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Obituaries

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her brother James Rice.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Dr. Lincoln and his staff of Lincoln Family Medicine, as well as the staff of Community Hospice Care for the excellent level of care and compassion provided to Brenda during her time of need.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Research Foundation 3152 Little Rd. Suite 146, Trinity, FL 34655 or The Breast Cancer Research Foundation 28 West 44th St. Suite 609, New York, NY 10036.

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

Mr. James "Keith" Ricketts

Mr. James "Keith" Ricketts entered into the arms of Jesus on Friday May 11, 2018.

A service to celebrate Keith's life was held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, in Mt. Beulah Baptist Church with Rev. Karl Randall officiating. Interment with Masonic Funeral Rites followed in the Mt. Beulah Church Cemetery.

Keith was a loving and devoted son, father and friend. He was a solid foundation of faith and love for his family whom he cherished. His heart was always centered around his

parents J.R. and Eugenia, and his children, Heath (Carly) and Kerry (Wesley). He especially enjoyed his role as "Pop" for his grandchildren Hank and Harper whom he adored.

Keith always enjoyed every chance he had to spend time with family and friends. He was an avid fisherman and always looked forward to the yearly fall fishing festivities with the "beach crowd" at Cherry Grove Beach. Being a part of this group was very meaningful for the whole family as they gathered for fun, fellowship and fishing every year. But, more than that, they gathered for special events throughout the year and shared life together.

Keith's joyful personality, smile and zest for life was contagious and brought much happiness to all who were blessed to know him. He will be greatly missed by all, but a special place will always remain in our hearts reserved just for him.

Born August 22, 1956, Keith was a proud graduate of both Bowman High School (1974) and N.C. State University (1978). He was employed by MCT General Contractors, Inc. where he worked as a project manager and estimator. A longtime Christian, Keith served as a deacon at Hopewell Baptist Church Wadesboro where he was a member. Keith also enjoyed his longtime brotherly masonic ties at Kilwinning Masonic Lodge.

Memorials may be made to Hopewell Baptist Church Wadesboro Building Fund, 420 Hopewell Church Rd., Monroe, NC

28110. Leavitt Funeral Home served the Ricketts family. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Mrs. Doris Costner Yem

Mrs. Doris Costner Yem, 72, passed away on May 10, 2018, peacefully in her sleep at her home in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

Doris was born on October 19, 1945, in Wadesboro to the late Jesse and Ruby Costner, also of Wadesboro. She was a graduate of Wadesboro High School, and worked in both Wadesboro and Charlotte for the banking industry, serving in the capacity of both teller and trust officer. Later in her career Doris moved into the field of information technology before eventually retiring.


Doris cherished the time she spent with her many friends and family. One of her greatest joys in life was dotting on her three English Bulldogs named Puc, Penny and Paco. She also loved to watch movies, and one of her favorite genres was science fiction.

In addition to her parents, Doris was also preceded in death by her brother Kenneth Costner and her sister Joyce "Faye" Vaughn.

Survivors include her husband Huseyin Yem of Charlotte; her son Buff "Rohn" Griggs of Charlotte; her granddaughter Whitley Morgan Griggs of New York, NY; her sisters, Lib Liles of Wadesboro and Margaret Pigg of Conway, SC; her brother James "Buddy" Costner of Harrisburg, NC; and her nieces and nephews and their families.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in memory of Doris to The Humane Society of Charlotte at their website at www.humanesocietyofcharlotte.org.


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



I would like to say thank you to the residents of Anson County for your enthusiastic support and encouragement during the primary election.

I'm honored and excited to be the Democratic nominee for Anson County Commissioner, District 5. I promise to listen intently and represent you to the best of my ability. I can hardly wait to get started!

Lawrence Gatewood




Thank you to the citizens who voted for me during the Primary Election. We were not successful, but my family and I will continue working to make Anson the best county possible in which to live, work and raise a family.

Lee Roy Lookabill, Jr.

A person's life is not measured by wins or losses. It is measured by the amount of kindness extended to all people, and whether or not he or she remembers all along the way to say thank you.

Thank You! **Jim Sims**



Review of the Ansonia Play, *Smoke on the Mountain*

Review by Ginger Heath: The Ansonia Theatre was filled with eager theatre supporters at a recent preview performance of *Smoke on the Mountain*. They were not disappointed.

The music in the 1990 musical *Smoke on the Mountain* by Connie Ray and Alan Bailey is mostly old familiar hymns and many audience members mouthed the words or sang along. The setting is a small country Baptist church in Mount Pleasant, NC in 1938. The singing Sanders family is late to arrive for their first singing engagement in five years. The Reverend Oglethorpe awkwardly tries to cover for the delay and the two 'church ladies' Miss Myrtle, played by Teri Brown and Miss Maude, Maggie Gibson, present the curtain speech to inform and kill time. When the Sanders family enter, they reveal that the delay was caused when their car tipped over into a ditch in front of the Mount Pleasant Pickle Factory. Each family member witnesses with a monologue, a solo, and familiar group hymns.

The role that can steal the show is that of sister June Sanders. She doesn't sing. She signs. At the preview, Felicia Xavier got the laughs and told her story to perfection. Directors Gina Clarke and Tommy Wooten chose to let the audience enjoy the tight harmonies of the music instead of drawing constant attention to June's self-created sign language. Wise choice. The role of June is also played by Alya Perkins in some performances.

You would never guess that Carolyn Munn, who plays the mother of the troupe and single guitarist on stage, is making her theatre debut. She is at ease because of her bluegrass band experience with Lonesome Ryde, but live theatre is different. Good job.

When Mark Traywick as Pastor Mervin Oglethorpe entered, I commented that he looked like a preacher and he proved me right. He had the 'spirit' all the way through. One favorite moment is when he joined one of the up-beat hymns. Well...you have to see it!

The twins in the Sanders family are usually a boy and girl but this time the twins are girls. The roles were perfectly cast. Paige Mercer and Karlie Russell can fill the theatre with their beautiful voices in perfect harmony. They are talented young ladies.

While the cast was solid, there were two stand outs. The multi-talented, Tommy Wooten, who guides the Ansonia Theatre's program, and who can act and sing, was the glue in this production as the patriarch of the Sanders family. Steve Clyburn reprised his role as brother Stanley Sanders from the Union County Playmakers' 2015 production. His performance was honest, poignant, and brought tears to many eyes.

This is a great family, church or social group outing. For tickets contact www.ansoniatheatre.com or (704) 694-4950. *Smoke on the Mountain* runs through May 20.

Dancercise Class Offered at Grace Senior Center

Dancercise, which is exercising while dancing, is being offered at Grace Senior Center. Dancercise is a blend of aerobics and dance moves, something that many people find to be lots of fun. Participants enjoy great music and learn actual dance moves. The class being offered is a beginners class. There is no registration and no charge for the class.

The class is ongoing. So, if you didn't make it to the first class there is still plenty of opportunity to join in later. Each month the schedules will be given out with class dates and times.

The Dancercise class is held on Mondays from 1 to 2 p.m. and on Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m.

This class is open to anyone who wants to exercise! For more information and to register call Findey Knotts or Eva Diggs at 704-694-6616. Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, just past IGA.

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The Town of Morven is accepting bids for patching the Pot Holes on the following streets in town:

Moore Street • Cox Street
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Submit a written bid to: Town of Morven PO Box 295 Morven, NC 28119	Or	Submit bid in person at: Morven Town Hall 301 East Main Street Morven, NC 28119
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