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**Ms. Jessie Mae Christian**

Ms. Jessie Mae Christian, 87, died on Thursday, November 13, 2014, at Anson Health and Rehabilitation Center in Wadesboro after years of declining health.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, November 23, 2014, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Gregory Everett, Pastor of First Baptist Church officiating. Interment followed in Westview Memorial Park.

On March 27, 1927, Jessie was born into a large family of Christians. She became a born-again Christian some time later. She had one brother, Henry of Forsyth County, and four sisters, Bessie Ingram of Mecklenburg County, Pearlina Parson, Alberta Strickland and Shirley Christian, all of Anson County. Shirley is now the only surviving child of mother Estella Christian. Estella raised all six of her children in First Baptist Church, Ballard Street in Wadesboro.

Jessie was very close to her mother. She lived with her long after her Anson County School age years in Wadesboro, even until Estella's death in 1978.

Jessie had been a member of First Baptist Church since birth. She took part in First Baptist's transition from Ballard Street to Sikes Avenue. She was a pledging member of the Gold Brick Building Fund Project and was among other faithful members who marched and sang from the past church to the present church as a commitment to God that His house would continue to hold up the name of Jesus. Jessie's name is engraved on the plaque with other devoted members which hangs in the vestibule of the church today.

She had many jobs in the food preparation and catering services. She was a really good cook, the kind who brings to mind "down home" cooking that southern folk crave. Jessie attended Anson Community College and received certification. She did restaurant work at the Anson Diner in Wadesboro, and later became a lead cook in the cafeteria at Anson County Hospital after many years of continuous service. She worked part-time with Mrs. Bernice Murray in her

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catering business. They were successful work companions and dear friends until Mrs. Murray's death in 2010.

Jessie is survived by her loving and devoted son, Billy; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren with the family names of Christian, Marshall and Warris.

We will all miss her non-sense spark, her easy smile, sense of humor and her giving hand.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com](http://leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com).

**Mr. Lester Charles Dawkins, Jr.**

Mr. Lester Charles Dawkins, Jr., 57, died Saturday, November 22, 2014, at Frye Regional Medical Center in Hickory.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 26, 2014, by the graveside in Anson Memorial Park.

Charles was born December 18, 1956, in Anson County, a son of the late Lester Charles and Katie Lett Dawkins. He was a bus driver with Holiday Tours of Randleman. Surviving are his daughters, Alisha Dawkins of Matthews and Tiffany Dawkins of Monroe; their mother, Dianne Leonard Dawkins of Wadesboro; his grandchildren, Taylor, Haylee, Braylon, Malachi, Cameron, and Danielle; his sisters, Rita (Edwin) Cornwell of Lilesville and Geneva (Bob) Lowry of Wadesboro; his nieces and nephews, Berry Thomas of Lilesville, Kelly Howell of Lumberton, Christy Street of Raeford, Chris Lowry of Wadesboro and Chad Dennis and Sally Knott, both of Parkersburg, WV and their families.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister Gwen Dennis. The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com](http://leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com).

**Mr. Alan William Garris**

Mr. Alan William Garris, also known as Al, departed this life on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at his home.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, November 25, 2014, at Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Leroy DuBose officiating. Interment followed in Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery in Chesterfield.

He was born in Wadesboro, on March 19, 1961, and was a son of the late Tinnie Bell Taylor Garris and Roscoe S. Garris.

Alan was educated in the public school system and was employed at

Connet in Monroe for a number of years. He confessed Christ at an early age and became a member of East Rock Ford Missionary Baptist Church in Wadesboro. He was united in Holy Matrimony to Darlene Miller-Garris for 27 years and to this union one daughter was born, Shalonda Keyottie Garris.

He was preceded in death by one brother, John Westly Garris and one sister, Barbara Jean Little.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories, his beloved wife, Darlene Garris of the home; daughter Shalonda Garris (Chris); two grandchildren, Syana Mohajane Garris and Christopher Alan Crawford, Jr.; four sisters, Mary Louise Bowman (Willie), Fannie May Clyburn (J. Van), Geneva Timmons (Weldon), Margie Lee Williams (Steve); three brothers, John Henry Garris (Daisy), James Edward Garris (Shirley) and Levernal Garris; four aunts, Mary Wilcox, Elma Taylor (Clarence), Virginia Taylor, Lossie Garris; two uncles, Isac Taylor and Clarence Taylor (Elma); mother-in-law, Hattie Miller; five brothers-in-law, Wilber Miller (Robin), James Miller (Brenda), Randolph Miller (Michelle), Maurice Miller (Marilyn), and Julius Miller (Crystal); one sister-in-law, Sue E. Townsend (David); four godchildren, Jonora Hall, Tyasya Hall, Juelz Robinson and Jamarion Ratliff; three aunts by marriage, Bernice Miller, Annie Miller and Clara Burch; and a host of nieces and nephews and their families, cousins, relatives and friends.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com](http://leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com).

**Mrs. Deborah Hamilton Smith**

Mrs. Deborah Hamilton Smith, 58, passed away Thursday, November 20, 2014, at Lake Park Nursing Center.

Memorial services were held on Sunday, November 23, 2014, at Euto Baptist Church.

Mrs. Smith was the daughter of the late Jack and Anna Buckalew Hamilton.

She was preceded in death by her husband Everett Smith.

She is survived by daughter, Amber Baucom Mullis (Wayne) of Marshville; stepson William Smith (Crystal) of Morehead City; sister Terry Hamilton Marquez (Andy) of Littleton, Colorado; stepsister Suzie Austin (Eddie) of

Marshville; grandchildren, Ruby Mullis and Jack Mullis; and step grandchild Liliith Smith.

Online condolences may be made at [morganandsonfuneralhome.com](http://morganandsonfuneralhome.com).

**Mr. Roger Farrell "Frog" Surratt**

Mr. Roger Farrell "Frog" Surratt, 55, of Albemarle, passed away Thursday afternoon, November 20, 2014, at Bethany Woods in Albemarle.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 29, 2014, at Edwards Funeral Home Chapel in Norwood with Rev. Bryan Burris officiating. The family will welcome friends, one hour prior to the services at Edwards Funeral Home.

Roger, "Frog" as he was affectionately known, was born March 23, 1959, in Stanly County to the late Raymond and Elgie Burleson Surratt.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Steven Dale Surratt.

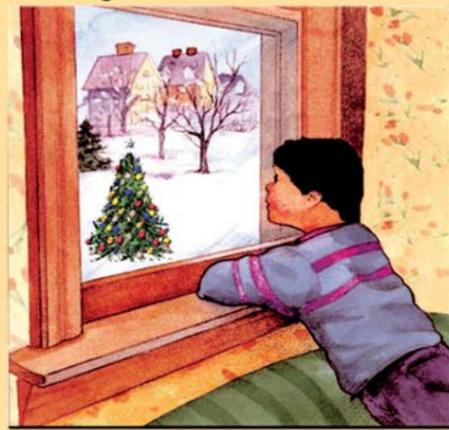
He is survived by his son Tony Surratt of Albemarle; brothers, Cletus Surratt of Ansonville and Ernest Surratt of Badin; sisters, Carolyn Whitley of Mount Pleasant, Margaret Colson of Norwood, Bink Taylor of Peachland, Diane Hazelwood of Albemarle and Donna Soby of Palm City, FL; and grandchild Ariana Kindale Grace Surratt.

Online condolences may be made at [edwardsfuneralhomes.com](http://edwardsfuneralhomes.com).



*The family of Geraldine Williams Seigler would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, calls, visits, flowers, food and other expressions of kindness during this difficult time. May God bless you all.*

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Here are a few tips for those suffering from a cold, to not impose on others around them.

- 1) Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your upper sleeve when you cough or sneeze.
- 2) Do not cover your mouth or nose with your hands when you sneeze.
- 3) Always place your used tissue in the waste basket.
- 4) You may be asked to put on a surgical mask to protect others.
- 5) Coughing persons should sit at least three feet away from others.
- 6) Regularly wash your hands with soap and water or clean with alcohol-based hand cleaner.

**Handwashing  
Protection from Diseases**

Here are a few simple tips that can make a big difference in the effectiveness of washing your hands.

- 1) Wet hands
- 2) Apply soap and rub for 20 seconds
- 3) Rinse
- 4) Dry with paper towel
- 5) Use paper towel to turn off faucet

**Bingo at Grace Senior Center**

Bingo games are held every third Tuesday of the month at Grace Senior Center at 2 p.m. All seniors are invited to attend for fun and fellowship. For more information call the center at 704-694-6616.

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