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Obituaries

tended family. She enjoyed working outside in her yard, sewing, word puzzles, and her cats.

She was preceded in death by her husband Johnnie Morris and seven siblings, Dewey Brock, Nellie Diggs, Leola Chearning, Flora Bell Gullede, Izzie Baker, James Brock and Robert Brock.

She is survived by her daughter Donna Morris, of Bluffton, SC and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Camden Presbyterian Church, c/o Joyce Liles, 521 NC 742 South, Wadesboro, NC 28170; or to the Alzheimer's Association, Western Carolina Chapter, 4600 Park Road, Suite 250, Charlotte, NC 28209.

Mr. Robert A. (Bob) Ballard

Mr. Robert A. (Bob) Ballard, 76, of 111 Tea Farm Road in Summerville, SC, passed away on October 12, 2015.

Bob, from Polkton, was the son of the late Tom and Sue Ballard. He was predeceased by a brother and sister, Bill Ballard and Anne Ballard Lynch.

He is survived by his wife, Sylvia Bricker Ballard; daughters, Kimberly Ballard Dolan (Chip), Kelly Ballard Loretangi and Kristi Ballard Fulcher (Roland); nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to Williams Cemetery Fund, c/o Tom Bricker, 1135 Winfield Road, Polkton NC 28135.

Arrangements are in the

Mrs. Cletis Rorie Trexler

Mrs. Cletis Rorie Trexler, 84, died Thursday, October 15, 2015, at her home.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, October 19, 2015, at Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Carl Dumford and Mr. Ken Goins officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

Cletis was born in Anson County on March 4, 1931, a daughter of the late Lonnie Carl Rorie, Sr. and Lina C. Rorie. She worked for Burlington Mills (Ballet Hosiery) for 20 years and then as the activities director at Wadesboro Nursing Home until her retirement. She loved all things related to flower gardening and enjoyed being outdoors. Cletis also enjoyed baking and decorating cakes for friends and neighbors celebrating all occasions.

Survivors include her children, Clete (Marty) Trexler of Concord, Huey (Susie) Trexler of Norwood and Robin Trexler of Wadesboro; two brothers, Jerry (Nan) Rorie of Lilesville and Carl (Sharon) Rorie, Jr. of Elmwood, NE; a sister, Judy (Sam) Deese of Walterboro, SC; and her nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to her parents, Cletis was preceded in death by her husband, Hugh Trexler and a sister, Carlene Martin.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 351, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or

care of Olivet United Methodist Church, c/o Martha Goodwin, 3788 Stanback Ferry Road, Lilesville, NC 28091.

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

Mr. William "Bill" Thomas Tucker

Mr. William "Bill" Thomas Tucker, 65, died Thursday, October 15, 2015, at Meadowview Terrace Assisted Living.

Private graveside services were held on Sunday, October 19, 2015.

Bill was born in Anson County on June 23, 1950, a son of the late Bradley and Sarah Wallace Tucker. He worked as a welder in commercial construction for several companies including Brown and Root, Inc.

Survivors include sons, Bryan (Stephanie) Tucker of Morven and Scott Tucker of Rockingham; four grandchildren, Jordan Tucker, Peyton Tucker, Noah Tucker and Logan Tucker; brother Jimmy Tucker of Wadesboro; sister Sandra (Mike) Tyson of Holden Beach; and many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation for the love and care shown to Bill by the staff at both Anson Health and Rehab and Meadowview Terrace Assisted Living.

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



Whether a card, a visit, a food item or a soft spoken prayer, the family of Jesse Clayton Burr, Sr. would like to acknowledge with grateful appreciation the love you shared during the loss of our loved one, Jesse.

Your kindness and thoughtfulness will be remembered by our family.

Thank you from the Burr Family.
Betty, Jesse Jr. & Michelle, Robert & Kimberly, David & Sandra, and Monica

Mr. Elgie Gardner Sheppard



Mr. Elgie Gardner Sheppard, 86, of Lilesville, left to be with our Lord on Thursday, October 15, 2015, at the Union County Hospice House.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, October 18, 2015, at Forestville United Methodist Church with Rev. Kaye Fry officiating. Interment followed in the Hopewell United Methodist Church Cemetery in Peachland.

Elgie was born June 17, 1929, the oldest son of S. G. and Flonnie Taylor Sheppard. He grew up in the Burnsville community and graduated from Burnsville High School before moving to Lilesville. Using his experience in forestry, Elgie went to work with International Paper Company in Lilesville. He later started a chainsaw and small engine repair shop in Lilesville appropriately named Sheppard Stihl Sales and Service. Elgie was recognized numerous years for being the outstanding Stihl dealer in the state of North Carolina. He retired after operating the shop for fifty years!

Elgie served faithfully as a trustee at Forestville United Methodist Church. He enjoyed working on many church projects, especially "Ingathering."

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Jean Austin Sheppard of the home; a daughter, Vickie (Sam) Pesce of Peachland; a son, Norris (Debbie) Sheppard of Peachland; five grandchildren, David Pesce, Kristie McCollum, Trent (Kelly) Sheppard, Tyler Sheppard and Mirandi (Tyler) Chewning; five great-grandchildren, Brianna McCollum, Genna McCollum, Aiden Sheppard, John Carter Chewning and Lyla Lee Chewning; his brother, Dewey (Ruby) Sheppard of Lilesville; and his beloved miniature poodle, "Jo-Jo."

Elgie was preceded in death by his brother Bobby Sheppard and a sister-in-law Jan Sheppard.

Memorials may be made to Hopewell UMC, c/o Susie McSwain, 424 Pork Rd., Peachland, NC 28133 or to Forestville UMC, c/o Debra Moss, 133 Forest Rd., Lilesville, NC 28091.

Leavitt Funeral Home served the Sheppard Family. Online condolences may be made at leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com.

Apply Now for Summer 2016 Paid State Government Internships

North Carolina residents attending a college, university, technical institute or community college have until December 18, 2015 to apply for one of up to 70 paid state government internships available for summer 2016. All internships will begin on May 24, 2016 and conclude on July 29, 2016. The 2016 State Government Internship Project Booklet describing all available rules and opportunities is now online at www.doa.state.nc.us (click on "Press Releases.")

The McCrory Administration's State Government Internship Program, through the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office in the NC Department of Administration, offers students real-world experience in a wide range of state government workplaces. Internships provide opportunities for students to work in their chosen field and to consider careers in public service. More than 4,000 students have participated since the program was established in 1969.

"The opportunities that this paid internship will give students will open doors throughout state government to afford students with an array of professional experiences in their field of study," said Candace Dudley, Internship Coordinator for the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office. "This program will also assist state agencies with meeting their missions."

Paid summer internships are available in locations across the state. They provide North Carolina students with compensated professional work experience that integrates education, career development and public service. Opportunities exist in numerous recognized fields of study, from accounting to zoology, and interns will also participate in seminars, tours or other activities designed to broaden their perspective of public service and state government. Interns will earn a stipend of \$8.25 per hour and work 40 hours per week for 10 weeks in the summer.

To be eligible for the program, a student must be a permanent North Carolina resident with an overall grade point average of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale, have graduated from high school and subsequently completed their sophomore year of college before beginning the internship. Community college students must complete their first year before beginning the internship. Applicants must be continuing their education in the fall following their participation in the program. To qualify for a position designated for law interns, a student must have completed at least one year of law school before the beginning of the internship. Students having previously held paid internships at the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office are not eligible to apply.

Interns are selected through a competitive process overseen by the NC Internship Council. Selection is based on a review of applications by the Council, student interviews with prospective supervisors, academic records, participation in extracurricular activities and interest in state government.

For more information, please visit the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office online or by phone at 919-807-4400. Information is also available in campus career services or cooperative education offices.

Start Holiday Shopping November 14 at Arts Council's Christmas in November

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, with Christmas not far behind. That means it's time to make your holiday gift list. What better place to start shopping than right here in Anson County?

On Saturday, November 14 the Anson County Arts Council's fifth annual Christmas in November Art & Crafts Sale at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., offers the opportunity to find unique gifts, support local artists and craftsmen, and keep your money right here in our area economy.

This time of year Americans spend millions of dollars on cheaply made goods produced in foreign countries. Why not buy American quality this year? Unique pottery, jewelry, wood-crafted items, toys, folk art, crocheted items, Christmas decor and much, much more – all created by people who live and work right here in our area – provide a huge array of ideas for gift-giving and for that special something you can't live without.

Admission is free, so come out and find the perfect gift to surprise someone you love. The Arts Council offers this event as a public service for area residents, artists, and artisans. Interested in reserving a table to sell your own creations? Contact the Arts Council at 704-694-4950 or ansonart@windstream.net.

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