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On Friday, July 25, 2025, Mrs. Dena Cowick Grice, 59, loving and devoted, wife, mother, grandmother, and sister, passed away peacefully at their family mountain home in Maggie Valley with her loving family at her bedside.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Mr. Ken Caulder, officiating. Interment will follow in Anson Memorial Park.

The family greeted friends on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at the funeral home and other times at the home of her sister-in-law and brother-in-law.

Dena was born January 3, 1966, in Anson County, and was a daughter of the late Charles Edward Cowick and the late Shelby Jean Gooden Cowick Whitaker. She was a graduate of Bowman High School, Class of 1984.

She had a long career in textiles, having worked for many years as an artist with Wansona-Wul-Zinco Manufacturing in Wadesboro and lastly working with Medical Specialties in Wadesboro.

Those who are left to cherish her memory are her husband of 43 years, Jimmy Grice; her children, Tommy Grice (Stephen) of Maggie Valley, NC and

Ashley Chapman of Morven; her grandsons, James "JT" Chapman and Drew Chapman, both of Morven; her brother Tim Cowick of Myrtle Beach, SC; her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Arra Jean Lane of Morganton, NC, Maggie Powell of Wadesboro, Linda Taylor (Andy) of Wadesboro, Jerry Grice (Mary Jo) of South Bend, IN and Carlyn Cowick of Wadesboro; her beloved dogs, Scrappy, Benny and Rose; and her nieces and nephews and their families.

Dena enjoyed gardening, traveling, spending time at their mountain home, taking care of her dogs, and spending time with her family, especially her grandsons.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Steve Cowick and Darrell Cowick and her stepfather Gene Whitaker.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Four Seasons Hospice, 571 South Allen Rd., Flat Rock, NC 28731

The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Mrs. Dena Cowick Grice

North Carolina to be a USDA Regional Hub

Statement from Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler regarding USDA announcement that Raleigh would be one of 5 regional hubs for USDA offices:

"We are certainly tickled to be selected as a regional hub," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "We have a long-standing partnership with USDA with National Agricultural Statistics Service offices housed in our building for many years, and we look forward to continuing to build on this partnership. We will work with them on whatever

Agriculture production and needs are different across the country, and I think it will be beneficial to our \$111 billion agriculture industry to have more USDA staff and contacts in our state."

Funny, Random & Weird Holidays

- July 31 Thursday -Uncommon Musical Instrument Day
- August 1 Friday -National Girlfriend Day
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- International Beer Day • August 2 Saturday -
- Ice Cream Sandwich Day • August 3 Sunday -
- Sisters' Day
- August 3 Sunday -Watermelon Day
- August 4 Monday -Single Working Women's
- August 5 Tuesday -Work Like a Dog Day
- August 6 Wednesday -Fresh Breath Day

George and Evangelist Brenda *Pratt wish to thank everyone for the* acts of love shown to us at the sickness and passing of our son Bobby Tromelle Pratt.

Your kindness is so much needed, and we are forever grateful to God that you passed our way.

Much love to you all.

A Delicious Lunch and Important Information

The Anson County Veterans Service Office and Anson County Veterans Council hosted a Veterans Information Fair on Saturday, July 26. Veterans and their families in attendance were able to ask questions and receive assistance with disability claims from James Baldwin from the NCDMVA and Brendan Gibbons, the Anson County Veteran Services Officer.

Attendees were also served lunch, and had the opportunity to find out more about Helmets to Hardhats, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that connects transitioning active-duty military service members, veterans, National Guard and Reservists with educational training and apprenticeships for skills-based career opportunities in the construction industry.

When speaking, Mr. Gibbons mentioned that it is often counter to a veterans' nature to seek out benefits, but "finding out more about what is available is not just for the veterans, but for their families. It helps not just the person who served, but their loved ones too.'

Gibbons is available to serve Anson County veterans and their families. To make an appointment, please call 704-465-0086 or email bgibbons@ansoncountync.gov. Couresy of Laura Laney

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MONDAY, AUGUST 4

DENTAL &

MEDICAL SCREENINGS

(Cholesterol, Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, COVID-19)

Time: 8:00 a.m – 4:00 p.m.

Where: ARMS-Union Location 1328 Patterson Street, Monroe NC 28112

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

MEDICAL SCREENINGS

Time: 1:00 p.m – 4:00 p.m.

(Cholesterol, Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, COVID-19, and more)

Where: ARMS-Wadesboro Location 203 Salisbury Street, Wadesboro, NC 28170

DENTAL SCREENINGS Time: 9:00 a.m – 11:00 a.m.

Where: Compare Foods at Monroe Plaza

1600 Skyway Drive, Monroe, NC 28110

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

DENTAL & MEDICAL SCREENINGS

(Cholesterol, Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, COVID-19)

Where: ARMS-Wadesboro Location **Time:** 1:00 p.m – 4:00 p.m. 203 Salisbury Street, Wadesboro, NC 28170

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

DENTAL SCREENINGS, ORAL HYGIENE INSTRUCTIONS & GIVEAWAYS

Time: 9:00 a.m – 12:00 p.m.

Where: Novant Health

Child & Adolescent Medical Group 1994 Wellness Blvd. #110

MEDICAL SCREENINGS

(Cholesterol, Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, COVID-19, and more)

Monroe, NC 28110

Time: 1:00 p.m – 4:00 p.m.

Where: ARMS-Wadesboro Location 203 Salisbury Street, Wadesboro, NC 28170

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SCREENINGS FOR DEPRESSION

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

MEDICAL SCREENINGS

(Cholesterol, Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, COVID-19)

Time: 8:00 a.m – 5:00 p.m.

Where: ARMS-Union Location

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