

# Obituaries

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In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude's Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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## Mr. William "Bill" Thomas Brooks

On Monday, August 4, 2025, Mr. William "Bill" Thomas Brooks, 90, passed away peacefully at his home with his family by his bedside.

There will be a memorial service at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 10, 2025, at Polkton Methodist Church with Rev. Yvonne Hechler officiating.

The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service at the church on Sunday.

Bill was born April 3, 1935, in Chesterfield, SC and was a son of the late Thomas Jefferson Brooks and the late Sarah Rivers Brooks. He was a 1953 graduate of Polkton High School and a veteran of the United States Army.

He furthered his education at Pfeiffer College and later earned a Master of Business Administration from Queens College. He was first employed with Abby Manufacturing in Wadesboro, then as County Manager for Anson County, where he was instrumental in the in the development of the county water system. He later worked with W.R. Bonsal in sales for the Eastern United States.

Bill is most remembered for his extensive career with the Town of Polkton. He served as Chief of Police, Town Manager and on the SWAT team (Sewer, Water and Trash), with more than 30 years at the time of his retirement. He also served as an instructor in business education at Anson Community College, now South Piedmont Community College in Polkton. He attended Polkton Methodist Church.

Bill was also an accomplished athlete in both high school basketball and baseball and American Legion Baseball. He ran and completed the first Charlotte Marathon and for many years he ran six miles a day around Polkton.

His family shared many memorable times together at both Ocean Drive Beach and Ocean Isle Beach, as Bill always found immense pleasure in being with his family.

Known for keeping a meticulously manicured lawn, he took considerable pride in his yard work. He crafted the rock wall around their home from rocks taken from both Brooks and Ross homes, and he did it all himself by hand. He also enjoyed various home projects and woodworking.

Of all Bill's accomplishments, that of being a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather were his greatest to him. His grandchildren affectionately called him Big Daddy.

Those who are left to cherish his memory are his high school sweetheart and wife of nearly 67 years, Betty Ross Brooks; their children, Kevin Brooks (Carol) of Denver, NC, Kate Alderson (Mike) of Ocean Isle Beach, NC, and Amy Triplett (Bill) of Murrell's Inlet, SC; grandchildren, Blaire Johnson (Hunter) of Indian Land, SC, Spenser Spring (Ad) of Charlotte, Summer Powell (Allen) of Ocean Isle Beach, and Rebekah Bennett of Charlotte; great-grandchildren, Camden Spring, Lane Spring, Hayes Powell and Griffin Spring; sister Katherine Long of Monroe; sister-in-law Linda Horne of Charlotte; and many nieces and nephews and their families.

Bill will be remembered fondly for his bright smile, warm handshake and kind words of encouragement for his fellow man.

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"Having a place to go is home; having someone to love is family; having both is a blessing."

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## Stan Harward in Concert at the Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library's musical program on Monday, August 11 will feature Stan Harward at 10:30 a.m. in the library's Little Theater. Everyone is invited to come enjoy the music of this talented local artist.

Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

## Bluegrass Acoustic Music Jam at the Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library will host a bluegrass acoustic music jam on Thursday, August 14, 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. in the Little Theater. Musicians, singers and spectators are welcome. Jam sessions are open to all age levels and skill levels. Children age 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

If you have any questions please contact the library at 704-694-5177.

## Mrs. Harriet Rivers Brower

On Saturday, August 2, 2025, Mrs. Harriet Rivers Brower, 84, passed away at Brookdale Memory Care in Monroe. She was diagnosed with dementia two years ago and our merciful God took her home and gave her peace.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Mr. Ken Caulder officiating.

Interment will follow in Anson Memorial Park.

The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the funeral home and other times at the home.

Harriet was born December 21, 1940, in Chester, SC and was a daughter of the late Louis C. Rivers and the late Isabel Murphy Rivers. When she was two years old her family moved to Wadesboro.

She was a 1959 graduate of Wadesboro High School and a 1963 graduate of Meredith College in Raleigh with a major in business administration along with a secondary education teaching certificate. Upon graduation in 1963, she married R. L. Horne and worked for Duke Power Company in Raleigh. They later moved to Cheraw, SC and their first daughter Kristin was born. After three years in Cheraw her family moved to Wadesboro

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## Lucky Stanly County Woman Collects \$1 Million Scratch-off Win

Martha Ramos Melgar of Stanfield took a chance on a \$10 scratch-off and won a \$1 million top prize. Melgar bought her lucky 50X The Cash ticket from Stanfield Express on West Stanly Street in Stanfield.

When Melgar arrived at lottery headquarters last Wednesday, she had a decision to make. She could choose to receive her prize as an annuity of \$50,000 over 20 years or a lump sum of \$600,000. She chose the lump sum of \$600,000 and, after required tax withholdings, took home \$394,500.

The 50X The Cash game debuted in February 2024 with six top prizes of \$1 million. Since Melgar won the last top prize, the lottery will begin the process of ending the game.

For details on how money raised by the lottery made a difference for education programs in Anson County last year, visit [www.ncлотtery.com](http://www.ncлотtery.com) and click on the "Impact" section.



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## TOWN OF POLKTON

### FATS, OILS, AND GREASE (FOGS) EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

In an effort to reduce the potential for Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO), the Public Works staff of the Town of Polkton has compiled the following information to help educate our water and sewer customers concerning the best management practices for the disposal of household Fats, Oils, and Greases (FOGs).

#### How to dispose of Fat, Oil & Grease

- 1) Allow to cool
- 2) Use a container with a lid.
- 3) Pour the cooled grease or oil into a container
- 4) Place lid on container
- 5) Scrape or wipe cookware using paper towels or spatula into the garbage before washing.



Don't  
Feed  
the Grease  
Goblin!

- ✓ Put oil and grease in collection containers
- ✓ Remove oil and grease from kitchen utensils, equipment and food preparation areas with scrapers/towels/brooms
- ✓ Keep grease out of wash water
- ✓ Place food scraps in collection containers



- ✗ Pour oil and grease down drains
- ✗ Wash fryers/griddles, pots/pans and plates with water until oil and grease are removed
- ✗ Use hot water to rinse grease off surfaces
- ✗ Put food scraps down drains



¡No  
Alimente  
a el Duende  
de Grasa!

- ✓ Ponga la grasa en contenedores apropiados
- ✓ Remueva el aceite y la grasa de utensilios de cocina, equipos, y areas de preparación de comidas con espátulas/toallas/escobas
- ✓ Mantenga la grasa fuera de el agua de lavar
- ✓ Ponga los desperdicios de comida en contenedores adecuados



- ✗ No tire aceite o grasa en los drenajes
- ✗ No lave con agua freidora/planchas, ollas, cacerolas y platos hasta que el aceite y la grasa hayan sido removidos
- ✗ No use aua caliente para limpiar la grasa de las superficies
- ✗ No tire desperdicios de comida en los drenajes

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