

Obituaries



William Claude Briggs

William Claude Briggs, age 76, of the Arbuckle Community, went Home to be with the Lord on Monday, September 9th, 2024 at his home, surrounded by his loving family. A native of Yancey County, he was a son of the late Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Sr. and Pearl Briggs. He was also preceded in death by a grandson, John Stephen Briggs who passed away in 1998; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Jay and Muriel Laws; three brothers: Paul, Reed and Thurman Briggs; two sisters: Clara Lee Chrisawn and Frances Briggs Boone; brothers-in-law: Jerry Boone and Charles McKinney; and sister-in-law, Maude Briggs.

Claude proudly served his country in the U.S. Army, and was stationed in Korea where he was a mechanic during the Vietnam Era. Upon returning to the U.S., he began driving a milk truck for Robinson's Dairy, Biltmore Dairy, Pet Milk and the Pet Ice Cream Truck. He went on to work at Ethan Allen for a number of years until its closure, then drove a dump truck for Tipton & Young, which later became Young & McQueen, from which he retired. A few of his favorite hobbies include watching NASCAR racing and Duke basketball, working on cars, especially a Dodge which was his favorite, and enjoyed time on his lawnmower, mak-

ing sure his yard always looked good.

He was a lifelong member of Bowditch Union Church, and was a devout Christian who truly loved the Lord. Aside from his strong faith in Christ, his family was more important to him than anything on earth, and he loved nothing more than spending time with them all, especially his grandson. He will forever be remembered as a kind, loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. Those who knew him will forever cherish his memory.

Surviving is his loving wife of almost 53 years, Kathy Laws Briggs; son, Stephen Briggs and wife, Misty of Penland; daughter, Stephanie Briggs Whitson and husband, Jody of Arbuckle; grandson, Tyler Briggs of Arbuckle; sister, Shirley McKinney of Estatee; two brothers: Charles Briggs and wife, Geraldine of Micaville and Rev. Roscoe Briggs, Jr. of Micaville; sisters-in-law: Adaleen Briggs, Shirley Briggs, Clara Briggs and Rosie Laws; and brothers-in-law, Clarence Chrisawn, Jerry Laws and Randy Laws. Many nieces, nephews, extended family and his loving church family also survive.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17th at Bowditch Union Church. Jeff Laws, Rev. Ronnie Whitson and Rev. Chad Chrisawn officiated. Burial followed in the Will Young Cemetery with Military Honors conducted by the Sgt. E.L. Randolph Chapter #57 D.A.V.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Kim Huskins Ogle with Compassionate Care WNC and Autumn Laws for the wonderful care given to Claude and his family. Memorial donations may be made to Bowditch Union Church at 420 Rice Road, Burnsville, NC 28714. To send online condolences, please visit our website at www.yanceyfuneralservice.com.

Rotary Club of Spruce Pine Sponsors the Annual BBQ Festival October 5

It is BBQ time again in the Blue Ridge Mountains of western North Carolina. This year is better than ever with a new location, the most delicious BBQ and exciting new music. The date is October 5, 2024 from 10 am – 9 pm and will be downtown Spruce Pine on Locust Street (locals know it as Lower Street). The Rotary club of Spruce Pine sponsors the Spruce Pine BBQ Festival and uses the proceeds to fund local non-profits in our area as well as educational opportunities in our school system.

The festival activities include award winning BBQ, many food and craft vendors, music all day, cake walk, face painting and inflatables for kids. The music schedule is as follows:

10 am – noon	Thirty Ought 6
Noon – 2 pm	JAM – Jody and Mark
2 pm – 4 pm	Carolina Bluegrass Style
4 pm – 6 pm	Michelle Leigh Band
7pm – 9 pm	TBD

Thirty Ought 6 is a great local band that loves to play music together and entertain

JAM is a staple in our area for country as well as country rock music

Carolina Bluegrass Style is from Columbia, SC and bluegrass is their specialty

Michelle Leigh Band is southern rock and has won several awards in both Southern Rock & multi-genre. She is Mitchell County born and raised winning many Josie Music Awards for song of the year, female entertainer of the year, best performance in a music video (female), and the list goes on.

The admission charge is \$5/ person with kids 12 and under FREE. This admission charge has given us the ability to build a playground in Riverside Park, purchase a storage shed for the Giving Gardens, provide a freezer for our local food bank, college scholarships for high school seniors, and many more deserving local projects.

This year we have added a

very special award that Rotary presents to outstanding community leaders. This year's "You Make A Difference Award" goes to our very own Kathy Miller. Mrs. Miller has probably taught every child music in Mitchell County.

Please join us in downtown Spruce Pine and celebrate Mrs. Miller. The award will be presented after 4 pm. Plan to treat yourself to some delicious bbq and listen to the music.

The NC Cycle bicycle rally also will begin their ride across NC on this day in Riverside Park. We are excited to show off our town and surrounding area.

Don't miss this annual event in downtown Spruce Pine, October 5, 2024 from 10 am – 9 pm.

For more information visit our website sprucepinebbq.org or email info@sprucepinebbq.org

Support Group and Workshops Help

Dementia Caregivers

Sometimes, caregiving can feel overwhelming. There are so many plates spinning at the same time it's hard to keep up with everything. Caregivers juggle medical care (did the prescription refill get called in?), paying the bills (did the check to French Broad get mailed?), and groceries (do we have any eggs and bread left?), to name just a few. If you are caring for a loved one living with dementia, add these additional concerns: wandering (he was just on the front porch having coffee and now he's not there!), behavior and communication (why did she get so angry with me over brushing her teeth?) and companion care (I have to go to the doctor, but there's no one to stay with my wife).

The person living with dementia (PLWD) is experiencing changes in the brain that impact everything from communication to vision to recognition of loved ones, and many more. And change is constant; what worked last week for your loved one doesn't work this week. Caregivers must find ways to adjust and accommodate to the brain changes, and that takes knowledge, creativity and encouragement. It also means accepting and acknowledging the person living with dementia is doing the best they can.

Yes, it can be overwhelming but know this – you are not alone on this journey. Two key must-do's for dementia caregivers is to get connected with others through a caregivers support group and learn as much as you can from dementia caregiving experts. Both needs are being addressed in Yancey County by Dementia Caregivers & Friends through generous funding from The Yancey Fund (Community Foundation WNC), the High Country Area Agency on Aging and other supporters.

Dementia Caregivers Support Group: Join us on Thursday, September 26 at 2:00 p.m. at Compassionate Care WNC for our monthly gathering. New friends are always welcome, and you'll find support, encouragement and lots of how-to information from other caregivers walking the same path. Let us know if you'd like to attend so we can save you a seat and a cup of coffee, too. Contact group leader April Henkel for more information at (850) 228-1228, or by email at DementiaCaregiversWNC@gmail.com.

Workshops for Caregivers: Two half-day workshops for dementia caregivers will be held in October and November at the Burnsville Town Center. On Thursday, October 24, 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. and on Thursday, November 14, from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. To register, visit the website www.DementiaCaregiversWNC.org (events) or email DementiaCaregiversWNC@gmail.com.

Sign-up for the caregiver email newsletter or for more information about help available for dementia caregivers or being a volunteer, contact local coordinator April Henkel at (850) 228-1228, or by email at DementiaCaregiversWNC@gmail.com. Information also on the web at www.DementiaCaregiversWNC.org.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Joyce Willean Gravitt 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 6th day of December, 2024 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 September, 2024.

Dean Dalton Brown
9 Link Street
Burnsville, NC 28714
Dale W. Hensley, Attorney

Resident Process Agent
PO Box 1570
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published September 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Administrator / Executor Notice

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Samuel Joe Murphy 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 December, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 3rd day of September, 2024.

Joel Murphy
7281 Crabtree Road
Spruce Pine, NC 28777
Published September 11, 18, 25,
October 2, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE Notice to Creditors

Having qualified as Ancillary Administrator of the Estate of Judene B. Giambrone a/k/a Judene Giambrone of Orange County, New York, in Yancey County, North Carolina Clerk Of Court File # 24 E 230, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to present them to the undersigned on or before the 18 day of December 2024, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 18 day of September, 2024.

Todd R. Giambrone, Ancillary Administrator
c/o Martin Law Firm, P.A.
Attn.: Mark C. Martin
633 Merrimon Avenue,
Suite D
Asheville, NC 28804
Published September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 2024

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

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Gwendolyn May Winfree 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 6th day of December, 2024 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 September, 2024.

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA YANCEY COUNTY GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

FILE NO. 24E208

IN THE MATTER OF: ESTATE OF THOMAS MICHAEL BOONE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Billy Ray Edge, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of THOMAS MICHAEL BOONE, deceased, late of Yancey County, North Carolina, notifies all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to: Billy Ray Edge, Administrator, c/o Brian A. Buchanan, Attorney, Grimes Teich Anderson, LLP, 535 College Street, Asheville, NC 28801, on or before December 18, 2024, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

September 18, 2024.

s/Brian A. Buchanan, Attorney for Billy Ray Edge, Administrator of the Estate of Thomas Michael Boone

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Administrator / Executor Notice

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Teddy Adkins 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 November, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 22nd day of August, 2024.

Teddy Rodney Adkins
15744 Hwy 19W
Green Mtn., NC 28740
Published August 28,
September 4, 11, 18, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE

NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

YANCEY COUNTY BEFORE THE CLERK

FILE NO: 24-E-209 IN RE: ESTATE OF

LINDA MURPHY OUBRE AKA LINDA M.

LIVINGSTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE UNDERSIGNED having qualified as Ancillary Administrator of the Estate of LINDA MURPHY OUBRE, aka LINDA M. LIVINGSTON, Deceased, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Yancey County, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said Decedent to present them to the undersigned on or before December 4, 2024, said date being at least three months from the date of the first publication or posting of this Notice as indicated below, or the same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate, please make immediate payment.

This Notice is given pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 28A-14-1.

This the 4th day of September 2024.

ESTATE OF LINDA MURPHY OUBRE

AKA LINDA M. LIVINGSTON

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Celebrate Appalachian Voices and Stories

Parkway Playhouse is thrilled to welcome patrons to their Second Annual Appalachian Playwriting Festival showing September 21-22, 2024. When Parkway Playhouse was founded in 1947, it was founded out of a love of theater and dedication to education as college students joined together from around the nation here in our mountain town to produce high-quality productions each summer. What they found here was not only the knowledge of how to create wonderful theater. They found farmers harvesting crops at the end of each season, teaching them the value of hard work; potters, quilters, and cloggers showing them the power art can have on a community. They found a town thriving in the Blue Ridge Mountains because of the people who cherish it and each other, teaching them how to be good neighbors.

Students from all those years ago and the audiences who passed through their doors today all found a special feeling of community at Parkway Playhouse. The secret ingredient? Our home. The impact of our people and our location here in the Appalachian Mountains is keenly felt in this theater. Appalachia is defined as a cultural region in the Eastern United States that stretches from the southern tier of New York State to northern Alabama and Georgia. It's an area rich in tradition, ideals, and culture. The Appalachian Playwriting Festival is a celebration of Appalachian Culture. It is a preservation of the stories, people, and traditions that make our community so wonderful

This festival is an opportunity for the theatre to give back by offering a microphone to those voices telling the stories of our home and heart.

This year's festival will feature staged readings of three new plays, read and chosen by a playreading committee. A staged reading is a rehearsed reading of a script in front of an audience without a set or costumes. It's often used in the script development process as a way to hear the script out loud often for the first time and to gauge an audience's interest in a script.

Cheek By Jowl is by playwright Emily McClain. Family loyalties, long-hidden secrets, and the freeing power of finally telling the truth are explored in this dark comedy. Roger McElroy wrote an incredibly successful novel 30 years ago and has not published anything since. When he comes home from the hospital after suffering a sudden heart attack, his three adult children try to convince him to sell the isolated mountain cabin where he's lived all their lives. Their frustrations at Roger's refusal to take his failing health seriously cause escalating arguments which bring out an accusation by the eldest son that he does not believe Roger is the true author of his famous novel.

Bloodletting in These Hills is by playwright Walter Thinnies. More than 7,500 strikers walked out of more than 90 mines in the Paint Creek and Cabin Creek coal fields of West Virginia during the bloody 1912-1914 labor war. Bloodletting in These

Hills is the story of one family caught in the crosshairs of that struggle.

Booth #99 is by playwright George Pfeffer. In this show, Jim is a first-time vendor, almost by accident, at a two-day Appalachian crafts festival and is feeling insecure. He has varied interactions with customers, festival officials, a reporter, and other vendors – one of whom is offended by a particular carved rock of Jim's.

Showing September 21-22, 2024, tickets are available now for this event by visiting www.parkwayplayhouse.com or calling the box office at 828-682-4285.

The winner of Parkway Playhouse's Appalachian Playwriting Festival will be performing a special staged reading at The Center for Pioneer Life during their Harvesting Heritage Festival. This reading will start at 5:30pm on September 28, 2024 on the porch of the cabin. Tickets for this event can be purchased online at <https://bit.ly/APFatTheCenter>.

Parkway Playhouse is a professional theater company located at 202 Green Mountain Drive, Burnsville, North Carolina 28714. The oldest continually operating Summer theater in North Carolina, they are celebrating their 77th season this year. Parkway Playhouse offers something for everyone including shows, classes, community events, and more! To find out more about Parkway Playhouse, please visit their website listed above, or check out their Facebook or Instagram pages.