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Whitney Phillips, Franky Phillips and Elliott Carpenter; his brother Johnny Brown (Jane) of Polkton; his sister-in-law Darnell Lang (Joey) of Morven; his special friend Diane Tarlton of Wadesboro; and his beloved dog Sparky.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Cindy McRae Brown and his brother Charlie Brown.

Bobby will be remembered as a very simple and humble man who loved his family dearly and was always willing to help others.

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

Miss Linda Sue McCormick

On Tuesday, October 17, 2023, Miss Linda Sue McCormick, 84, passed away peacefully at Hospice Haven in Rockingham.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 21, 2023, at Forestville United Methodist Church with Rev. Sybil Perrell officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

The family greet friends prior to the service at the church and other times at the McCormick home place in Lilesville.

Linda Sue was born September 29, 1949, in Anson County, a daughter of the late Harvey Jesse McCormick and the late Jessie Mae Bunn McCormick. She was a graduate of Bowman High School and had worked as a receptionist for Dr. Ruth Elum in Wadesboro.

She was a lifelong member of Forestville United Methodist Church where she participated faithfully with the United Methodist Women and the annual ingathering.

Those left to cherish her memory are her brother and sister-in-law, Buck and Mary McCormick of Lilesville; her nieces and nephews, Stacey McCormick of Lilesville, Sean McCormick (Meilani) of Julian and Charles Holley (Ashley) and Mary Katherine Holley, all of Lilesville; her great-nieces and great-nephews, Calvin Smith (Kimberly), Tyra Smith, Leila McCormick, Joseph McCormick Luke McCormick, Max Griffin and C. T. Holley; her great-great-niece and great-great-nephew, Brooklyn Smith and Caleb Smith; her aunt, Lib Lear of Wadesboro; and her cousins and their families.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister and brother, Jo Ann McCormick and Charlie McCormick.

Linda Sue's family is most grateful to the staff at Wadesboro Health and Rehab in Wadesboro for the love and care they have given her while a resident there.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Forestville United Methodist Church Cemetery, c/o, Joann Clark, 1781 Clark Mtn. Rd., Lilesville, NC.

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

Mr. James Ross Ricketts

On Thursday, October 19, 2023, with his family gathered around his room, Mr. James Ross Ricketts, 87, beloved husband, father, papa, brother and friend, was called home to be with his Lord and Savior and reunited with his son Keith.

The family takes great comfort in knowing James has heard the welcome words, "well done good and faithful servant".

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at Mt. Beulah Baptist Church with Rev. Randy Storz and his nephew Rev. Kevin Ricketts officiating.

Interment followed in the church cemetery.

The family will greet friends on Monday, October 23, 2023, at Leavitt Funeral Home and other times at the home.

James was born December 9, 1935, in Anson County, and was a son of the late Eugene James Ross Ricketts and the late Georgie Anna Harrington Ricketts.

He was a graduate of Lilesville High School and member of the Kilwinning Masonic Lodge #64 in Wadesboro.

He had a long career with Winn Dixie in Wadesboro as store manager with 24 years of service. He later worked as a salesman with Huntley Buick for 20 years.

A lifelong member of Mt. Beulah Baptist Church, James served as an usher for nearly 40 years and on the baptism and cemetery committees.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 68 years, Eugenia Johnson Ricketts; his grandchildren, Heith Ricketts (Carly) of Wadesboro and Kerry Helms (Wesley) of Chesterfield, SC; his great-grandchildren who brought him so much joy, Hank Ricketts, Harper Helms, Kensley Helms and Charley Mae Helms; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Jerry and Sandra Ricketts of Wadesboro and Robbie and Janet Ricketts of Matthews; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Richard and Elaine Johnson and Dawn and Bob Garris, all of Wadesboro and Andrea and Chesley Greene of Lilesville; and his nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son Keith Ricketts, his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Stanmore and Christine Jones Johnson and his sister-in-law Peggy Hildreth.

James will be remembered for quiet, yet warm personality and for being devoted to his family. He was the "rock" and mainstay for his family and lived a Christian example before them and his fellow man.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mt. Beulah Baptist Church, 3373 Country Club Rd, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

Public Hearing - Anson Landfill

The NC Dept. of Environmental Quality is holding a public hearing on Oct. 26, at 6:30 p.m., to receive comments for the proposed Anson Landfill expansion. The hearing will be at the County Courthouse, 114 North Greene Street, Wadesboro.

Information can be viewed at: <https://bit.ly/3PCx93A>.

Mrs. Delia Ann "Dee Ann" McGee Shoemaker

Mrs. Delia Ann "Dee Ann" McGee Shoemaker, 83, passed away peacefully at Brookdale Weddington Park in Matthews, NC.

Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 27, 2023, by the graveside in Rocky Mount Baptist Church Cemetery in Polkton.

The family will greet friends following the service.

Dee Ann was born May 12, 1940, in Harlan, KY and was a daughter of the late Victor Chester McGee and the late Anna Maria Shankle McGee. She was a graduate of Wadesboro High School and earned her bachelors and master's degrees from the University of Georgia.

Those left to cherish her memory are her son and daughter-in-law, Russell James Shoemaker, Jr. and Sarah of New York, NY; her brothers, Victor Chester McGee, Jr. (Anne) of Wilmington, Joseph Hill McGee (Mary) of Charlotte and John Emory McGee of Wilmington; and her nieces and nephews and their families.

Dee had a great love for art, gardening and flowers.

The family is most grateful to the staff of Brookdale Weddington Park and Hospice and Palliative Care of Charlotte for the care they provided Dee Ann.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Rocky Mount Baptist Church Cemetery, 4167 Rocky Mount Church Rd., Polkton, NC 28135.

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

Golf Tournament to Benefit Renovation of the Kilwinning Lodge #64 AF&AM

Twin Valley Golf Club is hosting a golf tournament on Friday, October 27 to help renovate and restore one of Wadesboro's oldest buildings, the home of Kilwinning Lodge #64 AF&AM on South Greene Street. The tournament begins at 8 a.m.

Proceeds benefit Kilwinning Lodge's Historic Masonic Properties Fund in the NC Masonic Foundation, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization. For more information, to register or to make a donation, contact Eric Forbes at (704) 694-8400 or ericforbesproperties@gmail.com.

The lodge, chartered in 1813, built its two-story home between 1851 and 1857 at the southwest corner of South Greene and West Morgan streets. In 1951 the building was moved one block south. Research by Calvin Gaddy indicates that the lodge building is one of the oldest in town, preceded by the Boggan-Hammond House (1796), Troy House on Hall Street (1801), Leavitt House (1832) and the Alexander Little Wing (1839).

The lodge has been a positive force in Anson County since its inception. Today its members support Anson County charities in addition to the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford and the Masonic and Eastern Star Home in Greensboro.

The mission of Freemasonry in North Carolina is to raise the moral, social, intellectual, and spiritual conscience of society by teaching the ancient and enduring philosophical tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, which are expressed outwardly through service to God, family, country, and self under the Fatherhood of God within the Brotherhood of Man. Freemasonry does not recruit members but inquiries about membership are welcomed.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Did you know using your dishwasher is more energy efficient than washing a load of dishes by hand? To maximize efficiency, wash full loads in the dishwasher and don't block the arms or other parts that move while the appliance is in use.

For additional savings, turn on the "air dry" setting instead of using the "heat dry" setting and use a rinse aid to help dishes dry faster without spotting and streaking.

Source: energy.gov

*** PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ***

Anson Landfill Expansion

With the intent of expanding the landfill capacity more than twofold, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality has issued a draft permit for the proposed horizontal and vertical expansion of the Anson Landfill.

This would increase the disposal area from 133.10 acres to 198.44 acres and the maximum landfill height would be raised by 70 feet, taking the total capacity from 21.6 million cubic yards to an alarming 41.5 million cubic yards.

This expansion is deeply concerning and we urge all citizens of Anson County to attend this public hearing.

Your voice matters, and we must act together to protect our environment and ensure that the Anson Landfill does not increase its capacity to unacceptable levels. We urge you to come and speak up for the safety of Anson County and beyond.

Anson County Courthouse

114 North Greene Street, Wadesboro, NC

October 26, 2023 - 6:30PM

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