayers a regular part of his life. Junior also enjoyed picking on folks around him, and many of you reading this have heard the crazy nicknames and nonsense he could come up with. Junior also had a soft spot for antique cars. He owned several, but his pride and joy was his 1933 Ford. He has driven it in many of Wadesboro's Christmas parades and used it in several weddings to deliver the bride from the church to the wedding reception in style!

As important as Junior's business was to him, it was not the most important thing. A loyal man with a big heart, Junior's pride and joy was his family. Though each family member would tell you that his business was more important than they were, those that knew Junior best always felt, with certainty, that his family was his number one pride and joy.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Libby Aycock Moore of the home; two daughters, Marilyn Moore Davis of Chesterfield and Patricia Moore Sikes (Joe) of Ansonville; and three grandchildren, Jordan Sikes, Cole Davis and Mallory Sikes. Also surviving are his sisters and brother, Katherine M. Hicks (Denny) of Kings Mountain, Lynda M. Rutherford of Hudson, FL and Ted Moore (Mary) of Wadesboro; and Junior's much-loved four-legged companion "Buddy."

In addition to his parents, Junior was preceded in death by a sister, Vivian M. Wiggins. The family suggests memorials be sent to in memory of Addison to N. Wadesboro Baptist Church, PO Box 764, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

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This is Small Business Week in North Carolina

Governor Roy Cooper has proclaimed May 1 - 7, 2022 as Small Business Week to celebrate America's entrepreneurs and the impact of small businesses on North Carolina's economy. "From the mountains to the coast, small businesses are the backbone of our state's economy," Governor Cooper said. "As we emerge from this pandemic stronger than ever, we're committed to providing the educated workforce and resources these entrepreneurs need to succeed."

"Strong support for North Carolina's diverse small businesses keeps our overall economy strong," said N.C. Commerce Secretary Machel Baker Sanders. "The innovation we see from the state's small business community creates the new ideas, new products, and new jobs that lead to greater growth and prosperity for everyone in our state."

Small Business Week celebrates the entrepreneurial spirit of small businesses across the state and country. In 2021, North Carolina had more than 964,000 small businesses, accounting for over 99 percent of businesses, with more than 1.7 million small business employees in the state.

In March 2022, state economists announced that the state has recovered to pre-pandemic employment levels and GDP. The North Carolina Department of Commerce's Strategic Economic Development Plan, First in Talent, identifies key goals to prepare North Carolina's workforce and businesses for success.

The North Carolina Department of Commerce's One North Carolina Small Business Program helps tech-oriented small businesses by matching funds to federal technology grants those businesses have won previously. The program has been expanded to include funding to help North Carolina companies apply for the federal grants.

In December 2021, the North Carolina Department of Revenue launched the Business Recovery Grant

program. The program provides a payment to eligible North Carolina businesses that experienced a significant economic loss due to the pandemic. The application for Phase 2 of the Business Recovery Grant program will be open from May 2, 2022 to June 1, 2022. Many business owners that did not qualify in Phase 1 are now eligible to apply in Phase 2.

North Carolina provides many services to small businesses through NCWorks, community college small business centers, the N.C. Small Business and Technology Development Center, the Veterans Business Outreach Center, the Rural Center and a toll-free information and referral service known as the Small Business Advisors hotline.



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