

## OBITUARIES

### Nina Gordon Wilkerson Bugg



Nina Gordon Wilkerson Bugg, 83, of Atlanta and Highlands, went to be with the Lord on Mother's Day, May 8, 2022. Born in Atlanta on May 28, 1938, she is survived by her best friend and beloved husband of 59 blessed years, William Adolphus Bugg, Jr. (Bill); son William Adolphus Bugg III (Bill) of St. Croix, VI, his wife, Sally, and their children, William, James, and Thomas; and son Robert Wilkerson Bugg of Charlotte, his wife, Jeannette, and their children, Carter and Julie. She is also survived by three nephews, three grandnephews, and three grandnieces. She is predeceased by her parents, William Hoyt Wilkerson and Ella May Hollingworth Wilkerson, her brother Christie Wilkerson, and her granddaughter Ellen Bugg, daughter of Robert and Jeannette.

Nina loved her family dearly, cherished her husband, and adored her two sons and five grandchildren. She was especially known for her love of the Lord and her sweetness, sense of humor, and kindness.

Nina attended Northside High School in Atlanta and graduated from Sweet Briar College in 1960. She worked for the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston and then her father's manufacturing firm, Auto-Soler Company. Later, she taught pre-kindergarten and gave piano lessons.

In 1963, Nina married her high school sweetheart, Bill. She spent most of her marriage respond-

ing to a call to teach and help spread the Gospel. She introduced and taught the Bethel Bible Series for 10 years at the Cathedral of St. Phillip, and then took part in the formation of the Church of the Apostles and its Home Group program.

In 2012, Nina and Bill moved their primary residence to Highlands, where they were leaders of Christ Anglican Church in Cashiers. She served as the fourth senior warden of that church and led a Bible Study group with Bill. In 2021, they returned to Atlanta, while keeping a second home in Highlands. Their Atlanta church home for many years has been Christ Church Atlanta.

During their walk with the Lord, Nina and Bill made numerous trips to the Holy Land, organizing and leading groups in the footsteps of Jesus. For most of her adult life, she was a part of the Northside High School No-Bridge Bridge Group. She helped form and lead Sweet Briar's Living Room Learning program. Nina loved croquet and played at Highlands Country Club and later at their Atlanta home, Peachtree Hills Place.

A graveside service for Nina was held at Westview Cemetery, Atlanta, on Thursday, May 12. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Christ Anglican Church, PO Box 2461, Cashiers, 28741 or to Christ Church Atlanta, PO Box 76320, Atlanta, GA 30358.

### Dr. Troy A. Tyre



On April 9, 2022, Dr. Troy A. Tyre passed away unexpectedly at his home

in Missouri. Troy was 58 years old and born on Oct. 11, 1963.

Troy is survived by his wife, Barbara Jacobs Tyre, his mother Carol Slick-Tyre, his children, Chris Tyre, Amanda Tyre, Makayla Jacobs, Preston Foreman, Ambermarie Foreman Stein, Brooks Foreman, Ayla Foreman (custodial granddaughter), Tara Tyre Crone, siblings, Cheri Tyre-Roberts (Gordon), Randy (Angela), Cory (Alicia), many grandchildren, cousins, uncles, aunts, nieces, and nephews.

Troy is preceded in death by his father, Alfred Richard Tyre.

Troy was born in Jacksonville, Florida. He was a student athlete at Terry Parker High School (Jacksonville) and Blue Ridge High School (Cashiers). He joined the Marines on his 17th birthday with only a GED in hand and went to boot camp at Paris Island. He retired after a full career as a highly decorated "Mustang" Major. He earned his Doctorate and continued service to his country by using his experience as a leader to guide several military associated businesses. He loved his job as president of Proposal Helper and Bid Execs.

Troy was thought of as a "Marines' Marine." He loved and was loved by his military family.

Troy was always proud to talk about his children and their accomplishments, his wife Barb and her business adventures and their animals. He loved being at his home taking care of the horses, dogs, chickens and literally whatever wandered up, animal or human. He was happy working on his tractor, baling hay, moving horses between pastures and working hard. Troy loved having the grandchildren around to help him on the property and teach them how to do things. He had fully con-

verted from Marine uniform to cowboy hat and boots and was happy.

A military memorial and graveside ceremony are being planned at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D.C.

### Karen Dixie Hess Hill



Karen Dixie Hess Hill, 75, of Summerville, South Carolina, passed away on April 29, 2022, at home surrounded by her family.

Born on March 23, 1947, in Oneida, New York, she was a graduate of Vernon-Verona-Sherrill High School, in Verona, New York. She retired at age 69 after working as an office assistant at Fairway Forest Resort in Sapphire. Karen was a wonderful wife, mother, sister, grandmother and friend to many.

She was preceded in death by her parents Leland Hess and Dorothy Watson Hess Greenwood, and her sister Judith Ann Hess.

She is survived by her husband Fred Hill of Summerville, South Carolina, her sisters and brother-in-law Debby and Donald Collard, of Hendersonville and Diane Hoover of Sherrill, New York; her three daughters: Lisa Broniszewski of Rome, New York; Heather Kenyon and husband Pete of West Union, South Carolina; and Erin Edwards and husband David of Summerville, South Carolina. Additionally, she is survived by eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and ten nieces and nephews.

Karen's kind and friendly spirit was evident to all who knew her. She loved doing all things crafty and spending time with her family above all.

### MARTIN

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inspired perhaps by a similar one given by Winston Churchill. He once gave this speech at a Greensboro College graduation event.

"Never give up. Never, never, never give up."

That was it. The entire speech.

Too short?

Maybe, but everybody who heard it will remember it. Is the message too simple? Maybe, but it is a strong message. Better to be too short than too long.

There is a graduation speech that most people in my hometown remember – even though it was

given 60 years ago. Dabney Stuart, the 1960 salutatorian at Davidson College, gave the following commencement address:

"Much has been written, And much said, And those who wrote, or spoke, Are dying, or dead. Jesus said, before he died, "Love one another."

I have nothing significant to add."

Some in the crowd were stunned. They thought the short talk was disrespectful because it broke so radically from the norm. But today, looking back, that message seems right on point and memorable.

Short speeches are hard to write. So are short columns. But short ones are better ones.

Someone once asked President Woodrow Wilson how long it took him to prepare an hour-long speech. He said that it took about five minutes to prepare. Then he was asked how long it takes to prepare a five-minute speech?

"That takes hours and hours," the president said.

It does take longer to figure out how to say something important or complicated in a few words. But those of us who want people to remember what we say or write had better learn how to do it.

Wait. I know what you are thinking. "This guy has made his point. Why doesn't he stop? Why doesn't he follow his own advice and keep his column short?"

You're right. I'm done.

## Friends of the Library leaders thank supporters

As the Cashiers community returns to the busy summer pace, so does the library. Whether it is children's programs, bestsellers in large print or the large venue for community groups and movies, the library is the heart of life in Cashiers. Sustaining this role is a challenge given the pandemic. Rising costs also make it harder to buy new books and replace worn out furnishings. The library needs help to remain at the level this community has come to expect.

Fortunately, Cashiers area charities respond to local need. These charities, supported by the generosity of their members, made significant grants to the Friends of the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library since July 2021. Their grants helped the local library keep up.

### The Friends of the Library appreciates grants from these local charities:

The Cedar Creek Club Charitable Fund enabled the library to acquire much needed quality books and periodicals. The library was able to use this generous grant frequently for the ongoing education and enjoyment of children and young adults.

The Church of the Good Shepherd provided financial support that filled a dire need for e-Books and e-Materials and enabled the library to provide digital resources and video streaming services to a great number of patrons of all ages.

Cullasaja Women's Outreach made it possible for the library to replace the fabric covers of eight youth chairs with vinyl. CWO's grant also allowed the library to acquire books, materials and supplies, as well as offering live and virtual programming from the North Carolina Aquarium for the 2022 Summer Learning Program. This program will be a new and exciting experience for the children.

The Wade Hampton Golf Club Foundation enabled the library to replace its old, worn out, refrigerator with a new refrigerator that is now being used year-round by many groups and organizations in the community. The Foundation's contribution also allowed the library to fill an increased demand for e-Resources and digital audio books.

"We are grateful to live in a community whose civic generosity is so high," said Friends of the Library president Charlotte W. Collins.



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## NCWRC unveils rest of May class schedule

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission's fishing and aquatic education staff released the May class schedule for Western North Carolina. Classes are open to the public and are typically free of charge. Details about each class are available on the online program calendar.

- May 19: Fly Casting 101, Dupont State Recreational Forest, 9 a.m. – noon. Ages 12 and older.

- May 24: Introduction to Fly Fishing, Marion State Fish Hatchery, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Ages 12 and older.

- May 31: A Trout's Perspective, River Snorkeling, 8:30 a.m. – noon. Ages 10 and older.

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## Whiteside Summer Chapel

### Opening for the Season: May 29, 2022

### Preaching by The Reverend Toby Summerour

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