

Obituaries



Charles Franklin 'Monroe' Buchanan

Charles Franklin "Monroe" Buchanan, went home to be with the Lord, July 5, 2021. He was a native of Mitchell County, NC and the son of the late Robert and Hattie Mae Garland Buchanan.

He was previously employed as a truck driver. Monroe attended Poplar Creek School, Hunt Dale Free Will Baptist Church and Erwin Free Will Baptist Church. He was a former member of Bakersville Masonic Lodge and Unicoi Tennessee Masonic Lodge. He was a lifelong member of the NRA and North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission. He enjoyed farming and going to church. Monroe was a member of NC House of Representatives from 1985 until 1993, and from 1995 until 2003. He was also a Mitchell County Commissioner from 1978 until 1982.

Survivors include his sister Bertha Marie Barringer, of Winter Haven FL, several nieces and nephews, several great nieces and nephews, several cousins and many friends. He was preceded in death in addition to his parents by two sisters; Lorena Satterfield, and Joyce Seaman.

Graveside services were held Saturday, July 10, 2021 at Buchanan Byrd Cemetery on Poplar Creek Rd by Reverend Vernon Grindstaff Jr. Graveside military honors were provided by Sgt. E.L. Randolph Chapter #57 DAV.

Henline-Hughes Funeral Home assisted the family.



Julia "Bug" Burlison

Julia "Bug" Burlison, age 70, of Three Mile, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, July 5, at Memorial Mission Hospital. A native of Avery County, she was a daughter of the late Boyd and Rosalee "Bobby" Carpenter Ollis. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Ted Burlison; brothers: Jess Lee and Joseph Ollis and son-in-law, Johnny Sheppard. Julia loved traveling, enjoyed going to Dollywood, reading, word search puzzles, yard sales and making new friends. She adored her family.

Surviving is her daughter, Joann Renfro and husband, Rick, of Green Mountain; son, John Burlison and wife, Mary, of Linville Falls; grandchildren: Haley Dutton, Jackie Sheppard and Ashley Sheppard (Josh); great-grandchildren: Mason, Alaina, Mackenzie and Asher; sister, Janice Ingram; brother, Jack Ollis and wife, Glenna, and her dog, Mia. Several nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 11th in Henson Creek Baptist Church. Rev. Junior Carver officiated. Burial followed in the Pittman Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Avery County Humane Society at 279 New Vale Road, Newland, NC 28657. To send online condolences, please visit our website at www.yanceyfuneralservice.com.



Robert William Douglas Buchanan

Robert William Douglas Buchanan, age 51, of Elk Park, passed away on Sunday, July 4, 2021 unexpectedly at his home. A native of Watauga County, he was a son of Johnnie Robert Buchanan and the late Alice Rose.

He was also preceded in death by his sister, Brandy Rose. Robert was a Pittsburg Steeler's fan who enjoyed playing softball. He was always a generous person and everyone loved him.

Surviving is his father, Johnnie and wife, Deborah, are his sons: Ethan Buchanan and wife, Ashley, of Wichita Falls, TX and Michael Buchanan and wife, Cheyenne, of Winston Salem; special children: Kylie and Gage Smith; grandson, Dean Lee Buchanan; sisters: Marie Gouge and husband, Jeff, of Roan Mountain, TN and Angela Rose of Kentucky; brothers: Wayne Buchanan and wife, Ginger, of Elk Park, Johnnie Buchanan, Jr and wife, Amy, of Newland, Richard Rose of Newland and Jason Rose and wife, Nichole, of Virginia and fiancée, Sherry Holtsclaw of Elk Park. Several nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

Memorial services were held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 8th in Elk Park First Baptist Church. Rev. Johnny Persinger officiated.

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Senior Center is now open on Tues. and Thurs.

Yancey County Senior Center is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays at this time.

Staff, clients and visitors must follow safety precautions to protect the seniors who attend activities at the center. If you have not been vaccinated, you must wear a mask while in the building.

If you would like to come in and enjoy congregate meals, please call ahead to the Senior Center at 682-6011 and have your name put on the list for the meal that day. The center will continue to provide drive through food pick up but asks that you call and let them know as well so the staff can prepare enough food for everyone.

The Senior Center is located at Medical Campus Drive next to Blue Ridge Medical and Mayland's Yancey campus.

The large dining hall/kitchen area is available to rent at reasonable rates for meetings and events. For more information, call 682-6011.

Rec House location for food distribution

Reconciliation House food is distributed at the back of the building on Avery Street off North Main Street across from Higgins Methodist Church.

*Call ahead to schedule pickup at 828-682-7251 during client service hours on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

*Food pantry hours are 9 a.m. until noon on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

*Pick up is at the back, look for the three garage doors.

Free legal help available in Yancey

Pisgah Legal Services located in Burnsville offers free legal help for civil matters.

The attorneys are all currently working remotely. Applications are being accepted at pisgahlegal.org or call 253-0406 and for more information.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Karen James, late of Yancey County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at the office of Patrick U. Smathers, 118 Main Street, Suite B, Canton, North Carolina 28716, on or before the 12th day of October, 2021, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 14th day of July, 2021.

Patrick U. Smathers
Attorney for Joycelyn James Tate

Executrix of the Estate of Karen James
Patrick U. Smathers
118 Main Street, Suite B
Canton, NC 28716
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August 4, 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
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Published June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 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 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

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 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
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A rock shelter along the North Toe River was a hideout for Yankee soldiers during the Civil War. Lloyd Bailey's son Aaron is emerging from shelter and his son Ansel is seated behind the tree.

Rock shelters: hideouts, also temporary housing

By Lloyd Bailey

Rock shelters have long been used for temporary housing or perhaps even permanently. Such a structure consists of a wide and long rock that projects out of the ground at such an angle that humans can take refuge beneath it, often in a standing position. They were widely used by Native Americans in the Appalachian Mountain region.

In one such shelter beside the North Toe River, Yankee soldiers hid out beneath it during the Civil War period as passed down in a well-known story.

One study on the use of such structures by the Cherokee in Western North Carolina – in an article entitled The Archaeology of North Carolina: Three Archaeological Symposia – suggests various additional uses of such settings, including: isolation of women during menses and after birthing, locations of ritual functions, shelter during hunting expeditions, and consultation with deities or "spirits."

Early European pioneers to the Toe River Valley area, having arrived too late in the year to

construct a cabin before winter, helped to insulate such natural structures from wind and snow by leaning lengths of bark from trees, especially poplars, across the entrance.

A wonderful example of such a structure used by a pioneering family, I am told, was on Squirrel Creek in Avery County, but it was largely destroyed by modern road construction.

Another structure is located near Spear in Avery County, in a mountain about one half-mile west of and behind Doug Buchanan's tombstone business. It is well hidden in a laurel thicket in a steep bank.

Doug, who saw it as a youth, says that it contained some hog-wire attached to frame poles that had possibly been used as a bed support. Rusting tin cans were scattered around, once possibly containing food. Alas, Doug does not think that he could find the site anymore.

The location had been used as a hideout, so it is said, by Mr. A and Mr. B. One of B's descendants, my cousin who has approved my writing about this, says that the two men had

just made a little unauthorized withdrawal from a bank over in Tennessee and needed a place to relax for a while. Another story is that it was the bank in Banner Elk, NC. In any case, this event reportedly led to a car chase and shoot-out up Roaring Creek.

A member of the "A" family, namely a wife, reportedly was observed to have repeatedly carried things, probably food and other provisions, to the area of the shelter. Mr. "A" reportedly was later shot on the courthouse steps of Pikeville in Pike County, Kentucky on March 15, 1936 and died on April 30 from his injuries. His Kentucky death certificate states that the cause of death is "gunshot wound in liver; homicide" at 2 a.m.

Perhaps a positive memory of the inhabitants of the shelter, it is said, gave a member of the "A" family the middle given name of Mr. "B" (namely, "R").

"A" (1911-4/30/1936) is buried at the Yellow Mountain Cemetery in Avery County. A newspaper account is reportedly in the Ashland Dailey Independent for April 30, 1936 in the Boyd County, KY, Library.

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by Jeff

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