

Obituaries



Karen Wright

Karen Wright age 68, of Mine Creek, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at her home surrounded by her loving family. A native of Mitchell County, she was a daughter of the late Phillip and Lucille Buchanan Boone. She is also preceded in death by a sister, Alesia Grindstaff. She was a member of Mine Creek Baptist Church. She worked for Toe River Health Care as a registered nurse for many years. She loved the beach, fishing, traveling and animals, but most of all she loved her family.

Surviving is her loving husband of 50 years, Lanny Wright of the home; daughters: Lori Bennett and husband, Rodney, of Green Mountain and Amy Wright of Spruce Pine; grandchildren: Jared Pittman, Triston McNinch, Gavin McNinch, Keely Ramsey and husband, Spencer; great-grandchildren: Bryleigh Ramsey and one on the way; brother, Keith Boone and wife, Nina, of Rebels Creek; best friends: Sondra Buchanan, Linda Geouge, Roger Wright and Janice Jackson. Numerous nieces, nephews and friends also survive.

Funeral Services were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 13th in the Chapel of Yancey Funeral Services. Rev. Chris Rathbone and Rev. Mark McKinney officiated. Burial followed in the Mine Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. The family would like to say a very special thank you to Compassionate Care WNC, Mine Creek Baptist Church and to all who have helped care for Karen. Memorial donations be made to Compassionate Care WNC at 856 Georges Fork Road, Burnsville, NC 28714. To send online condolences, please visit our website at www.yanceyfuneralservice.com.



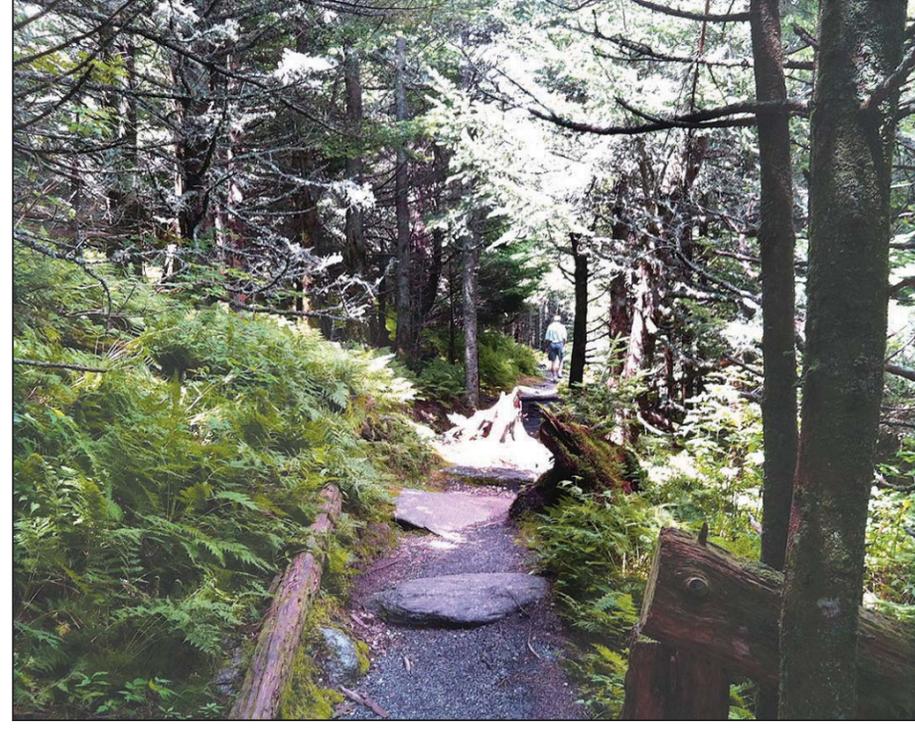
Mark Allen "Tater" Lewis

Mark Allen "Tater" Lewis, age 45, of Concord, formerly of Minneapolis, passed away on Monday, March 8, 2021 at his home. A native of Avery County, he was a son of Bobby "Goose" Lewis of Minneapolis and the late Dottie Norris Lewis who passed away September 27th, 2019. He was also preceded in death by his grandparents: Brant and Lucille Lewis of Minneapolis and Chester and Elizabeth Norris of Elk Park. Tater was a heavy machine operator with Earnhardt Construction Company and was a logger for several years with his father. He enjoyed being outdoors, racing dirt bikes and was a member of the NC Harescramble Association where he won 6 championships, including 2 in the NC Harescramble, 2 in the Mid East Harescramble and 2 in the Tennessee Circuit.

Surviving in addition to his father, Bobby "Goose" Lewis, is his sister, Laura Sparks and husband, Josh, of Minneapolis; brother, Bobby "Booge" Lewis, Jr. also of Minneapolis and a niece, Brook Sparks. Pallbearers will be Bruce Webb, John Grindstaff, Todd Grindstaff, Steven Grindstaff, Jeremy Jennings, Kyle Holtsclaw, Jessie Gilliam, Ray Grindstaff and Josh Sparks.

Graveside services were held at 3 pm. in the Minneapolis United Methodist Church Cemetery with Rev. Jock Ollis and Rev. David Hobson officiating.

Donations may be made to the Minneapolis United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund. To send online condolences, please visit our website at www.yanceyfuneralservice.com.



Prayer walking in Yancey County along the top of the world at Mt. Mitchell in the eastern United States. The spruce-fir forest tree species are mostly Fraser fir and red spruce and exist predominantly above 5,500 feet. Photo courtesy Mark Gunderman

Prayer Walking on top of Mount Mitchell, the highest peak in the eastern United States

By Mark Gunderman

Scripture is clear about its significance to the work in the kingdom of God. In fact, God has chosen prayer to be one of the primary means by which He accomplishes His purposes in the world. The goal is about obedience to God's command to pray for others and faithfulness to join him in his work.

It's easy to forget about prayer in our busy daily lives. However, in these uncertain times, the best refuge is seeking strength, comfort and peace with God.

Prayer Walking has been in existence from the time that man and woman were created. It brings life to the meaning of praying without ceasing and light to the meaning of love thy neighbor as thyself. In order to walk with God, in His Holy of Holies, one must master these two principles.

Many people have been learning to quietly pray in the places where they live or work. This type of on-site intercession is known as "prayer walking." Prayer walkers pray beyond their own concerns, focusing prayer on behalf of their friends, neighbors or co-workers.

Prayer walking is all about praying in the locations for which you are seeking intervention from God through Jesus Christ. When praying, it helps to actually see who or what you are praying for rather than just thinking about it. Visiting your

physical prayer location can empower you so that your prayer will have the most impact. The idea is to use the five senses, sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch, to increase your understanding of what your location needs you to pray for.

It is recommended that you prayer walk in teams of two or three with four being the maximum size group. In Matthew 18:19-20 the Word of God promises that "if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Just casually stroll through your own neighborhoods, school yards and work places, praying as you go seeking the Holy Ghost to intercede for you as applied in Romans 8:26.

Prayer walks can be as short as a few blocks or as long as several miles. The objective is primarily talking to God about the people rather than talking to the people about God. God said to Jeremiah, "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and mighty things you do not know" (Jeremiah 33:3).

Prior to beginning a prayer walking mission, each prayer walker should ask God to search and examine their heart(s) to ensure that there is nothing in their live(s) that would block their prayers. The goal of the prayer

walker is to pray salvation into the household so that each may receive all of the blessings and promises that God has for them. Draw on praise and worship and invite God's light to permeate any darkness. Where you sense the dark, summon God's grace and love to overcome it, and immediately enter into His Chamber of Worship.

As you pray for God's promises with specific homes, churches or worksites in view, you will witness the prospects of the people in those places begin to grow. You will see people as God might view them. You may find yourself becoming more interested in the community you are praying for. "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you..." (Matthew 7:12).

Be alert for the ways God may compel you to display his love in viable acts of kindness. Always remain vigilant for the opportunity to offer prayer with inquisitive neighbors. Request that God provide you with knowledge to clearly explain how people can learn about His love and faithfulness through the power of the Gospel.

Mark Gunderman is a recently retired Test and Inspection Engineer living in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. He and his wife Nancy frequently travel the Blue Ridge Parkway and enjoy the spectacular views from Mt. Mitchell State Park.

Local Girl Scout camps to open for summer

All girls will have the option to register for in-person or virtual summer camp programming

From the city block to the suburban backyard to the back-country, Girl Scouts has a long and storied history of getting girls outdoors.

This summer, Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont (GSCP2P) will continue to build on the outdoors tradition by offering safe, in-person day and overnight camping options and virtual camp programming at their three resident camp properties.

Offerings are open to all girls in grades K-12 and will include day and overnight in-person camp and horse programs (for rising 1st-12th graders), multi-day virtual sessions girls can do from home (for rising K-12) and Kamp Kits with outdoor, interactive programming sent straight to a girl's door.

All in-person sessions will follow current Covid-19 guidelines to keep all girls and staff safe, and camps will operate at 50 percent capacity for the summer.

"We know that outdoor experiences have the power to change girls' lives," said Gayle Rose, chief operating officer for GSCP2P. "Girl Scout camp gives girls a chance to be a part of a special sisterhood where they can explore new things, be themselves and grow confident in their abilities. We are excited that we are able to offer both in-person and virtual programs for our girls this summer, giving families an option for what they feel most comfortable with."

According to a 2019 Girl Scouts Research Institute (GSRI) study titled "Girl Scouts Soar in the Outdoors," 86 percent of girls agree they learned more about nature through Girl Scouts and 80 percent state that they participated in outdoor activities through Girl Scouts that they never would have done otherwise.

When girls spend quality time outdoors and increase their exposure to nature, they thrive physically, emotionally and intellectually.

Girl Scout camp is the perfect place for a girl to be a great climber, creative artist, new friend, expert s'more-maker, strong hiker, best song leader, outdoor cook or experienced archer.

At all GSCP2P camp properties, girls can explore traditional camp activities like swimming, boating, nature exploration, challenge courses, hiking and nightly campfires. And each camp offers a variety of programs to meet the interests of all girls including arts, dance, horseback riding, STEM, adventure sports, cooking and more.

GSCP2P resident camps are located at Camp Ginger Cascades in Lenoir, Camp Pisgah in Brevard and Keyauwee Program Center in Sophia. These properties are accredited by the American Camp Association, meaning around 300 different standards encompassing safety, hiring, health care and program

planning are met every season, and all camp counselors go through a thorough background check. All camp sleeping areas also have access to electricity, plumbing and hot showers.

Girls who register before March 31 will receive a \$50 early bird discount. Financial assistance for camp is also available. To learn more about summer camp opportunities with GSCP2P or to register, visit CampLikeaGirl.org.

Need a broom from Lions Club?

Since 1950, the Burnsville Lions Club has been selling their trademark brooms as a fundraiser to provide vision care for needy persons in Yancey County.

While members no longer go door to door selling our brooms, the club has placed "broom boxes" in a variety of locations throughout the county.

Below is a list of businesses where you will find the boxes: Poplar Grove Mini Mart, Riddle's Used Appliances, One of a Kind (Oak Gallery), Buchanan & Young, Farm Bureau, Jill's Hairport, Phil's Tire Service, Sue's Beauty Shop, Fox Country Store, Troy's Greenhouse, Shear Perfection Salon, Yancey Graphics, and Bald Creek Tractor & Equipment.

Burnsville Lions Club appreciates your continued support of this long standing project.

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Larry Douglas Edwards of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 26th day of May, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 24th day of February, 2021.

Louella Deyton Edwards
722 East Main Street
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

BEFORE THE CLERK COUNTY OF YANCEY

FILE NO. 21 E 41

IN RE: Florence Nevert Fagnoli

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of Florence Nevert Fagnoli, deceased, late of Hernando County, Florida, this is to advise all persons, firms and coproations having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of June, 2020, or this Notice will be pled in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 12th day of March, 2021

/s/ Benjamin Benjamin Sargent, Administrator

c/o Alexandria E. Leake, Attorney for Estate One Oak Plaza, Suite 207 Asheville, NC 28801 828/253-3661 Published March 17, 24, 31, April 7, 2021.

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS #21 E 65

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Edward Shuford of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of June, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 3rd day of March, 2021.

John Shuford
130 Poodle Drive
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published March 3, 10, 17, 24, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE THE GREAT STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE COUNTY OF YANCEY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION, BEFORE THE CLERK

21 E 29

In the Matter of the Estate of HENRIETTA TOMBERLIN, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

HAVING QUALIFIED as Executrix of the Estate of HENRIETTA TOMBERLIN, deceased, of Yancey County, NC, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned on or before 25 May, 2021, or this notice will be pled in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 24th day of February, 2021.

PEGGY C. HOWELL
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Burnsville, NC 28714
DONNY J. LAWS
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PO Box 397
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published: February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS #21 E 42

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Lois Wanda King of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of June, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 3rd day of March, 2021.

Ronald Gary King
1211 Eastham Drive
Apex, NC 27502
Published March 3, 10, 17, 24, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Lucille Hunter of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of June, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 3rd day of March, 2021.

Alma Ree Wood
422 County Road 775
Riceville, TN 37370
Published March 3, 10, 17, 24, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS #21 E 70

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Jewel T. Bennett of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of June, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 10th day of March, 2021.

Emery N. Thomas
65 Strawberry Lane
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published March 10, 17, 24, 31, 2021

Guardian ad Litem volunteers needed

The NC Guardian ad Litem Program is seeking volunteer advocates to represent abused and neglected children in Yancey, Mitchell and Madison.

Training session are held periodically for volunteers with this program to advocate for local children.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the local Guardian ad Litem program, please call Erica Edwards at 828-682-4754 or visit volunteerforgal.org.

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers to deliver meals any weekday from 10:30 to noon to Yancey County's shut-ins.

For information call the Senior Center at 682-6011.