

Obituaries



Milton Bradley Higgins, III

Milton Bradley Higgins, III, 63, of Burnsville, a larger-than-life man, passed from his earthly home on June 24, 2021.

A land-surveyor by trade for over 35 years, Milton walked thousands of miles over the ridgelines and hollers of the Appalachian Mountains that he loved and called home. He knew the names of every tree and flower that grew.

Milton was an accomplished actor as well as a gifted entertainer, comedian, and storyteller. He acted in numerous plays in western North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. He was a dedicated member of the Burnsville Little Theater. He performed at the Parkway Playhouse, the Thomas Wolfe Auditorium, and in a one-man show titled "The Prince of Dark Corners" which was filmed and continues to be featured on PBS. In particular, he will always be remembered for his performances in "Look Homeward Angel," "You Can't Take It With You," "Arsenic and Old Lace," "Dearly Departed," and dearest to his heart, "The Raindrop Waltz" in which he performed alongside Elizabeth Westall.

Milton lived his life fully. He loved more than anything to be outdoors: riding his old jeeps and four-wheelers, fishing the rivers, and camping with his family and friends.

Milton was preceded in death by his parents, Milton (Bub) Jr. and Evelyn Higgins; his paternal grandparents, Milton Sr. and Pearl Higgins; his maternal grandparents Rev. Cecil and Hazel Higgins; and his special nephew, Shawn Duncan, whom he thought of as his son.

He is survived by his wife, high-school sweetheart, and love of his life, Linda; his daughter, Charity Higgins Sutphin and her husband Will of King, NC; his son, Tyler Higgins and fiancé Sarah Westhusing of Burnsville; his five grandchildren, whom he adored and who loved their "Papa": Millie Jo and Theodore Kephart Higgins, Charlie Hoston, Margie Pearl, and Samuel Floyd Sutphin; his sisters, Andrea Moore and husband Jack of Celso, and Audrey Higgins of Surf City, NC; and his surrogate mother of many years, Mrs. Elizabeth Westall of Burnsville. He also leaves behind several cousins, many nieces and nephews, and countless others who saw him as "Uncle Milton." His friend's past and present are among too many to count, but he loved them all and never met a stranger.

A friend to all, cheerful in all weathers, and always quick with a joke, Milton valued love, laughter, and friendship above all worldly wealth. He will be missed and remembered forever after. Thanks for the memories.

A celebration of Milton's life will be held at a later date. Information will be forthcoming and announced by Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home. Memorial donations can be made to Compassionate Care of Western North Carolina, the Yancey County Public Library, or Yancey County Feed-A-Child.

Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home is respectfully serving the Higgins family.

MY Meds Medication

MY Meds Medication and Health Ministry is a local non-profit organization that provides help to Mitchell and Yancey County residents who have no prescription health plan and often have to decide between buying food and buying medicine. No one should have to make that choice.

If you need help paying for needed prescription medications call MY Meds office at 766-6337.

Charles Edward Gardner

Charles Edward Gardner, age 61, of Spanish Oak, passed away on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at Cannon Memorial Hospital. A native of Avery County, he was a son of Carrie Jarrett Gardner and the late Charles Gardner. He was also preceded in death by a son, David Charles Gardner and an infant brother. Charles was a quiet man who enjoyed fishing and animals. He loved his family dearly.

Surviving in addition to his mother, Carrie, is his wife of 41 years, Barbara Shell Gardner; daughters: Crissie Clawson and husband, Sam, of Buck Mountain and Lori Lee Gardner of Elk Park; grandchildren: Christian Gardner, Trinity Ledford, Charlie Clawson and Asa Rowdy Clawson; sisters: JoAnn McKinney and husband, Paul, Dorothy Robertson, and Linda Ledford and husband, Herman, all of Roan Mountain, TN and brothers: Terry Gardner and wife, Tammy, Sam Gardner and wife, Millie and McKinley Gardner all of Roan Mountain, TN. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. on Friday, June 25th in Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. Pastor Tony Clark officiated. Burial followed in the Richardson Cemetery.

The family request memorial donations be made to Yancey Funeral Services at 378 Charlie Brown Road, Burnsville, NC 28714 to help with expenses. To send online condolences, please visit our website at www.yanceyfuneralservice.com.



Mary Elizabeth McKee Johnson

Mary Elizabeth McKee Johnson, age 81, of Crossnore, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, June 25, 2021, at her home. A native of Orange County, NC, she was a daughter of the late William and Margaret Taylor McKee. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Marlin Johnson, who passed away April 26, 2011, and a brother, William Allen McKee. Mary was a member of Crossnore First Baptist Church where she was Clerk for 10 years, Sunday School Teacher, and sang in the choir.

Surviving is her daughter, Darlene Johnson Gibbs and husband, Dean, of Crossnore; sons: Marlin Johnson and wife, Carolyn, of Keller, TX and Raborn Johnson and wife, Erica, of Murfreesboro, TN; grandchildren: Jay Gibbs, Tiffani Gibbs, Macy Johnson, Shaun Johnson, and Brian Johnson and great-grandchildren: Taylor Grace Gibbs, Tessa Faith Gibbs and Tarah Hope Gibbs.

Graveside services were held at 4:00 p.m. Monday, June 28th, 2021, in Crossnore Baptist Church Cemetery. Rev. Lander Heafner will officiate.

The family request donations be made to Hospice and Palliative Care of the Blue Ridge or to the American Cancer Society.

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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 Phillip Leon 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 9th day of September, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 9th day of June, 2021.

Glenda Ray
46 Big Bear Branch Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published June 9, 16, 23, 30, 2021

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
File No. 21-E-137
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Ronnie Burdette Robinson 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 16th day of September, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 16th day of June, 2021.

Michael Todd Robinson
190 Logger Lane
Burnsville, NC 28714
June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 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 Donald Gene Blevins 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 9th day of September, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 9th day of June, 2021.

Gene Richard Blevins
670 Hwy 19
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published June 9, 16, 23, 30, 2021

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Katrina 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 25th day of September, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 23rd day of June, 2021.

Larry D. Hunter, Administrator
181 Cane River Church Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
Dale W. Hensley, Attorney
PO Box 1570
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2021

Times Journal Deadline

Noon on Friday for Wednesday's publication. Located at 22 North Main Street. Phone 828-682-2120.

LEGAL NOTICES

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 21 E 179
Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Burl Miller Austin 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 29th day of September, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 30th day of June, 2021.

John Allison Austin
5464 Prices Creek Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 2021

Free legal help available in Yancey

Pisgah Legal Services office in Burnsville located at 302 W. U.S. Hwy. 19E Bypass, Burnsville. Call 252-0406. For more information, see pisgahlegal.org. The attorneys are all currently working remotely so they aren't meeting with clients at the offices, but are still helping folks by working online and doing phone applications.

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 21 E 170
Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Charles Dewey Wilson 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 25th day of September, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 23rd day of June, 2021.

Charlene Wilson Fox
240 Warrior Path Drive
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 2021

Upcoming Events

BINGO CHALLENGE
*June 23 - August 31

Tennis Camp
*August 2 - 5

***October 9**

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