

Obituaries

Mr. Ricky Jay Sikes

On Sunday, October 2, 2022, Mr. Ricky Jay Sikes, 65, passed away peacefully at his home in the Burnsville Community, a place very near his heart.

There will be a memorial service at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 6, 2022, at Hopewell United Methodist Church with Rev. Patrick Ledford officiating. Inurnment will follow in the church cemetery.

The family will greet friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro and other times at the home.

Rick was born May 9, 1957, in Anson County, and was the youngest child of the late Ralph Farrell Sikes and the late Helen Maxine Bobbitt Sikes. He was a graduate of Bowman High School and attended North Carolina State University.

He worked for several years with Anson Contractors and later owned and operated Sikes Repair in Wadesboro, specializing in heavy equipment repairs. Sikes Repair worked for Huntley Oil and Pee Dee Electric, keeping their trucks in good working condition for their companies.

A lifelong member of Hopewell United Methodist Church, he was also very active with the Burnsville Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue. He was with the fire department for nearly 35 years. Both Hopewell Church and the fire department were important parts of his life.

Rick grew up on his family's farm and worked along with his family there. Growing up he enjoyed squirrel and dove hunting.

Among his favorite pastimes, you could find him spending time at the family's home at Lake Tillery, shooting pool, playing ping pong and a good card game of spades.

He leaves behind his son, who he was very proud of, Robbie; his sister and brother, Joye Baucom of Charlotte and Ralph Sikes, Jr. (Melissa) of Ocean Isle Beach; his nieces and nephew, Monica Wilson (Eric) of Charlotte, Cami Beaver (Tim) of Lake Norman, David Lewis (Kristen) of Greensburg, PA and Farrell Nicholson (Will) of Raleigh and their families.

In addition to his parents, Rick was preceded in death by his wife Jinny Lea Starnes Sikes, his sisters, Jackie Lewis and Judy Sikes and his brother-in-law Don Baucom.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hopewell United Methodist Church, Cemetery Fund, c/o Susie McSwain, 424 Pork Rd., Peachland, NC 28133 or to Burnsville VFD, 13380 NC-742, Polkton, NC 28135.

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

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Alert System ACORNS to Keep Community Informed During Emergency Situations

Public safety officials encourage residents to create and update their information in the Nnew ACORNS platform

On Thursday, May 19 public safety officials in Anson County announced that ACORNS is now available to all residents, replacing the previous ACORN system. ACORNS is a free service that allows individuals to receive notifications sent from National Weather Service (NWS) and local authorities to stay informed on potentially hazardous situations involving weather, traffic and other emergencies, including the spread of the coronavirus.

The switch to ACORNS allows residents to receive alerts via phone, text and email, and answer poll questions that will give Anson County officials critical information during emergency situations. Individuals who are signed up for alerts will receive reliable information from county officials, including tailored updates based on their specific needs and geographic location.

Individuals who were previously signed up for ACORN will need to enroll in ACORNS, and to review and update their information in the new platform to ensure accuracy. Residents and travelers to Anson County who were not previously signed up for ACORN should sign up for free at www.co.anson.nc.us to receive timely and actionable emergency alerts via email, text or voice message. They can also identify when and how they are alerted and communicated with before, during and after emergencies.

"ACORNS strengthens Anson County officials' ability to communicate with residents when it matters most," said R. Diggs, Chief, Anson County Emergency Services. "This service allows for critical communication with the public and provides individuals with the information needed to stay safe or take precautions during hazardous or emergency situations, especially during severe weather."

ACORNS is powered by Rave and is trusted by thousands of institutions including state and local authorities, business and educational institutions. Rave sends millions of messages daily and during critical situations such as severe weather.

Community members are encouraged to sign up for ACORNS and input or update their information and notification preferences today at www.co.anson.nc.us.

SC Jazz Festival Concludes with Sunday Concert

The public is invited to a closing celebration of the SC Jazz Festival on Sunday, October 16 in Cheraw. "Gabriel Blow Your Horn" concert will be presented at First Presbyterian Church of Cheraw, located at 200 Market Street. The 2:00pm concert is free.

Attendees of all ages can enjoy the sounds of the trumpet, organ, piano, bass and drums swinging a variety of jazz standards. Featured in this intimate concert will be the Jonathan Lovett Trio presenting a tribute to the great Oscar Peterson who recorded a record with Dizzy Gillespie in 1974 simply titled, "Oscar Peterson and Dizzy Gillespie." It'll be a heavenly listening experience to wrap up a brilliant 2022 SC Jazz Festival!

For additional information contact the Cheraw Arts Commission- 843.537.8420 x 12.

Thank You

To the citizens of Anson County,

We would like to thank you for your many phone calls, visits, cards, flowers, food and gifts. Perhaps you just sat and talked with us for awhile. Anything you did is greatly appreciated.

Landric would be so proud to know how much you cared. We his family could never tell you how grateful we are. We could never say thank you enough, but Thank You from the bottom of our hearts.

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