

Obituaries

Mrs. Barbara Burns Downer

On Tuesday, August 31, 2021, Mrs. Barbara Burns Downer, 84, a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend to many passed away peacefully.

There was a funeral service to celebrate her life on Saturday, September 4, 2021, on the front lawn of Forestville Untied Methodist Church with Rev. Sybil Perrell and Rev. Mark Perko officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

With the service being outside, those attending were encouraged to dress comfortably and bring a lawn chair.

The family greeted friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. on Friday, September 3, 2021 at Leavitt Funeral Home.

Due to the rise in COVID 19 cases, the family requested those in attendance at the visitation and service wear masks and practice social distancing.

Barbara was born September 21, 1936, in Anson County and was a daughter of the late Charles Franklin Burns and the late Lucille Chapman Burns.

She was a graduate of Lilesville High School, and on November 25, 1956, she married the love of her life and best friend, Hampton Martin Downer.

Barbara had many passions, all of which brought such joy to her life. Her true love was her husband Hamp and they shared a wonderful life together rearing their three daughters. They loved traveling and spending time together at their beach and mountain homes. She was a homemaker and was often busy sewing, quilting and crocheting. She especially enjoyed sharing all of her handmade items with loved ones, friends and in craft shows that she participated in for many years.

Her love for her girls, grandchildren and great-grandchildren shaped each one individually. She demonstrated to them each day what strength, courage, patience and unconditional love should be. Her legacy as a mom, grandmother and great-grandmother now lives on through the lives of her family. There was no greater love than the love for her family.

A devoted and long-time member of Lilesville United Methodist Church, she loved her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and trusted in Him to lead and guide her. He was her anchor. All the members of the United Methodist Churches in Lilesville were her extended family. After the recent closing of Lilesville United Methodist Church, she moved her membership to Forestville United Methodist Church. She dearly loved each of the members of the churches and the times shared in worship and fellowship. She found great joy in gathering with her church families.

Nana, as she was called by all who knew and loved her, is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Donna (Frank) McAllister, Debbie (Jeff) Griffin and Dede (Joey) Watts; her grandchildren, Leslie Stegall (Jamey), Franklin McAllister (Danielle), Nikolas Griffin (Jessica), Emily Hasty (J.R.), Emsley Griffin (Bobbie Ann), Brooks Watts (Mallory Gibson) and Zakery Watts (Katie Young); her great-grandchildren, Peyton, Sydney, Madi, Griffin, Eason, Bailee and Case; her sister and brother-in-law, Becky and Ben Burr; her nephews and their families; and many dear and close friends who were all like family to her.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Hampton Downer and her sister Peggy Turner.

In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made to Forestville United Methodist Church Cemetery, Joanne Clark, 1781 Clark Mountain Rd., Lilesville, NC 28091 or to Lilesville Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 206, Lilesville, NC 28091.

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

Mr. Richard Vester Lowery, Jr.

Mr. Richard Vester Lowery, Jr., 58, died Monday, August 30, 2021, at Atrium Health Union in Monroe.

A memorial service was held on Friday, September 3, 2021, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home. The family greeted friends one hour prior to the service on Friday.

Richard was born October 5, 1962, in Anson County and was a son of the late Richard Vester Lowery and the late Judy Hammond Lowery.

He was a graduate of Bowman High School, a veteran of the United States Navy and was employed with INA Bearing in Cheraw, SC.

Left to cherish his life was his wife Tammy Carpenter Lowery; his children, Jessica Lowery of Aquadale, Ashley Lowery and Christopher Lowery, both of Wadesboro; his grandchildren, Cami, Kaden, River and Kinsley; his sisters and brother, Penny Lee and Lee Lowery, both of Lilesville and Susan Brigman of Peachland; his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Debbie Tyson (Albert), Larry Carpenter (Carol) and Mitchell Carpenter, all of Wadesboro, Sandra Eddins (Kerwin) of Morven and Ann Martin (Tommy) of Hartsville, SC; and his nieces and nephews and their families.

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

Mr. Dallas Monroe Ratliff

On Friday, September 3, 2021, Mr. Dallas Monroe Ratliff, 75, went to be with his Lord while a patient at Atrium Health Union in Monroe.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Teddy Lawson officiating. Interment with Masonic Rites will follow in Anson Memorial Park.

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

Dallas was born May 16, 1946, in Anson County and was a son of the late James Monroe Ratliff and the late Clara Adams Ratliff. He was a graduate of Anson High School and was employed with the Anson County Schools with more than 40 years of service at the time of his retirement.

He was an active member of Lilesville Baptist Church where he was a member of the Vance Gulleddge Sunday School Class. During the COVID pandemic Dallas hosted the Sunday Class in the garage of his home in order for them to still be able to meet although church services had been limited.

Dallas was a member of Kilwinning Masonic Lodge #64 in Wadesboro. He enjoyed the times shared with the brotherhood of the lodge.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 52 years, Darlene Bridges Ratliff; his children, Monica Renee Griffin (Jeff) of Monroe Jenkins and James Dallas Ratliff (Gwen) of Oak Island; his grandchildren, Justin Monroe Jenkins (Krista Grooms) of Lilesville, Caroline Spencer Ratliff of Oak Island, Ross Jonathan Carpenter of Lilesville and Neal S. Carpenter of Oak Island; his sisters and brother, Ernestine Brooks (Lynn) of Huntersville, Avis Crowley of McFarlan and Delton Ratliff of Iron Station; and his nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, Andrew Ratliff, Gayland Ratliff, Esther Preslar, Edna Rogers and Aaron Ratliff and his stepmother Josephine Lowery Ratliff.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Masonic Home for Children, Kilwinning Masonic Lodge, P.O. Box 777, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 791

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., for Annual Review of Gas Costs Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.4(c) and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6)))) PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing to conduct an annual review of the cost of natural gas supply, storage and transportation for Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont). The public hearing has been scheduled for Monday, October 11, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The hearing is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.4(c) and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6) for the purpose of comparing Piedmont's prudently-incurred gas costs with costs recovered from all of the utility's customers served during the test period. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

Piedmont filed testimony relating to the subject matter of this hearing on August 2, 2021. Further information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of Piedmont's testimony is available for review by the public. Also, documents can be viewed on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Correspondence regarding the annual review proceeding and the hearing thereon should be directed to the Public Staff and should include any information which the writer wishes to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Mr. Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection-Utilities, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001. Written statements may be emailed to utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov.

Written statements are not evidence unless the writers appear at a public hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

Persons desiring to intervene in this proceeding as formal parties should file a petition to intervene pursuant to Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Monday, September 27, 2021. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Monday, September 27, 2021.

This the 11th day of August, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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