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Obituaries

Mrs. Linda Lowery Poe

Mrs. Linda Lowery Poe, 76, died Thursday, November 24, 2016, at her home.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, November 27, 2016, at Shiloh United Methodist Church in Morven. A private inurnment will be at a later date in Shiloh United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Linda was born December 11, 1939, in Anson County, a daughter of the late Andrew Vester Lowery and the late Walter Lorraine Lowe Lowery. She was a life long member of Shiloh United Methodist Church. Linda was retired

from Anson County Schools after 21 years of service.

Surviving are her husband of 60 years, Harold M. Poe of the home; her children, Debbie (Beemie) Gilmore of Chesterfield, and Alan (Susan) Poe and Daryl (Sheri) Poe, all of Lilesville; her grandchildren, Dean (Taaffe) Sellers, Andrew Poe and Austin Poe, all of Lilesville, April (Brian) Williams of Chesterfield, Megan (Nick) Prieto of Manassass, VA and Kirstie (Kevin Rowland) Poe of Peachland; her great-grandchildren, Kelsey, Amber, Shalar, Charlie, Asher, Jacob, Raylan, Kenadee and Cole; and her sisters, Josephine Williams of Cheraw, Margaret (Donnie) Adams of Morven

and Myra (William) Carpenter of Chesterfield.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son David Poe and brother Richard Lowery.

The family respectfully

requests no flowers please, rather make memorial contributions to either Shiloh United Methodist Church, c/o Sara Griggs, 778 Long Rd., Morven, NC 28119 or to Hospice of Union

County, 900 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 28110.

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

**Act Now...Medicare Open Enrollment Period
Runs Through Wednesday, December 7**

Your health needs change from year to year, and the benefits and costs of your health plan may change each year, too. That's why it's important to evaluate your Medicare choices every year. The Open Enrollment Period is the one time of year when all people with Medicare can change their Medicare health plan and prescription drug coverage for 2017. Take advantage of the Open Enrollment Period, and you may be able to save money, improve your coverage or both.

The Open Enrollment Period started on October 15 and lasts seven full weeks to give you enough time to review and make changes to your Medicare coverage. You will need to make your final selection for next year's Medicare coverage by December 7 to ensure that your coverage will begin without interruption on January 1.

"Open Enrollment is the opportunity for Medicare beneficiaries to evaluate their plan and save money for the following year," said North Carolina Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin. "The staff from SHIIP, the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program, are available to help over the phone or in-person in all 100 counties in North Carolina."

Here are some of the ways to review and compare plans available for 2017:
• Get one-on-one help from SHIIP, the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program, by calling 1-855-408-1212, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can also request in-person assistance here in Anson County by calling Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616.

• Visit www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan to compare your current coverage with all of the options that are available in your area, and enroll in a new plan if you decide to make a change.

• Review the Medicare & You handbook. It was mailed to people with Medicare in September.
• Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) 24-hours a day, seven days a week, to find out more about your coverage options. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

SHIIP is a division of the North Carolina Department of Insurance and offers free, unbiased information about Medicare, Medicare prescription drug coverage, Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare Supplement plans as well as long-term care insurance and other health insurance issues. In addition to helping Medicare beneficiaries compare and enroll in plans during the Open Enrollment Period, SHIIP counselors can help people find out if they are eligible for Medicare cost savings programs.

For more information about SHIIP and the Medicare Open Enrollment Period, call 1-855-408-1212 or visit www.ncshiip.com.

Don't Get Soaked Buying a Flood-Damaged Car

Recent flooding in North Carolina and the southeastern U.S. from Hurricane Matthew damaged homes and cars. If you are in the market for a used car, the Better Business Bureau cautions you to watch out for flood-damaged vehicles.

After a vehicle has incurred flood damage, the insurance company may declare it a total loss. When a car is declared a total loss, it should be sent to the junk yard. However, many of these cars are often sold at auction as 'salvage' vehicles. Then, they may end up for sale in used car lots, classified ads or online on Craigslist.

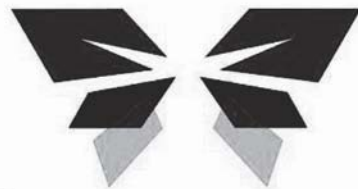
After a thorough cleaning, new carpets and floor mats, these cars may look just as good as any other car on the surface. Buying a car that has been exposed to flood waters can have hidden problems including mold and mildew, rusty wiring, computer malfunctions, airbags that don't inflate and more.

BBB has 10 tips to help you spot these former 'submariner' vehicles, which could be sold as 'good clean used cars':

- Ask to see the title of a used car. Check the date and place of transfer to see if the car came from a flood-damaged area and if the title is stamped 'salvage'.
- Check all gauges on the dashboard to make sure they are accurate, and look for signs of water.
- Test the equipment including lights, windshield wipers, turn signals, sound system, heater and air conditioner several times to make sure they work.
- Flex some wires under the dash to see if they bend or crack, since wet wires become brittle upon drying and can crack or fail at any time.
- Check the interior of the trunk and glove compartment, and beneath the seats and dashboard for signs of mud, rust or water damage.
- Look for discolored, faded or stained upholstery and carpeting. Carpeting that has been replaced may fit too loosely or may not match the interior color.
- Check for a well-defined line, or 'watermark', and for musty odors resulting from mildew.
- Check the car dealer's BBB review to see if they have a history of complaints.
- Ask the dealer directly if the car has been damaged by floodwater.
- Get a vehicle history report based on its VIN number.

Before you buy any used car, you should always get a pre-purchase inspection by a trusted mechanic. For more information, please visit www.bbb.org.

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