

# Obituaries



## Tom Robinson

Mr. Tommy Joe "Tom" Robinson, C.P.A., age 67, a resident of Washington, NC died peacefully surrounded by family on Monday, April 12, 2021 at Vidant Medical Center in Greenville, NC.

A memorial service was held 4:00 p.m. Saturday, April 17, 2021 from the Chapel of Paul Funeral Home & Crematory in Washington, conducted by Pastor Jay Martin and Bishop Samuel Jones, Jr.

Mr. Robinson was born in Spruce Pine, N.C. on May 31, 1953. He was the son of the late Euranian William Robinson and Catherine Marie Huskins Robinson. Mr. Robinson served in the U.S. Marines from 1971 to 1975. He had lived in Washington for the past 25 years. Mr. Robinson was a former partner in the Seiler, Zachman Robinson C.P.A. firm, before he opened his own firm 18 years ago.

Mr. Robinson was very active in the community. Before moving to Washington, he was active in the local Kiwanis Club. In Washington, he served as Assistant Den Leader in the Boy Scouts. Mr. Robinson was a member of the American Legion and the Church of the Good Shepherd. Mr. Robinson served as treasurer for the Washington Girls Softball League and the Cal Ripken Baseball League. He was a member of the Down East Rods and Classics and the Eastern N.C. Thunderbird and Classic Ford Car Club.

In his spare time, Mr. Robinson enjoyed fishing, knotting, leatherwork, and grilling with family. He loved his family, his community, and his country. Tom's dry wit, generous nature and humorous story telling will be dearly missed.

On June 3, 1979, he married the former Kathryn Marie Madigan, who survives.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Elizabeth Lauren Robinson Campbell and husband, Nathan Scott Campbell of Pittsboro; son, Michael Thomas Robinson and partner, Marissa Parminter of Raleigh; grandson, Mason William Campbell; three sisters, Rania Kay Robinson, Janice Stone, Debbie Wilson all of Burnsville, N.C. Many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews survive him as well.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Robinson was preceded in death by his brother, Larry Michael Robinson.

Memorials may be made to the Purpose of God Annex Outreach Center, 1015 East Sixth Street, Washington, N.C. 27889.

Online condolences may be offered to the family by visiting [www.paulfuneralhome.com](http://www.paulfuneralhome.com)

Paul Funeral Home & Crematory in Washington is honored to serve the Robinson family.

## Teddy Lee Barnett

Teddy Lee Barnett, age 67, of Erwin, departed this world on Sunday, April 4, 2021, at Johnson City Medical Center. A native of Egypt, NC, was born on May 24, 1953, to the late Ted and Pearlee Barnett. He was a Boiler Maker for part of his life and worked for CSX Transportation as a Carman for around 30 years. He was a proud United States veteran, having served 30 years in the Tennessee Army National Guard. Teddy was deployed and served in Iraq for 18 months. He was married to Tammy Barnett for 41 years. Ted was a Godly man who attended Chestoa Baptist Church. He was a veteran, a patriot and a true man of God. He loved his family, his country and his God with all of his heart. Ted loved being with his family, going to church, hunting and fishing, among many other things. He was a true American. Ted will be truly missed, but he has finally made it home to Heaven. In addition to his parents, Ted is preceded in death by one sister, Carolyn Bryant.

Teddy Lee Barnett has left behind to cherish his memory: his wife, Tammy Barnett; daughter, Tiffany Lee Story and husband, Jeff; grandchildren, Dawson Gambrell, Austin Hensley, Destiny Hensley; sisters, Kathy Tipton and husband, Larry, of Green Mountain NC, Sharon Stevenson and husband, Paul, of Scottsdale, AZ, Bev Ball and husband, Butch, of Burnsville, NC; Several nieces and nephews.

A tribute to remember the life of Teddy Lee Barnett in a funeral service was held on Sunday, April 11, 2021 in the chapel at Valley Funeral Home. Reverend Roger Hileman officiated. Musical selections were provided by Jonah and Grayson Riddle and Kim Gordon. A graveside committal service was held on Monday, April 12, 2021 in Mountain Home National Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were Jeff Story, Dawson Gambrell, Austin Hensley, Cody Franklin, David Bigham and Jamie Tipton.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family and viewed at [www.valleyfuneralhome.net](http://www.valleyfuneralhome.net) or on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ValleyFuneralHomeErwin](http://www.facebook.com/ValleyFuneralHomeErwin). These arrangements were made especially for the family and friends of Teddy Lee Barnett through Valley Funeral Home, 1085 N. Main Ave., Erwin, 423-743-9187.

## Barkin' Basement YHS Resale Store

The Barkin' Basement Resale Store is the primary fundraiser for The Yancey Humane Society. We gratefully accept donations that are clean, gently used, and in good working order. If you have large items such as furniture, we are able to pick them up, usually on Wednesdays. Call the store at 828-682-1200 to arrange for a pickup.

The Barkin' Basement no longer accepts or picks up large tube type TVs, large entertainment centers or cabinets, exercise equipment, shower or sliding doors, cribs with a side that goes down, or torn, soiled, or faded furniture. These items are too difficult to handle and sell.

Follow our Facebook page "Barkin' Basement Resale Store" to see sales, photos, and information on special items that have been donated. The Barkin' Basement is a 501c3 nonprofit located on the bypass between Fred's and Go Grocery Outlet. Hours are 10 am until 4 p.m. everyday except Sunday. Come check us out!

## Tania Danielle Shepherd

Tania Danielle Shepherd, age 37, of Alexander, (Buncombe County, NC), passed away unexpectedly on April 10, 2021. A native of Buncombe County, she was the daughter of Marilyn Davis Barry and the late Dennis John Shepherd. She was preceded in death by her Papaw, Lewis Davis, who passed away March 6, 2020. She was also preceded in death by her grandfather and grandmother, John and Ruby Shepherd.

Tania attended North Buncombe High School and was a member of Alexander Baptist Church. She loved basketball, softball and animals. From an early age, she was rescuing animals and bringing them home.

Surviving in addition to her mother, Marilyn Barry, is her daughter and love of her life, Riley Alyssa; brother, Johnathan Lewis Shepherd (Jackie) of Burnsville; Memaw, Elsie Davis of Asheville; several aunts, uncles, cousins, and three special nephews, Bryson, Dennis and Jackson Shepherd. Half-sisters: Stephanie Ponder and Stacie Bruce also survive.

The family will have a private service, with Rev. Gerald Sprinkle officiating.

To help offset funeral expenses, memorial donations may be made to Yancey Funeral Service at 378 Charlie Brown Road, Burnsville, NC 28714.

To send condolences, flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Tania Shepherd, please visit our website at [www.yanceyfuneralservice.com](http://www.yanceyfuneralservice.com).

## William "Bill" Wyatt

William "Bill" Wyatt, age 82, of Marion, North Carolina, went home to be with the Lord on the morning of Friday, April 16, 2021. Born on February 06, 1939, he was the son of the late Walter and Evelyn "Evie" Wyatt.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy Smith Wyatt, who passed away in 2008; second wife, Judy Swafford Wyatt, who passed away in 2017; one son, Mark Wyatt; as well as several brothers and sisters.

Bill enjoyed singing, especially gospel music. He loved trout fishing and watching the Atlanta Braves or UNC Tar Heels playing.

Left to cherish his memories are his daughter, Teri (Ken) Solomita; sons, Steve (Venita) Wyatt and Jamie Wyatt; stepsons, Johnny (Tammy) Bradley and Mike (Dina) Bradley; grandchildren, BJ (Crystal) Wyatt, Megan (Chris) Wilkinson, Malory (Blake) Peterson, Evan McMahan, Justin Solomita, Ethan Solomita, Amber (Hobie) Hollifield, Ranin Bradley, Katie Duncan, Kyle Bradley and Madison Bradley. Bill is also survived by his great grandchildren, Chyenne, Eden, Everly, Allie, Eliana, Ezra; several step grandchildren and step great grandchildren; one sibling, Lillian Roland; and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. at Yancey Street Baptist Church, 302 East Yancey Street in Marion with Pastor Dean Owenby, Pastor Paul Boyd and Pastor Brian Bird officiating. The family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., one hour prior to the service, at the church.

Those wishing to make a memorial donation in Mr. Wyatt's memory are asked to consider, American Lung Association, 401 Hawthorne Lane, Suite 110 #298, Charlotte, North Carolina 28204 ([www.lung.org](http://www.lung.org)) and/or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105 ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)).

Beam Funeral Service & Crematory is assisting the family. For further information please visit our website, [www.beamfuneralservice.com](http://www.beamfuneralservice.com), or by calling (828) 559-8111.

This obituary is a courtesy of Yancey Funeral Services.

## Ted Lee Cannon

Ted Lee Cannon, age 79, of Jonesborough, TN, formerly of Yancey County, NC passed away on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at his home. He was the son of the late Charlie and Lula Bradford Cannon. He was also preceded in death by brothers: Fred, Ford, Stanley, Bill Cannon and sisters: Doris Edwards and Mary Stissel. He worked for Tennessee Eastman as an Iron worker for many years until his retirement. Ted loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing and trading antiques. He enjoyed playing the guitar and spending time with family, especially his children, grandchildren and great-grandchild.

Surviving are his sons: Alden Cannon of Green Mountain and Eric Cannon (Ruth) of Jacks Creek; sisters: Esther Williams and Daisy Higgins both of Burnsville; grandchildren; Mitchell Cannon (Lacey), Raven Cannon, Dalton Cannon, Adam Cannon, Caleb Cannon, Olivia Cannon and a great-grandchild; Brooks Cannon

Funeral services will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 21st in the Chapel of Yancey Funeral Services. Rev. Bobby Sprinkle and Adam Bradford will officiate. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home. Graveside services will be held on Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in the Bradford Cemetery on Piney Hill.

Memorial donations may be made to Ballard Hospice at 509 Med Tech Parkway, Suite 200, Johnson City TN, 37604. To send online condolences, please visit our website at [www.yanceyfuneralservice.com](http://www.yanceyfuneralservice.com)

## Charlene Hopson Hensley

Charlene Hopson Hensley, age 85, of the Bald Mountain Community, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, April 16, 2021 at her home. A native of Yancey County, she was a daughter of the late Clifford Hopson and Nora Deyton Hopson. She was also preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Fred "Sonny" Hensley. Charlene was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She enjoyed working in her garden and flowerbeds. She was a faithful member of Bee Log Baptist Church.

Surviving are her sons: Roger Hensley and wife, Diana and Ronald Hensley and wife, Rhonda, all of Bald Mountain; three grandchildren: Robert Hensley and wife, Jalyn, of Erwin, TN, Hollie Morgan and husband, Matthew, of Mars Hill and Trent Hensley of Prices Creek and four great-grandchildren: Bristol Silvers, Ellison Silvers, Bristol Briggs and Ridge Morgan.

Funeral services were held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20th in the Chapel of Yancey Funeral Service. Rev. Aaron Autrey and Rev. Kelly Bryant officiated. Graveside services were held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Hensley Cemetery on Bald Mountain.

Memorial donations may be made to Gideons International at PO Box 264, Burnsville, NC 28714 or to Compassionate Care Hospice at 856 Georges Fork Rd. Burnsville, NC 28714. To send online condolences, please visit our website at [www.yanceyfuneralservice.com](http://www.yanceyfuneralservice.com).

## Janet Lee Ester

Janet Lee Ester, aged 84, of Burnsville, NC and formerly of Towson, MD passed away on April 15, 2021. Born in Nampa, Idaho, Janet grew up in Pasadena, CA the daughter of a Nazarene preacher and his lovely wife, Harold and Janet "Jane" Gretzinger. She met the love of her life at age 13, and eventually married him. She and Professor John W. Ester, Sr. were married for 43 years until his death in 2003. Janet was known for her beautiful smile and kind heart. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. Her favorite activity was to plan, cook for, and host dinner parties and picnics for church friends, neighbors, University of Maryland law students and her children's classes at her home in Baltimore County. Janet was a long time member of Maryland Presbyterian Church where she sang in the choir and where she met most of her close friends. Janet raised her children and then worked as a bookkeeper at the Johns Hopkins Club.

Surviving are her children: Victoria Forsee, Joanna Flynn (Bret Murphy), and John Ester, Jr. (Meghan Charles); granddaughters: Mara Flynn, Leela Ester, and Juniper Ester; step-grandsons: Max and Cooper Murphy and dear friends: Betty Adams and Lucille D'Onofrio.

A small service will be held in Towson, MD where her ashes will be buried with her husband.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a charity of your choice. To send online condolences, please visit our website at [www.yanceyfuneralservice.com](http://www.yanceyfuneralservice.com).

## Senior Center needs volunteers

The Yancey Senior Center is in need of dedicated volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound. Meals are delivered Monday - Friday from 10:30 until noon.

You can choose which day or day(s) that you would like to

volunteer.

If you enjoy meeting new people and helping others, please call 682-6011, ext. 14.

# LEGAL NOTICES

## LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS 21 E 09

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of June F. Bryan 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 15th day of July, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 15th day of April, 2021.

Sandra J. Bryan  
101 Settlers Ridge Road  
Burnsville, NC 28714  
Published April 14, 21, 28,  
May 5, 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 Sally Ann Ray 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 21st day of July, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 21st day of April, 2021.

Terry Lee Jones  
8 Kellogg farm Road  
Green Mtn., NC 28740  
Published April 21, 28,  
May 5, 12, 2021

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Joe Junior Bailey 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 7th day of July, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 7th day of April, 2021.

William Samuel Randolph  
6840 US Hwy 19W  
Burnsville, NC 28714  
Published April 7, 14, 21,  
28, 2021

## LEGAL NOTICE

**North Carolina Yancey County Advertisements of Tax Liens on Real Property**  
Under and by the virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 105-369 of the North Carolina General Statute and pursuant to an order of the Board of Commissioners of the Yancey County, I am hereby Advertising Tax Liens on the Real Estate described below. The Advertised amounts include the 2020 taxes due, interest, and advertising cost. The omission of interest and cost from the amount advertised will not constitute a waiver of the Taxing Unit's claim for those items. The Real Estate that is subject to the lien, the name of the persons to whom the property is listed for taxes, and the principal amount of the taxes are set out below. If the taxes remain unpaid, the lien will be foreclosed by the Taxing Unit and the property sold to satisfy the Taxing Unit's claim for taxes.

**Lindsay Smith, Yancey County Tax Administrator/Yancey County Tax Collector.**  
Published April 21, 2021.

## Correction: Advertisements Of Tax Liens on Real Property Incorrectly Advertised Information

FORTNER, EDWIN D & TAMI K	082015633233000	0.49	\$1,117.09
FORTNER, EDWIN D & TAMI K	082015634228000	0.22	\$1,060.96
<b>Corrected Advertised Information</b>			
HIGGINS, JOSEPH L & HEIDI	082015633233000	0.49	\$1,117.09
HIGGINS, JOSEPH L & HEIDI	082015634228000	0.22	\$1,060.96