

# Obituaries



## Claude "Tood" Hughes

Claude "Tood" Hughes, age 92, passed away on Saturday, June 29th, at Blue Ridge Regional Hospital.

A native of Yancey County, Tood was a son of the late Jeff and Nora Gardner Hughes. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his son, Larry Hughes Blalock, and siblings: Carolyn Ray, Hettie Fox, Maude Chrisawn, Geneviva George, Pauline Hughes, Jack Hughes, Leonard Hughes, Junior "June" Hughes and Bill Hughes.

Tood had a passion for the outdoors and made a career as a groundskeeper, caretaking for Ernest and Eloise Briggs until their deaths. Tood will be remembered for his sense of humor and his ability to always cheer someone up if they were feeling down.

Left to cherish his memories are his sister, Betty Jean Perkins of Hickory and brother, Brown Hughes and his wife, Gladys of Newdale. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive, including special niece Judy Blankenship, of Burnsville, who took such good care of Tood while he was sick.

The Family wishes to express a special thank you to Tood's great nephew, Brian Blankenship, for leading Tood to the Lord last Sunday.

Per Tood's request, no services are to be held. He will be buried in the Butner Smith Cemetery.

To make online condolences to the family, please visit [www.yanceyfuneralservices.com](http://www.yanceyfuneralservices.com)

## Marshall Thomas

Marshall Thomas, 85, of Johnson City, TN, was greeted at Heaven's Gate Thursday, June 27, 2019. A native of Yancey County, in the Bowditch community, he was son of the late Rev. Casie and Elsie Laws Thomas. He was also preceded in death by brothers: Ernest and Eugene Thomas. Marshall was a US Air Force Veteran. He enjoyed reading and studying his Bible, and singing songs given to him by the Lord. He was a dedicated pastor and evangelist for many years.

Surviving are his wife of 17 years: Marlena Thomas; daughters: Wanda Martin and husband, Jimmy, of Nebo, NC, Martha Jones and husband Tony, of Unicoi, TN, Diane Silvers and husband, William, of Burnsville, and A. J. Midura and husband, Allen, of Winston Salem; sons: Jeremiah Duncan of Johnson City, Rickey Thomas of Nebo, and Randall Thomas (Diane) of Banner Elk; 12 grandchildren; 33 great grandchildren; 6 great, great grandchildren; sisters: Lessie Cook of Maryville, TN, Bernice Phillips and Christine Morgan of Mars Hill, and Louise Dockery of Marion; brothers: Larry Thomas of Burnsville, Jim Thomas of Chesnee, SC and Bill Thomas of Fort Myers, FL; and, many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Chapel of Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home. Revs. Wesley Ward and Rickey Thomas, Jr. officiated. Burial followed in the Casie Thomas Family Cemetery.

Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home is assisting the Thomas family.

## Joan Fowler

### Thomas

Joan Fowler Thomas went home to be with her Savior on February 18, 2019, at her home in Fort Myers, Florida. A native of New York, she was a daughter of Patricia Rapp and the late Frank Fowler and Ann Fowler. She was also preceded in death by her twin sister: Jackie Byers of Orland, Florida. Joan attended high school in Florida and New College, receiving her Doctorate from the University of Florida. She spent most of her life as an attorney for the State of Florida, taking one case to the US Supreme Court in 1991, winning a major victory for the State of Florida. Joan loved spending time with her family and taking long walks on the beach. She was a resident of Yancey County from 2006 until 2014 when her health declined and she and Bill returned to Florida.

In addition to her mother, left to cherish her memories are her husband of 13 years: Bill Thomas; son: Nicholas (Nick) Thomas; daughter: Alliana (Allie) Thomas; sister: Dian Fowler of Stuart, FL; brother: Frank Fowler, Jr.; and, many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Celebration of Life was held at South ESTATOE Baptist Church, of which she was a member, on Saturday, June 29, 2019, at 11a.m. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home is assisting the Thomas family.

To view this obituary online or send a condolence visit [www.holcombefuneralservices.com](http://www.holcombefuneralservices.com)

## 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.

## Times Journal Deadline

Noon on Friday for Wednesday's publication. Located at 22 N. Main Street, call 828-682-2120, [jody@yanceypaper.com](mailto:jody@yanceypaper.com).

## LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA YANCEY COUNTY

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of MELVIN H. ERICKSON, deceased, late of Yancey County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate to present such claims to the undersigned at their addresses given below on or before the 1st day of October, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 3rd day of July, 2019.  
Robert M. Erickson, Executor  
Estate of Melvin H. Erickson,  
02 E 79  
Burnsville, NC 28714  
Ryan Q. Gladden, Esq.  
Law Offices of Charles Winfree  
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Published July 3, 10, 17, 24,  
2019

# LEGAL NOTICE

## LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE OF NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION YANCEY COUNTY 18SP53 IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF A DEED OF TRUST EX- ECUTED BY H EDWARD HOFFMASTER DATED MAY 14, 2003 AND RE- CORDED IN BOOK 431 AT PAGE 173 IN THE YANCEY COUNTY PUBLIC REGISTRY, NORTH CAROLINA NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in the above-referenced deed of trust and because of default in the payment of the secured indebtedness and failure to perform the stipulation and agreements therein contained and, pursuant to demand of the owner and holder of the secured debt, the undersigned substitute trustee will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the usual place of sale at the county courthouse of said county at 12:00PM on July 22, 2019 the following described real estate and any other improvements which may be situated thereon, in Yancey County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning on a concrete monument, the beginning corner of the parcel of real estate allotted to Paula Ray Gillespie, and runs thence N 82 31 22 E 232.78 feet to an iron pin; thence S 21 36 13 W 62.93 feet to an iron pin; thence S 13 W 76.50 feet to an iron pin; thence S 66 09 19 W 241.35 feet to an iron pin on the Eastern margin of the right of way; thence with the right of way N 22 56 58 W 164.74 feet to a concrete monument, thence N 88 25 56 E 84.16 feet to a point in the center of the right of way; thence N 05 33 44 E 48.64 feet to a point in said right of way; thence N 82 31 22 E 15 feet to the place of BEGINNING, containing 1.00 acre.

Also conveyed herewith unto the GRANTEE, his heirs and assigns, is a perpetual and non-exclusive right of ingress and egress along a 16-foot right of way located as shown on a map and plat of the survey of the Ozian Ray Estate prepared by Carl A. Reeves, Jr. RLS, dated 7 January, 1997, and bearing the Map No. 970107C.

And Being more commonly known as: 178 Eula Ray Rd, Burnsville, NC 28714

The record owner(s) of the property, as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds, is/are The Estate of H. Edward Hoffmaster.

The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale. Any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. This sale is made subject to all prior liens and encumbrances, and unpaid taxes and assessments including but not limited to any transfer tax associated with the foreclosure. A deposit of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale. This sale will be held open ten days for upset bids as required by law. Following the expiration of the statutory upset period, all remaining amounts are IMMEDIATELY DUE AND OWING. Failure to remit funds in a timely manner will result in a Declaration of Default and any deposit will be frozen

pending the outcome of any resale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagor, the Substitute Trustee or the attorney of any of the foregoing.

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR LEASEHOLD TENANTS: If you are a tenant residing in the property, be advised that an Order for Possession of the property may be issued in favor of the purchaser. Also, if your lease began or was renewed on or after October 1, 2007, be advised that you may terminate the rental agreement upon written notice to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time notice of termination is provided. You may be liable for rent due under the agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

The date of this Notice is June 17, 2019.

Grady I. Ingle or Elizabeth B. Ells  
Substitute Trustee  
10130 Perimeter Parkway,  
Suite 400  
Charlotte, NC 28216  
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## LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK FILE NO. 18 E 151 EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as the Executrix of the Estate of Willa Mae Whitson of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of the deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before 19th September, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 19th day of June, 2019.

Sherry Lisa Freeman Fender  
342 Hardscrabble Road  
Burnsville, NC 28714  
Published June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2019

## LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK FILE NO. 18 E 151 EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as the Executrix of the Estate of Anna Kathryn Bailey of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of the deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before 19th September, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 19th day of June, 2019.

Beryl B. Carroll  
220 Castle Lane  
Burnsville, NC 28714  
Published June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2019

## LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

East Yancey Storage Buildings will sell the following storage unit(s) #12 for default of rent on July 13 at 12:00 p.m.. Owner may claim by paying all rent and any fees prior to sale. Cash or money order only.  
Unit # 12  
Renter name: Itghak (Isaac) Itzhaky  
Published on June 26, July 3, 2019

## LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK FILE 19-E-140 NORTH CAROLINA YANCEY COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Eloise S. Snyder a/k/a Eloise Shell Snyder Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS  
Having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of Eloise S. Snyder a/k/a Eloise Shell Snyder deceased, late of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said Estate to present such claims to the undersigned on or before, September 26, 2019, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment.

This, the 26th day of June 2019.  
Rebecca Snyder Gray  
Jeffrey Robert Snyder  
c/o Strauss Attorneys, PLLC  
77 Central Avenue, Suite F  
Asheville, NC 28801  
(828) 258-0994  
June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2019

## LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK FILE NO. 18 E 151 EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as the Administratrix of the Estate of Emmer Jane Stedman of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of the deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before 23 September, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 12th day of June, 2019.

Janet Hill  
Administratrix  
2656 Blue Rock Road  
Burnsville, NC 28714  
Published June 12, 19, 26,  
July 3, 2019

## LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK FILE NO. 18 E 151 EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of Barbara Denise Autrey of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of the deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before 19th September, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 19th day of June, 2019.

Amanda Autrey Laws  
211 Barn Road  
Burnsville, NC 28714  
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## 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](http://volunteerforgal.org).

# SMART Recovery® provides an effective healing option for addiction

The Abbey initiative of St. Thomas Episcopal Church partners with peer support specialist Michel Guicheny to offer SMART Recovery® meetings in the Burnsville area.

Meetings are held at St. Thomas Church, 372 Reservoir Road (up the hill, just behind CVS) every Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. All are welcome.

Research indicates that many people need support from several directions at once to gain ground on their path to recovery. SMART Recovery is an effective resource used by itself or in combination with 12-Step programs or other tool that supports healing.

Although new to our community, SMART Recovery is part of the mainstream of the addiction recovery movement. The model has been endorsed by every major government and medical authority in the US, including, the National Institute on Drug Abuse, and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

SMART Recovery, stands for Self-Management And Re-

covery Training. It is based on the latest medical research into addiction behaviors and offers a wide array of helpful resources, including local in-person meetings, online message boards, 24/7 chat room sessions, and more.

Michel Guicheny, the meeting facilitator, has been in long-term recovery from substance use (since 2006) and is certified to teach SMART Recovery methods.

He currently offers the program at the Haywood Street Congregation (United Methodist Church) in Asheville. This congregation hosts and provides services in partnership with the Sunrise Community for Recovery and Wellness where Guicheny serves in various capacities.

SMART Recovery is for all addictions - substances, gambling, food, sex, or electronics - and addresses them with proven wisdom from scientific methods, including Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and motivational interviewing.

No matter who you are and

where you are in your recovery journey, you'll find a warm and welcoming community.

Meetings last about 90 minutes, which gives participants time to discuss their goals, what is currently happening in their lives, if what they are doing is working, how to cope with urges, how to set attainable goals, and how to live a healthy lifestyle.

For more information on the program, visit [smartrecovery.org](http://smartrecovery.org) or email facilitator Michel Guicheny at [mmguicheny53@gmail.com](mailto:mmguicheny53@gmail.com).

## Barkin' Basement YHS Resale Store

The Barkin' Basement Resale Store is the primary fundraiser for the Yancey Humane Society.

The resale store accepts donations that are clean, gently used, and in good working order.

If you have large items such as furniture, they are able to pick them up, usually on Wednesdays. Call the store at 208-9510 to arrange for a pickup.

Follow the store's Facebook page "Barkin' Basement Resale Store" to see sales, photos, and information on special items that have been donated.

## Literacy Council can help with reading

Yancey Literacy Council has volunteers ready to help adults and children with reading.

If you need help or know of someone who does, call the Literacy office at 678-9646 for more information. Speak to Lindsay if you would like help or want to volunteer.