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Obituaries

Mr. John Franklin "Tootsie" Ratliff, Jr.

Mr. John Franklin "Tootsie" Ratliff, Jr., 88, died Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at Atrium Main in Charlotte.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, July 12, 2020, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. The interment will be private at a later date in Gum Springs Baptist Church Cemetery.

Tootsie was born April 24, 1932, in Anson County, and was a son of the late John Franklin Ratliff and the late Catherine Bryant Ratliff. He worked for 43 years as a Drag Line Operator with W.R. Bonsal in Lilesville, worked for Jim Hill Sand and Gravel for approximately 10 years, and following that went back to work at Old Castle, which was formerly W.R. Bonsal, for another 10 years. He finally retired at the age of 86.

He enjoyed bowling, playing golf and shag dancing at the beach.

Surviving are his wife of almost 58 years, Linda Pegram Ratliff; his children, Tammy Brewer (Earl) of Ellerbe, Mitchell Ratliff (Sherry) of Lilesville and Mike Ratliff (Donna) of Greensboro; his grandchildren, Amanda Ratliff, Will Ratliff (fiancé Erin Greene), Carly Ratliff and Levi Ratliff, all of Lilesville, Cameron Brewer of Ellerbe, Michael Ratliff and Kelly Ratliff; his great-grandchildren, Dillon Black, Gabriel Parks and Elijah Parks; his sister-in-law, Diane Marks (Wayne) of Albemarle; and his nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother and sisters, Curtis Ratliff, Glennie Mae Ratliff, Betty Jane Threadgill and Aline Robbins.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Gum Springs Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o, Sarah Harrington, 1364 Hailey's Ferry Rd., Lilesville, NC 28091.

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



Mrs. Cynthia McCracken Hildreth

Mrs. Cynthia McCracken Hildreth, 54, died Sunday, June 21, 2020, at Wadesboro Health & Rehab.

Graveside services were held on Friday, June 26, 2020, at Anson Memorial Park with Rev. Jimmy Knotts officiating. The family will greet friends following the service.

Cindy was born November 30, 1965, in Monroe, NC, a daughter of Betty Barber McCracken and the late Jack McCracken. She was a member of Church of God Prophecy and will be remembered for her kind and gentle heart and infectious smile.

Surviving are her mother, Betty Barber McCracken of Wadesboro; her brother, Hugh McCracken of Marshville; her uncle, June Barber and wife Jennifer of Lilesville; and numerous cousins.

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

Think You May be Eligible for WIC?

Updated guidelines for WIC released on June 22, 2020

WIC is a nutritional supplemental program for pregnant, postpartum or breastfeeding women, infants and children under 5 years of age. To be eligible for WIC you must live in North Carolina.

If you receive Medicaid, Work First Families Assistance or SNAP you automatically meet the income eligibility requirements.

A family may be eligible for WIC based on your household income, even if you do NOT receive Medicaid, Work First Families Assistance or SNAP. The following list is income guideline that went into effect June 22, 2020.

- Family of 1 - monthly income \$ 1,968 - weekly income \$ 454
- Family of 2 - monthly income \$ 2,658 - weekly income \$ 614
- Family of 3 - monthly income \$ 3,349 - weekly income \$ 773
- Family of 4 - monthly income \$ 4,040 - weekly income \$ 933
- Family of 5 - monthly income \$ 4,730 - weekly income \$1,092
- Family of 6 - monthly income \$ 5,421 - weekly income \$ 1,251
- Family of 7 - monthly income \$ 6,112 - weekly income \$ 1,411
- Family of 8 - monthly income \$ 6,802 - weekly income \$ 1,570

For a family size greater than 8 please call the office for income information. For income based on Annual, Bi-Weekly, or Twice a Month please call the office.

The WIC office is located at 110 Ashe Street in Wadesboro. The office phone number is 704-694-9844. "This institution is an equal opportunity provider."

Agriculture and Agribusiness Contribute

Record-Setting \$92.7B to North Carolina's Economy

The latest figures from NC State University economist Mike Walden show the industry generates one-sixth of the state's income and jobs. However, those numbers will likely fall when it comes time to compile his report for 2020.

North Carolina's agriculture and agribusiness industry remains a powerhouse, generating about one-sixth of the state's income and jobs. It recently set a record in terms of its contributions to the state's gross domestic product.

A new industry snapshot (PDF) – the latest in an annual series that North Carolina State University economist Mike Walden began compiling in the 1980s – shows that over 16 percent, or \$92.7 billion of the \$564 billion gross state product was contributed by value-added income from food, natural fiber and forestry industries in 2018. That's up from \$91.8 billion in 2017.

Walden, a William Neal Reynolds Distinguished Professor in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, said that agriculture and agribusiness also provided jobs for over 772,000 of the state's 4.4 million employees.

The report reflects not just jobs and income from farming but also for manufacturing, wholesaling and retailing. "This does include what farmers do, but it also then follows what is popularly called the supply chain of food, natural fiber and forestry products," he said. "These numbers capture all of that economic activity."

In 2018, farming constituted a \$17 billion endeavor in North Carolina and served as the backbone for a much larger agriculture and agribusiness enterprise that Walden calls the state's Number One industry. Manufacturing and processing of food, natural fiber and forest products generated \$37.8 billion; wholesaling, \$12.7 billion; and retailing, \$25.2 billion. Retailing includes restaurants and food, apparel and furniture stores.

Walden's figures reflect value-added incomes: At the farm level, value-added is sales. At the manufacturing, wholesaling and retailing levels, it does not include the value of inputs produced outside of North Carolina, and it avoids over-counting of products used several times in the production chain, Walden explained.

Over the years that Walden has prepared his analysis, he's seen agriculture and agribusiness continue to grow and yet still decline in terms of its percentage of the larger economy.

"That shouldn't be necessarily concerning because what's happening is we have modernized our economy, and more people have moved here and we become a richer state," Walden said. "People spend their money on other things other than food and natural fiber and forestry products. They buy technology, they buy vehicles, etc."

Because Walden's data come from multiple state and federal sources, it'll be two years before the economist will have the figures he needs to complete his analysis for the 2020 calendar year. Still, based on what he's seeing, he expects the economic contributions from food, natural fiber and forestry industries to fall significantly because of COVID-19.

The food processing sector – particularly for meat and poultry products – was hit hard early on by social distancing measures and outbreaks that forced shutdowns and slowdowns at processing plants across the country. While the situation has improved, it did create challenges for poultry and hog producers, who generate about two-thirds of North Carolina's annual farm sales. These farmers had been expecting strong demand that dropped significantly because of the decreased processing capacity.

"I suspect the 2022 report will probably show a very substantial drop, particularly in the processing sector and the farm sector," Walden said.

Hear more about the state of North Carolina agriculture in the latest episode of NC State University's Farms, Food and You podcast: go.ncsu.edu/farms.



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Full-Time Police Officer Position

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Requirements

- Must be at least 21 years old
- Must have North Carolina Basic Law Enforcement Training
- Must have 2 years minimum law enforcement experience
- Must be willing to work rotating shifts

Applicant cannot have any prior felony charges or certain misdemeanors on their criminal history.

Applicant should be of good character, and should be able to interact with people in the community.

Salary is based on experience and training and other standards will be discussed with applicant at interview.

Applications will be accepted from July 1, 2020 until July 30, 2020. Applicants can pick up applications at the Polkton Police Department, or applications can be emailed to applicants, but must be printed and delivered back to the Chief of Police.

If applicants have any questions, they may contact Chief Hutchinson at the Polkton Police Department at 704-272-7463 or email townofpolktonpolice@windstream.net.

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