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Mrs. Frances Helms Austin

Mrs. Frances Helms Austin, 80, died Saturday, July 19, 2014, at Lake Park Nursing and Rehabilitation in Indian Trail.

Funeral services were held on Monday, July 21, 2014, at Deep Springs Baptist Church with Rev. Jim Phillips and Rev. Rocky Carpenter officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Frances was born June 6, 1934, in Union County, one of nine children born to the late Henry and Essie Mae Ross Helms. She had worked in textiles and also served Gilboa United Methodist Church as pianist. She was a long time member of Deep Springs Baptist Church.

Surviving are her children, Linda Austin (William) Linderman of Wingate, Ronnie (Sherri) Austin of Peachland and Betty Sue Austin (Don) Underhill of Mt. Gilead; her grandchildren, Joy (Ashley) Drake, PFC Tyler Austin and Justin Austin, all of Peachland, Chance Underhill of Marshville and Abbie Schmitt of Okinawa, Japan; and her great-grandchildren, Haley and Taylor Drake and Trinity Rose Austin, all of Peachland. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters, Horace and Nelson Helms, Edna Sherrin, Vivian Kerley and four of whom passed away as children.

Frances will be remembered as a loving mother who sacrificed much for her children and for the gift of playing the piano by ear, which she said was a gift from God after her children were born.

Memorials may be made to Deep Springs Baptist Church, 1908 Deep Springs Church Road, Peachland, NC 28133. The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com.

Mr. Preston Allen Burns

On Wednesday, July 16, 2014 in the early morning at his favorite time for fishing, Preston Allen Burns quietly slipped away at the age of 100.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 19, 2014, at First United Methodist Church, Wadesboro with Rev. Benny Clodfelter officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

Preston was born on February 16, 1914, to Mary Dunlap Burns and George Burns in Ansonville. Some of his happiest memories from childhood involved helping his father on his postal rounds to help determine whether it was safe to cross a flooded road. Preston said he "never wanted to work behind a mule again."

On June 15, 1939, he married Mary Eleanor Watkins. In the family it was

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wonderful to see home much they loved and cared for each other until her death in 2005.

Preston loved his community, the county of Anson and the town of Wadesboro. He was an active member of First United Methodist Church where he served in many different capacities from a weekly worship usher on Sunday mornings for many years to Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

He served as chairman of the Wadesboro Town Council, and worked diligently with the Anson County Chamber of Commerce in an effort to promote and bring industry to the county. He was also instrumental in sponsoring trips through the chamber of commerce and the chamber served as President and Treasurer. He was awarded the Distinguished Rotarian Award and Paul Harris Fellow. He served in banking for over 50 years, beginning with the board of the First National Bank and later with Anson Bank and Trust, having served as chairman of the board at one time. Among the week long celebrations of his 100th birthday, the final party was hosted by his fellow Rotarians. His son Allen commented to him that day following the party, "You are tired, aren't you Dad?" Preston's reply was, "Yes, but I have enjoyed every minute of it."

His career life was spent founding a number of NAPA stores along with his business partner Charlie Shelton, in both North and South Carolina. He served as director of the NC Automotive Wholesalers, received a Presidential Award and the Max A. Hayes Outstanding Service Award.

His family knows a different Preston; he was a Daddy and Granddaddy. The Daddy, his children loved to have Mama send to the store because he always shopped beyond her list to add the good stuff; the Daddy and Granddaddy who with patience taught us to water ski; the Daddy who would take us to the train station to see the trains come by, especially at night with the lights and noise; the Daddy who was always willing to drive a group

to ball games or camps. The family vacations where we left after his work day to drive to Florida. The memories of being awakened after a very hard working father came home late to share a bowl of ice cream with a very sleepy small child who could snuggle close. Patience with the very noisy grandchildren who tumbled over each other at the summer house. Golfing was a game he enjoyed into his late 80's, and it never rained at the golf course. And, traveling over Europe and the United States was an adventure he loved. We always knew when he was coming because he was always jiggling coins in his pockets. He did not like yard work! His 100th birthday was a week filled with celebrations given by family and friends.

Surviving are his children, Julia (Detmar) Schnitker of New Harbor, ME, Kathy (Dick) Griffin of Charlotte and Allen (Joyce) Burns of Polkton; his grandchildren, Bernd, Dirk, P. J., Wendell, Erika, Kelly, Ines and Pollen; and his great-grandchildren, Noah and Lincoln. In addition to his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by his brother and sister, George Burns and Mary Elizabeth Burns.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the staff at both Meadowview Terrace Assisted Living and Ambassador Health and Rehab for their kind and compassionate care given to Preston over the past few years, and also to Dr. Victoria Rommel for her exemplary care for Preston.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 118 E. Morgan St., Wadesboro, NC 28170, Wadesboro Rotary Club Planetarium and Science

Center, P.O. Box 110, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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

Mr. Hanna Naguib Farah

Mr. Hanna Naguib Farah, 83, died Friday, July 11, 2014, at Emeritus at South Park in Charlotte.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, July 17, 2014, at Calvary Episcopal Church with Father John Wallace and Father Michael Bye officiating. Interment followed in Eastview Cemetery.

Hanna was born January 1, 1931, in Jerusalem, Palestine a son of the late Naguib Hanna Farah and Mary Khamis. He worked as a Medical Supply Officer with World Health Organization, which is part of the United Nations in Alexandria, Egypt.

He is survived by his children, Dr. Naguib Farah (Monica) of Waxhaw, Tony Farah and Mira Farah, both of Charlotte; his grandchildren, John Luke, Alayna, Peter and Marc Farah, all of Waxhaw; and his sister, Ellen Kort of San Francisco. His wife Fernande V. Farah preceded him in death.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church, 5108 Kuykendall Rd., Charlotte, NC 28270 or Calvary Episcopal Church, 308 E. Wade St., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free!
Miss me a little - but not for long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me, but let me go.
For this journey we all must take
And each must go alone;
It's all a part of the Master's plan
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know,
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.
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