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Mr. Cedrick Jackson "Jack" Hildreth

Mr. Cedrick Jackson "Jack" Hildreth, 85, of Sunset Beach, SC and formerly of Peachland, passed away on Saturday, September 6, 2015, at his home.

A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2015, at Multitudes Church in Laurinburg, NC. Born December 26, 1929, in Anson County, he was the son of the late Thurston Wagner and Margaret Brower Hildreth. He had retired from textiles.

Surviving are his sons, Rick Hildreth (Barbara) of Laurinburg, Stan Hildreth (Wendy) of Peachland and Jackie Hildreth of Sunset Beach; daughter, Kandy Rushing of Sunset Beach; stepson, Josh Kelly of Laurinburg; sisters, Amelia English and Margaret Yokley, both of Laurinburg, and Tabitha Deese of Charlotte; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2015, at Multitudes Church in Laurinburg.

The family is being served by McDougald Funeral Home & Crematorium. (www.McDougald.com)

Obituaries

Mrs. Jo Ellen Braswell Austin Flowe

Mrs. Jo Ellen Braswell Austin Flowe, 79, passed away Friday, September 4, 2015, at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at Deep Springs Baptist Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Flowe was the daughter of the late Cecil and Mary Lee Collins Braswell. She was preceded in death by her husband Max Austin.

She is survived by two sons, Mike Austin of Marshville and Philip Austin (Pamela) of Suwanee, Georgia; two daughters, Teresa Blackburn (Steve) and Cherie Austin, all of N. Myrtle Beach; seven grandchildren, Julianne Austin, Trevor Austin, Ella Austin, Chad Carpenter, Misty Williams, Paula Stewart and Justin Traywick; and great grandchildren, Luke, Coleman, Morgan and Tyson.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Lower Cape Fear Hospice Mercy Care via their website, mercyhospice.org, or 8216 Devon Court, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572.

Online condolences may be made at morganandsonfuneralhome.com. Morgan & Son Funeral Home of Marshville is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Anne Odom Helms

Mrs. Anne Odom Helms, 77, died Tuesday, September 1, 2015, at the home of her daughter in Indian Trail.

A memorial service was held on Friday, September 4, 2015, at Mill Grove United Methodist Church Sun Valley Campus with Rev. Jesse Herring officiating.

Surviving are his daughters, Connie Renee' (Joey Burris) Singletary and Michelle (Daniel) Weil, all of Wadesboro and Ciji Singletary of Greensboro; his grandchildren, Travis Darb (Melinda) Weil of Lilesville and Damien (Shannon Davis) Weil of Wadesboro; his great-grandchildren, Rolan Darb Weil, Cameron Weil and Maryann Weil; and his sister and brother, Jeanie Singletary and Bill Dawkins, both of Wadesboro.

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

Mrs. Beatrice "Pete" Lett Williams

Mrs. Beatrice "Pete" Lett Williams, 85, died Tuesday, September 1, 2015, at Hospice Haven in Rockingham.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, September 3, 2015, by the graveside in Anson Memorial Park.

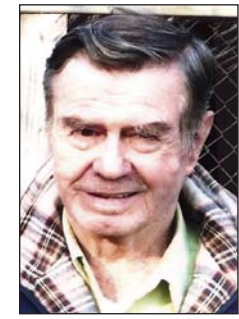
Pete was born September 22, 1929, in Anson County, a daughter of the late Early Walker Lett and the late Sally Boan Lett. She was retired from Wasona in Wadesboro.

Surviving are her son, Buddy Williams of Wadesboro and her sister, Dot Howell of Polkton.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Burcheal Williams and brothers and sisters, Early Lett, Dewey Lett, Imer Fowler, Mazilee "Poss" Tucker, Marie Hartsell, Lillian Cranford, Katherine Atkinson and Katie Dawkins.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Richmond County Hospice, 1119 N US Hwy 1, Rockingham, NC 28379.

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



Mr. Jack Turner

Mr. Jack Turner 80 of Polkton died on Monday, September 7, 2015, at Magnolia House in Sanford.

Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at Rocky Mount Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

Mr. Turner was born March 18, 1935, in Anson County. He was a son of the late Arthur Pearl and Kate Edwards Turner. He was a Veteran of the US Air Force and a retiree of Duke Power.

He is survived by a son, Jackie Turner and wife Jennie of Polkton and a daughter, Judy Ratliff and husband Robert of Marshville; four grandchildren, Jackie Lynn Turner, Laura Elizabeth Turner, Katie Ratliff and husband Robbie, and Lindsey Rummage and husband Hunter; and two great grandchildren, Addie and Gunner Ratliff.

Online condolences to edwardsfuneralhomes.com.



Mr. Michael Dean "Mike" Warwick

Mr. Michael Dean "Mike" Warwick 59 of Ansonville died at his home on Sunday, September 6, 2015.

Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2015, at Red Hill Baptist Church with Rev. Rodney Clements, Rev. Fred Carpenter and Rev. Jerome Cash officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evening, September 10, at Edwards Funeral Home in Norwood.

Mike was born March 7, 1956, in Stanly County. He was a son of Gale Dean Warwick of Ansonville and the late Jennie Mae Barbee Warwick. He was a retiree of the North Carolina Department of Transportation and a member of Red Hill Baptist Church.

In addition to his father he is survived by his wife of 38 years, Becky Hill Warwick; two daughters, Pamela Warwick Gathings and husband Kevin and Kelly Warwick Tyson and husband Kevin, all of Ansonville; three sisters, Patty Warwick Haigler and husband Kenneth of Norwood, Becky Warwick Dennis and husband Rickey of Albemarle and Jayne Warwick Tyson of Norwood; four grandchildren, Tyler and Seth Gathings, and Braylon and Brantley Tyson. Also surviving is his canine companion and friend Lucky.

Memorials may be made to Red Hill Baptist Church Brotherhood c/o Kay Benton. PO Box 305 Ansonville, NC 28007 or Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Children/Youth Fund, PO Box 656, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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Statewide Effort Helps 20,000 Keep their Homes

Good news for unemployed workers, funding available to assist 3,000 more

Labor Day is traditionally a time to celebrate workers and the contributions they make to the nation's economy. But in North Carolina, almost 6 percent of the state's labor force – more than 279,000 – won't be celebrating. Instead, they face a continuing struggle to find work and keep their homes out of foreclosure. For these displaced workers, the North Carolina Foreclosure Prevention Fund offers hope.

This summer, the Fund passed the 20,000 milestone of homeowners it has helped keep their homes while they recover from a temporary financial hardship such as the loss of a job. It has resources to help 3,000 more.

Offered by the N.C. Housing Finance Agency, the effort was created in 2010 in response to the state's widespread unemployment. Funding is from the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Hardest Hit Fund. While the economy has improved, unemployment in North Carolina still exceeds the national rate, and more than 14,000 foreclosure notices have been filed so far this year.

"Every foreclosure is a huge loss for not only the homeowner's family, but also for the state's economy," said Bob Kucab, executive director of the N.C. Housing Finance Agency. "The average foreclosure is estimated to cost the community \$80,000 in losses to the homeowner, lender, businesses and local government—including lost taxes and depreciating property value. "So far, the N.C. Foreclosure Prevention Fund has preserved more than \$3.6 billion in property alone."

The N.C. Foreclosure Prevention Fund makes monthly mortgage payments on behalf of qualified unemployed homeowners while they look for jobs or complete job training. Veterans preparing for civilian employment by enrolling in training or attending school under the GI Bill, as well as people who are back in the work force but at reduced wages, and those on fixed incomes, may also qualify for assistance.

How well has the program worked? Of the homeowners who have completed assistance since 2010, 98 percent have avoided foreclosure. For example: a Wilmington father who lost his job in restaurant management was able to keep his home and eventually manage another restaurant; a Charlotte auditor kept her home during a year-and-a-half-long job search; and a single mother in Clayton, laid off by a medical testing company, is now training to become a nursing assistant.

There is no cost to homeowners for the assistance, and homeowners do not need to be behind on their mortgage payments to qualify. Assistance is offered in two forms: 1) a zero-interest, deferred loan of up to \$36,000 paying mortgage and related costs for up to 36 months while the unemployed homeowner seeks or retrains for a job.

Loans can also be used to bring a mortgage current or help pay the mortgage for re-employed homeowners who are earning less while they look for higher paying work. The loan is forgiven after the homeowner lives in the home 10 years.

2) a zero-interest loan to pay off a second mortgage. This can reduce the homeowner's total monthly payment to an affordable level, and can help a homeowner who finds a new job, but at reduced income.

Eligible homeowners can apply through 40 participating HUD-approved counseling agencies or online at www.NCForeclosurePrevention.gov.

For more information, call 1-888-623-8631, or go to www.NCForeclosurePrevention.gov.



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