

## Mr. Clarence William Brock

Mr. Clarence William Brock died on Tuesday, July 2, 2019, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 6, 2019, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park with military honors.

Mr. Brock was a hard-working, devoted father, husband and son, with a family who adored him. After high school he entered the US Nav,y and retired after

20 years of service as a Chief Petty Officer. During his naval service he lived in several countries and served two tours in the Vietnam War, two years and nine months in total. During his second tour of duty he married the love of his life, Nam, and their children became his pride and joy. While in the Navy he became an avid bowler and was a three-time state champion in the state of New Hampshire.

Following his time in the Navy Mr. Brock worked for three years as a Correctional Officer at the prison camp while attending Anson Technical

College in Polkton. He ended his career with 26 years at the US Postal Service distribution center in Charlotte and became the primary caregiver of his mother, Sara Shaver, until her passing. He enjoyed playing golf and watching his beloved Duke Blue Devils play basketball in his retirement.

Mr. Brock is survived by his wife Nam of Wadesboro; his son Robert Brock of Virginia; his daughter Sarah Brock of Charlotte; several nephews; a niece; and four grandchildren.

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





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The 14-station shooting course features Promatic brand equipment, with each station featuring its own presentation of clays.

While shooters are welcome to bring their own gun, ammo, golf cart and UTV, Four Branches offers a wide selection of shooting accessories available for purchase, as well as guns and carts available for rent.

Customers are encouraged to arrive when the preserve opens at 9:00 a.m., as the first ten guest will receive 100 free clays to shoot. Four Branches will also have food trucks on site and giveaways throughout the day!

For additional information about Four Branches Sporting Preserve please email info@fourbranchesllc.com or contact the Pro Shop at 704-272-0833.



## **Don't Fly Drones Near Wildfires**

Unmanned aerial systems can endanger wildland firefighting operations

An increased use of drones, or unmanned aerial systems, around active wildfires are putting wildland firefighting operations at risk. These devices fly within the same altitude as aerial firefighting aircraft, which is between ground level and 200 feet. Firefighting aircraft do not have any methods of detecting drones other than by seeing them. Visually detecting drones is nearly impossible due to their small size.

'To put it simply, drones and firefighting aircraft don't mix," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "If you fly, the firefighters can't. Aerial collisions between drones and aircraft could occur. Due to these safety concerns, when drones are spotted near wildfires, aircraft must land or move away to other areas. This means no fire retardant or water can be dropped, no tactical information can be provided to firefighters from above, and homes or other property could be put at risk if wildfires grow larger."

The N.C. Forest Service is requesting the public's help to keep wildland and aerial firefighters safe by not flying drones anywhere near a wildfire. N.C. General Statue 14-208.3 states that drone operators may not damage, disrupt the operation of or otherwise interfere with manned flights. Anyone in violation of this law can be found guilty of a Class H felony.

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