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On Friday, May 1, 2026, Mrs. Lou Kelly Simpson, 87, passed away peacefully at Richmond County Hospice Haven in Rockingham.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2026, at Bethlehem Cemetery in Ansonville with Rev. Jeff Glenn officiating. The family greeted friends following the service at the cemetery.

Lou was born January 17, 1939, in Anson County, and was a daughter of the late Daniel Edward "Dock" Kelly and the late Fannie Belle Williams Kelly. She attended Anson County public schools and worked as a seamstress in textiles for a number of years, working at Corey Knits and Burnsville Apparel.

She was a longtime and faithful member of Ansonville Baptist Church, where she taught children's Sunday school. She attended faithfully until her health began to decline.

Lou enjoyed gardening, cooking, baking and was an excellent quilter. She was instrumental in helping care for her grandchildren, all of whom she dearly loved.

She will be remembered as a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband of nearly 70 years, Monroe Talmage Simpson, Jr.; her children, James Talmage Simpson (Penny) and Ricky Monroe Simpson, all of Ansonville, and Wendy Simpson Conner (Kevin) of Polkton; her grandchildren, Jessie Simpson (Cheyenne) of Polkton, Jacob Simpson of Ansonville, Melissa Simpson Eddins (Chris) of Wadesboro, Allison Simpson (Brandon Ratliff) of Ansonville and Ashley Conner Liles (Jeremy) of Polkton; her great-grandchildren, Raelynn Simpson, Audrey Simpson, Colt Lee Eddins, Caden Lee Eddins, Madelyn Kay Ratliff, Kaylee Jean Liles, Conner Luke Liles, Ryley LaRue Liles, Brett Mitchell Liles and Jeremy "JJ" Liles Jr.; her sisters and brothers, Margaret Ponds, John Kelly (Teah), all of Wadesboro, Ed Kelly (William) of Lexington, South Carolina, Warren Kelly (Teri) of Mt. Pleasant and Denise Shepard (Steve) of Biscoe; and her nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by an infant daughter Debra Kay Simpson; and by her brothers and sisters, Leak Kelly, Sim Kelly, Alma Honeycutt and Judy Belle Hildreth.

Lou's family expressed gratitude to the staff of Anson Community Hospice, a division of Richmond County Hospice, and the staff at Hospice Haven for all they did for her.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ansonville Baptist Church, P.O. Box 368, Ansonville, NC 28007 or to Richmond County Hospice Haven, 1119 N. U.S. 1 Highway, Rockingham, NC 28379.

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

Nevaeh Sturdivant Graduates From NC State University

The family of Nevaeh Sturdivant of Lilesville proudly announces her graduation from North Carolina State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English with a minor in Creative Writing.

A graduate of Anson Early College, Nevaeh has demonstrated a strong commitment to academic excellence from an early age.

During her time at NC State, she served as editor-in-chief of the Nubian Message, showcasing her leadership, dedication and passion for journalism and the written word. She also spent time tutoring student athletes, helping support their academic and personal success.

Throughout her undergraduate career, Nevaeh consistently earned placement on the Dean's List, reflecting her outstanding academic achievement and determination.

Among her many honors, she received the John Lewis Good Trouble Award, recognizing her courage, character and commitment to creating positive change through student journalism. She was also honored with the Ebony Harlem Award of Excellence Literary Talent Award for her exceptional writing ability and literary contributions.

Nevaeh will continue her studies at NC State after being accepted into the university's Master of Arts in English program. She was also offered a teaching assistant position as she continues her academic journey.

She is the daughter of proud parents E-learn and Ophelia Sturdivant.

She is the granddaughter of the late Rev. Luther McLendon Jr. and Willie Leviner, and the late Larry Sturdivant and Minnie Sturdivant.

Congratulations to Nevaeh Sturdivant on her accomplishments and continued success. As the old saying goes, the tassel was worth the hassle.



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Food Lion Honors Longtime Associates for Years of Service

John Lowery recognized for 30 years with Food Lion

Food Lion recently honored more than 417 associates across its company for reaching major career milestones of 30 to 45 years of service - including longtime associate John Lowery with local ties.

Assistant Store Manager Lowery was recognized for 30 years of service with the grocery retailer during Food Lion's annual Service Awards ceremony held April 30.

The company said this year marks a record number of longtime associates being honored, with employees recognized for 30, 35, 40 and 45 years of dedication to customers and communities. Collectively, the honorees represent more than 14,000 years of service.

"I am incredibly proud to celebrate these associates and the remarkable commitment they've shown throughout their careers," said Greg Finchum, president of Food Lion. "Every day, our associates strengthen the emotional connection we have with our neighbors in the towns and cities we serve. Because of them, customers choose Food Lion to nourish their families."

Food Lion employs more than 82,000 associates across more than 1,100 stores in 10 states.

For Lowery, 30 years with Food Lion represents decades of helping customers, mentoring coworkers and surviving everything from holiday shopping rushes to the timeless mystery of how someone can walk in for bread and leave with an overflowing buggy.

South Piedmont Enrolling For Truck Driving Classes

South Piedmont Community College is now enrolling students for upcoming truck driving classes designed to provide a fast and affordable path into a high-demand career field. Two classes are currently accepting students at the college's L.L. Polk Campus in Polkton.

A weekday class will meet Monday through Thursday from May 26 through July 20, with classes held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A weekend class will meet Saturdays and Sundays from May 30 through September 6, also from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The weekday program can be completed in seven weeks, while the weekend option takes 14 weeks to finish.

According to South Piedmont, truck driving continues to be a strong career field with steady demand nationwide. Labor market data from Lightcast shows continued growth for truck drivers and a national median salary of \$57,450, although many drivers earn considerably more depending on experience and specialty routes.

The cost of either class is \$1,101.40. Students are also responsible for expenses related to a physical exam, CDL permit and drug screening. Multiple forms of financial assistance are available to eligible students.

College officials say the program offers students a relatively quick route into the workforce - especially appealing for those ready to trade long lectures and term papers for horsepower, air brakes and life lessons learned at truck stop coffee counters.

For more information about the truck driving program, contact Program Lead Cornelius Dunlap at cdunlap@spcc.edu or visit South Piedmont Community College.

Volunteers Needed at Anson Crisis Ministries

Anson Crisis Ministries is in need of volunteers to help hand out food, sort through items, and more. They are open from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The dress code is comfortable clothes, such as jeans and a nice t-shirt.

The Crisis Ministries feeds Anson County residents all week. If you have some time to give please call 704-694-2445 to sign up. They are located at 117 North Rutherford Street in uptown Wadesboro.

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