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Obituaries

Mr. Joseph Olin Boone, Sr..

Mr. Joseph Olin Boone, Sr., 81, died Wednesday, November 11, 2020, at his home.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, November 15, 2020, at Faith Baptist Church with Rev. Donnie Helms and Rev. Jimmy Knotts officiating. Interment followed in Jowers Cemetery.

Olin was born February 2, 1939, in Kershaw County, SC and was a son of the late Joe Boone and the late Annie Gainey Boone Williams. He was retired from Anson Wood Products with 45 years of service.

Olin was also a lifelong farmer. This being instilled in him during his childhood and following the death of his father, he stepped up to help his mother care for his younger siblings. In the eyes of his family he was the hardest working man they knew. He was the last John Wayne.

Following retirement Olin enjoyed hanging out at Tim's Convenience Store, drinking coffee, hanging out with his buddies and flirting with the ladies. His buddies Tim Treadaway, Bill Ratliff, Dale McRae, Puddin Black, Thomas Garrison, Christ Randall, Gary Lear, Ted Stegall, Greg Thomas, Kenny Simon and Donnie Benton served as pall bearers at his request.

Surviving are his children, Jo Ann Gilmore (Terry) of Albemarle and Joe Boone (Melissa) of Fairview; his grandchildren, Eli Gilmore of Albemarle, Skylar Boone of Lilesville and Taylor Boone of Fairview; and his brother and sister, T. F. Boone (Shelba) of Wadesboro and Brenda Layman (Patrick) of Greenville, SC; and his nieces and nephews and their families.

Jo Ann would like to especially thank Debbie and Joey Ricketts, Ronda and Donnie Helms and Linda Knotts for going above and beyond in helping her care for her daddy.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Jowers Cemetery Fund, c/o, Joey Ricketts, 1230 Doc Wyatt Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

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

Thank You

The Family of Carl "POPEYE" Wayne Redfern would like to thank you for the many acts of kindness that were shown during the hours of bereavement.

In whatever capacity you contributed -- visits, telephone calls, texts, emails, food, cards, flowers -- please know we are grateful.

Carlesha and Family

NC Attractions Create, Reinvent Holiday Celebrations

In a season that has lost a measure of joy to COVID-19, attractions across North Carolina buoy spirits with new celebrations and adjusted traditions that embrace the wonder of the holidays while being mindful of safety. For travelers wary of gathering close to extended family and friends, these events can be scaled to the size of a household with social distancing and other precautions in place.

"With the Greensboro Science Center's new Winter Wonderlights, WRAL's Nights of Lights and Greensboro Ballet's drive-in 'Nutcracker,' it's clear that North Carolina will keep its heart in the holidays," said Wit Tuttell, director of Visit North Carolina. "We can also find comfort and cheer in longstanding favorites that have creatively adjusted in the interest of safety. Though we will miss events that have been canceled, the experiences of 2020 will make their return even sweeter as we reflect on everything that lends meaning to the season."

Tuttell encourages trip planners to use the Count On Me NC website as a reference when looking for hotels, restaurants and activities. This statewide initiative centers on free, evidence-based training to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and calls on consumers to wear masks, wash their hands frequently and wait at a safe social distance to help keep everyone safe. Travelers can also find details online about specific protocols for any given place or activity.

Here's a look at what's new and retooled for the 2020 holidays.

• **Winter Wonderlights** Greensboro Science Center, Greensboro. What better place for a fresh take on the holidays than a destination with a brand new celebration. Winter Wonderlights transforms the zoo at Greensboro Science Center into a holidayscape of 12 Magical Realms of light, color and excitement. Outdoor experiences include a walk through the Ice Age, a forest of light and a fountain featuring dancing penguins. Visitors can also head indoors to visit Santa, hear carolers and see a giant living snow globe. Through Jan. 3

• **Tanglewood Park Festival of Lights** Tanglewood Park, Clemmons. Though the Holiday Village is closed, fresh displays dazzle visitors along the 5-mile wooded route that makes the Tanglewood Park Festival of Lights a perennial favorite. The sights are enhanced by original music from UNC School of the Arts Music Technology students. Families and small groups can reserve a horse-drawn carriage ride or tractor-pulled hayride. Book an RV campsite, the Manor House Inn or other Tanglewood lodging for free admission. Nov. 13-Jan. 1

• **N.C. Transportation Museum in Lights, Candy Cane Train** Salisbury. Having canceled its Polar Express run, the N.C. Transportation Museum creates a new drive-through lights display plus a limited-capacity Candy Cane Train ride. Lights will be displayed along a 1.25-mile route with an option to visit a satellite gift shop to see Santa for a socially distanced photo. Nov. 20-Dec. 30 The Candy Cane Train, running weekends, offers a from-the-rails view of the museum grounds and includes music, hot chocolate and cookies in the 1905 Back Shop. Nov. 21-Dec. 20

- ***More train rides*: Tweetsie Railroad** in Blowing Rock, the Wild West theme park benched by COVID-19, reopens at reduced capacity for Tweetsie Christmas with its historic steam engine pulling the train through an adorned mountain landscape. Rides and other activities are also available. Nov. 13-Dec. 31

Great Smoky Mountain Railroad in Bryson City adds social distancing and other measures for its popular Polar Express excursion. Stop by the town's iconic red caboose for a family selfie. Through Dec. 31

• **Winter Lights** North Carolina Arboretum, Asheville. This Frederick Law Olmsted-inspired attraction converts Winter Lights from a pedestrian experience to a milelong drive. Designed to showcase the natural landscape, the displays feature colorful native butterflies and winter wildlife with a special insect-themed lantern exhibit on view. Nov. 20-Jan. 10

• **Speedway Christmas** Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord. The Christmas Village is closed, but the bright lights and movie nights are ample reason to hit Speedway Christmas. Hear seasonal tunes as you drive the 3.75-mile course used by NASCAR champions and see displays created with 4 million LED lights. Thursday through Sunday, guests can park in front the Speedway's giant screen to watch a holiday movie. Speedway Christmas is presented by Count On Me NC. Nov. 21-Jan. 17

• **Taste of the Season** Carowinds, Charlotte. After spending summer on the sidelines, Carowinds reopens for Taste of the Season, a stand-in for the amusement park's full-scale Winterfest. The outdoor event centers on holiday sweets and savories while also offering shows, shopping and family rides. Nov. 21-Dec. 20

• **Enchanted Airlie** Airlie Gardens, Wilmington. Santa and concessions are MIA, but the brilliance still shines at Enchanted Airlie on a self-guided stroll set to music. Outside food and beverage are allowed. Nov. 27-Dec. 22

• **Lighting of the Lake** White Lake. The resort town of White Lake brightens the holidays with a new Lighting of the Lake Holiday Dock Decorating Contest. Travelers can follow the signs to four vantage points to see the displays, then cast a vote for their favorite. Nov. 28-Dec. 24

• **Chetola Resort Festival of Lights** Blowing Rock. Visitors can expect wellness checks and mask reminders as they enter Chetola Resort for the free light show at the 87-acre property. Cruisers are allowed to park at the lake and walk around to see the new Nativity scene, glittering skaters and other displays. Nov. 29-Jan. 31

• **Deck the Trees** Monte Vista Hotel, Black Mountain. For its 10th installment, the historic Monte Vista extends its Deck the Trees display into the artsy downtown to help with social distancing. The move also allows the addition of 18 trees to the dozen on view in the hotel lobby. The event is a fund-raiser for the Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry Fuel Fund. Dec. 3-Jan. 4

• **Holiday Cheer at the Palace** Tryon Palace, New Bern. Outdoor activities become the centerpiece for 250th birthday of North Carolina's original Capitol. Holiday Cheer at the Palace features circus acts and militia demonstrations in the afternoon plus evening performances by the Tryon Palace Fife and Drum Corps and its Jonkonnu company, which re-enacts a celebration tracing back to Jamaica and the slave ships from West Africa. Walkthroughs of the reconstructed palace's first floor require separate tickets. Dec. 12 and 19

• **Nights of Lights** Dorothea Dix Park, Raleigh. Dix Park, a 308-acre expanse on the edge of downtown, becomes the scene of the new Nights of Lights experience. From safe inside their cars, visitors can drive the 1.3-mile route to see oak trees draped in lights, themed displays and new art installations. WRAL-TV partnered with the City of Raleigh and Artsplosure/First Night to create the event at Dix Park, which was acquired by the city in 2015 with aspirations to make it a model for civic space. Dec. 16-31 with Raleigh's traditional New Year's Eve acorn drop Dec. 30-31

• **"The Nutcracker"** Greensboro Ballet, Greensboro. To address this year's "Nutcracker" shortage, Greensboro Ballet adds masks to the costumes, puts the dancers' onstage and films the performance for drive-in showings in the Greensboro Coliseum parking lot. In addition to the masks, the production includes other touches that acknowledge the challenges imposed by COVID-19. Dec. 18-20

Find more events and information at *VisitNC.com/holiday*.

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