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Mrs. Eloise Ponds Caudle

Mrs. Eloise Ponds Caudle, 71, of Norwood, died Saturday morning, August 10, 2013, at her home.

Funeral services were held on Monday, August 12, 2013, at Edwards Funeral Home Chapel in Norwood with Rev. Mike Lisk officiating. Burial followed in Norview Gardens.

Mrs. Caudle was born September 14, 1941, in Anson County, a daughter of the late Nay and Alice Hough Ponds. She was a retiree of Collins and Aikman of Norwood, and a member of Norwood First Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband Darol "Prudy" Caudle.

She is survived by her son Eddie Caudle and her daughter Rhonda Caudle Hudson, both of Norwood; two brothers, Franklin Ponds of Ansonville and John Ponds of Indian Trail; sister Hazel Gore of Indian Trail; granddaughter Jessica Brown; and three great-grandchildren, MaKenzie, Brayden and Bryce Hodgson. Online condolences may be made at edwardsfuneral-homes.com.

Mr. Jeffery Lee Funderburke

Mr. Jeffery Lee Funderburke, 50, died Sunday, August 11, 2013, at his home.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, August 13, 2013, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

Jeffery was born October 21, 1962, in Anson County, a son of Betty Tyson Funderburke and the late James Lee Funderburke. He had worked as a machinist and electrician at Cooper Tools in Monroe.

Surviving are his sons, Jamie Funderburke and Jeremy Funderburke, both of Polkton and Tyler Funderburke of Monroe; his mother, Betty Funderburke of the home; his brothers and sister, Tim Funderburke of Polkton, Billy Funderburke of the home, and Fred Funderburke and Betty Duncan, both of Hamlet.

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

Mrs. Bessie Baucom Johnson

Mrs. Bessie Baucom Johnson, 86, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, August 8, 2013, at Carolinas Medical Center in Pineville.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 10, 2013, at Red Hill Baptist Church with Rev. Rodney Clements, Rev. David Lee and Rev. Nick Terry officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Bessie was born December 21, 1926, in Union County, a daughter of the late William Herron Baucom and the late Leola Treadaway Baucom. She was a graduate of Fairfield High School. She worked for many years as a substitute teacher with Anson County Schools and with Anson County Council on Aging and Grace Senior Center.

Bessie was a faithful member of Red Hill Baptist Church where she sang in the choir, an expression of her love for music.

A loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, she is survived by her husband Dewey Johnson of the home; her children, Jim (Sara) Johnson of Wadesboro, Gregory (Lu) Johnson of Greensboro, Michael (Maya) Johnson of Little River, SC and Patty Johnson of Wadesboro; her grandchildren, Leah (Tommy) Jarrell of

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Rockingham, Matt Johnson of Ellerbe, Phillip (Laura) Johnson of Lakeland, GA, Ashley (Daniel) Sharpe of Winston Salem, Amy (Nick) Terry of Asheboro, Gregory Sprowl of Hawaii, Edwina (Kevin) Kucharz of Atlanta, GA and Stefan Johnson of Little River; eight great-grandchildren; her sisters, Audna Blackmon of Marshville, and Doris Baucom and Beulah Jackson, both of Gastonia; and special friend and caregiver to both Devey and Bessie, Leroy Poole. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers and sister, Beecher, Marley, Joe Baucom and Ollie Tarlton Trull.

Bessie will always be remembered for her devotion to her family and for her servant's heart in her genuine love and concern for the senior citizens in Anson County. She also loved nature, especially flowers, watching and caring for birds. She loved traveling, while she was instrumental in planning tours. She was also an accomplished seamstress and artist.

Memorials may be made to Red Hill Baptist Church, Brotherhood Ministry, c/o Theresa Wilson, 1104 Mt. Vernon Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170 or to Liberty Home Care and Hospice, 119 W. Wade Street, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

Mr. Nello Little

Mr. Nello Little, also known as the man who loved to play his guitars, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, August 3, 2013, while in the care of Hospice of Union County in Monroe.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, August 8, 2013, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. Interment followed in Williams Cemetery in Polkton.

Nello was born December 16, 1929, in Anson County, a son of the late Nello Threadgill and the late Mary Little.

Nello attended Anson County Public Schools, and had worked for several years

as a sawmill employee. He also assisted friends in transportation needs while he was able. He confessed Christ at an early age and continued to walk in faith until the end.

A well-known guitarist, he was faithful to share his God given talent with many churches in and around Anson County as he shared his ministry of music. Although he found much delight in playing his guitar, his greatest joy was representing Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Ressie Viola Leak Little of Greensboro; his daughter, Winnie (Robert) Watkins of Norwood; stepdaughters, Deborah (Fred) Christon and Elmer (Ander) Leak-Burns, both of Greensboro; his sisters, Mary Elizabeth Cason and Emma Grace Tyson; his grandson, Joe (Renee) Smith of Winston Salem; his great-grandchildren, Maria, Monquale and Jermainek, all of Albemarle and David of Charleston, SC; three step-grandsons, Fred Christon, Jr. of Rock Hill, SC, Marcus Christon of Durham and Christopher Crowder of Greensboro; great-granddaughter Z'myia Crowder of Greensboro; his aunt, Viola Little of Polkton; a special cousin, Pearl Daniels of Wadesboro; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a brother and sister, Jimmy Threadgill and Doretha Threadgill.

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

Mrs. Marie Walters Williams

Mrs. Marie Walters Williams, 78, died Tuesday, August 6, 2013, at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 10, 2013, at Oakdale Baptist Church with Rev. Arnold Jackson, Rev. Tracy Hickson and Rev. Tim Knotts officiating. Interment followed in Cedar Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Marie was born September 22, 1934, in Anson County, one of ten children born to the late Lonnie Vann Walters and the late Culie Helms

Walters. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters and brothers, Susie Braswell, J. V. Huneycutt, Travis, Bentford, Pervis, Yvonne, Craig and Sherrill Walters.

She was a 1953 graduate of Polkton High School, and had worked with Roses Five and Dime for 25 years. Following her employment with Roses she worked for a few years with B.C. Moores

and later Mauney's Food Mart, retiring after working more than ten years there.

Marie was a faithful and long time member of Oakdale Baptist Church where she sang in the choir and taught Sunday school for many years for the Primary Class, and more recently for the Adult Class.

Marie married Claude Lee Williams, Jr. in September of 1998 following a courtship

of more than 40 years. Surviving are her husband, Claude "June" Williams of the home; her sister, Nellie Dutton of Wadesboro; and her nieces and nephews and their families.

Memorials may be made to Oakdale Baptist Church, 3304 NC Hwy 218, Polkton, NC 28135.

Online condolences may be made at leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com.

Danny Bill Smith

When simplicity hides greatness.

A thank you from Victoria Rommel Smith.

Danny Bill Smith, 61, died Wednesday, August 7, 2013, at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte.

Funeral services were held on Friday, August 9, 2013, at Temple Israel in Charlotte. A memorial service will be held at Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA on August 24, 2013.

Danny Bill was born March 30, 1952, in Beaver Falls, PA, a son of Kathryn Tyson Smith and the late C. Raymond "Ray" Smith.



Survivors include his wife, Dr. Victoria Rommel of the home; a son, Sargon Smith of Islamorada, FL; his mother, Kathryn T. Smith; a sister, Connie (Ernie) Lambright of Plevna, MT; and two aunts, Lois (Buhl) Cummings of Athens, GA and Ruth (Vincent) Turner of Lima, OH.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to "Plant A Tree In Israel." To donate please go the following website: www.hadassah.org, then scroll over the "Donate" tab and select "Plant A Tree In Israel" from the dropdown menu and follow the onscreen instructions.

The service of celebration of Danny Bill's life was uniquely different for a common man. A representative from every community was there with less than 24 hours notice. Liberals, Democrats, blacks, whites, Christians, Jews, Muslim, the don't ask, don't tell and the straight came together for his service. Not because they agreed with him, in fact they might not have even liked him, but because they honored that he staunchly held to what he believed was the Word of God.

Danny Bill did not receive on earth great fame, power, monetary wealth or recognition. In fact, it frequently frustrated me that he would go out of his way to avoid "looking good" to the world. His mother chose for him at birth the name Daniel. "God is my Judge." And indeed, Danny Bill lived his life without considering the judgment of man. I called him Mr. Anonymous because he fled from recognition and did so much without anyone knowing. He most enjoyed giving when he did not know who the recipient would be, and the receiver did not know from whence the gift came, as he truly believed that, "All things come of thee, Oh Lord, and of thine own have I given thee." He fed the hungry, visited the sick, and visited those in prison. Danny Bill did not tolerate "Stupid." He dismissed ignorance as innocence, and defined stupidity as an unwillingness to learn. How can such a brilliant, complex and misunderstood man be considered simple? Because for Dan (very few people got away with calling him Dan. "Two first Names, 'Danny Bill'") it was simply right or wrong.

He was a brilliant man who was committed to truth. Little or no gray area. He sought the word of the Lord and for him it was easier than for most of us. Like Pinchas (Phinehas), for Dan it was either God's way or wrong. And I know the Lord considers him righteous for this. He was a thinker and carefully considered everything. He would never act until he had thoroughly considered every aspect of a problem, which for a "do, do" like me was sometimes incredibly frustrating.

Like Abraham, Dan talked directly to God. Shortly before he died, which was sudden, but not unexpected, he told me that he had had a long conversation with the Lord. I asked him what the Lord said, and he told me that "The Lord listens."

There is no one on earth that I have ever met that is more sure that they will be with the Lord after death. This is a great comfort to me. Thank you for showing me that God is without boundary. That the next life is not about time nor space.

Thank you Danny Bill, my bashert. For loving me, challenging me and being there for me. Thank you for giving me extra years, in spite of the suffering you endured to be there for me, when you were so ready to be unfettered in your relationship with the Lord. Thank you for showing me that God is without boundary. Thank you for the assurance that you are with the Lord.

You, my beloved, have taught me a great deal. I will not weep that my grasp of what you accomplished is with your death, but I do wonder how much I stymied your impact by trying to put oil on water, but I hear you telling me, "You got it, Vic." For you it does not matter that it took so long. And of course you would not need my thanks. But thank you for a long, challenging and fulfilling life together. You are the delight of my eyes. I will do my best not to weep too much.

Thanks to all of you. For your outpouring of love and support, your prayers, love, and Mitzvoth (good deeds). Danny Bill left knowing that you would be there for me and he appreciates you and so do I.

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