

On Monday, September 4, 2023, Mrs. Jilla Dennis Gathings, 66, passed away peacefully at Atrium Health Pineville with her family gathered by her bedside.

Funeral services will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 8, 2023, at Deep Creek Baptist Church with Rev. Mark Perko officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

The family will greet friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. on this Thursday, September 7, 2023, at Leavitt Funeral Home and other times at the home.

Jilla was born July 11, 1957, in Anson County, and was a daughter of the late Harding Richard Dennis and the late Sarah Christine Morrison Dennis. She was a graduate of Bowman High School.

She had a long career in healthcare, having worked with Dr. Ertugrul in Wadesboro, Anson County Hospice and Anson Community Hospital. She retired from the Town of Wadesboro as accounts payable clerk.

Jilla was a lifelong member of Olivet United Methodist Church and attended Deep Creek Baptist Church.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband of 40 years, Billy Gathings; her sons and daughters-in-law, Matthew (Kristi) Dennis of Winston-Salem, Brian (Susan) Gathings of Peachland and Kevin (Pam) Gathings of Ansonville; her grandchildren, Kori Dennis, Kerrigan Dennis, Casey Lear (Tyler), Kayla Gathings, Ashley Gathings, Will Gathings, Tyler Gathings and Seth Gathings; her great-grandson Liam Usrey; her brothers and sister, Ricky Dennis (Pat) of Charlotte, Ben Dennis of Jacksonville, FL and Cheri Dudley (Kevin) of Fuquay Varina and their families.

She also leaves behind the Gathings family; her mother-in-law Faye Gathings of Wadesboro; her sisters-in-law and brother-in-law, Patty Ratliff (Anthony), Peggy Hooks (Billy), Danny Gathings (Ellen) and Tammy Timmons, all of Wadesboro and their families.

Jilla dearly loved her family. She was devoted to her husband, children and grandchildren. She could light up a room when her grandchildren arrived for a visit.

She was an excellent cook and was known for making a delicious pound cake, peanut butter delight, pimento cheese and country style steak and gravy. Always smiling and laughing, she could make anyone feel special.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Deep Creek Baptist Church Building Fund, 1280 Beck Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

Thank You



To Whom It May Concern:

To those who made a difference during the sickness and passing of my husband, Deacon William Baxter Caple, I say Thank You. Thank you for all of the kindness you showed during these uncertain times.

May God bless each of you.

Again, I, Hattie G. Caple, would like to say thank you for your prayers, and most of all for caring. To all of Anson County and surrounding counties, Thank You!

Anson County will never be the same.

Truly Submitted, Deaconess Hattie G. Caple

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Anson Schools Sports Update

Anson High Softball

• **Monday, August 21 - Anson lost to Montgomery Central 1-3** (25-22, 23-25, 16-25, 21-25). **Individual stats:** Caroline Austin 1 ace, 1 kill, 1 assist, 17 digs; Morgan Burr 3 aces, 6 kills, 2 assists, 11 digs; Lauren Dutton 11 kills, 1 block, 2 assists, 1 dig; Brooklyn Miles 3 aces, 8 kills, 1 assist, 10 digs; Allie Steagall 4 aces, 3 kills, 25 assists, 13 digs; Hannah Austin 1 ace, 1 kill, 9 digs; Leah McLaurin 1 ace, 1 kill, 3 digs; Eva Hyatt 4 kills, 1 dig.

• **Tuesday, August 22 - Anson lost to South Stanly 1-3** (25-20, 21-25, 14-25, 24-26). **Individual stats:** Morgan Burr 1 ace, 7 kills, 1 block, 2 assists, 11 digs; Hannah Austin 1 ace, 1 kill, 2 assists, 12 digs; Lauren Dutton 1 ace, 10 kills, 3 blocks, 5 digs; Leah McLaurin 2 aces, 3 kills, 2 blocks, 4 digs; Brooklyn Miles 10 kills, 1 block, 1 assist, 13 digs; Allie Steagall 3 kills, 24 assists, 13 digs; Caroline Austin 1 kill, 2 assists, 9 digs; Eva Hyatt 2 kills, 4 blocks; Payton Buckingham 1 assist.

• **Thursday, August 24 - Anson beat Chesterfield 3-1** (25-21, 25-17, 26-28, 25-21). **Individual stats:** Lauren Dutton 1 ace, 10 kills, 2 blocks, 1 assist, 4 digs; Brooklyn Miles 2 aces, 7 kills, 1 block, 1 assist, 7 digs; Caroline Austin 1 ace, 2 kills, 1 assist, 14 digs; Leah McLaurin 5 aces, 1 kill, 2 blocks, 1 dig; Allie Steagall 5 aces, 2 kills, 23 assists, 7 digs; Hannah Austin 8 aces, 1 kill, 10 digs; Lauren Lomax 2 aces, 2 kills, 1 dig; Morgan Burr 5 kills, 2 digs; Eva Hyatt 2 kills, 1 block; Payton Buckingham 2 digs; Susan Harrington 5 digs.

Anson High School Varsity Football

• **Friday, September 1 - Anson lost to North Rowan 38-28** (Home). **Rushing:** Kendrick Maye 12-141, 1 TD; Jazez Griffin 18-80, 1 TD; Emmanuel Chambers 5-22; Courtney Student 1-8. **Receiving:** Jayden Little 6-80, 2 TD; Kendrick Maye 2-35; Courtney Sturdivant 2-15; Jazez Griffin 1-12; Emmanuel Chambers 1-2. **Passing:** Luke Hyatt 12-20 144 yds, 2 TD. **Tackles:** Jazez Griffin (Jr) Solo 1, Assist 1; Denez Chambers (Sr) Solo 3; C. Sturdivant (Sr) Solo 3; J. Griffin (Sr) Solo 7, Assist 5; Jayden Little (Sr) Solo 2, Assist 2; Kendrick Maye (Jr) Solo 1, Assist 1; Zack Griffin (Sr) Solo 5, Assist 2; Jase Martin (So) Solo 1, Assist 1; Daquan McKeever (Jr) Solo 1, Assist 1; T'landis Carr (Jr) Solo 1, Assist 1; E. Chambers (Jr) Solo 1; Cedrick Zeno (Sr) Solo 2, Assist 1; D. Harrington (Jr) Assist 1; Gabriel Maxwell (Jr) Solo 3, Assist 2; Laiontae Little (Sr) Solo 2, Assist 2; E. Sturdivant (Sr) Solo 2; Gage Lookabill (Sr) Solo 2, Assist 1. **Sacks:** J. Griffin (Sr) 2. **Interceptions:** Jayden Little (Sr) 1; Cedrick Zeno (Sr) 1. **Passes Defended:** Daquan McKeever (Jr) 2. **Caus:** Jase Martin (So) 1

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The Wadesboro Primary School is starting something new this year - birthday books! Each student will receive a new book on his or her birthday!

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