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Mr. John Jennings Dunlap, III

Mr. John Jennings Dunlap, III died peacefully Friday, October 4, 2013, at FirstHealth Hospice House in Pinehurst, NC.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, October 9, 2013, at Calvary Episcopal Church in Wadesboro, followed by committal at Eastview Cemetery.

Born May 23, 1926, in what was then known as the Paris community of southern Anson County, John (called "Buddy" by family and childhood friends) was the son of John Jennings Dunlap, II and Janie MacAlister Dunlap. He had three older sisters, Sarah Virginia Dunlap, Jane MacAlister Dunlap, and Armantine Dunlap Groshong, all deceased. His much loved wife, Helen

Obituaries

Hales Dunlap, also preceded him in death.

Mr. Dunlap is survived by daughters Helen Jane Dunlap and Kate MacAlister Dunlap of Pittsboro, NC; grandchildren, Mya Jennings Smith of Palo Alto, CA, Ethan Dunlap Smith of Chapel Hill, Caleb MacAlister Bruce of Charlotte and Dylan Haley Bruce of Burlington, NC; and great-grandchildren, Samuel Elliott Smith and Aaron James Smith of Chapel Hill.

Mr. Dunlap enjoyed a long career as the Comptroller of Wansona Manufacturing Company in Wadesboro. After retirement he committed himself to community service. His love of Anson County and knowledge of its history were unsurpassed. He was passionately devoted to the Anson County Historical Society, where he served as an executive leader, local historian, and newsletter author/editor until his death.

He was instrumental in the restoration and maintenance of local historic buildings and cemeteries, and helped create the museums and historical displays that are an important part of his legacy. A committed member of Calvary Episcopal Church, Mr. Dunlap served as a lay reader and Senior Warden for many years. He was a member of Rotary Club International, and served on state and local ABC Boards.

Mr. Dunlap was educated in the city schools of Wadesboro and graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1950 with a B.S. in Business. He enlisted in the US Navy at the age of 17 and served in World War II as Navigator in the South West Pacific Theater. Mr. Dunlap was awarded the Bronze Star for his valor. He was a proud patriot and enjoyed PT Boat reunions with his fellow veterans for many years.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the Anson County Historical Society or the Anson County charitable organization of their choice.

Leavitt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com.

Ms. Boydileania Elizabeth Helms

Ms. Boydileania Elizabeth Helms, 46, passed away on October 10, 2013.

Funeral Services will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 19, 2013, in the chapel of Morgan & Son Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Marshville City Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

She was the daughter of the late Thurmond Boyd Helms, Jr. and Louise Stephens Helms.

She is survived by her mother Louise S. Helms of Tampa, Florida and brother

Christopher Douglas Helms of Seffner, Florida.

Mr. Willard Ray Westbrook, Sr.

Mr. Willard Ray Westbrook, Sr., 74, died Friday, October 13, 2013, at his home.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, October 18, 2013, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Dr. Robert Hunter officiating. Interment will follow in Anson Memorial Park. The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service on Friday at the funeral home.

Ray was born April 15, 1939, in Duplin County, NC, a son of the late Lewis Andrew and Margaret Hill Westbrook. He was retired from Tom's Foods and a member of First Baptist Church, Wadesboro.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Rebecca Porter Westbrook of the home; his sons and daughters-in-law, Ray Westbrook, Jr. (Jeannine) of Asheboro and Dr. Neil Westbrook (Whitney) of Raleigh; and his grandchildren, Morgan, Elizabeth, Shelby, Parker and Hadley. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Lewis Westbrook, Jr.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 423, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

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Wildlife Commission Announces Price Increase and Changes for Vessel Registrations

Fee increases and changes in vessel registration and titling resulting from the N.C. General Assembly's passage of Senate Bill 402 went into effect October 1. The new fees for registering and titling a vessel in North Carolina will be:

- 1-Year Registration Fees: Vessels less than 26 feet \$30 & Vessels 26 feet or greater \$50
- 3-Year Registration Fees: Vessels less than 26 feet \$90 & Vessels 26 feet or greater \$150
- Titling Fees: New or Transfer Title \$30

Two other vessel registration changes also took effect October 1. The first change requires an owner of a vessel documented with the U.S. Coast Guard to register the vessel in North Carolina if the vessel is in the state for more than 90 consecutive days. Federal law prohibits documented vessels from being titled in North Carolina.

The second change eliminated the free, one-year vessel registration renewal for those who have a commercial fishing license. To renew a vessel registration, commercial fishing license owners will pay the normal rate, which is based on the vessel length.

The fee increases were the result of recent legislation passed by the N.C. General Assembly as part of the state budget act, section 14.22 of Senate Bill 402. The law established the new registration fees and requires the Wildlife Resources Commission to transfer 50 percent of fees to the New Shallow Draft Navigation Channel and Lake Dredging Fund.

"The General Assembly recognized a need to find funding to maintain and dredge shallow draft inlets and navigation channels - many of which have historically been maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers," said Wildlife Resources Commission Executive Director Gordon Myers. "Over the past 15 years, these federal funds have been reduced or eliminated and other states and local governments have created similar funding sources to maintain their waterways due to the decrease in federal funds. The funds can be used for dredging in coastal and inland waters and any local government applying for the funds has to provide a 50 percent match."

For additional information about vessel registration and titling, call the Commission at 1-800-628-3773 or visit www.ncwildlife.org/vesselregistration.

James Smith and Mary Thomas Named BRLC Volunteers of the Month



In a release from BRLC: Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center volunteers and supporters honored James L. Smith and Mary K. Thomas as Volunteers of the Month for August. These two great people have worked faithfully in the service of volunteering at the BRLC for quite sometime.

James has volunteered since the onset of the BRLC. "We can always depend on him to make sure that the USDA items are there each month," said BRLC Director Carol Smith. "Mr. Smith started many years ago as a transporter for the BRLC Food Pantry, and since takes care of whatever else comes to hand. His support is one that we have always been able to count on. His laboring has been a blessing to so many families in Anson, Union, and the surrounding counties. Mr. Thomas stands tall in the community of BRLC because of all he brings this to our community center. He is a member and Elder of the Monroe Full Gospel Ministries in the Monroe Community."

"Mary Thomas has diligently given many hours and leadership to the BRLC," continued Smith. "Her kindness to the neighbors can never be replaced. She faithfully gives of herself weekly. Her smile lights up the place even when things seem to be blue. Her desire is to make other feel the presence of God's spirit no matter what their situation may be. She is one who always prays, and she shares kind and encouraging words to others.

She is softly spoken, and exemplifies a kind and gracious spirit in making sure that each and every one who comes into those doors on Wednesday are valued and welcomed. Mary is a congregational member of the Hopewell United Methodist Church."

James Smith and Thomas each received certificates of appreciation. The community is invited to come out and share with the BRLC on the third Saturday of each month for a 9:30 a.m. breakfast and a short meeting at 10 a.m.



Sheriff's Office Receives Grant and Donation

Anson County Sheriff Tommy Allen is pictured accepting a check for \$10,000 from David Jones of Waste Connections of NC. The check is a matching amount for the Sheriff's Office to use with a recent \$10,000 grant from the state to address gang issues in Anson County. In giving the check, David Jones said that Waste Connections wants to continue to be a positive force in Anson County and work with organizations such as the Sheriff to help improve the quality of life in the county. This presentation was made at the County Commissioner's meeting on Monday, September 9.

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