

Obituaries

Ossie Adams

McCORMICK- Ossie Adams, 93, passed away on Dec. 29, 2021 in Spartanburg. He was born on May 27, 1928 to the late Lillie and William Brooks Adams in McCormick. Ossie was a member of Zion Chapel A.M.E. Church in McCormick and worked at McCormick Mill for several years and retired from S.C. Department of Transportation. Survivors include his children, Rebecca Dandy of Cokesbury, Patricia Wright, Jimmy Lee Adams and Ruby Evans, all of Greenwood,

Brenda Settles of Edgefield and William Craig Adams and Katherine Wideman, both of McCormick; 18 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews; other relatives; and friends.

There was no public viewing. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022 at 1 p.m. at Overbrook Cemetery, McCormick.

Walker Funeral Home, LLC was in charge of services.

Taffie Payton Blair

PLUM BRANCH - Taffie Payton Blair, 65, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021 at Self Regional Hospital.

She was born Nov. 3, 1956, to the parentage of the late Isaac Payton and Rev. Eloise Payton Gary. She was a member of Pine Grove A.M.E. Church, Plum Branch and a 1975 graduate of McCormick High School. She lived in Columbia for the last 25 years.

Survivors include three sons, Allison Payton and Chico Davis of McCormick and Julien Davis of Columbia; four grandchildren, Jaheam Harmon, Jakari Davis, Julien Davis

Jr. and Angel Payton; six sisters, Jaqueline Williams, Dara (Leo) Harrison, Sandra (Oneal) Blocker, Julia (Michael) Parks, Ina P. Young and Sherry (Eddie) Dennis; two brothers, Calvin Payton and William "TT" Gary; and stepfather, Willie Gary Jr.

Graveside services were held Monday, Dec. 27, 2021 at Pine Grove A.M.E. Church, Plum Branch with the Rev. Hannie Milling officiating. Due to COVID-19, the family had a drop by visitation on Sunday, Jan. 2 at the T's Lounge at 904 Drennan Street, McCormick from 2-7p.m.

Walker Funeral Home, LLC was in charge of services.

Cleo Martin Jackson

ABBEVILLE - Cleo Martin Jackson, 91, widow of Morris Jackson Sr., departed this life Dec. 30, 2021, at Abbeville Area Medical Center.

Mrs. Jackson was born in McCormick County to the late Dave and Marie Martin. She was a faithful member of St. Goodwill Baptist Church and Home Aide Society #81.

Surviving are a daughter, Willie Mae Burnside of the home; sons, Roy McNair (Eunice), Nathaniel McNair (Dorothy) Morris Jackson and Phillip Jackson (Rena), all of Abbeville,

and William Jackson of Greenville; a sister, Lucille William Bowie of Columbus, Ohio; a brother, Horace Martin of Abbeville; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Public viewing was Monday, Jan. 3, 2022, at the funeral home from 1-6 p.m. Graveside services were held the next day, Jan. 4, at 11 a.m. at St. Goodwill Baptist Church. The family was at the home, 112 Horton Lane, Abbeville.

Pierce Funeral Home, LLC was in charge of services.

Frankie Allen Willis

PLUM BRANCH - Frankie Allen Willis, 65, of Plum Branch, died Friday, Dec. 31, 2021, at Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont.

Born in Greenwood, he was a son of Betty Jean Doolittle Thurmond and the late William Harry Willis. Frankie was formerly employed with McCormick CPW, Savannah River Site as a welder and retired from Irons Workers Local Union 709. He was a member of the 150 Pipefitters Union and a member of Parksville Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a brother, William Reid Willis.

Surviving in addition to his mother are a son, Andy Willis (Hanna) of Modoc; a daughter, Joanna Edmunds (Ron) of McCormick; a sister, Diane Harmon of Plum Branch; four grandsons; and a special friend, Wanda Duffie.

A memorial service will be held



at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 8 at Harley Funeral Home Chapel with Mr. Bo Willis officiating. The family will receive friends following the service.

Memorials may be made to Hospice House, 408 West Alexander Avenue, Greenwood, SC 29646.

The family is at the home. Harley Funeral Home is in charge of services.

Announcing Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont's new CEO

By Andrea Scott

Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont Board of Directors is announcing that Charlene Kish will be the new CEO of Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont (HPCP). Her new role will begin Jan. 1, 2022 when current CEO, Nancy Corley, retires.

"I have such respect for this organization, and I'm honored to help guide its future and growth," Charlene says. "Hospice and Palliative Care of the Piedmont offers the best care for those with advanced illnesses. I want everyone to know about our services and have access to them when needed."

Charlene Kish and her husband, Michael, recently relocated to Grand Harbor Golf and Lake Community in Ninety Six to enjoy warmer weather, the lake and golf. They have five children and 10 grandchildren who are all from Pittsburgh, Penn.

She spent the last 20 years working for a large, faith-based, nonprofit senior care provider. During her career, she served as vice president of the Skilled Nursing and Rehab Service lines and CEO of a continuing care retirement community. During this time, she played a pivotal role in developing new service lines, establishing best practices, participating in acquisitions, turnarounds and building projects. Charlene has received several awards and recognition for her leadership in producing great outcomes and quality care.



Charlene Kish

Charlene is a licensed nursing home administrator and a registered nurse. She has her master's degree in health care administration.

According to Nancy Corley, current CEO at HPCP, "Charlene is a strong and proven health care leader and will be a positive representative for both the organization and the Hospice Care Foundation. Most importantly, Charlene is deeply committed to assuring that high quality care continues for hospice and palliative care patients and their families in our communities."

Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont is your community nonprofit network of care that provides expert, life-changing health care for those living with advanced illnesses. Serving patients and families in Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry and Saluda counties since 1981.

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Farm Bureau Insurance agents across South Carolina spread holiday cheer by helping those in their local communities facing financial or medical hardships by donating more than \$44,750 through Farm Bureau Cares.

"Through Farm Bureau Cares, a company-sponsored holiday community outreach program, our county Farm Bureau offices across South Carolina are able to provide monetary donations during December to help a family or charity of their choice," Susan Merrill, director of marketing, said. "Farm Bureau Insurance matches each local donation made by the County Farm Bureau and the local Farm Bureau Insurance agents."

The program was started in 2015 by Bill Courtney, CEO of South Carolina Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company, with the support of the South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation. Courtney pledged to each local office that the insurance company would match up to \$500 in donations made by each local office to assist a local charity or individual in need over the holidays. Each local office decides how to best put their Farm Bureau Cares donation to work in their own community. With first-hand knowledge of personal situations and needs in their communities, agents and employees in the local offices have generously given to the program over the last six years.

"As an insurance company, we

are here when people need us most, and the Farm Bureau Cares program is no exception," Scott Hill, district sales manager, said.

While many Farm Bureau Insurance offices selected an individual or family to assist with their 2021 Farm Bureau Cares donations, other offices opted to support local charities. Charities that received a 2021 donation included Blanketing Families, C4 Ministries, Calhoun County Department of Social Services, Cole's Victory Lap, Connie Maxwell Home for Girls, Creative Church Food Ministry, Fairfield Community Food Bank, Fairfield School District, Friends of Colleton County Animal Services, Hearts for Summerville, Lakeview Assisted Living, Lee County Shared Hope, Manning Elementary School's Pennies for Presents, Richland School District 2 fund for at-need children, Mount Moriah Soup Kitchen, Samaritan House of Orangeburg, Turbeville Children's Home, United Christian Ministries of Abbeville, United Ministries of Clinton and Windwood Farm Home for Boys, along with many more.

"Farm Bureau Cares upholds our company's core values of supporting our members and communities," Merrill said. "We are proud to support local charities and individuals in need across the state each year and would like to thank all of the offices that participated in 2021's Farm Bureau Cares holiday outreach program."

U.S. Department of Labor awards grants

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Labor announced the awards of \$14 million in cooperative agreements to support a broad set of actions by two projects intended to combat child labor, forced labor and human trafficking, which affects more than 200 million children, women and men worldwide.

The awards come at a pivotal time as the pandemic threatens to jeopardize progress made in reducing child labor and forced labor, potentially leading to an increase of nearly 9 million children by the end of 2022. By some worldwide estimates, there are 160 million children subjected to child labor currently, and nearly 80 million of them work in conditions that endanger their health, safety and moral development. An additional 40 million people fall victim to modern slavery, forced labor and human trafficking, among which women and girls disproportionately account for 71 percent of victims.

Administered by the Bureau of International Labor Affairs, both projects support international programming to combat some of the most abusive labor practices found globally.

The first award to the International Labor Organization provides \$10 million to support the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal's target through the Global Accelerator Lab 8.7 project. It seeks to

support the goals of eradicating child labor, forced labor, human trafficking and modern slavery worldwide by 2030 through broader and more effective action under Alliance 8.7, a global partnership to end these abuses. The ILO will work with trade unions, civil society organizations, governments and regional institutions and provide targeted assistance to Alliance 8.7 pathfinder countries.

The second award of \$4 million will support the Global March Against Child Labor's Catalyst project to work in Uganda, Peru and Nepal to address child labor abuses. The project builds on the organization's efforts at the national, regional and local levels to strengthen civil society action and elevate workers' voices to fight child labor globally.

The ILO is the UN's only tripartite agency and brings together governments, employers and workers of 187 member states to set labor standards, develop policies and devise programs promoting decent work for all women and men.

The Global March Against Child Labor is a worldwide network of trade unions, teachers' associations and civil society organizations working together to eliminate and prevent child labor, slavery and trafficking and ensure access by all children to free, meaningful and good quality public education.



Solomon Eichner

Sundays at Four returns for 2022 featuring Solomon Eichner on Jan. 9

Sundays at Four will return on Jan. 9 with Solomon Eichner.

Sundays at Four is a not-for-profit artist series organization in cooperation with McCormick Arts Council at the Keturah (MACK). All performances are at the Lutheran Church By The Lake, Hwy. 378 and Twelve Oaks Drive, Savannah Lakes Village, McCormick at 4 p.m. Individual tickets can be purchased at the door of each performance for \$25.00.

Declared by the American Liszt Society as "A sensitive pianist, Solomon's playing is poetic, beautiful and moving with deep feeling." American pianist Solomon Eichner has performed in England, Italy, Germany, Austria, Poland and throughout the U.S.


Originally from Baltimore, Solomon received his Bachelors from the Manhattan School of Music, Masters from Peabody Conservatory and Doctorate from University of South Carolina with a full-scholarship and assistantship. Solomon's dissertation was on the Jewish Soviet repressed pianist/composer Samuil Feinberg. Solomon debuted at Carnegie Hall in April 2016 after winning the "GoldenKey Debut" International Competition in New York City.

Sponsored by the March of the Living Foundation, Solomon performed for the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz alongside cellist Amit Peled and violinist Yevgeny Kutik at the Krakow Philharmonic Hall, Jewish Cultural Center and at Auschwitz in front of a crowd of 20,000 people.

During the 2020 season commemorating Beethoven's 250th anniversary, Solomon performed with the North Carolina Symphony Beethoven's Triple Concerto with Brian Reagin and Bonnie Thron. In 2021, Solomon will perform with the Baltimore Chamber Orchestra and Markand Thakar.

Solomon won second prize at the 2013 Liszt-Garrison International Piano Competition and second prize and Chinese Award in the 2013 International Young Artists Competition at Catholic University in D.C. Solomon won second prize in the 2016 Miami Music Festival's Concerto Competition, resulting in his Miami debut recital at the Steinway Piano Gallery Coral Gables.

Solomon and his wife Becky live in Raleigh, N.C., where he is on staff at Campbell University as collaborative pianist.



The McCormick Weather Report

By Bob Edmonds *Measurements taken at Cedar Hill Rd.

	Lows	Highs	Rain/Etc.
Tuesday, December 28	62°	72°	
Wednesday, December 29	62°	69°	
Thursday, December 30	64°	65°	1.51"
Friday, December 31	59°	67°	
Saturday, January 1	68°	69°	
Sunday, January 2	68°	75°	0.38"
Monday, January 3	43°	55°	1.44"

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