

# Obituaries

## Mrs. Reva Lee High Carpenter

On Sunday, August 15, 2021, Mrs. Reva Lee High Carpenter, 68, loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend went to be with her Lord and Savior.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 19, 2021, at Lawyer's Springs Primitive Baptist Church with Elder James Carelock and Elder Joe Helms officiating. Interment will follow in Peachland Cemetery.

The family will greet friends from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro and other times at the home.

Reva Lee was born October 1, 1952, in Union County, NC and was a daughter of the late Truby Elton High and the late Lucille Horne High. She was a graduate of Bowman High School in 1970, and following high school graduation she enrolled in beauty school in Charlotte.

She owned and operated Reva's Beauty Shop for 47 years prior to her retirement. Several of her customers have been a part of her business for generations. She has given many "first haircuts" and had clients to remain with her throughout their lifetime. She was well-respected for her work ethic and faithfulness in taking care of her customers, all of whom she loved like her family.

Reva Lee was a lifelong member of Lawyer's Springs Primitive Baptist Church and was faithful in supporting the church with her efforts and attendance. She also attended Deep Springs Baptist Church with her husband when Lawyer's Springs did not have services.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband Gary Carpenter; her sons, Jamison Whitley and Reggie Whitley (Christina); her grandchildren, Colin and Jackson; her sister Teresa High; her stepchildren, Marie High (Michael) and Clint Carpenter (Nikki); her step-grandchildren, Kaylie High, Zachary High, Gage Carpenter and A.J. Carpenter; and her beloved cat Daisy.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Lawyer's Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Ronnie Edwards, 1814 Ridge Rd., Monroe, NC 28110.

Many lives were touched by Reva Lee's kindness and generosity. She lived a true example of her Christian faith and will be missed by many.

The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).

## Mrs. Connie Lowder Diggs

Mrs. Connie Lowder Diggs, 84, died Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at Atrium Health Union in Monroe.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 14, 2021, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park. The family greeted friends prior to the service at the funeral home.

Connie was born February 10, 1937, in Anson County, and was a daughter of the late Gifford Lowder and the late Mary Jewel Meachum Lowder Coppedge. She was a graduate of Lilesville High School, Class of 1955, and had worked as a Ward Secretary at Anson County Hospital.

Surviving are her son Tommy Diggs of Wadesboro; her grandchildren, Stephen Diggs of Lillington and Amanda Diggs of Fuquay Varina; her great-granddaughter Skylar Diggs of Fuquay Varina; her sister Frances (Joe) Crump of Columbia, SC; a very special friend, Cathy McLaurin of Wadesboro; and her nieces and nephews and their families.

Connie also leaves longtime friends, Margaret Barber, Pauline Pope, Aaron and Sue Huneycutt, Bill and Myrtle Wall and Linda Lewis.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Thomas Wade "Sam" Diggs and her brothers, Anna Thompson, Louise Leach, Jack Lowder and Ernest Lowder.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).

## Mrs. Shirley Long Meachum

Mrs. Shirley Long Meachum, 84, passed peacefully into the arms of her Savior, Jesus, on August 15, 2021, at Carrington Place Nursing Home in Matthews, NC having finished the course of her courageous and fruitful life.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Celebration of Life gathering on Saturday, August 21, 2021, with visitation starting at 11:00 a.m. and the service at 12:00 noon at Leavitt Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Anson Memorial Park.

Shirley was born on February 16, 1937, in McFarlan to Molly Jordan Long and Morman Long and was raised along with her two sisters and three brothers in the rural farming communities of southern Anson County. An honor graduate of Morven High School, Shirley excelled at women's basketball and playing the piano. Following her marriage to Davis J. Meachum of Wadesboro Shirley traveled extensively over a twenty-plus year time-period in support of her husband's career in the U.S. Army to many military bases on the east coast, including overseas postings to France, Germany twice, England, Turkey and Iran.

As a wife and mother of her daughter Ramona and two sons, David and Stephen, Shirley masterfully juggled her time to take on a working career in the administrative offices of several army posts and the phone company in Columbus, GA. One of Shirley's fondest memories with "Ma Bell" was filming a series of long-distance calls for the "Duke," the actor John Wayne, during filming of the movie, "The Green Beret" at Fort Benning, GA. She often spoke of Mr. Wayne's gentlemanly phone etiquette. For her part, Shirley received multiple commendations for her work.

Having settled in Anson County after her husband's retirement from the military, Shirley continued her working career as an administrative assistant for an insurance company before moving on to become the long-time assistant to Wadesboro's premiere dentist, Dr. Robert Bridger, eventually retiring from public work life to provide full time home care for her mother.

In addition to her roles as a wife, mother, administrative assistant and ultimately caregiver, Shirley loved Jesus, her Lord and Savior, and served Him faithfully. She was deeply involved in her local church, taught Sunday School classes, led youth groups and played the piano and organ for church services. She also showed great love and compassion to others in the community by caring for the elderly, supporting widows, providing holiday outings for children, and leading in the Cub Scout program. Shirley was an exceptional cook and pastry chef, creating her own cookbook of amazing recipes and collecting over 200 other volumes. A fervent volunteer Hospice

## Discover Your Inner Artist in August!

The Cheraw Arts Commission is featuring an evening Art Class on Thursday, August 26 with local artist Gloria Turner. Adults and students will paint in acrylics to create a landscape on canvas. All skill levels can participate including beginners.

The class will be held at the Cheraw Community Center, located at 200 Fee Street in Cheraw from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All supplies are included in the \$35 fee.

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project. Shirley was seldom idle and often used her "down" time to create needlework caps, scarves and other gifts for Hospice patients. In her later years, Shirley immersed herself in studying and researching the Meachum and Long family history and heritage, culminating in tracing the roots of both family trees back to mother England.

Shirley possessed a bright and energetic personality and was known for her ability to making lasting friendships. She was also known for being fiercely protective of her family, friends, and all that she loved. Shirley touched many lives with her generosity and passion for life.

Shirley is survived by her dear younger sister Helen Davidson of Charlotte; her brother John David Wadesboro; her devoted daughter Ramona Masterton of Charlotte; her son Long Meachum of Peachland; and her son Stephen Meachum of Belmont; nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to express heartfelt gratitude to all of Shirley's caregivers at Carrington Place Nursing Home, especially her Hospice Nurse Mattie Simpson. Without exception, the entire staff of Carrington displayed incredible care and compassion during the length of Shirley's residency.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be in Shirley's honor to Hospice of Anson County or of Union County, at 919 East Caldwell St, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. To express condolences please visit the Leavitt Funeral Home website at [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).

## Mr. Michael Stephen Ratliff

Mr. Michael Stephen Ratliff, 69, died Saturday, August 14, 2021, while a patient at Atrium Health Union in Monroe.

A service to celebrate his life will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday at Leavitt Funeral Home. The family will greet friends an hour before the service beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Born in Anson County on February 14, 1952, Mike was a son of the late Floyd Alexander and Annie Sellers Ratliff. He was a retired self-employed truck driver.

Survivors include his loving wife of 51 years, Shirley Bunn Ratliff of the home; a daughter Stephanie R. Wilson of Ansonville; four grandchildren, Abigail Wilson, Emily Wilson, John Michael Caudle and Rebecca Lynn Caudle; one sister, Andrea Miller (Ken) of Salisbury; two brothers, Anthony Ratliff (Patty) of Wadesboro and Darwin Ratliff (Pat) of Chattanooga, TN; and his faithful four-legged companion Mindy.

In addition to his parents, Mike was preceded in death by his daughter Tonia Lynn Ratliff Caudle; and a brother, Hoyt Ratliff.

Leavitt Funeral Home is serving the Ratliff family. Online condolences may be made at [www.leavittfh.com](http://www.leavittfh.com).

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**Addendum to Job Descriptions for Source Control and Essential Functions**  
During the current Pandemic (2020), all Team Members will be required to wear company issued facial coverings. Training will be provided to each Team Member specific to their job and their facility location in addition to wearing an acknowledgement form they understand these exceptions. It is considered an essential function of each job for a Team Member to wear the company issued facial coverings. If a Team Member indicates they will not wear the mask, they will not be considered for the position in which they are applying or any position that requires the facial covering. If a Team Member has a medical condition or disability that prevents them from wearing the mask, Cobb-Vantress, Inc. will engage in the interactive process to determine whether a reasonable accommodation can be provided that addresses the safety concerns associated with the Pandemic and allow the Team Member to perform the essential functions of the job.

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