

OBITUARIES

Douglas W. Perry

HERTFORD - Dr. Douglas W. Perry, DDS/PA, 68, of Hertford, passed away Wednesday, February 3, 2021 in Vidant Chowan Hospital, Edenton.

Douglas was born in Chowan County on May 28, 1952 and was the son of the late William Dewey Perry, Jr. and Clara White Perry.

The owner and operator of Dr. Douglas W. Perry General Dentistry in Hertford, he was still practicing dentistry until his passing.

A graduate of Perquimans County High School with scholastic honors, he then attended NC State University until his draft number was called, and so then joined the US Coast Guard. While in boot camp in Cape May, NJ, he attained honor man graduating first in his class affording him his choice of a duty station.

His first choice was Elizabeth City where he served four years, then to Portsmouth, VA for four years, only to come back to Elizabeth City for his last four years. His course of study in the Coast Guard was dentistry, a trade he learned quickly and proficiently. It was a trade he would make his career.

While in Elizabeth City he started going to College of the Albemarle and worked at Belk Tyler and sold Mason shoes. Once he completed his studies at College of the Albemarle he attended and graduated from Elizabeth City State University and then in 1989 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry.

An outdoorsman, he loved working outside in his garden and was always trying something new to grow to sell at his parents produce stand. One day at the stand, a mother and her daughter stopped by, and 18 days later he would marry the love of his life, Cheryl Lindsey, in Columbus, OH.

Not long after, a new passion started, Peruvian Paso horses. Showing horses became a joy for him and his dental office was adorned with many blue ribbons from those showings. He was definitely the "Country Doctor", with chickens, goats, and pot bellied pigs playing in the yard around his office. But his ultimate joy was getting people out of pain and creating beautiful smiles.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Marilyn Joyce Lindsey.

Surviving along with his wife of 31 years, Cheryl Lindsey Perry, are his two brothers, Donald E. Perry (Yilei Bing) of Charlotte and David B. Perry (Elsie) of Hertford; nieces and a nephew, Meredith, Amanda (Mark), William (Marisa), all of Charlotte; a great-nephew, Braxton, and a great-niece, Sloan. Also surviving are Cheryl's father, James W. Lindsey of Florida; her sister, Kathleen Miller of Cleveland, OH; and two nephews, Austin and Alex Miller.

According to Douglas' wishes, no services will be held and a private burial will be held at a later time. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, no formal visitation at the funeral home or at their residence is planned, and those who wish may offer their condolences on the funeral home website, www.millerfhc.com, or by social media, cards, or phone calls.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Perquimans County Rescue Squad, PO Box 191, Hertford, NC 27944.

Miller & Van Essendelft Funeral and Cremation Providers, 1125 Harvey Point Road, Hertford, is assisting the family with arrangements.

LAW ENFORCEMENT LOG

Perquimans County Sheriff's arrests between Jan. 29 and Feb. 4:

■ Krystal Auxier of Shady Lane, Hertford, was arrested Jan. 29 and charged with possession/con of paraphernalia and failure to appear. Bond was set at \$100 secured.

■ Devin Carmichael of Shady Lane, Hertford, was arrested Jan. 29 and charged with driving while license revoked. Bond was set at \$500 unsecured.

■ Domonique-J. Percer of Elizabeth City was arrested Jan. 30 and charged with possession of marijuana and failure to appear. Bond was set at \$2,000 secured.

■ Kristie Tatum of Bethel Fishing Center Road was arrested Jan. 30 and charged with a school attendance law violation. Bond/other.

■ Nathan Harrell of Edenton was arrested Jan. 30 and charged with failure to appear. Bond set at \$30,000 secured.



Colon P. Butler

EDENTON - Colon Philip Butler, CDR, USCG Ret., 91, of 3018 Rocky Hock Road, passed away on Sunday evening, February 7, 2021 in his home.

Born in Perquimans County on July 20, 1929, he was the last surviving of 12 children born to the late George William and Lula Simpson Butler. His seven sisters were Beatrice Barclift, Verna Butler, June Read, Lula Butler, Blanche Campen, Mattie Butler, and Nellie Lewis; and his four brothers were Wayland, Hudson, George, and Fenton Butler.

Mr. Butler retired in July 1983 after serving for more than 33 years in the United States Coast Guard, and was a veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. As his career took him to many areas across the United States, he joined several church families including Nansemond River, Ballard's Bridge, and Rocky Hock Baptist churches. As an active member of these church families, he faithfully served as a Sunday School and Bible study teacher, and as a deacon. He also enjoyed membership in Centennial Masonic Lodge #221 AF & AM, in Salisbury, Maryland for more than 60 years.

Surviving are his wife of nearly 67 years, Ada Nixon Butler; a son, Glenn Philip Butler; and two daughters, Cynthia Williams and her husband, Carlos, and Debra Sebastian and her husband, Steve. In addition, he is survived by three grandchildren, Philip Whittaker, Ryan Whittaker, and Storm Sebastian. He also leaves three great-grandchildren, Colby, Olivia, and A.J. Whittaker; and several nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, a small private service for his wife, children, and grandchildren will be held in Rocky Hock Baptist Church on Thursday, February 11th. Following this service, the committal rites and military honors will be rendered on the lawn in front of the church at 2:00 p.m. This portion of the service is open to all family and friends. A private burial will be in Cedarwood Cemetery in Hertford.

No formal visitation is being held, however friends may visit with the family on the church lawn following the service. Masks and social distancing measures are required.

Flowers are welcomed, or contributions in his memory may be made to the building fund of Rocky Hock Baptist Church, 113 Rocky Hock Church Road, or to the Rocky Hock Ruritan Club, in care of Phil Thomason, 413 Evans-Bass Road, both in Edenton, NC 27932, or to Amedisys Hospice, in care of the Amedisys Foundation, 201 E. Water Street, Plymouth, NC 27962.

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, 735 Virginia Road, Edenton, is assisting the family with arrangements and online condolences may be made by visiting www.millerfhc.com.



Ocean Highway Single Vehicle Accident

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Perquimans Emergency Services reports a single vehicle accident that ended in tragedy Sunday afternoon within the 800 block of Ocean Highway.

First responders arrived on scene around 3:34 p.m. to discover a sport utility vehicle in the ditch that had been transporting seven people.

Five of the occupants were transported by Perquimans County EMS to Sentara Albemarle Hospital, where one of the occupants succumbed to injuries sustained as a result of the accident. Pending

notification of family members, that person's name has not been released to the media.

The incident is being investigated by the NC State Highway Patrol.

The following agencies responded: Winfall Fire Department, Perquimans County EMS, Perquimans County Sheriff's Office, NC State Highway Patrol, Nightingale, and Inter-County Fire Department who was cancelled en route to the scene. Captain Dylan Elliott with the Winfall Fire Department provided Incident Command per established National Incident Management System (NIMS) guidelines.

AUDIT

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keeps track of the municipalities and dates of annual audit reports received by the LGC.

After giving careful consideration to the limitations on local governments' staff time and the availability of audit staff, Treasurer's Office extended the deadline for June 30, 2020 audits, both financial and compliance, to January 31, 2021.

Treasurer's Office Spokesman Day Way said annual audit report provides essential information on the financial condition of the entity to its officers, elected officials, its creditors and grantors, and citizens. He said there are no statutory penalties for filing a late audit, but if the city were to come before the LGC for debt approval, commission members would question why the city missed the deadline if they were significantly late.

Additionally, Way said, the LGC has authority under NCGS 159-25 to re-

quire a local government to contract with outside entities to ensure the duties of the finance officer are performed if the local government has received a unit letter from the Commission due to a deficiency in complying with the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, which includes the annual audit requirement.

In 2020, the Town's annual audit was sent in January - three months after the Oct. 31 due date and seven months after 2018/19 fiscal year ended in June - to the Treasurer's office.

Prepared by Best, the 2019/20 fiscal year's audit was late because his contract was amended to extend the time he needed to conduct the audit; changes that were not submitted to the LGC. Best's key accountant resigned from his firm during the Town's scheduled audit. Also, Town Hall had a software system crash, underwent software upgrades and Hurricane Dorian all negatively impacted the audit's preparation.

ROUND-UP

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delay in opening the Elaine Riddick Charter School in Hertford.

Though the school's charter has been approved by the state Board of Education, the state delayed the school's planned Aug. 17 opening because the school's building was not ready, enrollment requirements had not been met, and there were unresolved matters regarding insurance.

State BOE did not comment about the school's status in time for this report.

Principal Mary Felton said the charter school's Board of Directors requested the the delay because of complications arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Per Chiquita Sutton, Mt. Zion COGIC Mission Ministry will be serving meals/boxes of food in Hertford every Saturday. The locations and times are: Meals (by the mailboxes)-12:40 and Wynne Fork

Court Apartments (in the front)-1:00.

The Belvidere-Chappell Hill Volunteer Fire Department is a volunteer organization and would like you to advertise for our BBQ Chicken Dinner on Feb. 20, 2020. You can pick up your plates from 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at The Belvidere Fire Department on Drinking Hole Rd. Belvidere, NC. Donations are \$9 per plate. For Tickets please contact Lee at 331-3279.

Lastly, several roads in three northeastern North Carolina counties will be resurfaced and improved under

a contract recently awarded by the N.C. Department of Transportation.

The \$3.9 million contract, awarded to Rose Brothers Paving of Raleigh, includes milling and resurfacing U.S. 17 Business (Queen Street) in Chowan County, milling and resurfacing U.S. Highway 13 in Gates County, and milling, resurfacing and shoulder reconstruction on several secondary roads in Chowan, Gates and Perquimans counties. Work on the projects can begin as soon as March 22 and is expected to be complete by the end of June 2022.

OBITUARY POLICY

For information on submitting obituaries or death notices Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., call 252-329-9505 or

email obits@apgenc.com and specify that you are interested in obituary information for The Perquimans Weekly.

ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

The annual Shareholders meeting of Hertford Savings Bank, SSB will be held:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021 5:00 P.M.

AT:
**HERTFORD SAVINGS BANK, SSB
121 N. CHURCH ST.
HERTFORD, NC**

The meeting is called for the purpose of electing Directors and transacting other business that may come before this meeting.

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