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#### Mr. Furman **Norris Gaddy**

Furman Gaddy, 81, died Friday, May 23, 2014, at his home.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, May 25, 2014, in Lilesville Baptist

to Lilesville Baptist Church, PO Box 305, Lilesville, NC 28091 or to Hospice of Union County, 700 W. Roo-Lawson officiating. Intersevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC ment followed in Anson Me-28110 morial Park Cemetery.

Furman was born in

Anson County on Septem-

ber 1, 1932, a son of the

late Jesse David and Bessie

Mae Meeks Gaddy. He re-

tired as a Master Sergeant

from the US Army in 1973.

from Environmental Tech as

a wastewater consultant in

1986, and finally from the

Anson County Wastewater

Treatment Facility in the late

1990's. He was a member

of Lilesville Baptist Church.

Kathy of the home; stepson

Charlie Horne; four grand-

children, Chase, Graham,

Kavdon and Easton; brother

George Gaddy of Ansonville;

and four sisters, Mary Ruth

Newton, Ila Grace Boyd and

Brenda Sue Collins, all of Mt.

Croghan, SC and Clarice

Memorials may be made

Martin of Ansonville.

Survivors include his wife

Leavitt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at leavittfu-

neralhomewadesboro.com.

#### Mrs. Marie **Dawkins Lowery**

Mrs. Marie Dawkins Lowery, 88, died Saturday, May 24, 2014, while a patient at Ambassador Health Rehab in Wadesboro.

Funeral services were held on Monday, May 26, 2014, in Long Pine United Methodist Church with Rev. Stephen Shytle officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Marie was born March 6, 1926, a daughter of the late Ed and Myrtle Shepherd Dawkins. She was married to the late J. B. Lowery

and was a loving wife and homemaker. She was a faithful member of Long Pine church until her health began to fail.

Survivors include a special nephew, Ed Dawkins of Myrtle Beach, SC; a number of other nieces and nephews; and a number of brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Memorials may be made to Long Pine United Methodist Church, c/o Gail Preslar, 8472 NC 109 South, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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By Ed McBride

#### **Summer Care Tips for You and Your Pet:**

Summer is a time for both you and your pet to enjoy the sunshine and outdoors, but along with the fun, the season also offers up situations that can endanger your pet. By taking precautions, you can decrease the chance that disaster will happen. The HSUS offers these tips for pet owners to keep their furry friends safe this summer:

 In nice weather you may be tempted to take your pet with you in the car while you travel or do errands. But during warm weather, the inside of your car can reach  $120^\circ$  in a matter of minutes, even if you're parked in the shade. This can mean real trouble for your companion animals left in the car. Dogs and cats can't perspire and can only dispel heat by panting and through the pads of their feet. Pets who are left in hot cars even briefly can suffer from heat exhaustion, heat stroke, brain damage, and can even die. Don't think that just because you'll be gone "just a minute" that your pet will be safe while you're gone; even an air conditioned car with the motor off isn't healthy for your pet. To avoid any chance that your pet will succumb to the heat of a car this summer, be sure to play it safe by leaving your pet cool and refreshed at home while you're on the road. And if you do happen to see a pet in a car alone during the hot summer months, alert the management of the store where the car is parked. If the owner does not return promptly, call local animal control or the police department immediately. For more information, check out our page on pets and hot cars. Want to help educate others about the dangers of leaving pets in hot cars? During the summer months (May through September) The HSUS has educational posters available for purchase (\$3 for 10, \$5 for 25) that store managers can post inside their windows to remind shoppers that "Leaving Your Pet in a Parked Car Can be a Deadly Mistake". In addition, 4" x9" two-sided flyers are also available (50 for \$3.00). To order please send a check, your mailing address and the number of posters or flyers that you would like to receive to the following address: HSUS/Hot Cars, 2100 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037. You can also receive a free sample flyer by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the above address.

 It is very dangerous, and in some states illegal, to drive with a dog in the back of a pickup truck. Not only can flying debris cause serious injury, but a dog may be unintentionally thrown into traffic if the driver suddenly hits the brakes, swerves, or is hit by another car. Dogs should ride either in the cab (in a crate or wearing a seat belt harness designed for dogs) or in a secured crate in the bed of the truck.

• Summer is often a time when people fertilize their lawns and work in their gardens. But beware: Plant food, fertilizer, and insecticides can be fatal if your pet ingests them. In addition, more than 700 plants can produce physiologically active or toxic substances in sufficient amounts to cause harmful effects in animals.

 With people and dogs spending more time outside, dog bites are likely to increase in the summer months. Spaying or neutering your dog reduces the likelihood that he will bite and provides many other health benefits.

 Make sure your pet is always wearing a collar and identification tag. If you are separated from your pet, an ID tag may very well be his or her ticket home. Check with your veterinarian to see if your pets should be taking heartworm pre-

vention medication. Heartworm disease, which is transmitted by mosquitoes, can be fatal in both dogs and cats. Pets and pools can equal disaster. Prevent free access to pools and always supervise a pet

Provide plenty of water and shade for your pets while they're enjoying the great outdoors

• If you plan on traveling with your pet during the summer, take the time to prepare for your

furry friends in advance. Many airlines have summer pet embargoes, and most trains and ships do not allow pets other than service animals. The HSUS has information on traveling with your pet that may make the difference between a pleasant trip and a vacation nightmare. • Pets need exercise even when it is hot, but extra care needs to be taken with older dogs,

short-nosed dogs, and those with thick coats. On very hot days, limit exercise to early morning or evening hours. Keep in mind that asphalt gets very hot and can burn your pet's paws. Another summertime threat is fleas and ticks. Use only flea and tick treatments recommended by your veterinarian. Some over-the-counter flea and tick products can be toxic, even when used according to instructions.

 Pets can get sunburned too, and your pet may require sunscreen on his or her nose and ear tips. Pets with light-colored noses or light-colored fur on their ears are particularly vulnerable to sunburn and skin cancer.

• Don't take your pets to crowded summer events such as concerts or fairs. The loud noises and crowds, combined with the heat, can be stressful and dangerous for pets. For your pet's well being, leave her at home. Be especially aware of these threats during holidays, such as the Fourth of July.

In summer heat your pet can suffer from heat exhaustion and heat stroke. These conditions are very serious and could cause your pet to die. You should be aware of the signs of heat stress, which could include heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid pulse, unsteadiness, a staggering gait, vomiting, or a deep red or purple tongue. If your pet does become overheated, you need to immediately lower his body temperature. Move your pet into the shade and apply cool (not cold) water over his body to gradually lower his core body temperature. Apply cold towels or ice packs to your pet's head, neck, and chest only. Let your pet drink small amounts of water or lick ice cubes. Most importantly, get him to a veterinarian immediately.

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