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Andrew Mathis Wardlaw Sr.

GREENVILLE - Andrew Mathis Wardlaw Sr., 82, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022 at his home in Greenville. He was born on June 12, 1939 in Greenville to the late Booker T. and Blanche Parker Wardlaw.



Andrew accepted Christ at an early age. He attended Greenville County schools and retired from JP Stevens Monaghan Plant in Greenville.

Andrew was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Dollie Byrd Wardlaw; his parents; his brothers, Booker T "Pete" Wardlaw Jr., Charles Wardlaw, Ulysses Wardlaw, James Wardlaw and Hughland Wardlaw; and his sisters, Ruth Wardlaw and Ruby Wardlaw.

He is survived by two sons, David Byrd of Greenville and Andrew (Judy) Wardlaw Jr. of Simpsonville; two daughters, Blanche Rogers of Indianapolis, Ind., and La-Barbara (Talmadge) Bronson of Aston, Penn.; one sister, Margaret Mitchell of Indianapolis; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Graveside service was held on Saturday, Jan. 15 at Resthaven Memorial Gardens in Greenville.

Andrew Wardlaw Funeral Home of McCormick was in charge of services.

America's Boating Club – Thurmond Lake Holds Change of Watch



Chuck and Sandy Gresham, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes facilitating activities in the squadron, received the YKnot Award.

America's Boating Club – Thurmond Lake held its 2021/22 Change of Watch on Saturday, Jan. 8 at the Lutheran Church By The Lake Ark. Past Commanders in attendance included Bill O'Neill (Hilton Head), Carl Dearmin, Paula LeMond, Chuck Gresham, Steve Jones, Brenda Jones and Sandy Gresham. Commander Tom Williford dismissed the outgoing Bridge, and District 26 representative D/C Rich Norris conducted the ceremony to induct the incoming officers.

Bill O'Neill was inducted as commander, Michael Moore as executive officer, Ken Wiles as administrative officer and Sandy Gresham as education officer. Not in attendance were incoming Secretary Polly Balance and Treasurer Bill Freiberg.

Several Commander's Awards were presented by outgoing Commander Tom Williford. The Y-Knot Award is presented annually to someone or a group who contributes notably to the betterment of the Thurmond Lake Sail & Power Squadron (now America's Boating Club – Thurmond Lake), and this year's recipients were Sandy and Chuck Gresham, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes facilitating many squadron activities.

The Bob Brewer Meritorious Award is a traveling trophy and is presented to an individual or group to recognize outstanding performance. Bill O'Neill received the award for securing the Apex building in Lincolnton, Ga. at no cost for classes taught last year, led the ABC3 classes and provided half the instruction. In addition, he published the Practical Boating on Thurmond Lake book and taught a class with the same title. He also created and taught the "Partner in Command" class for the non-boating partner/spouse, which covered what to do if the captain of the boat becomes disabled.

The Gold Eagle Award is also a traveling trophy and is presented annually to the member who contributes the most to the squadron. Bill Freiberg, outgoing administrative officer, received the award for the 32 squadron on and off the water activities he planned and executed in spite of the challenges of COVID-19.

Two other awards were given. The Catch the Spirit Award reflects the spirit "Catch the Spirit and pass it on" and is presented annually to an individual who has made significant contributions to increasing squadron membership. Ellen Cook was this year's recipient for the numerous articles she published in the *McCormick Messenger* and the *Shorelines* magazine that kept the squadron in the public eye, showed the public that America's Boating Club – Thurmond Lake is an active organization and contributed to the success of courses taught and member recruitment.

America's Boating Club – Thurmond Lake is focused primarily on safe boating for both members and anyone else who operates a boat. In addition to the ABC3 courses, the squadron promotes safe boating through free boat inspections to anyone who requests one. The vessel safety examiner looks for the registration number, functional lights and required safety equipment and presents the vessel owner with a list of the items found and other suggested items to increase safety and comfort. Bill O'Neill received the Vessel Safety Examiner award for becoming a certified vessel examiner and conducting 19 vessel safety examinations.



Ellen Cook receives the "Catch the Spirit and pass it on" award for her contributions in promoting the squadron.



On behalf of the Golden Eagle recipient Bill Freiberg who contributed the most to the squadron, Linda Williford accepted the award in his absence.



Bill O'Neill receives the "Vessel Safety Examiner" award for becoming a certified vessel safety examiner and completing 19 vessel examinations last year.



Incoming Cdr. Tom O'Neill gives the oath of office to new Bridge members on Jan. 8 at the Change of Watch, including Administrative Officer Ken Wiles, Education Officer Sandy Gresham and Executive Officer Michael Moore.

Fred Luther White Jr.

PLUM BRANCH - Fred Luther White Jr. 79, of Church St. Plum Branch, husband of Florence Lindley White, entered into rest on Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022.



Mr. White was born in Edgefield and was the son of the late Fred L. White Sr. and Lillie Mae Gable. He was a retired supervisor for SC DOT. He dearly loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Maria (Russell) Bennett; three sons, Ricky (Mary) White, Wesley (Tamala) White and Joey (Paulette) White; one brother, Morris (Carol) White; three sisters Margie Cameron, Ellen (Ed) Bartley, Barbara (Ben) Lewis; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his sister Gladys White.

Graveside service were held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022 at McCormick City Cemetery. Family received friends following service at the Social Hall of Plum Branch Baptist Church, 106 Church St. Plum Branch, SC.

Memorials may be made to Plum Branch Baptist Church, 106 Church St. Plum Branch, SC 29845.

Edgefield Mercantile Funeral Home was in charge of services.

Liesl Heinz named to President's List at Bob Jones University

GREENVILLE - Liesl Heinz, a Sophomore Nursing major from Clarks Hill, was among approximately 660 Bob Jones University students named to the Fall 2021 President's List.

The President's List recognizes students who earn a 3.75 or higher grade point average for the semester.

Located in Greenville, Bob Jones University provides an outstanding regionally accredited Christian liberal arts education purposely designed to inspire a lifelong pursuit of learning, loving and leading.

BJU offers over 100 undergraduate and graduate programs in religion, education, fine arts and communication, arts and science, health professions and business.

BJU has over 3,000 students from nearly every state and more than 40 countries. We are committed to the truth of Scripture and to pursuing excellence in all we do.

Nursing graduate from McCormick County receives pin

Kaitlyn Fellows, a Piedmont Technical College (TNC) nursing graduate from McCormick County, was recognized in a pinning ceremony last month at the Lex Walters Campus-Greenwood.



Piedmont Tech graduation

Piedmont Technical College (PTC) conducted two in-person fall commencement exercises on Thursday, Dec. 16 at the James Medford Family Event Center in Greenwood. In all, approximately 152 students received degrees.

PTC President Dr. Hope E. Rivers applauded the graduates for their accomplishment.

"No matter how you got here, no matter how confident or, perhaps, afraid you were when you first enrolled at PTC, it took courage — real courage to take the first step. Every one of us has felt a bit of trepidation, nervousness and anxiety during the first few weeks of college, especially those who are the first-generation college students," she said. "Courage is not simply the absence of fear. It is moving forward in spite of fear, in spite of doubt. ... I am so proud of each one of you for hanging in there, doing the hard work and keeping your eyes on the prize. You did it! Enjoy and revel in this achievement."

Local graduates are listed below:

TROY – Melissa B. Bartley, associate in applied science, major in business administration, management concentration.

McCORMICK – Becca Lagroon, associate in applied science, major in business administration, accounting concentration.

PLUM BRANCH – Kaitlyn Elizabeth Fellows, associate in applied science, major in nursing; and Rosalyn Joyce Miller, associate in applied science, major in business administration, management concentration.



Incoming Cdr. Tom O'Neill outlines his goals for the coming year.



Bill O'Neill receives the Bob Brewer award for outstanding contributions to the America's Boating Club -- Thurmond Lake.



Commander Tom Williford gives his outgoing remarks at the America's Boating Club -- Thurmond Lake Change of Watch on Jan. 8.

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