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Mr. Tommy Anderson Howell

Mr. Tommy Anderson Howell, 73, went to be with the Lord on Friday morning, October 26, 2012, at his home.

Funeral services were held on Monday, October 29, 2012, at Hopewell United Methodist Church with Rev. Paul McClure and Rev. Rodney Clements officiating. Interment followed in Cedar Grove Church Cemetery.

Tommy was born January 25, 1939, in Anson County, a son of the late Zeb Anderson Howell and the late Callie Mae Kiker Howell. Very active in the timber business, he owned and operated both Tommy's Forest Products and Tommy's Timber. He was a life-long member of Hopewell United Methodist Church and also attended Red Hill Baptist Church.

He had a great love for many four legged friends, dogs, cats, llamas, goats, cows, donkeys and camels, just to name a few. He built a farm filled with animals, and many families took their children there to see his animals, and of course this brought Tommy great

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pleasure.

He was a true family man and will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle. It was because of this great appreciation for his family that he insisted Christmas and other family gatherings be at his home. He was the true patriarch of the family and held things together seamlessly for the entire family. He also had a great love for his friends and community and was generous with both his time and resources to those who might be in need. He indeed captured the hearts of many and was dearly loved by all.

Surviving are his loving wife, companion and best friend of more than 54 years, Dorothy "Dot" Lett Howell of the home; his son, Tommy Howell, II of Polkton, granddaughter, Scarlett Howell of Ansonville; his daughter-in-law, Lynette Howell Wallace of Ansonville; his sister, Rachel Thomas (Bob) of Columbia, SC; his nieces and nephew, Sandra and Emily Thomas, both of Columbia and Susan Furr (Steve) of Midland and Rev. Joe Thomas (Norma) of Salisbury; great-nieces and nephews, Callie Ann Furr and Conner Furr, both of Midland and Bobby Thomas (Sarah Beth) of Columbia.

Memorials may be made to Cedar Grove Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Alice Cox, 12509 HWY 742 N, Polkton, NC 28135.

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

Mrs. Miriam Leavitt Marks

Mrs. Miriam Leavitt Marks, formally of Rockingham, died peacefully at her home at Sunset Beach, NC surrounded by her family on Wednesday, October 17, 2012.

A private family service was held in Rockingham on Friday, October 19, 2012.

She was born December 16, 1919, in Wadesboro, the eldest child of Harvey Hamilton Leavitt and Frances Moore Leavitt. Miriam graduated from Wadesboro High School where she was voted "most popular" - a fact not surprising to anyone who ever met her. She attended Meredith College, majoring in home economics and went on to create a warm and wonderful home for her family.

Miriam married Walter Raymond Marks in 1939, and together they raised two daughters and owned and operated Marks Funeral Home in Rockingham for 50 years. During their 60 year marriage they entertained and traveled extensively - making new friends wherever they went. She and Raymond loved to dance, a passion that was fueled in 1938 at the NC Debutante Ball by a little-known band leader named Glenn Miller.

Miriam was an avid bridge player, loved reading and was a member of many book clubs and garden clubs over the years. She was also a member of First United Methodist Church in Rockingham and Seaside Methodist Church at Sunset Beach.

Miriam was well known for the many active roles she played in the Rockingham and Sunset Beach communities. However, her

greatest legacy is how she made people feel everyday - welcome, important and loved.

She is survived by her loving daughters, Miriam Wray Marks and Jacque Marks Mason; her devoted granddaughters, Marianna Mason Sheridan (Trey) and Miriam Mason Thompson (Davis); her great-grand children, Bo and Mason Sheridan and Kate and Mary Davis Thompson; and her brother-in-law Rev. Frank Marks (Rachel). She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her sister Frances Leavitt Malone and brother Harvey H. Leavitt, Jr.

Memorials may be made to the Lower Cape Fear Hospice, 1414 Physicians Dr., Wilmington, NC 28401; Seaside United Methodist Church, 1300 Seaside Rd. SW, Sunset Beach, NC 28468; or First United Methodist Church, 410 E. Washington St., Rockingham, NC 28379.

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

Mr. Joseph Rodney Winfield

Mr. Joseph Rodney Winfield, 77, went home to be with his Lord on Friday, October 26, 2012, at Hospice of Union County in Monroe.

Funeral services were held on Monday, October 29, 2012, at Brown Creek Baptist Church, where he and his wife were married 55 years ago, with Rev. Curtis Williams, Rev. Rocky Carpenter and Dr. Leon Smith officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park. Joseph was born October

5, 1935, in Anson County, a son of the late Edward Liles Winfield and the late Emmie Susan Ratliff Winfield. He was a graduate of Polkton High School and Wingate College and had a long and productive career in accounting, having retired from J.B. Watson Company in Wadesboro with more than 40 years of service.

He attended Harmony Community Church and was a veteran of the United States Army.

Surviving are his wife, Annie Lee Smith Winfield of the home; his sons, Kenneth (Anita) Winfield and Jeff (Christy) Winfield, all of Polkton; his grandchildren, Kevin, Gary and Kacie

Winfield; his great-grandchildren, Bailey, Slade and Kamryn Winfield; and his niece and nephews, Pat Winfield Long of Charlotte, Tommy Winfield of Norwood and Wayne Winfield of Shelby.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brothers, Charles Edward Winfield and William Liles Winfield.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Union County, 700 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 28110.

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Rocky River Springs Fish House Offers Free Meal to Vets

For the fourth consecutive year, Rocky River Springs Fish House plans to provide a free meal to veterans and current military personnel to commemorate Veteran's Day. This meal will be served this Sunday, November 4th, from 3 until 8:30 p.m. Meals from the Senior Menu will be provided, along with tea or coffee, free of charge to any US military person. A proof of service, such as military card, hat, cap, medal, picture, etc. is all that is required. The offer is good for dine-in only.

Kermit Efid, co-owner and an army veteran himself, wants to provide this special "Thank You" to all of our veterans for their service. Last year about 200 meals were given to veterans.

Rocky River Springs Fish House is a 44-year-old, family-owned restaurant located in the community of Aquadale.

Their address is 33850 Rocky River Springs Road, Norwood NC. Visit their website, www.thickfish.com or call 704-474-3052 for more information.

Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Sign-ups Run Through December 7

Medicare Prescription Drug Plan sign-up runs until December 7. Those individuals with existing plans who want to make changes may do so during this period. People who are just turning 65 years of age can choose a Medicare Part D Plan. Failure to choose a plan will result in a penalty, when the person does sign up.

For those individual who fall into the Low Income Subsidy category, there will be a low cost for premiums and medications. You can also apply for extra help.

During the sign-up period please call Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616 for an appointment, Monday through Friday, beginning at 9 a.m.

Chesterfield Genealogy Meeting

The November meeting of the Chesterfield District Chapter SCGS will be in the Meeting Room of the Chesterfield County Library at 119 West Main Street in Chesterfield on Sunday, November 11 at 3 p.m. The program will be *The Civil War At Sea*, presented by Daniel F Korn. Everyone is invited to attend.

The meetings and library are open to the public. The research library is open each Friday and Saturday, and there will be people there to help you with your research. You may email them cdscgs@yahoo.com or call at 843-623-2244.

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Maner's Garage

Pines Maner was a young man standing beside his wrecker when I lettered this Ford for him on September 11, 1957.

It had to be a "long time ago" - the North Carolina Telephone system had begun "switching over" to the dial system and all the numbers had not been assigned - that is why it was not on the truck doors - (just "Dial").

many years in downtown Norwood - in fact there were several businesses that I did signs for - but not many of the "old timers" are there now. Mr. Maner and his wife are both deceased.

Could you believe that my charges to hand letter both sides of the wrecker above was only \$7 back then! But then, for only about two dollars, at Bowman's, Lucy and I could have "stev beef, rice, two vegetables and tea" for lunch!!

First Baptist Church Urges Community Participation in Operation Christmas Child

While most people in the US are preparing for holiday activities, Anson County volunteers with Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, are filling shoe box gifts with toys, school supplies and hygiene items for needy children overseas. This year-round project of international Christian relief and evangelism organization Samaritan's Purse, headed by Franklin Graham, is ramping up as local businesses, churches and community groups prepare to collect gift-filled shoe boxes during National Collection Week (Nov. 12 - 19).

Anyone can drop off a packed shoe box at the Wadesboro-area collection site which is First Baptist Church at 209 Lee Avenue. Then, using whatever means necessary - trucks, trains, boats, bikes and even elephants - the shoe box gifts will be hand-delivered to hurting children in 100 countries around the world.

- Please bring your donation during these hours:
- Monday - Friday, November 12-16, 8:30 a.m. to noon & 1 to 5 p.m.
 - Saturday, November 17, 8:30 a.m. to noon
 - Sunday, November 18, 1 to 4 p.m.
 - Monday, November 19, 8:30 to 10 a.m.

In 2012, Operation Christmas Child expects to reach a milestone - collecting and delivering shoe boxes to more than 100 million children since 1993. During that time, Operation Christmas Child has collected more than 94 million shoe box gifts and hand-delivered them to suffering children in more than 130 countries. This year, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect another 9 million gift-filled shoe boxes. Through the power of a simple gift and the message of hope through Jesus Christ, children learn they are loved and not forgotten. For many children, the shoe box gift will be the first gift they have ever received.

Operation Christmas Child uses tracking technology to allow participants to "follow" their box to the destination country where it will be given to a child in need. To register shoe box gifts and find out the destination country, use the "Follow Your Box" donation form found at www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.

For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child, call (704) 583-1463 or visit www.samaritanspurse.org/occ. National Collection Week for gift-filled shoe boxes is Nov. 12-19; however, shoe box gifts are collected all year at the Samaritan's Purse headquarters in Boone, N.C.