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Jayden Kiker (Zack) and Garrett Baucom, all of Polkton; his great-grandchildren, Carter Baucom, Navy Baucom and Beckam Baucom; special family friend, Angie Baucom of Polkton; his sisters-in-law, Barbara (Larry) of Waxhaw, Joyce Meachum (Ray) of Wadesboro, Shirley Hinson (Kenny) of Polkton and Evelyn Carpenter of Wadesboro; and other family members and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Shelby Barton Baucom.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Rocky Mount Baptist Church, 4167 Rocky Mount Church Rd. Polkton, NC 28135.

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

Mr. William “Bill” James Coble, Sr.

On Thursday, May 29, 2025, Mr. William “Bill” James Coble, Sr., 91, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and brother passed away peacefully at Brookdale Carriage Club Providence in Charlotte.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Dr. Bill Jeffries officiating. Interment will follow in the Bennett Family Cemetery.

The family will greet friends from 1:00 until 1:45 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home.

Bill was born at the family homeplace in Wadesboro on March 25, 1934, and was a son of the late William Henry Coble and the late Frances Eugenia Hill Coble. He was a graduate of Wadesboro High School and attended Wingate College. He had perfect attendance all 12 years of school. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, having served during the Korean War.

Bill was first employed with Westinghouse Electric and later worked for 42 years with General Electric, retiring in 1999.

Following retirement, he became an avid golfer and was instrumental in keeping up with his golfing buddies, the same friends since retirement, managing their golf outings and wagers. He enjoyed playing golf at Charlotte National Golf Club and also playing tennis at Rama Swim Club. He was known for his incredible memory. He never forgot a name, story or a date.

Bill also coached baseball and was a huge Carolina Panthers fan, having season tickets from their beginning.

A member of Providence United Methodist Church, he has served as a Sunday school teacher, lead usher and supported the church’s activities and ministries.

Bill will be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. Those who are left to cherish his memory are his high school sweetheart and wife of 63 years, Helen Sikes Coble; his sons, William “Bill” James Coble, Jr. of Concord and Clifton Sikes Coble (Amy) of Charlotte; his grandchildren who he dearly loved and was very proud of, Claire Coble of Concord, Jill Coble Jones (Bryson) of Midland, William “Tripp” Coble, III of Concord, and Lily Coble and Ellie Coble, both of Charlotte; his sister and brother, Helen Bowers of Indian Trail and Ralph Coble of Wadesboro; his sister-in-law, Ellen Hill (Ben) of Beaufort, SC; and his nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters and brother, Mary Frances Threadgill, Ruth Ingold and Johnnie Coble.

Flowers are welcomed, however the family would prefer memorials be made to Providence United Methodist Church, 2810 Providence Rd Charlotte, NC 28211 or to Bennett Family Cemetery, 305 Camden Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

Mr. Woodrow Wilson “Woody” Baucom, Jr.

On Saturday, May 31, 2025, Mr. Woodrow Wilson “Woody” Baucom, Jr., 82, passed away peacefully at Atrium Cabarrus Northeast in Concord.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 6, 2025, by the graveside at Rocky Mount Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Marty Quick officiating.

Woody was born March 2, 1943, in New Bern, NC and was a son of the late Woodrow Wilson Baucom and the late Pearl Owens Baucom. He was retired from Stanly Knitting Mills.

He was a member of Rocky Mount Baptist Church. He and his wife Betty have enjoyed horseback riding and camping trips for many years. They enjoyed riding trips and camping at Sugar Loaf Mountain and mountain riding in Tennessee. He also liked spending time trail riding in Burnsville.

Woody loved being at home also, spending time swinging on the porch and meeting up with his friends every morning at the store in Burnsville.

Those who are left to cherish his memory are his wife of 61 years, Betty Carpenter Baucom; his sons, Perry Wilson Baucom (Elizabeth) of Burgaw and Bradley Stuart Baucom of Polkton; his grandchildren, Tyler Baucom (Brittany) of Louisburg, Kaitlyn Baucom,



In Loving Memory of Mrs. Betty Thomas Lockhart

December 15, 1934 – May 27, 2025

Mrs. Betty Thomas Lockhart, 90, passed away peacefully at her home on Wednesday, May 27, 2025, surrounded by the love of her children at her bedside.

A celebration of her remarkable life will be held on Saturday, June 7 at 2:00 p.m. at Polkton Methodist Church, a place dear to her heart.

Family and friends are invited to gather for visitation in the church fellowship hall following the service.

Born on December 15, 1934, in Anson County, Betty was the cherished daughter of the late Charles Wilton Thomas and Nora Russell Thomas. She was a proud graduate of Polkton High School, where she led as captain of the girls’ basketball team. Her love for the game never faded - she became an avid college basketball fan, especially of her adored Duke Blue Devils. Watching games with family and friends brought her great joy, although for Duke vs. Carolina matchups she preferred to cheer (or pace) in the privacy of her home.

Betty devoted thirty-three years of her career to Alltel before retiring. Retirement, however, didn’t slow her down. She became the beloved office manager for the MBM Twirly Girls, where she was affectionately known as “Miss Betty.” Over the next twelve years, she brightened the lives of hundreds of young girls with her warm heart, encouraging words, and that unmistakable smile. She remembered every girl’s name while proudly cheering them on - their biggest fan in every way.

Betty found beauty and peace in the everyday. She loved walking through her neighborhood, visiting with neighbors, and tending to her flowers. Her garden, filled with vibrant roses and lilies, was her pride and joy - a reflection of the grace and care she extended to all who knew her.

Above all, Betty considered her five children to be her greatest blessing. She was a devoted and loving mother - a fierce protector, a tireless provider, and the heart of her home. Her resilience, sweet spirit, and joyful nature made her a constant source of comfort. With her kind heart and warm smile she could brighten even the darkest hour. Her signature motherly touch - a gentle arm tickle or playing with your hair - had a way of casting away every fear. During the years when all of her children were still at home, Betty was her happiest, surrounded by the love and laughter that meant everything to her.

A devoted member of Polkton Methodist Church, Betty lived a life grounded in faith, kindness, and love. Her gentle nature and warm personality touched the lives of all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters, Margaret Thomas Minor and Elizabeth Thomas Tucker, her brother, Lewis Gray Thomas and her daughter, Karen Lockhart Nance.

Left to carry on her memory are her beloved children, Chip Lockhart of Polkton, Melanie Lyon (Allen) of Wadesboro, Tammy Lockhart of Wilmington and Charles Lockhart (Tina) of Wadesboro; her six grandchildren, Cameron Lockhart and Elin Lockhart, Allison Nance Harris (Ryan), Josh Nance (Angela), Melanie Nance Knight (Will) and Cayla Lockhart; and nine great-grandchildren, Nora and Annie Harris, Makyna, Brinley, Charley and Addilyn Nance, and Easton, Kaiden and Cohen Knight.

The family extends their deepest gratitude to five extraordinary women who stood beside Betty’s children to ensure she received the very best care. Patricia Harrison, Tabitha Kersey, Tasha Huntley, Pam Sturdivant and Sarah Burr cared for Betty with tenderness, dignity and devotion - offering the same love and attention they would give their own mothers. Their presence was a blessing, and their compassion will never be forgotten.

Betty’s legacy is one of joy, generosity and boundless love. She will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Polkton Methodist Church, the Anson County Animal Shelter or Anson Crisis Ministries.

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



For...

Freddie Mae Bennett

Saturday, June 14 12:00 Noon

**Leavitt Funeral Home
2036 Morven Road in Wadesboro**



Freddie Mae passed on Saturday, May 24 after being admitted to Atrium Health Pineville in Charlotte on Sunday, May 18.

She leaves to mourn her passing her daughter Latrice Bennett Lyons and her son Albert Paul Bennett, Jr. and her grandchildren.

Freddie Mae’s siblings - Evelyn Brown, Joanne Singleton-Price, Mary Craft and Sandra Singleton - will dearly miss their sister and friend who was the “center” of the Singleton family.

*All are welcome.
Hosted by siblings.*

Anson Farmers Market is Open Every Saturday

The Anson County Farmers Market is open for the season, and is open each Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 12:00 noon with fresh and local produce, meats, baked goods, eggs, jewelry, soaps, candles, textiles and more from local artisans! Come check it out.

The Farmers Market is located at 1736 Highway 52 South in Wadesboro, just past Wadesboro Primary School.

For more information about the Farmers Market or to become a vendor, or to host a weekday market in your area of Anson County, contact Leslie Lee at 704-695-4415 or ansonfarmersmarket@yahoo.com, message through the Facebook page, Anson County Farmer’s Market or Instagram @ansoncountyfarmersmarket.

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