

## OBITUARIES

## George McCoy Lankford

HERTFORD - George McCoy Lankford, a true son of Norfolk, passed away October 1, 2015, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Leigh Memorial Hospital, then in the Mowbray Arch section of Norfolk, in 1943, he was predeceased by his parents, Greene Wright Lankford, Sr., and Josephine McCoy Lankford Heans, and his brother, Greene Wright Lankford, Jr. He is survived by his wife and best friend, Anne Hartsfield Lankford of Hertford, NC, and his daughter, Kimberly Ann (Paul) Lumpkin of Montgomery, Alabama; his grandchildren, Paul Kirby Lumpkin, Jr., and Sally Ann Lumpkin; his brother, Robert C. (Sherry) Lankford of Norfolk; his sister-in-law, Annabelle (Paul) Salter, of St. Simons Island, Georgia; his brother-in-law, Richard D. Hartsfield, Jr. (Harriet), of Franklinton, NC; his cousin, Charles H. McCoy, Jr. (Diane), of Norfolk, Virginia, and several nieces and nephews; as well as a host of friends from all walks of life.

Educated at Taylor Elementary, Blair Middle and Maury High Schools, he graduated Granby High School and was a proud member of the Ocean View Aces. Following his graduation and a stint of employment with Tidewater Construction building the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, he joined the U.S. Air Force in 1963 and enjoyed a 22-year career culminating with the rank of Master Sergeant. During his military career he was stationed in Texas, Florida, Georgia, South Korea, Thailand, England, and West Germany. Among his numerous awards and citations were the Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Vietnam Service Medal with three service stars, National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal. Following his retirement from the Air Force, he and Anne returned to Norfolk, where he worked and retired several times, from Stewart Sandwiches, Atlantic Dominion and Enerspace, and acted as Anne's proudest supporter throughout her banking career at First Virginia and BB&T.

After their last retirement, George and Anne moved to Albemarle Plantation in Hertford, where they lived in the dream home they designed and built. They had spent the last several years gardening, traveling and touring, making new friends, enjoying Duke sporting events, and searching out many of North Carolina's famed barbecue "joints". A long-time member of the Norfolk Boat Club, George was also a parishioner of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Hertford, and was looking forward to becoming a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The world has lost a proud American, a true patriot, a husband without peer, an adoring father and grandfather, and a gentle and generous man. He enriched many lives with his tales of growing up in Norfolk and his varied life experiences.

The family wishes to extend special thanks to the staff of Sentara Norfolk General and Sentara Heart Hospitals, especially Dr. Jonathan Philpott, Ms. Aisha Allen, RN, and Ms. Cynthia Davis-Green for their compassion, care and kindness.

A memorial service to celebrate his life and mourn his loss was held on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at Christ and Saint Luke's Episcopal Church, where he had been christened and confirmed. In lieu of flowers, George requested that memorials be sent to the Wounded Warriors' Project or The American Heart Association. H.D. Oliver Funeral Apts., Norfolk chapel is handling arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [hdoliver.com](http://hdoliver.com)

## Ann Rogerson Smith Carpenter

GREENVILLE - Sylvia Ann Rogerson Smith Carpenter, 54, of Old Creek Road, left this world on October 2, 2015, at her home surrounded by love after a courageous battle with cancer, during which her positive outlook and bravery were an inspiration to many.

Ann was born to LaClaire Winslow Rogerson Anderson of Elizabeth City and the late Joseph R. Rogerson Sr. of Hertford on Oct. 13, 1960, and grew up in the Bear Swamp Community of Perquimans County. Her first playmate was her sister, Susan Harris (Phil) of Hertford, and the two girls would welcome a little brother, the late J. Richard Rogerson Jr.

After graduating from Perquimans High School, Ann earned a degree in social work from East Carolina University. She worked as a social worker for Nash County DSS, Beaufort County Hospital and Pitt County Hospital before being named Director of Patient and Family Services at Beaufort County Hospital.

Ann was very fond of the Pactolus Community, where she lived most of her adult years. She was a founding member of the community's rescue squad and a member of the Pactolus Baptist Church family, where she served in many ways.

In 1985, Garland Anderson joined Ann's family when he married her mother, bringing five new siblings: Gerry Anderson of Houston, Texas, Kathy Weeks (Steve) of Southern Shores, Larry Anderson (Sheila) of Elizabeth City, Karen Carlsen (Dennis) of Kill Devil Hills, and Andy Anderson (Angela) of Winterville.

She married the late Nathan Smith of Greenville, and gained a son, Nathan (Christina) and grandchildren, Nathan, Maria and Hunter.

The shining moment of her life was the birth of a son, Brody Rogerson Smith, on Sept. 13, 1995. Brody brought great joy, pride and happiness to Ann.

Love and companionship returned to her life when Ann was introduced to Roger Carpenter, and the blended family included his daughters, Megan Carpenter of Greenville and Candi Carpenter of Sandy Cross and her son, Braxton.

Also lovingly remembering Ann are her mother-in-law, Rachel Carpenter of Nashville; sisters-in-law, Jackie Wooten, Debra Wooten, Michelle Holton and Melissa Flake; nieces Courtney Currin (Brian), Peyton and Tess, and Holly Stokely (Troy), Austin, Shane and Ashlyn; and nephew Andrew Harris (Kim), Kinley and Adelyn.

A visitation was held in Hertford on Saturday. A memorial service was held on Sunday at Wilkerson Funeral Home, Greenville.

Donations may be made to the Pactolus Volunteer Fire Department, 5858 US 264 E., Greenville, NC 27834.

## DEATH NOTICES

ELIZABETH CITY - John A. Rountree, 95, died on September 28, 2015. Funeral was Saturday, Oct. 3, at Samuel Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Arrangements by Stallings Memorial Chapel, Hertford.

ELIZABETH CITY - Richard Dean Snowden, 59, died on September 27, 2015. Funeral was Saturday,

Oct. 3, at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church. Arrangements by Stallings Memorial Chapel, Hertford.

ELIZABETH CITY - Priscilla Pollard, 76, died on September 29, 2015. Funeral was Oct. 2, at Faith Christian Center. Arrangements by Stallings Memorial Chapel, Hertford.

## Henry Clay Sawyer

HERTFORD - Henry Clay Sawyer, 76 of 177 Woodland Church Road, Hertford, NC died Tuesday, September 29, 2015

at Sentara Albemarle Hospital. A native of Pasquotank County, he was the son of the late Charles LeRoy Sawyer and Gussie Lee Whitehurst Miller and the husband of Nellie Miller Sawyer of the residence. He was a carpenter, a member of Country Side Church of Christ, and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Besides his wife he is survived by two daughters, Gussie Sawyer Belisario and husband Arevalo of Frederick, MD, and Gwendolyn Sawyer Hudson and husband Donald of Hertford, NC; two brothers, James Theodore "Ted" Sawyer of Elizabeth City, NC and Jimmy Ray Anderson of Kitty Hawk, NC; two granddaughters, Jessica Hudson Taylor and husband Ben of Elizabeth City, NC and Rachel Hudson Bengel and husband Steven of Belvidere, NC; and a great granddaughter, Mya Taylor. He was pre-deceased by a sister, Anna Anderson Kight of Elizabeth City, NC.

A funeral service was held Friday, October 2, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at Twiford Memorial Chapel with Pastor Bob Brock officiating. The William Clarence Jackson VFW Post #6060 rendered military honors. Burial will be in New Hollywood Cemetery. The family received friends at the funeral home Thursday from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. and immediately after the service in the funeral home lobby. At other times the family will be at the residence, Twiford Funeral Homes, Memorial Chapel, 405 East Church Street, Elizabeth City, NC is serving the Sawyer family. You may express condolences to the family by visiting [www.twifordfh.com](http://www.twifordfh.com).

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Winfall Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on November 9th, 2015 at 6:30 pm, at the Winfall Town Hall 100 Parkview Lane, Winfall NC 27985 to consider the Adoption of the Perquimans County Land Use Plan Update. Once adopted, the Plan will be submitted to the Coastal Resources Commission for certification.

Written objections, comments, or statements of support shall be submitted to the DCM District Planner, Charlan Owens, 1367 US Highway 17 South, Elizabeth City, NC 27909 no less than 15 business days prior to the CRC meeting at which the land use plan is scheduled to be considered for certification. Further information can be obtained by contacting the District Planner at 252-264-3901.

Copies of the Land Use Plan are available for review by the public at the Winfall Town Hall during normal office hours. The public is encouraged to review the Land Use Plan and to attend the public hearing. For additional information, please contact Mayor Fred Yates at 252-426-5015.

## RIVERCATS TAKE TOURNAMENT



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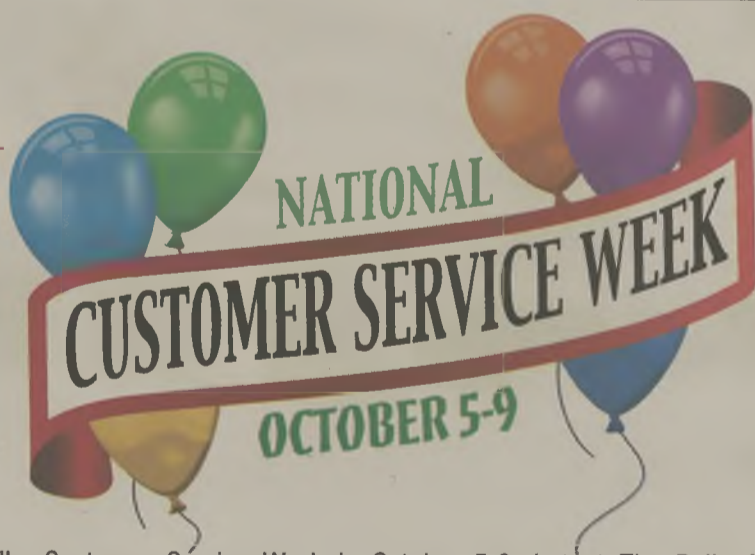
The Perquimans Rivercats and the Elizabeth City-based Carolina Titans pose for a picture. The Rivercats won the Nations Grand Slam Championship Platinum bracket in Rocky Mount. The Carolina Titans finished in second. The Rivercats are now 17-0 as a 12U team. Pictured are (front row, left) Macon Winslow, Colby Brown, Eli Gregory, Jackson Russell, Jett Winslow, Avery Biggs, David Basnight, Colin Ellington, Anthony Lancster, Andrew Keech and Austin McCallister (back row) Cody Ives, Tanner Thach, Chris Morris, Jacob Meads, Dylan Cox, Jacob Whitesell, Ashton Rhodes, Landon Gregory, Tom Echois, Logan Overman and Hayes Pippin.

## TITANS CAPTURE 2ND STRAIGHT TOURNAY



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The Carolina Titans captured their second straight tournament championship Aug. 29-30 at Winthrop University in Rock Hill SC. Down 5-1, the team rallied to win the final game 6-5. Team members are Hayley Noles, Katlynn Crawley, Raven Warren, Danielle Pugh, Mike Noles, Molly Winslow, Amanda Pulley, Daryl Pugh, Cara Lenzi, Todd Pulley, Courtney Pierre, Lauren Taylor and Chris Crawley. Pugh, Taylor Pulley, Crawley and Pierre were named game MVPs and Lauren Taylor was named to the all tournament team.



Officially, Customer Service Week is October 5-9, but at The Daily Advance, DailyAdvance.com, The Chowan Herald and The Perquimans Weekly, we believe that Customer Service Week is EVERY week of the year! It is always our goal to provide excellent service to all of those we serve.



Meet our Customer Service Staff: Lisa Bailey, Susan Harris, Pam Lacy and Brian Gray. Lisa is the department veteran, having been at the newspaper for 20 years and in Customer Service for over 15 years. Pam signed on in 2007, and has been helping customers ever since. Our newest addition, Brian, joined the staff in the fall of 2014, after 12 years working on other areas of the business. Susan will celebrate her 28th anniversary with the company in December, and has handled numerous duties during her tenure. This foursome in the Elizabeth City office serves The Daily Advance, The Chowan Herald and The Perquimans Weekly. Customers can call one number - 335-8076 - and knowledgeable, friendly staff will help with classified ads; legal notices; obituaries and death notices; anniversaries, births, engagements, miscellaneous occasions and weddings; new subscriptions, renewals, vacation stops, and website access; payments and more!

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