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James (Jim) A Leak III of Durham died on June 25, 2023, at the Hock Family Pavilion of Duke Hospice after a lengthy illness and valiant fight against cancer. A Memorial Mass will be offered at 11:00 a.m. on

James Alexander "Jim" Leak, III

Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, located at 810 West Chapel Hill Street, Durham, NC. There will be a memorial service on Wednesday,

July 26, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro followed by a reception Jim's ashes will be buried in Eastview Cemetery where

his parents and grandparents are buried. Son of the late James A Leak, Jr and Sallie Ann

Welsh Leak, Jim was born in 1945 in San Bernardino, CA where his father was serving in the US Army. He attended public schools in Wadesboro and graduated from Darlington in Rome, GA. He went on to receive his bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and was a proud Tar Heel and lifelong member of the Educational Foundation. After graduation he served in the US Navy where he was stationed in Edzell, Scotland.

Following military service Jim began a career in community banking in North Carolina, primarily with First Union in Lexington and Southern Pines and Central Carolina Bank in Durham. After many years as manager of the CCB Croasdaile branch, he became manger for the Durham Region of CCB. He took great pride in serving older customers with integrity and in helping to develop the next generation of bankers. In 2007 he was chosen statewide Boss of the Year by the NC Jaycees. Jim was also a proud member of the Durham Rotary Club and supporter of Rotary

International's work to eradicate polio globally. A Paul Harris fellow, he was a past president of the North Durham Rotary Club and served on district committees for the Rotary Foundation. Other civic involvement included coaching YMCA Soccer for many years and serving on the finance committee of Immaculate Conception. In retirement Jim was an active member of Duke Health and Fitness and also enjoyed

playing pickleball and bridge. Jim is survived by his wife Sandra Crawford Leak, son James A. Leak IV (Anne Emerson

Leak) of Greensboro and son Paul Samuel Leak of Sunnyvale, CA; granddaughters, Hannah Elizabeth Leak and Emma Caroline Leak of Greensboro who were the joy of his later life; sisters, Sallie Leak Allen (Ron) of Nicholsville KY and Mary Leak Wallace (Steve) of Norwood; sister-in-law Jean Griffin Leak of Monroe; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother John William Welsh Leak.

The family would like to thank all the many dedicated providers and caregivers who cared for Jim, particularly Duke Hospice and Palliative Care, the Duke Cancer Center, Duke Liver and Hematology Clinics, and the wonderful staffs of the Duke 2-A Infusion Clinic and Arosa Homecare.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to the Rotary Foundation, the Eastview Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 274, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or your local food bank. Arrangements are being handled by Hall-Wynne in Durham and by Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Mrs. Beverly Crepps Ruddock

On Wednesday, July 12, 2023, Mrs. Beverly Crepps Ruddock, 85, passed away peacefully at McWhorter Hospice House in Monroe on her 85th birthday.

Denim & Pearls Fundraiser

Faith-Based Center of Hope & Playaz Elite Motorcyle Club will host their Christmas in July, "Denim & Pearls" Dance on Saturday, July 22, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, located at 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro. Advance ickets are available or you can pay at door. Everyone is invited!

For more information please contact Vancine Sturdivant at 704-294-0480, Patricia Robinson at 704-848- 4995 or James Sturdivant at 704-294-8073.

Scarborough / Scarboro Family Reunion

The Scarborough/Scarboro 2023 family reunion will be held on Saturday, July 22 at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Mount Gilead. Relatives are invited to join this joyous reunion and bring your favorite covered dish. Please encourage anyone with a family connection to come.

Jim Chandler, Secretary for the reunion, asks that you confirm your attendance so ample supplies can be procured. Email: scarborough.family27306@gmail.com. Hope to see you on July 22!

Hand Painting Event at Grace Senior Center on July 27

Hands Up! A Hand Painting Event will be held at Grace Senior Center on Thursday, July 27, from 12 noon until 2:00 p.m. Painting without brushes, only using our hands.

The event is free, but registration is required. Please call 704-694-6616. Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, on the left

just past IGA.

Class of 1971 Reunion Meeting The Bowman Senior High School Class of 1971 will hold a reunion meeting on

Saturday, July 29 at the Hampton B. Allen Library, from 2 to 4 p.m. For information contact Winnie Brown at 704-475-0755 or Patricia Little at

704-848-8165.

Pine Needle Basket Weaving Workshop

The Anson County Arts Council is sponsoring a Pine Needle Basket Weaving Workshop by Shakeeka Brooks on Saturday, July 29. The three to four hour workshop begins at 1:00 p.m. and takes place at the Drake Gallery Education Room, located at 108 South Rutherford Street in uptown Wadesboro. The cost is \$40, and you can register online at ansoncountyartscouncil.com.

For information call 704-694-4950.

Gospel Benefit Program for Class of 1973 The Bowman High School Class of 1973 is hosting a gospel benefit program on

Saturday, July 29 at the White Pond Community Center, located at 2549 Sandy Ridge Church Road in Morven. Doors open at 4 p.m. and the concert begins at 5 p.m. Classmates and everyone else are invited to attend and join in the fun. For information contact Brenda S. Rorie at 704-695-5196 or Rev. Jasper Powe at

704-244-1297.

There will be a memorial THE EXPRESS • July 19, 2023 • Page 3 service at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. Private inurnment will follow in Anson Memorial Park. Beverly was born July 12, 1938, in Anson County, and was a daughter of the late

James Dunlap Krepps and the late Josie Belle Goodwin Krepps. She was a graduate of Anson High School and Kings Business College in Charlotte.

She worked in several different career areas which included executive secretary for J. P. Stevens in Cheraw, SC, executive secretary to the postmaster in Greenville, SC, First Union Bank in Charlotte and, following retirement from First Union, she worked

as a Customer Service Manager at Walmart in Wadesboro. Beverly lived a quiet and simple life, but she did enjoy time shared with her family and friends. She greeted her customers with a polite smile and compliment as part of

her daily routine on her job. She leaves to cherish her memory her daughter Kimberly Burch Smith of Charlotte;

her grandchildren, Corinthian Burch (Cami) of Alaska, Mason Smith (Mandy) of

Lancaster, SC and Jordan Smith of Charlotte; her great-grandchildren, Gracelyn, Scarlett, Soren and Grayson; and her extended family and friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter Christina Louise Smith and her sisters and brother, Edna Hooker, Margaret Wilkes, Louise Shaver

Beverly's family is most grateful to the staff at Atrium Health Anson and Hospice of

Union County for the excellent way they cared for her. memorials may be made to Hospice of Union County, 700 In lieu of flowers,

Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 28110. The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home and online condolences may

be made at www.leavittfh.com

Mrs. Janice Rogers Ratliff

Mrs. Janice Rogers Ratliff passed away on Saturday, July 15, 2023. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at Ebenezer

Presbyterian Church in Morven. Visitation will takle place one hour before services. Public viewing will take place from 1:00 to 5:0 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at Knotts and Wade Funeral Home, located at 7940 US Highway 52 South in Morven. Mrs. Ratliff was the daughter of the late William Sr. and Clara B. Rogers

Mrs. Ratliff leaves to cherish her memories: three children, Carl Ratliff, Jr, of Rock Hill SC, Moronica

Ratliff of the home and Carlrolette Tuitavuki (Billy) of Avondale, Arizona; three grandchildren; one sister, Marjorie Ingram of Lumberton one brother, Dr. William F. Rogers of Hampton, Virginia; nephews, nieces. cousins, and a host of relatives other

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Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. only Applications must be complete with appropriate documentations in

order for your application to be accepted. The office is located at 200 West Short Plaza in Wadesboro

for additional information.

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