

Obituaries



Donald Ray Wilson

Donald Ray Wilson, age 83, of Busick, went to see Jesus and his family on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at his home surrounded by his loving family. A native of Yancey County, he was a son of the late Walter and Dollie Wilson. He was also preceded in death by brothers-in-law: Gary Hollifield and Steve Brewer and sisters-in-law: Maudie Nanney and Michelle Letterman.

Donald was a devoted member of Browns Creek Baptist Church at the time of his passing. He was previously a member of Mt. Mitchell Baptist Church until 2012. Donald had many passions, but the love for his family was always at the forefront. He cherished spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who were the light of his life. His warm smile and caring presence will be missed by all who knew him.

Donald was always fond of working with his tractor. However, it was his love for driving his dump truck that truly brought him joy. He took great pride in his work and found satisfaction in a hard day's work.

He was always an avid lover of the outdoors and camping, often finding happiness around a campfire with friends or simply enjoying quiet moments with his family.

Surviving is his loving wife of 61 years, Myril Wilson; sons: Allen Wilson and wife, Sandy, and Scott Wilson and wife, Karen; grandchildren: Cory Wilson, Jeri Wilson, Steven Wilson (Kayla), Dakota Wilson (Sydney), C.J. Wilson and Dustin Ray; great-grandchildren: Kamron, Kahlen, Kolton, Tianna, Noah and Anna; sisters: Doris Huskins (Ricky), Judy Chrisawn (Claude) and Carolyn Brewer; brothers-in-law: Mark Greene (Cathy) and Mike Greene (Kathy). Several other extended family members also survive.

Funeral services will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11th in the Chapel of Yancey Funeral Services. Rev. Shane Buchanan and Rev. Forrest Westall will officiate. The family will receive friends from 4 until 6 p.m. prior to the service. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday in the Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery on Seven Mile Ridge.

Donald's legacy will forever live on through his family, his faith and many memories he created with those who knew and loved him.

To send online condolences, please visit our website at www.yanceyfuneralservice.com.

Dec. 21 Free new toys for ALL families affected by Hurricane Helene

Truth Ministries is providing Free new toys for ALL families affected by Hurricane Helene at the The Town Center in Burnsville. They will have a

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.



John Walter Howell III

John Walter Howell III, age 86, of Green Mountain, went Home to be with the Lord on Saturday, November 30, 2024, at his home, surrounded by his loving family. A native of Yancey County, he was the son of the late John Walter and Thelma Johnson Howell.

John earned his degree from East Tennessee State University and taught at both East Yancey and Cane River High Schools. He was known for his sense of humor and being a storyteller who could make his stories come alive to his listeners. He was outgoing, always laughing and joking, and loved making conversation with everyone. He was a kind, generous man who loved everyone. John was the hub of his family, always giving of himself and showing them love. His presence will be missed by everyone, especially his family, and memories of him will forever be cherished.

He is survived by his loving wife of 20 years, Elana Young Howell; daughter, Kelly Howell of Red Hill; stepdaughter, Heather Proffitt-Young (Jason) of Green Mountain; stepson, John Proffitt (Heather) of Burnsville; four grandchildren: Jesse Young, Hunter Taylor (Russell), Garrett Sparks and Paige Sparks; great-grandchild, Julien Carter Taylor; four cousins whom he thought of as sisters: Jerri Ray, Karen Shepherd, Linda Laws and Brenda Pate; as well as numerous cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 8th in the chapel of Yancey Funeral Services. Rev. Garland Honeycutt officiated. Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. on Monday, December 9th in the Fairview Cemetery at Horton Hill.

Memorial donations may be made to Samaritan's Purse at P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607. To send online condolences, please visit our website at www.yanceyfuneralservice.com.

People Helping People

PC Solutions in Burnsville is offering free internet access in their parking lot, to Mitchell and Yancey county residents. To use their free internet service simply pull into their parking lot and log in to: Pcs-Helene-Guest, password: 092724bnc. Available 7 days a week, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. All information is posted on their front door. PC Solutions is located at 347 E.U.S. Hwy 19E Bypass in Burnsville. For more information call 828-536-5095.

Toy Store Open on Saturday, December 21, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. A free hot meal will be available on site! Contact Susan Higgins (828) 778-0258 for more information. It's our prayer that these toys bring joy and light to your family! Mercy and Truth Ministries, A Light of Hope in the Life of a Child. In loving memory of Brady Sizemore. The Town Center is located at 6 S Main Street in Burnsville.

Times Journal Deadline

Deadline for newscopy, pictures, classified advertisements is 12:00 on Friday for Wednesday's publication. Copy should be brought by the office located at 22 North Main Street or mailed to Times Journal, 22 North Main Street, Burnsville, N.C. 28714.



Chris Laws

Chris Laws, age 65, of Burnsville, passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 30, 2024 at Blue Ridge Regional Hospital. A native of Yancey County, she was a daughter of the late Noah and Ruth Fender Edwards. She was also preceded in death by two brothers: Dewey and Mack Edwards; a sister and brother-in-law, Lexi and Tommy Davis; nephew, Josh Edwards; niece, Connie Camby; sister-in-law, Juanita Edwards, and brother-in-law, Lynn Arrowood.

Straight out of high school, Chris fell in love with Lawrence Laws and he was the love of her life for 46 years. He was the only man Chris ever loved. They enjoyed doing things together; they went shopping, went to car shows, and loved riding the Blue Ridge Parkway. Everyone knew her as "Red" while cooking at Poplar Grove Store in Celo. Chris loved to cook and was well known in the community as a cook for 11 years at Lil' Smoky's Restaurant, always greeting her customers with a warm comment and a smile, and making everyone feel welcome. She was strong-willed and always held a strong work ethic. Chris was a selfless lady with a good heart who always cared for others more than herself. Her love for the Lord was strong, as well as the love she held for her husband, children, grandchildren and siblings. She was deeply loved by everyone who knew her, and memories of her will be cherished.

She is survived by her husband, Lawrence Laws; son, Michael Laws of Burnsville; daughter, Pam Huxley (Carol) of Newdale; two grandchildren: Eric Webster and Emily Scott; three sisters: Velvia Arrowood of Greeneville, TN, Doris Bradford (Larry) of Salisbury, NC, and Maxine Ray of Salisbury, NC; two brothers: Phil Edwards of Burnsville and Pete Edwards (Sherry) of Salisbury, NC; and her feline friend, Garfield. She also leaves behind numerous friends.

Graveside services were held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10th in the chapel of Yancey Funeral Services. Private burial was in the Watts Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the funeral home to help the family with funeral expenses. To send online condolences, please visit our website at www.yanceyfuneralservice.com.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church disaster Aid

Sacred Heart Catholic Church is distributing supplies to the community. At Sacred Heart Catholic Church you can find free clothes, shoes, toiletries, food, diapers, and more. The hours of distribution are 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 5 -7 p.m. every day. Also available for use at the church are 8 shower stalls, 8 restroom stalls, 1 ADA compliant shower/bathroom combo, and 10 washers/dryers. The showers, restrooms, and washer/dryer stations are open 24 hours/day. Sacred Heart Catholic Church is located at 20 Summit Street in Burnsville. For more information visit <https://www.standrew-scaredheart.org>. All are welcome.

Volunteers needed

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers to deliver meals. any weekdays from 10:30 to noon to Yancey County's shut-ins.

For information call the Senior Center at 682-6011.



Opal Nanney Ballew

Opal Nanney Ballew, age 76, of Lower Browns Creek, went Home to be with the Lord on Thursday, December 5, 2024 surrounded by her loving family. A native of Crabtree, she was a daughter of the late Ed and Marie Nanney. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Roger Ballew, who passed away in 2018; a brother, Harold Nanney; a sister-in-law, Bonnie Nanney and a brother-in-law, Robert Conley.

Opal's love for music began in childhood, nurtured by her musically gifted family. Whether humming a favorite tune or singing aloud, music was a constant joy throughout her life. She also had a deep appreciation for the beauty of nature, always tending lovingly to her flower garden. Opal was a true lover of antiques, with a keen eye for finding treasures that held history and memories. But above all, Opal cherished her family. Her heart belonged to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who were the light of her life. They brought her endless joy, and her love for them was boundless. Opal's family, her beloved dog Peaches, and the simple pleasures of life brought her immense happiness.

Left to cherish her memory is her children: Deitra Ray (Curtis) of Micaville and Rev. James Ballew (Melanie) of Rock Creek; grandchildren: Haley Horney (Ian), Bethany Ballew, Ethan Ballew, Kenny Ray (Amber), Courtney Ray, Emily Hopson (Levi) and Paradise Miller; great-grandchildren: Tayton Ray, Dawson Ray, Casen Ray, Easton Blackwell, Kinsey Lane Ledford, Kooper Ledford, and Everett Hopson; bonus great-grandchildren: Brayven, Bryndlee and Tilyn; siblings: Ray Nanney of Troy, Ralph Nanny (Nancy) of Icard; Farrell Nanney of Crabtree, Darrell Nanney of Bakersville, Carolyn Byrd (Brown) of Bakersville, Marolynn Nanney of Bakersville, Terrell Nanney (Cindy) of Lower Browns Creek, Dana Murphy (Little Boy) of Crabtree and Lola McKinney of Spruce Pine. Numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other extended family also survive.

Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, December 13th in the Chapel of Yancey Funeral Services. Her son, Rev. James Ballew and Rev. Bobby Silver will officiate. The family will receive friends from 1 until 2 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home. Private burial will be in the John Ray Family Cemetery.

The family would like to say a special thank you to A. J. Simmons and all the staff of Hospice and Palliative Care of the Blue Ridge for the wonderful care given to Opal. To send online condolences, please visit our website at www.yanceyfuneralservice.com.

Need a Broom?

Since 1950, the Burnsville Lions Club has been selling their trademark brooms as a fundraiser to provide vision care to needy persons in Yancey County. While we no longer go door to door selling our brooms, we have placed our "broom boxes" in a variety of places throughout the county. Following is a list of businesses where you may locate our "broom boxes" and purchase a broom. Buchanan & Young (713 E. Main), Jill's Hairport (212 W. Main), Phil's Tire Service (617 E. Main), Sue's Beauty Shop (511 W. Main), Fox Country Store (680 W. Main), Troy's Greenhouse (30 Cherry Ln), Shear Perfection Salon (117 Westover St.), and Yancey Graphics (607 W. Hwy 19E).

LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF NORTH
COUNTY OF YANCEY
CAROLINA GENERAL
COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT
DIVISION
FILE NO: 24 JT 20
NOTICE OF
SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION
IN THE MATTER OF
O.A. DARK
DOB: 04/24/2020
Petitioner: Alexys Annette
Dark**

To: Ashton McCandless
TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled proceeding. The nature of the relief sought is the termination of your parental rights to the minor child named above pursuant to NCGS 7B-1100 et seq..

You are required to answer this Petition not later than 13 January 2025, being 40 days from the date of the first publication of this Notice and upon your failure to do so, the Petitioner will seek the relief sought by the Petition.

This the 4th day of December 2024.

HOCKADAY & HOCKADAY, P.A.

Daniel M. Hockaday
Attorney for Petitioner
Post Office Box 65
Burnsville, NC 28714
(828) 682-7060

Published December 4, 11, 18, 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 Executor of the Estate of Ernest Marion Smith 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 19th day of February, 2025 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 5th day of November, 2024.

Bradley A. Smith
566 Cabbage Patch Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published November 20, 27, December 4, 11, 2024

**LEGAL NOTICE
Public Notice
Submit Bids**

Mayland Community College will be taking bids for The Blue Ridge Boutique Hotel. This will be for construction of an inside dining, Bar, and inside storage for cold and dry goods for the restaurant. Also, included will be window replacement on the second and third floors for the North side of the hotel. The bids will be due by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, and will be opened at that time.

This is a grant funded project and in contracting for services and/or purchasing equipment under the grant agreement, Grantee shall assure that (1) all contracting shall be at prices on terms most advantageous to the Grantee and to the project; and (2) all interested parties shall have a full and fair chance at doing business with the Grantee.

To submit bids or request additional information, please contact Amanda Buchanan, Vice President of Administrative Services at albuchanan@mayland.edu or 828-766-1224.

Published December 11, 2024

Marine Corps League Mt. Mitchell Detachment #1266

Meeting Notice Located at the Western Sizzler Restaurant, 11961 S Hwy 226, Spuce Pine, NC 28777

Meeting the 3rd Thursday of Every Month at 7:00 p.m.

All branches are welcome and families!

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having Qualified as Executor of the Estate of Don Miller, deceased, 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 present them to the undersigned at the address below on or before the 19th of February, 2025, or this Notice will be pled in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This, the 11th day of November, 2024. Teresa Lynn Tester, 121 Witcher Lane, Erwin, TN 37650. The Law Office of April R. Seggerman, PLLC, 10 N. Main Street, Burnsville, NC 28714. Mitchell County Estate File # 2024 E 56

Published November 20, 27, December 4, December 11, 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 Executor of the Estate of Victor Jan Pressley 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, 2025 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 25th day of November, 2024.

Joshua Grant Pressley
2408 Ivywood Road
Reston, VA 20191
Published December 4, 11, 18, 25, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the of Estate of Robert Bruce Athey, deceased, late of Yancey County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned:

Robert Bruce Athey, Jr.,
Executor
c/o Joanne M. Dykes
Dykes Law Firm
29 Ravenscroft Drive,
Suite 305
Asheville, NC 28801

on or before March 13, 2025, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the address listed above.

This, the 13th day of December 2024.

Robert Bruce Athey, Jr.,
Executor

Estate of Robert Bruce Athey

Joanne M. Dykes
Dykes Law Firm, PLLC
29 Ravenscroft Drive, Suite 305 Asheville, NC 28801

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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 Administrator of the Estate of Ida Deyton 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 13th day of March, 2025 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 December, 2024.

Mark Deyton
105 Twilight Way
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published December 11, 18, 25, 2024, January 1, 2025