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Mr. Paul Jones Sikes, Sr.

Mr. Paul Jones Sikes, Sr., 76, died Wednesday, September 21, 2016, at Hospice of Union County in Monroe.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, September 24, 2016, at Hopewell United Methodist Church with Rev. Jeremiah Johnson officiating. Interment will be at a later date in the church cemetery.

Paul was born December 10, 1939, in Anson County, a son of the late Thomas Clyde Sikes and the late Effie Rushing Sikes. He was retired with 38 years of service with Coffing Hoists.

He was a life long and active member of Hopewell United Methodist Church, a graduate of Burnsville High School, retired member of

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Burnsville Fire Department and an avid hunter.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Joyce Treadaway Sikes of the home; his children, Paul Sikes, Jr. and Becky Sikes Wilson (Reece), all of Peachland; his grandchildren, Ashley Sikes, Abbey Sikes, Riley Terry and Ryan Terry, all of Peachland; and his sister and brothers, Margaret Bowers, Lee Sikes and Wink Sikes, all of Wadesboro.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter-in-law, Jennifer Martin Sikes and brothers and sister, Ross, Tommy, Boyce and Joyce Sikes.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hopewell United Methodist Church, c/o Susie McSwain, 424 Pork Rd., Peachland, NC 28133 or to Hospice of Union County, 700 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 28110.

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

Mrs. Lucile Meredith Streater

Mrs. Lucile Meredith Streater, 94, died peacefully Sunday, September 25, 2016, at Ambassador Rehabilitation and Health Care in Wadesboro.

Services will be held at

1:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 2, 2016, by the graveside in Savannah United Methodist Church Cemetery with Rev. Kaye Fry officiating. The family will greet friends following the service.

Lucile was born January 10, 1922, in Richmond, VA, the daughter of the late Clement Orestes Meredith and Angelina Wood Meredith. She earned a Bachelor's Degree from Western Carolina and later a Master's of Education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with an emphasis in mathematics.

Lucile had a diverse professional life, beginning with training at Charlotte Presbyterian Hospital for the Nurse Corp during World War II. After marriage, she became a teacher in Lilesville with the Anson County School system. She later worked in computer data and research for Westinghouse in Pittsburg, PA. She made her final career as a cattle farmer in Lilesville.

Lucile was very civic minded, enjoying serving on the Anson County Board of Education in the late 1960's, participating in the collecting of the census in the 1970's, and tutoring children in math well into her 80's. She once starred as Amanda in the Ansonia Theatre's production of Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie*. She was a long time member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society, a sorority for retired teachers and

was a member of the Anson County Cattlemen's Association.

Lucile was a devoted member of the Lilesville United Methodist Church where she served as organist and pianist for many years, as well as church treasurer.

Surviving are her daughter Carol Anne Ingram; her stepdaughters, Dawn Streater (David) Burt and Debby Streater (Jack) Wheeler; her beloved sisters-in-law, Margaret Ingram Bailey and Mildred Meredith; the Streater grandchildren; her lifelong friend, Jo Summers; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husbands, William L. Ingram, Jr., James R. Clark and Jasper Paul Streater; children, Nancy Jane Ingram and Charles Nelms Ingram; brothers, Edward C. Meredith, Clarence W. "Owen" Meredith and David L. Meredith and stepchildren, Johnny Ingram Streater, Darlene Grace Streater and Danette Maye Streater.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Lilesville United Methodist Church or Savannah United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, both at P.O. Box 452, Lilesville, NC 28091 or The Danette Streater Endowment, NC Community Foundation, 4601 Six Forks Rd., Suite 524,

Raleigh, NC 27609.

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

Mr. Patrick Andrew Taylor

Mr. Patrick Andrew Taylor, 58, of Louisburg, North Carolina died Thursday afternoon, September 21, 2016.

A memorial service was held on Monday, September 26, 2016, at Louisburg United Methodist Church.

Patrick was a son of the late Walter and Margaret G. Taylor. He was a member of Louisburg United Methodist Church and was a past member of the handbell choir. Patrick was a welder and worked for Altec Company. He was

also a leather craftsman and sold many of his leather products worldwide. He was a peer visitor for the Amputee Coalition of America.

Patrick is survived by his loving wife of 14 years, Janet H. Taylor; sons and daughter-in-law, Joshua and Cathy Taylor; Christopher Taylor and fiancé, Laura Zavislak; brother Larry Taylor; grandchildren, Owen and Alyssa Taylor, all of Philadelphia; and stepson Doug White of Louisburg.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Louisburg U.M.C., Good Samaritan Fund, P.O. Box 667, Louisburg, NC 27549.

Arrangements are by Strickland Funeral Home & Crematory in Louisburg, www.stricklandfuneralhome.net.

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Parks and Recreation Youth Basketball 2017 Registration

Anson County Parks and Recreation is offering registration for Youth Basketball from October 1 to 31. Programs are for grades K-2; 3-4; 5-6; 7-9; and 10-12. The cost is \$25.

You can register at Little Park Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Or, you can register by visiting www.anson.nc.us and emailing a registration form. Also, registration will take place at Walmart on Tuesday, October 18, from 3 to 5 p.m.

For more information contact Jeff Waisner 704-695-2550, Wendell Small 704-695-2782 or Morris Gatewood 704-694-5751.

NC Insurance Commissioner Announces \$3.6 Million Blue Cross Blue Shield NC Fine

Largest North Carolina Department of Insurance fine ever

North Carolina Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin has fined Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina \$3.6 million as part of a Voluntary Settlement Agreement. The agreement was signed by Commissioner Goodwin on September 15.

Since January, NCDI has received numerous complaints from BCBSNC customers which included allegations that BCBSNC customer service department was not readily available by telephone or through their website; that consumers did not receive valid identification cards or proof of coverage; that consumers experienced problems in billings and crediting of premium payments; that consumers experienced incorrect policy cancellation notices and difficulty obtaining premium refunds due; and that consumers did not receive timely notices of renewal of their policies with explanations of coverage changes. The Department will continue to assist consumers as needed.

"As your Insurance Commissioner, and an advocate for consumers across North Carolina, Blue Cross Blue Shield had to be held accountable," said Commissioner Goodwin. "A record fine has been paid."

The \$3.6 million will come from BCBSNC surplus and will not affect any customer premiums which is clearly laid out in the Voluntary Settlement Agreement.

This is the largest fine the North Carolina Department of Insurance has ever leveled and almost double the previous largest amount against a single company.

Consumers in need of assistance from the N.C. Department of Insurance should call 855-408-1212 or visit www.ncdoi.com.

Breast Cancer Awareness Lunch & Learn Program October 7

The public is invited to Matheson Public Library in Cheraw on Friday, October 7 for a lunch & learn program entitled Breast Cancer Awareness, presented by McLeod Health in Cheraw. The program will feature Dr. David Bersinger from McLeod OB/GYN Cheraw, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. This program is free.

If you would like to attend please RSVP 843-537-3571 by October 4.

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