

OBITUARIES

Wesley R. Hostetler

HERTFORD - Wesley Ray Hostetler, 84, passed away peacefully in his home on October 7, 2018, surrounded by family.

Born in Louisville, Ohio in 1934, he was the son of the late Ellis Hostetler, an educator and long-time high school principal, and Bernice (Gerig) Hostetler, a teacher and homemaker.

Wes's life was shaped by his Mennonite Swiss immigrant farm family roots, music, and education. In high school Wesley played trumpet in the marching and stage bands and sang tenor in the Men's Glee Club. He was also selected by the faculty to attend Buckeye Boys' State before his senior year, a one-week American Legion-sponsored program focused on democracy and government.

Despite being an English major with a History minor, Wes met Jan Lais, his wife of 62 years, in a science class at Ohio Wesleyan University, where they both graduated three days after their wedding on June 8, 1956. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, where he was choral director for the annual Interfraternity Sing.

After a four-year teaching career in Lakewood Ohio, Wes joined Pfizer, the international pharmaceutical company, as a sales representative. Following a promotion to a job in New York City, the family moved to Yorktown Heights, NY, where they made many lifelong friends, including "the bridge group", a close group of family friends that continues to this day. A few years later, the entire family, which now included four children and a large dog, moved to Belgium, where Wes took a job with Pfizer International in Brussels. His job required extensive travel worldwide, and the family was also able to do much traveling throughout Europe during their stay.

Following the family's return to the U.S. in 1973, they settled in South Salem, NY, and Wes completed an innovative MBA program during his daily train commute to New York City. He spent the last ten years of his career furthering his passion for education as proprietor of the Huntington Learning Center in Norwalk, CT.

When Wes and Jan were ready to retire, they were blessed to find a wonderful new community in Hertford, NC. Retirement allowed Wes the time to enjoy and devote energy to his many community interests and activities. Wes loved people; he had a generous spirit and he embraced opportunities to engage with and help others. He was an active participant in the Albemarle Chorale, various church music events, and the Albemarle Sounds Barbershop Chorus and Quartet; he particularly enjoyed delivering many of the Quartet's Singing Valentines. Wes also immediately renewed his interest in sailing, which started with his many summers at Lakeside on Lake Erie. He and Jan acquired a 25' sailboat, Windsong, and he enjoyed many years of Osprey Yacht Club participation, both on the water racing with his yacht club crew, as well as social time at the dock. He and Jan have been active members of the Hertford United Methodist Church since they arrived, with Wes serving as a trustee for many years. He was active with Habitat for Humanity, was a board member of the Museum of the Albemarle for three years, a member of the Chowan Hospital Foundation board, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce, chairing the Hertford Christmas Parade for two years. His most cherished activities came through his participation with the Hertford Rotary Club, and their extensive efforts to meet community needs. He worked tirelessly on Rotary efforts, including his many years of fundraising, tutoring in local schools, and tax preparation assistance. His generosity of spirit was recognized in 2015 when Wes was honored as Hertford's Rotarian of the Year and also selected as the Area Rotarian of the Year for the 45 Rotary Clubs in northeastern North Carolina.

Wes is survived by his wife, Jan; sister, Kay of Glendale, CA; children, Kimberley (Bruce Rueben) of Tallahassee, FL, Jim (Liisa) of Concord, CA, Susan of Nanuet, NY, and Stacey Hostetler Carter (Jimmy Carter) of Elkridge, MD. Grandchildren include Jamie (Chris Klepps) and Kara Cullen, Christine, Jenny, and Alex (Courtney) Hostetler, Taylan Lais Hostetler Salvati, and Thomas and Wesley Carter; and great grandchild, Connor Klepps. In addition, Kim's four stepchildren, Jennifer, Ashley, Julia, and Jonathan Rueben, were welcomed to the family in 2015 when she married Bruce.

Wes's family will be forever grateful for the friends he has made in so many places, particularly here in Hertford. The focal point of Wes's joy and life was his family, his faith, his music, and his service to others. He took great pride in the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren, and joy in his marriage, family, and friends. He went out of his way to maintain personal contacts and was loved by so many.

Friends are invited to a Celebration of Life service on Friday, October 26, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. in Hertford United Methodist Church, followed by a reception in the Church Fellowship Hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hertford Rotary Scholarship Fund (Hertford Rotary Club, PO Box 155, Hertford, NC 27944), Chowan/Perquimans Habitat for Humanity (<http://www.cph4h.org/Donations.html>), or the Albemarle Sounds Barbershop Chorus scholarship fund (Albemarle Sounds, 303 Queen Anne Drive, Edenton, NC 27932), or the organization of one's choice.

Miller & Van Essendelft, Funeral and Cremation Providers, 1125 Harvey Point Road, Hertford, is assisting the family with arrangements, and online condolences may be made by visiting www.millerfhc.com.



Chaplain Corbin Lee Cherry

HERTFORD - Chaplain Corbin Lee Cherry, US Army, Retired, of Hertford, NC, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 13, 2018, in his home.

Born in Norfolk, VA on May 16, 1938, he was the son of the late William Cason and Elizabeth Dozier Cherry. Raised in Hertford, he attended Perquimans County High School, received his BA degree from High Point College in High Point, NC, a Master's of Divinity from Emory University in Atlanta, GA, and a PhD from Southwest University in New Orleans, LA.

Having served in the military for 36 years, Chaplain Cherry's career began in 1967 and lasted until his retirement in 2003. During those years, he was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division, the West Point Military Academy, and during his service in Vietnam was with the 101st Airborne Division. In March 1969, he was wounded while helping his fellow soldiers, having sustained injuries after stepping on a land mine. Following his injury, he spent time in both Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC and Letterman Army Medical Center in San Francisco, CA. From 1978 to 1982, he was provided the honor to serve as the Chief of Chaplains for the Veterans Administration in Washington, DC, having been the first wounded combat chaplain to hold that post. From 1982 to 2003, he served as the Chief of Pastoral Care at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in San Francisco. He was a member of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, North California Conference of the United Methodist Church, The Military Order of the Purple Heart, and of Disabled American Veterans. During his military career, he had the honor of receiving several awards including the Silver Star, Bronze Star with "V" for Valor, three Purple Hearts, five Air Medals, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

Due to his love of golf, his second profession, he was able to play in the US Senior Open, The US Senior Amateur, and the British Senior Amateur Championships. In 2005, Corbin and other dedicated veterans established the Vietnamese Children's Wheelchair and Prosthetics Group. He felt the need not only to be heard but to be an active ingredient in helping in a small way to aid the children of Vietnam who had suffered injuries due to land mines. These trips, two times a year, continued until 2015. During those 10 years, his group was able to provide thousands of wheelchairs and innumerable prosthetic limbs.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, William "Billy" Cherry, Jr.

Surviving are his daughter, Donna Adams; his grandson, Brandon Adams and his wife, Helen; a niece, Julie Jackson; and extended family members. He was blessed to have many dear friends in numerous states and countries.

A Celebration of His Life will be held Monday, October 29, at 3:00 p.m. in Hertford United Methodist Church, and will be conducted by the Rev. Bryan Sexton, Jr. Friends may join the family in the church fellowship hall immediately following the service, and all other times at the residence. Interment will be held in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

The family would like to express a heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Bryan Bunn and his staff for the care they have provided them throughout their time of need, and also a special thanks to Community Hospice of Elizabeth City and their caregivers, Julie, Mary, Brandi, Kate and Chaplain Davin, for all their patience, listening, and guidance.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hertford U.M.C., 200 Dobbs Street, Hertford, NC 27944.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Morehead Planetarium will be sending an inflatable version to Hertford Grammar School for two days this week.

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Morehead's mobile planetarium was founded in 2010 and has a full dome digital video and an inventory of shows for different grade levels. A planetarium is a building where images of stars, planets, and constellations can be projected on the inner surface of a dome. Morehead Planetarium in Chapel Hill opened in 1949 and serves more than 500,000 people a year.

Dr. Robert Lane and his wife Chris will be underwriting the cost of bringing the inflatable planetarium to Hertford.

"We consider it a donation to the school system," Chris Lane said.

They said they saw the mobile planetarium recently on the outer banks.

"They blow it up and there is a whole presentation that they do, and it's a fun experience for kids,"

Chris Lane said. "It's incredible. They have cushions so you lay back for the show. They can fit the lessons for their students. It will give you such an incredible perspective."

Lane said there are grants available to schools that have 75 percent of students who qualify for free lunch, but HGS doesn't fit the bill.

"We just think it's really important for the kids," Lane said.

HGS Principal John Lassiter agrees.

"The biggest thing is to make sure the quality and level of their education is not determined by the zip code they live in," Lassiter said. "We want them to have the same thing a student in Wake County or Virginia Beach gets."

"I think it's a great idea. Whenever we can partner with a major university it's great. I am always grateful to have support from the community. We couldn't have afforded it."

JACKSON

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he's answered 40 percent of our fire calls. I don't see him as an elderly old man. I saw him as a threat. This is all just political. This is just nastiness and politics."

Eley is a long-time Hertford volunteer fireman as well as a former mayor.

Jackson was originally charged with simple assault, but the DA's office dropped that charge and filed one for "assault on a government official."

The penalty for assaulting a government official varies based on if the person has previous criminal convictions. While Jackson

was charged with communicating threats and simple assault in the past, but he says those were all consolidated into a single charge in 2006. On another charge of accessing a computer without authorization, he took an Alford plea. By doing so he did not admit his guilt but asserted his innocence but admitted the evidence presented by the prosecution would be likely to persuade a judge or jury to find the defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Jackson said he wants his own restraining order.

"I want a restraining order keeping him (Eley) away from me. The man is dangerous."

ROUSE

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back to them."

With retirement she plans to spend more time with her father, 92, and her mother 87.

Rouse said her original plan was to retire once her daughter Linda graduated from college. That happened at UNC-G in December.

"I thought about it, and I thought I'd soon be 62-

years-old, so I waited," Rouse said.

She said she'll miss her customers.

"Once I had a customer who said 'I don't want you to retire until I die.' I said well I hope that doesn't happen anytime soon, but I am going to retire."

She thinks the first two weeks of retirement will probably just feel like just a vacation. Then she figures it will settle in that she really is retired.

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Cook; Rebecca Gibbs — Maria Tinsley; Wendy Webb — Hannah Gupton; Emily Webb — Makayla Williams; Professor Willard — Michael Verbeten; Mr. Webb — George Simpson; Woman in the Balcony — Mirinda Mooney; Belligerent Woman In The Audience — Brianne Paris; Lady in the box — Tabitha Jordan (understudy) Tyann Eaton; Simon Stimson — Carson Biggs; Mrs. Soames — Rebecca Turner; Constable Warren — John Bermudez;

Sam Craig and a baseball player — Zach Miller; Ms. Josephine Stoddard — J-niyah Foster; The dead — Brianne Paris; Woman among the dead — Rayyimah Jordan; Mrs. Carter - Tyanna Eaton and Man among the Dead — John Bermudez.

The Simon Stimson's choir features: Elias Holley, Michael Verbeten, Marlie Wright, Tina Courtright; Rebecca Turner; Mirinda Mooney; Tyanna Eaton; Tatiana Bazemore; Armando Feliciano; Ameyia Hinton; Rayyimah Jordan; Shayla White; Shanice Kight; Asia White; Taylor Powell and TeKayla Knight.

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