

# Obituaries

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**Terry Nelson Hollifield**

Terry Nelson Hollifield, age 60, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, December 4th, 2019 at Blue Ridge Regional Hospital. A native of Buncombe County, he was a son of the late James and Betty Suttles Hollifield. He was preceded in death by a son, Jeremy Hollifield. Terry loved his family and was a outgoing friendly person that enjoyed fishing.

Surviving is his wife, Patricia Hollifield of Asheville; daughters: Keisha Hollifield and Stephanie Hollifield both of Asheville; sisters: Pam Duckett and husband, Curtis, of Burnsville, Lois Shipley of South Carolina, Juanita Waldrop and husband, Ken, of Burnsville; Penny Hollifield of Burnsville; brothers: Jerry Hollifield of Bakersville, Kenneth Hollifield of Shelby, NC, Danny Hollifield and wife, Michelle of Burnsville; five grandchildren and aunt, Faye Richardson of South Carolina. Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

A memorial will be held at a later date. To send online condolences, please visit our website at [www.yanceyfuneralservice.com](http://www.yanceyfuneralservice.com).



**Charles Edwin Rivers**

Charles Edwin Rivers, 71, died December 6, 2019 at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. His funeral service will be held this Wednesday in the chapel at Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home at 11:00 a.m. in Burnsville, North Carolina.

Mr. Rivers was born on August 25, 1948 in Seneca, South Carolina to Melinda Grace and James Donald Rivers. Ed earned a bachelor's degree from Clemson University in 1971 and had a successful career as a civil engineer working for the Georgia Department of Transportation for 28 years. He married Faye Letterman on June 29, 1980 in Burnsville, North Carolina. Mr. Rivers was a passionate golfer, avid outdoorsman and adventurous world traveler.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. prior to the service at the funeral home. The memorial service will be officiated by Reverend Dr. Jim Fowler of the Higgins Memorial United Methodist Church and Reverend Dwight Boone from Faith Fellowship Baptist Church.

Mr. Rivers is survived by his loving wife, Faye Letterman; brothers: James Rivers Jr. and wife Martha; David Rivers; and two nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association to help fund innovative research, advocacy, and patient support until no more loved ones are lost to heart disease.

**Volunteers needed**

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers to deliver meals weekdays from 10:30 to noon. Call the Senior Center at 682-6011.



**John Bryant**

John Bryant, 72, of the Little Creek community, passed away Thursday, December 5, 2019, at Mission Hospital. A native of Yancey County, he was a son of the late Rexter and Zona Bell Hanev Bryant, and the husband of the late Greta Bryant. He was also preceded in death by brothers: Lyda and wife, Peggy, Charles and wife, Virginia, and Martin Bryant. John was a retired mechanic.

Surviving are a brother: R. C. Bryant of Burnsville; and a sister-in-law: Louise Bryant of New Smyrna Beach Florida. Several nephews, cousins and friends also survive.

A Celebration of Life service was held at 7 p.m. Monday in the Chapel of Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home. Rev. Raymond Phillips officiated. Burial will be in the Lewis Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home to assist with funeral expenses.

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



**John C. Bates, Jr.**

John C. Bates, Jr., age 76, of Burnsville, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, December 4th, 2019 at his home. A native of Tampa, FL he was a son of the late John C. Bates, Sr. and Ruth Heim Bates. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Fincannon Bates who passed away in 2001. He was a member of the Hernando Lodge #97 F&AM and Burnsville Lodge #717 AF&AM.

Surviving is his daughter, Teresa Johnson of Jasper, GA. Several other extended family members also survive.

A graveside with Masonic Rites will be held at 9 a.m. on Friday, December 13th in Brooksville Cemetery in Brooksville, FL.

Yancey Funeral Services in Burnsville, NC and Merritt Funeral Home in Brooksville, FL will be assisting the Bates family. To send online condolences, please visit our website at [www.yanceyfuneralservice.com](http://www.yanceyfuneralservice.com).

**Guardian ad Litem seeking volunteers as child advocates**

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

Training sessions are held periodically for those who would like to volunteer with this program to advocate for local children.

Participants from Mitchell and Madison counties are also strongly encouraged to participate as there are many children who still do not have a volunteer assigned to them.

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).

**LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR/EXECUTOR NOTICE**

Having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of Joan Z. Horhoroundy 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 11th day of March, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 11th day of December, 2019.

K. Bryan Hyder  
236 Chestnut Hill Road  
Burnsville, NC 28714  
Lisa T. Jones  
130 Claude Jones Lane  
Elk Park, NC 28622  
Published December 11, 18, 25, 2019, January 1, 2020

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Susan Melody-Katz, of St. Petersburg, Florida, 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 18th day of February, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 20th day of November, 2019.

Paula Decker  
5249 29th Ave. N  
St. Petersburg, FL 33710  
Robert A. Phillips  
Resident Process Agent  
PO Box 995  
Burnsville, NC 28714  
Published November 20, 27, December 4, 11, 2019

**LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR/EXECUTOR NOTICE**

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Pauline McKinney 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 20th day of February, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 20th day of November, 2019.

Robert Wesley McKinney  
P.O. Box 1678  
Burnsville, NC 28714  
Published November 20, 27, December 4, 11, 2019

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of William Ira Young, of Burnsville, 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 18th day of February, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 20th day of November, 2019.

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# LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF YANCEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

To Consider Economic Development Incentives for Little Leaf Farms, Inc. in Yancey County

NOTICE IS hereby given by Yancey County that, pursuant to the provisions of NC Gen. Stat. 158-7.1, the Yancey County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on 20 December 2019 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Yancey County Courthouse in Burnsville, North Carolina, on a proposal to appropriate and expend county funds for an economic development project to aid and encourage Little Leaf Farms, Inc. to locate its new commercial/industrial operations in Yancey County, North Carolina.

The Yancey County Board of County Commissioners intends to approve the county's acquisition of a tract of land located at 70 E US Highway 19E in Burnsville, NC, being all or a portion of that property described at Yancey County Deed Book 580, Page 317, by entering into an option to purchase the property and then acquiring fee simple ownership of the site after the site is rough graded. The proposed acquisition cost of the property is \$5,000,000.00. The source of funding for the acquisition of the property will be by an installment financing agreement undertaken by Yancey County with the associated debt service being paid from additional property tax revenue generated by the improvements to be constructed on the property by Little Leaf Farms, Inc., as outlined below.

Upon acquisition of the property referenced above, the Yancey County Board of County Commissioners intends to convey a portion of the property in fee simple to Little Leaf Farms, Inc. for the construction of a new commercial/industrial facility in Yancey County, (hereinafter "economic incentive"). The value of the interest in the property to be conveyed to Little Leaf Farms, Inc., is \$5,000,000.00. This economic development incentive

referenced above will be based upon, and contingent upon, (a) a capital investment being made by Little Leaf Farms, Inc., of a total capital investment of \$86,000,000.00 made over a four (4) year period; and (b) the creation of 100 new full-time, or full-time equivalent, jobs over a (5) five-year period, which Yancey County finds to have a value of \$1,000,000.00, and the indirect business tax impact of the company calculated to have a value of \$1,471,510.00 and which is the consideration for the conveyance to Little Leaf Farms, Inc. of the property referenced hereinabove.

The Yancey County Board of County Commissioners believes that the foregoing economic development incentive grant will stimulate the local economy, increase the County tax base and revenues, result in the creation of new and permanent jobs in the County, diversify the County economy, and promote the general welfare of the County and its citizens. All persons interested in this incentive are invited to attend this public hearing and present their views.

This the 11 day of December, 2019.

Sonya Morgan,  
Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners for Yancey County  
Published December 11, 2019.

**LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR/EXECUTOR NOTICE**

Having qualified as Co-Executrix of the Estate of Howard Riddle 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 5th day of March, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 4th day of December, 2019.

Joyce Brown  
118 Walt Road  
Burnsville, NC 28714  
Published November 27, December 4, 11, 18, 2019

**LEGAL NOTICE EXECUTRIX' NOTICE**

Having qualified on the 28th day of June 2019 as Executrix of the will of Vada L. Young, all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the undersigned Executrix on or before 19 February 2020. All persons indebted to the estate shall make immediate payment.

This the 20th day of November, 2019.

Bertha Huskins, Executrix  
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**LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR/EXECUTOR NOTICE**

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Gwen V. 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 27th day of February, 2020 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

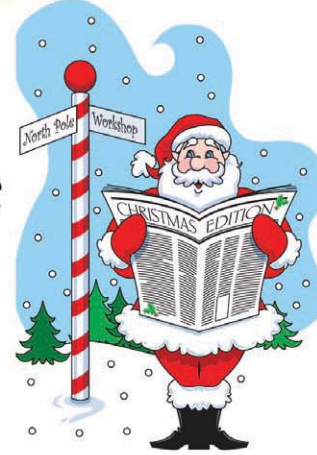
This the 27th day of November, 2019.

Genevieve Muse  
111 Muirfield Road  
Macon, GA 31210  
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