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On Wednesday, September 24, 2025, Mr. Paul Edward Wright, 78, passed away peacefully at his home with his wife and son at his bedside.

Mr. Paul Edward Wright

The family welcomes visitors at the home, located at 1228 Coppedge Eddins Road in Wadesboro, from Thursday through Sunday at any time.
Paul was born May 25, 1947, and grew up in

Waynesville, NC. He was the son of the late Newell Emery Wright and the late Carrie Lee Hutchens Wright. He served in the military for four years and worked as a long distance truck driver for 27 years.

Those who are left to cherish his memory are his wife of 32 years, Brenda Fulk Wright; his son Justin Cassidy; and his dear friends who were more like brother, Joe Wood of Wingate, and Mike Starnes and George Edwards, both of Burnsville.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sons, William "Billy" Griffin and Michael Cassidy and his sisters and brothers, Pauline, John Henry, Everette, Neal, Francis, Virgie, Edith and Vernon.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to Liberty Home Care and Hospice for all they did for Paul while he was in their care.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to

Liberty Hospice, 119 W. Wade St., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

New Thrills, New Tastes, Same Stretchy Pants: The State Fair

The N.C. State Fair is back, and this year it's promising more thrills, more laughs, and more deep-fried creations than your doctor would probably recommend. From jaw-dropping rides to fortune-telling cowboys, here's what's new (and delightfully odd)

New Rides! Powers Great American Midway is upping the ante with three new pendulum rides: The Colossus, The Flip Side, and The Kamikaze. If you've ever wondered what it feels like to be a sock in a spin cycle, now's your chance. Fair favorites like the Crazy Mouse roller coaster, the Scrambler, and the Flying Bob are also back for those who prefer their nausea seasoned with nostalgia.

New Entertainment! This year's lineup features cowboy Andy Rotz, World's Fastest Draw Champion, who will dazzle with trick roping, knife throwing, and enough gun-slinging to make Clint Eastwood raise an eyebrow. For fortune seekers, the Conjurer Fortune Machine offers a live Zoltar-style experience - yes, just like the Tom Hanks movie "Big," but with better jokes and no awkward body-swapping. And back by popular demand is Cast in Bronze, a carillon performance with 35 bronze bells. Think church bells, but they're rocking out to classic rock and movie soundtracks.

New Foods! The food vendors are bringing over 50 new creations, and though the list is still under wraps, one thing is certain: your waistband is about to enter negotiations. If it can be fried, dipped in chocolate, or served on a stick, you'll probably find it here. New Partnerships! The fair will also celebrate the 20th anniversary of Military Appreciation Day on Wednesday, Oct. 22, thanks to Duke Energy. Active and retired military personnel, plus one guest, get free admission with valid ID. It's the state's way of saying, "Thank you for your service - now here's a funnel cake the size of your head."

So grab your walking shoes (and maybe some antacids), because the 2025 N.C. State Fair is ready to spin you, thrill you, and feed you until you swear off food... at

For more info on Duke Energy Military Appreciation Day and other special event days, visit ncagr.gov/divisions/nc-state-fair/deals-discounts.

More special days Another agriculture highlight is the featured Farm Family of the Day sponsored by Tractor Supply Company. Every day the fair will celebrate a farm family for their contributions to the state's No. 1 industry, agriculture.

• Throughout the 11-day run, the fair hosts a number of special days including Wolfpack Day with \$8 admission for N.C. State students and Sensory Day presented by Bandwidth, Oct. 19, from 9 a,m. to 1 p.m. where rides, games, booths and vendors operate without lights or music.

• Senior Citizens' Day is Oct. 21 with free admission for those 65 and up. Bojangles biscuits and coffee will be served beginning at 9 a.m. and a short program with music is provided on the Waterfall Stage.

• Duke Energy Military Appreciation Day is Oct. 22 with a parade and free admission to military personnel and guest.

• Smithfield Foods Hunger Relief Day is Oct. 23 with free admission for guests bringing six canned food items to donate to the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. This is typically the largest one-day food drive in the state, and the need for food assistance continues to grow.

Mark your calendars now for the biggest event in the state in October. Don't miss the fun and excitement Oct. 16-26 at the N.C. State Fair. Tickets to the Fair are on sale now at www.ncstatefair.org.



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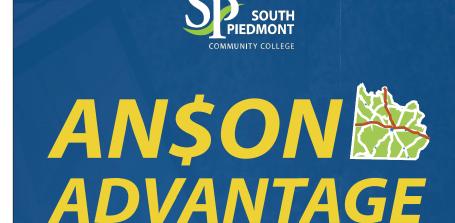
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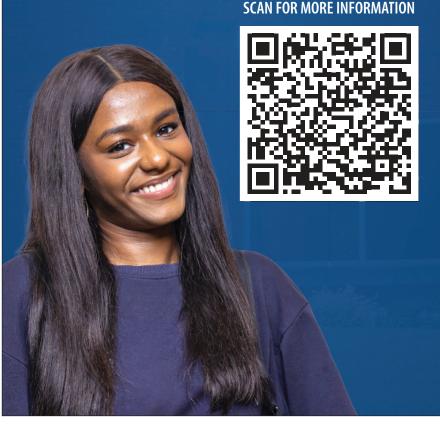
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