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**Mr. George Walter "Skip" Bergman, Jr.**

Mr. George Walter "Skip" Bergman, Jr., 52, died Tuesday, August 13, 2013, at his home.

Memorial services were held on Sunday, August 18, 2013, at Faith Baptist Church in Lilesville with Rev. Doug Moore officiating.

Skip was born August 11, 1961, in Duval County, Florida, a son of the late George Walter Bergman and Beverly Dawn Haynes Bergman. He worked in landscaping and construction.

Surviving are his children, George Bergman III, Heidi (Jason) Zell, Ryan (Heather) Pierce and Rashel (Justin) Honeycutt; grandchildren, Destinie, Amber, Jason Jr., Alexis, Trinity, Katie and Logan; his brothers and sisters, Bryon (Mary) Bergman, Clifton (Wendy) Bergman, Tom Sehute, Dawn (Coy) Epley and Linda (Daryl) Reynolds; his sister-in-law, Wendy Bergman and his former wife, Diane Sergent.

In addition to his parents, Skip was preceded in death by his wife, Connie Marie Pond Bergman and his brother, Rick Bergman.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com](http://leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com).

**Mrs. Louise Plyler Bates**

Mrs. Louise Plyler Bates, 88, formerly of Wadesboro, died Saturday, August 24, 2013.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, August 27, 2013, in First Baptist Church, Lee Avenue in Wadesboro. Interment followed in Stanly Gardens of Memory in Albemarle.

Louise was born in Stanly County on October 14, 1924, a daughter of the late James Blair Plyler and Retha Lowder Plyler. She grew up in New London, attending school in Stanly County. After marriage she moved to Wadesboro where she joined First Baptist Church. She was active in many areas of the church and was former chair of the Bereavement and Kitchen Committee. She was an excellent bridge player and had many good times with her bridge club friends.

Louise retired as Plant Manager for Cassie Cotillion in Albemarle and Norwood. At age seventy she began a new career, taking care of Taylor, her first great-granddaughter. What a blessing for both!

Devoted to her family, Louise celebrated all the major events in their lives with great joy. She baked many wedding cakes for family members and friends. She especially enjoyed preparing fresh coconut cakes, caramel cakes, and her delicious "from scratch" banana pudding. Thanksgiving was indeed a feast. She was the ultimate hostess and loved having family and friends in her

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Louise lived at Woodhaven Court Assisted Living in Albemarle the last five years of her life, and the family would like to express their sincere and heartfelt appreciation to the staff there for the exceptional care and love they gave her. They are especially thankful for the extraordinary care provided by Dr. Rufus Lefler and staff and lastly to the angels of Hospice. We will be forever grateful.

She is survived by her son, Gerald Bates (Penny) of Albemarle and Shallotte; a daughter, Retha B. Ross (Michael) of Albemarle; grandsons, Alvin (Missy) Bates, Michael Dean Carpenter and David M. Ross; two granddaughters; six great-grandchildren; brother, Elworth Plyler; sisters, Hazel P. Ridenhour and Jewel P. Lambert; and many special nieces and nephews.

Louise was preceded in death by her loving husband, Alvin K. Bates; brothers, John Harold Plyler, Herbert Roselle Plyler, Ewell James Plyler; and a beloved grandson, Addison Moore Bates.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, PO Box 423, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or to Hospice of Stanly County, 960 N. First Street, Albemarle, NC 28001.

Leavitt Funeral Home served the Bates family. Online condolences may be made at [leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com](http://leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com).

**Mrs. Barbara Ledbetter Coble**

Mrs. Barbara Ledbetter Coble died on Sunday, August 4, 2013.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, August 8, 2013, at Poplar Springs Baptist Church in the Burnsville Community with Rev. J. N. Coble, Eulogist and Rev. Deidre McBride, Officiant.

Mrs. Coble was born on July 18, 1944, a daughter of the late Claude Ledbetter and Ardener West Ledbetter.

She accepted Christ at a very early age, joining the Poplar Springs Missionary Baptist Church where she was actively involved. She later joined Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church in Marshville as she supported her husband, Reverend J. N. Coble, in his pastorate. She was educated in the Anson County School System, was an avid basketball player, and graduated in 1962 as Salutatorian from West Ansonville School in Ansonville.

Mrs. Coble retired from Norton Door Controls in 2004 after 35 years of dedicated service. She was a civic and community volunteer and gave countless hours of service to the Anson County Democratic Party and the Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center. She was actively involved in other auxiliaries and organizations.

Mrs. Coble loved traveling leisurely, as well as to the National Baptist Conventions. Many of convention trips were enjoyably taken with Rev. and Mrs. Mildred Holland. She enjoyed various gospel musical selections, with her favorites being *I'm Still Here, Since I Found Jesus*, and *When He Comes Back*. Reading and puzzle solving were her greatest pastimes. She loved shopping, dining and lots of fun and laughter, particularly at family gatherings. Weekends and holidays were special times to cook for family and friends, whom

she embraced with unconditional love.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Excel (Robena) Coble, and Frank, Ricky, Joe, Ovester, Bennie Ray and Lela.

She is survived by her husband; two sons, Shredrick Coble of the home and Shalaun Coble of Charlotte; grandson Shammond Coble of the home; three grandchildren, Morgan Harris, Cedressa and Jonah; brother Harold (Lillie) Ledbetter; sister Sylvia (Ernest) Tillman, all of Polkton; sisters-in-law: Bettie Coble, Darlene Harris, Dean Coble, Gladys Coble and Gracie Coble; brother-in-law Willie Gene; special nieces and nephews; and a host of loving cousins, friends and acquaintances.

Mrs. Coble cherished her many lifelong friends. A special thanks to all who found your own personal way of communicating with her until the end. Because you played such a special role in her life, please know that she cherished you dearly.

Special thanks are extended to her caregivers; a special niece and sister-in-law, Ms. Donna and Darlene Harris, who untiringly gave their love and care; Dr. Christopher Jones, Ms. Dana Johnson and staff of Stanly Oncology Center; Oakboro Medical Center staff; and Home Care of the Carolinas nurses.

**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, 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](http://leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com).

**Mr. Robert Dickie Ross Little, Jr.**

Mr. Robert Dickie Ross Little, Jr., 75, died Sunday, August 18, 2013, in CMC-Union Hospital, Monroe.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2013, at 10 a.m. in Anson Memorial Park.

Dick was born in Anson County on August 31, 1937, a son of the late R. D. R. Little, Sr. and Julia Adeline Fowler Little. As a boy he was active in the Boy Scouts of America, attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. He graduated from local schools and attended NC State University. He worked side by side with his father in operating the Dick Little Farm and Gin Company, and in later years running his own farming operation.

Survivors include his sister, Susan Bennett (Allan) White of Hightstown, Nj; a brother, James Fowler (Joanne) Little of Washington, DC; a cousin,

Dr. Paul Bennett Little of Washington, DC; and a number of neighbors and good friends including James Flake.

Memorials may be made to the Gullidge Volunteer Fire Department, 109 Baker Road, Wadesboro NC 28170, or to the charity of the person's choice.

Leavitt Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Mrs. Ruby Florence Williams Marsh**

Mrs. Ruby Florence Williams Marsh, age 83, of Marshville, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on August 21, 2013.

Family and friends gathered on Saturday, August 24, 2013, at Morgan and Sons to celebrate the life and legacy of Ruby Marsh. Interment followed in the Gilboa United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Marsh was born in Anson County on February 27, 1930, to the late Fred and Ada Griffin Williams.

She married her childhood sweetheart Thomas James Pinkney Marsh, Sr. in June of 1948. Tommy preceded her in death on May 21, 2003. Also preceding Ruby in death are her siblings, Virginia Haney, Frances Brantley, Susan Williams, John Williams and Bright Williams.

Mrs. Marsh loved children and children loved Ruby. Her greatest joys in life came from her roles as Mother, Grandmother, and Great-Grandmother. Her legacy will live on through the many lives she nurtured.

She is survived by two daughters, Ann Marsh Huston (David) of Hudson, OH, and Cynthia Ellen Marsh of Wingate; two sons, Thomas James Pinkney Marsh, Jr (Judy) of Marshville and John Charles Marsh of Charlotte; five grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and brother, Riley Williams (Helen) of Charlotte

The family has requested memorials be made to Lawyers Springs Primitive Baptist Church or to Gilboa United Methodist Church.

**Ms. Effie Nell Williams**

Ms. Effie Nell Williams departed this life on Tuesday, August 20, 2013, at Richmond County Hospice Haven in Rockingham.

Funeral services were held on Monday, August 26, 2013, at Greater St. Mark with Bishop Leonard Williams officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

She was born September 12, 1941, in Anson County, a daughter of the late Robert and Susie Lee Williams.

Ms. Williams was a member of Greater St. Mark Church in Wadesboro, a graduate of J.R. Faison School, and was retired from Anson Community Hospital in housekeeping.

Surviving are her children, Effie Henry and Randy Williams, both of Wadesboro; her grandchildren, Timothy Williams, Charles Rue, Shanika Rue and Shakima (Marco) Ratliff, all of Wadesboro, Jacqueline Williams of Rockingham and Damion Williams and Edward Rue (Tenshia) Hicks, both of New York; 18 great-

grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; her sisters and brother, Pearlina Williams of Florida, Leona Williams of Wadesboro and Melvin (Estelle) Williams of Philadelphia; and a host of other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her sisters and brother, Mary Black, Dollie Rivers and Sylvester Williams.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com](http://leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com).

**Mrs. Rosa Mae Taylor Wright**

Mrs. Rosa Mae Taylor Wright, 92, died on Monday, August 26, 2013, at Lillie Bennett Nursing Center in Wadesboro.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, August 29, 2013, by the graveside in Griffin Cemetery with Rev. Arnold Jackson officiating. The family will greet friends any time at the home and following the service on Thursday.

Rosa was born in Anson County on January 12, 1921, the oldest of six children born to the late Rufus Willie Taylor and the late Eunice Odessa Baucom Taylor. She attended Oakdale Baptist Church and had worked for many years as a seamstress in the textile industry.

Rosa, like her father, was an avid gardener. There was seldom a summer's day gone by when Rosa was not in her garden, stringing beans, shucking corn, canning, freezing or in the blackberry patch. When not in the garden she loved to cook. It was the rare day that any visitor in her home would not find a fresh pan of biscuits, ham, sausage and fried "taters" with an open invitation to indulge.

Rosa loved her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren,

friends, neighbors, her church and especially her Lord and Savior.

Surviving is her only son, Roy C. (Barbara) Wright, Jr. of Polkton; three grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Tony and her sisters and brothers, Margaret Magdalene "Maggie" (Sampson) Caudle, Martha Aileen (Guy) Martin, Josephine Blair "Josie" (Everette) Baucom, Purtie Lee (Norma) Taylor and Willie Curtis (Jo) Taylor.

Memorials may be made to Oakdale Baptist Church, 3304 Hwy 218, Polkton, NC 28135 or to Hospice of Union County, 700 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 28110.

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**Handgun Permits will be Available Online**

Beginning Tuesday, September 3rd individuals wanting to apply for a handgun permit (to purchase a handgun) may now do so online by going to the Anson County Sheriff's Office web page at [www.ansonsheriff.com](http://www.ansonsheriff.com). Applicants will see a drop down box entitled "Permits" and apply and pay for up to three handgun permits online. The permit cost remains at \$5 each (as set by the State). There will be a one-time \$3 processing fee to pay online. When the permit is complete applicants will be notified on-line or by telephone or text and can come to the Sheriff's Office after the mandatory five day waiting period, show picture identification and pick up their permits.

Sheriff Tommy Allen said, "We are trying to streamline this process as much as possible and make it much more convenient for those requesting permits. Now we can only do them during regular business hours. With this new process permits can be applied for anytime, day or night, holidays or weekends."

The Sheriff said that he is aware that some may not have access to a computer or may be unable to apply online. Those people can still come to the Sheriff's Office and use a computer that will be set up for the public to use. The Sheriff's staff will help those who are not computer savvy. Also, they will continue to take hard copy applications for the next thirty days.

"This will be a great help to my staff as well as our citizens. Once we get this up and running smooth, the next phase will be to do concealed carry online. Our goal is to help us serve the public better and be more convenient for the public," Allen said.