

Mrs. Frances Lee Edwards, 98, of Ansonville passed away early Wednesday morning, July 6, 2016.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 9, 2016, at Ansonville United Methodist Church in Ansonville with Rev. Robert Burr officiating. A private family entombment followed the service at Wightman United Methodist Church Cemetery. Frances was born February 20, 1918, in Anson County to the

late Sam Turner Lee and Annie Jane Hendley Lee Ross. She was a graduate of Ansonville High School and was a member of Ansonville United Methodist Church. Frances was actively involved in her community. She was a member of the Ansonville Book Club, the Ansonville Historical Society, the Anson County Historical Society and the Craighead-Dunlap Daughters of the American Revolution.

Frances never met a stranger! She had a wonderful personality and loved visiting with her family and friends. Her personal warmth and lively wit provided encouragement and support to everyone she met. Guests in her home were made to feel welcome and a part of her family.

In addition to her parents, Frances was predeceased by her husband, Walter Coble "Buck" Edwards.

She is survived by daughters, Peggy Edwards Crowell and husband Reggie of Charlotte, Jane Edwards High of Waynesville, Frances Edwards Griffin and husband Darren of Charlotte; son Walter Samuel Edwards and wife Carolyn of Ansonville; seven grandchildren, Stephanie Hall and husband Jim, Katie Straffon and husband Alfonso, Maggie Langdon and husband Jason, Jenny Myers and husband Matt, Nash High and wife Susannah, Sarah Frances Laracuente and husband Owen and Alice Edwards; and eleven beloved great-grandchildren, Emma, Graham, Alex, Grace, Emmeline, Maribelle, Logan, Sam, Annie Mitchell, Jack and Addi.

Memorials may be made to Ansonville United Methodist Church c/o Nancy Lee, 120 Randall Road, Wadesboro NC 28170 or Wightman United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund c/o Cindy Gaddy, 3643 Wightman Church Road, Polkton NC 28135 or Ansonville Historical Society, P. O. Box 96, Ansonville NC 28007.

The family would like to thank Anson Health & Rehabilitation Center for their support and care the past eight months.

Online condolences may be made at edwardsfuneralhomes.com.

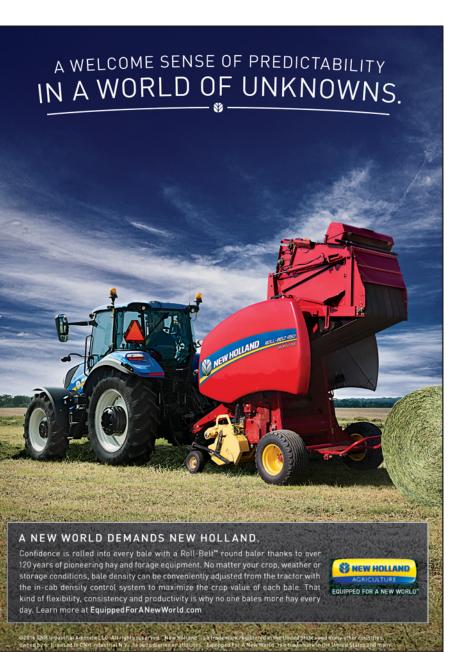
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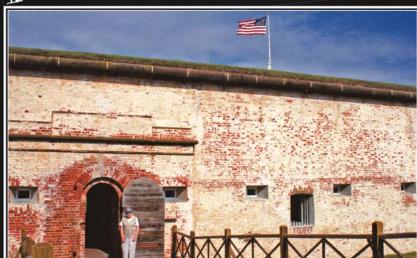
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# Remembering..... By Ed McBride



## Celebrating Memorial Day 2010

As we prepare to celebrate 'our modern Memorial Day' our thoughts and celebrations date back quite a few years to the Civil War era that, early on, many referred to as 'Decoration Day.' A major part of that celebration was the decorating of soldiers' graves with flowers.

A druggist by the name of Henry C. Wells suggested the Memorial Day celebrations to Union General John B. Murray, and it was approved. Memorial Day is now a legal holiday in all 50 states.

I do remember - not 1866, Allen! - but in the 1930's when General William A. Smith would be at the Ansonville High School for a rare chapel program. Even then he was very physically feeble. But, in his own way he reminded us of the need of an education. He left quite a sum of money, not only to his church - All Souls Church in Ansonville - but to other causes including Ansonville High School.

I can also remember after the Agriculture Building was completed, several of us were paid, I think 25 to 50 cents a day, to 'star drill' holes in the cemented basement floor by hand to secure the power tools such as a rip saw, band saw, shaper/joiner, sander, etc.!!

This building, along with the Home Economics House, made a super nice school facility. Most of my age group were able to enjoy these facilities for two years before graduating from Ansonville High School in 1939.

The Home Economics House is now a 'proud undertaking' of the Ansonville Historical Society. They are converting it to a beautiful, exciting 'Ansonville Historic Museum' to keep us all informed of the historic days and years gone by. The above picture is one of Fort Macon near Beaufort that was completed

in 1834 on the outer banks of Carteret County (Bogue Banks) near Beaufort and Morehead City, North Carolina. It is one of many forts that we made during the past 68 years - some very cherished years.

#### Anson Animal Shelter Needs Volunteers

The Animal Shelter depends on the help of volunteers to ensure that animal residents receive love and care. More volunteers will also help relieve the workload on staff which can result in more time for resident animals to be adopted before they are euthanized (put to sleep). Please consider volunteering. For more information on helping, call 704-694-4832.

Important Notice Beginning August 2016, the Town of Polkton monthly Board Meeting time

will be changed from 6:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. THE TOWN OF POLKTON

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Anson County Animal Shelter is listed Petfinder.com. This is a searchable national database of pets available for adoption that includes a description and photo. All the animals that are up for adoption are listed and have a picture. Just go to Petfinder.com and search for any Anson County town or zip code. A rescue from Animal

Shelter can bring lots of happiness and love into any home...and you will make the animal happy too! It's a win-win. And remember, older animals need

a home and love too!

### Mrs. Lois Thomas Moore Allen, 88, died Saturday, July 9,



2016, at Anson Health and Rehab in Wadesboro. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at

Mrs. Lois Thomas Moore Allen

Wightman United Methodist Church in Polkton with Rev. Dale W. Bost and Rev. Hugo Villagrana officiating. Interment followed in church cemetery. Lois was born July 25, 1927, in Union County, NC, a

daughter of the late Floyd Wilson and Nettie Thomas Moore. She was a graduate of Burnsville High School and retired from Burlington Hosiery Mill. She was a faithful and dedicated member of Wightman United Methodist Church and will

be remembered by her many acts of kindness. She is survived by her children Barbara Allen Lee and husband Sam of Marshville, Pasty Allen Wix and husband John of Hamlet and James Steve Allen and wife Nancy of Burnsville; her grandchildren, Sharon Howell, Stevie Lang,

Scotty Allen, Angie Baucom, Rena Honeycutt, Penny Grant, and Leslie Hall; 17 great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren. She is also survived by two sisters, Jean Carpenter of Albemarle and Blanche Curlee of Aquadale.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Addison Allen, and two brothers, Billy Moore and Shelly Moore.

In lieu of flowers, memorials made be made to Wightman United Methodist Church

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may

Cemetery Fund, c/o Cindy Gaddy, 282 Gaddy Ferry Rd., Polkton, NC 28135. be made at www.leavittfh.com.