

Obituaries

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Ray Vance Miller

Ray Vance Miller, 83, died peacefully Wednesday December 14th, 2016 at the John F. Keever Jr. Solace Center in Asheville, North Carolina after several years of declining health.

Born in High Point North Carolina, Ray was the son of the late Adam Winfred Miller and Ada B. Rathbone Miller. He was a resident of Pensacola, North Carolina. Though he traveled throughout the world for both business and pleasure, the mountains of North Carolina, Pensacola in particular, was the place he loved to call home. He loved the beauty of the area, but more than anything he enjoyed the company of the friends and relatives that enriched his life.

Ray was forever a traveler. His first big trip was to California with wife Mary Anne in 1956. He found work in Hollywood as a TV repair man, and that job became the basis for his long career in the cable television business. Lasting from 1956 until his death, Ray's career spanned that emerging business almost from its inception. His career included the involvement in cable systems in Saugus, California, Palmdale, California, Fallon, Nevada, Beaumont, Texas, Central to Southern Florida, Surfside and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Carolina Beach, North Carolina, Haywood County, North Carolina, Asheville, North Carolina, and also back home in Burnsville, North Carolina. At the time of his death, he was founder and CEO of Country Cablevision. Ray always said, "if one found a job that they enjoyed, they would never work a day in their life." He always felt fortunate to love what he did. During his many years in the cable industry, he contributed to the industry by serving on multiple Boards, including the Outdoor Channel, and lobbying for improvements in the industry. He was honored many times by his peers, most recently with the Cablefax Independent Operators Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015. In 1999 he was inducted into the National Cable Television Museum in Denver, Colorado. In 2013 he was presented with North Carolina's highest civilian honor, the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

Ray's lifelong dream of travel to the continent of Australia was realized in 1977, when he spent three months traveling throughout Australia, New Zealand, and the South Pacific. Ray also loved traveling the desert Southwest, frequenting ghost towns and abandoned mining camps. He enjoyed wintering in the warmth of desert town Quartzite, Arizona. During his lifetime, Ray traveled throughout all 50 states, the Caribbean, Europe, Central America, and Australia.

When Ray returned to Burnsville in 1967 from California, he embarked on an entirely new business venture, opening a fly-in/drive-in campground in Pensacola North Carolina, aptly named Mountain Wilderness Airpark. Open to the public, Mountain Wilderness offered camping, fishing, horseback riding, swimming, and weekly square-dances. Ray indulged his enjoyment of camping when he purchased one of the first self-powered motorhomes, his 1965 Streamline Travel Home. He traveled the route from California to North Carolina many times, instilling in his family his curiosity of places and cultures different from his own.

Throughout his career Ray always remembered his community, no matter where he lived. When living in California, he was influential in the develop-

ment and naming of present-day Canyon Country outside of Los Angeles. He brought countless jobs to Yancey County with the development of the area's first cable system and the founding of Mountain Wilderness. Throughout all of his ventures Ray always found ways to benefit the community. He was an active member of the Chamber of Commerce wherever he lived. He volunteered with the Lions Club, various fire departments, the Civil Air Patrol, the Yancey County Medical Board, as well as being a deputy sheriff.

Ray had many interests. He was a voracious reader and especially enjoyed reading about history. He was an avid collector of many things, including playing cards and farm equipment. He loved a good story and a good joke. Ray never met a stranger. He was never so happy as when sharing experiences with a new friend. One of Ray's many interests was his fascination with the disappearance of Amelia Earhart. He worked with the TIGHAR organization to attempt to solve the mystery of her disappearance. TIGHAR will make another expedition Nikumaroro in the South Pacific in Spring 2017 to try to solve this mystery. Ray wanted to live long enough to see how the mystery was solved.

Ray is survived by the love of his life, his wife of 60 years Mary Anne (McPeters) Miller, daughter Debbie and her husband Tommy Thomas, of Columbia, South Carolina, son Keith and his partner Linda Peterson, and son Randy and his wife Jeannie (Deyton) all of Burnsville, North Carolina. He is also survived by his granddaughter Danielle Miller and grandson Tyler Miller of Burnsville and grandson, Benjamin Thomas of Charleston, South Carolina. In addition, his survivors include five great-grandchildren. He is survived by his only sibling, Dolores Risner and her husband Tommy, along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends worldwide. He will be always missed and lovingly remembered, especially for his sense of humor.

Services were held at Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home Saturday December 17th at 2 P.M. Pastor A. J. Moore officiated. Burial followed at the Eddie McMahan Cemetery in Pensacola. Donations be made to the Eddie McMahan Cemetery c/o Shirley Anders 9449 State Hwy 197 S Burnsville, NC 28714, the John F. Keever Jr. Solace Center in Asheville, 21 Belvedere Rd Asheville, North Carolina 28803, Pensacola United Methodist Church, or the charity of one's choice.

The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses of the Keever Solace Center for the compassion and care Ray received while there. The family is also indebted to Dr. Clay Ballantine and staff at Blue Ridge Premier Medicine for always offering extraordinary care for Ray. The family would also like to thank all of the employees at Country Cablevision for their kindness and support throughout Ray's illness.

Barkin' Basement YHS Resale Store

The Barkin' Basement Resale Store financially supports the Yancey Humane Society. When you shop at the Barkin' Basement you can be assured that a very high percentage of your dollars go to fund YHS, and all the good they do. The store is run and staffed by volunteers, and everything in the store has been donated by the good people of our area.

The Barkin' Basement is located on the bypass between Go Grocery and Fred's. The phone number is 828-208-9510. We accept clean, gently used items in good working order. Call the store if you have large items that need to be picked up, or for more information. The hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Yancey Humane Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. If you would like to help the lost or abused animals of Yancey County, come volunteer at the Barkin' Basement!



Carolyn Ann Miller

Carolyn Ann Miller, age 74, of Bee Log, passed away on Monday, December 12th, 2016 at her home. A native of Jackson, Mississippi, she was a daughter of the late George Lyon and Evelyn Wallace Langley. She was also preceded in death by her grandson, Anthony Davis and a sister, Debbie Pierce. Carolyn was a member of Bee Log Baptist Church and former school bus driver for Yancey County Schools of which she adored. She was honored with the Volunteer of the Year award in 1992 for having over 660 volunteer hours and loved volunteering at Bee Log Elementary.

Surviving is her loving husband of 51 years, Jerry Blaine Miller; daughters: Kimberly Watts and husband, Joe, of Jacksonville, FL, Anissa Dixon and husband, Chip, of Bee Log, Denise Riddle and husband, Hugh, of Weaverville and Misty Carney and husband, Dwight, of Mars Hill; sisters: Frances Clark of Mobile, AL and Nancy Quast and husband, Rick, of Portsmouth, VA; brothers: Ted Lyon and wife, Janie, of Jacksonville, FL and Rod Lyon and wife, Carolyn, of Pennsylvania; grandchildren: Aaron Davis (Brittany), Austin Davis (Samantha), Jonathan Watts, Joseph Watts Jr., Matthew Miller, Patrick Dixon, Rebecca Dixon, Sean Dixon, Jeffery Biggs (Jamie), Jeremy Biggs, Melody Carney and Alyssa Carney and four great-grandchildren: Abigail Biggs, Gracie Dixon, McKenzie Ann Davis, due in January and Oliver Jo Nathan Biggs, due in March.

Funeral Services were held at 12:30 on Friday, December 16th in the Chapel of Yancey Funeral Services. Rev. Kelly Bryant officiated. Burial was in the Pate Family Cemetery.

The family would like to say a very special thank you to Jenny Banks for her kindness and care she provided for Carolyn over the past year.

To send online condolences, please visit our website at www.yanceyfuneralservice.com.

Senior Center needs volunteers

The Yancey Senior Center is in need of dedicated volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound. Meals are delivered Monday - Thursday from 10:30 until noon.

You can choose which day or day(s) that you would like to volunteer.

The Senior Center could not offer the Meals on Wheels program without its dedicated volunteers. Without this service, many of the elderly would not receive a hot, nutritious meal every day.

So, if you enjoy meeting new people and helping others, please call 682-6011, ext. 14. The staff looks forward to working with you and appreciates your willingness to make a difference in the lives of so many people.

MY Meds Medication Ministry

MY Meds Medication and Health Ministry is a local nonprofit organization that provides help to Mitchell and Yancey County residents who have no prescription health plan and often have to decide between buying food and buying medicine. No one should have to make that choice.

If you need help paying for needed prescription medications call MY Meds office at 766-6337.

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR/ EXECUTOR NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Pauline Ledford North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of March 2017 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment. This the 30 day of November 2016. Barbara Robinson 59 Robinson Lane Burnsville, NC 28714 Published November 30, December 7, 14, 21, 2016

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR/ EXECUTOR NOTICE

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Emma Lou Holcombe of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 14th day of March 2017 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment. This the 14th day of December 2016. Edd Holcombe 428 Horton's Creek Road Burnsville, Nc 28714 Published December 14, 21, 28, 2016 / January 4, 2017

LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF YANCEY GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO: 16 JA 25 NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION IN THE MATTER OF JOSE GOMEZ DOB: 02/29/07

Petitioner:
Yancey County Department of Social Services
To: Jose Gomez

TAKE NOTICE that a Petition has been filed against you concerning the above referenced juvenile alleging the juvenile to be a dependent juvenile as defined by NCGS 7B-101 et seq..

You are required to answer this Petition not later than 30 January, 2016, being 40 days from the date of the first publication of this Notice and upon your failure to do so, the petitioner will seek the relief sought by the petition.

This the 21st day of December, 2016. HOCKADAY & HOCKADAY, P.A.

Daniel M. Hockaday Attorney for Yancey Co. D.S.S. Post Office Box 65 Burnsville, NC 28714 (828) 682-7060 Published December 21, 28, 2016 January 4, 2017.

Caregivers support group meeting

A monthly support group for caregivers of loved ones with memory loss is held the first Friday of each month from 1-3pm in the Hospice of the Blue Ridge building at 236 Hospital Drive in Spruce Pine, NC.

For more information call Lisa Boone at 828-765-5677 or email lboone@hospicemc.com.

Volunteers needed

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers to deliver meals weekdays from 10:30 to noon. Call the Senior Center at 682-6011.

LEGAL NOTICE 16 SP 60 AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NORTH CAROLINA, YANCEY COUNTY

Under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Lee Joseph Mencis and Wendy Kathleen Mencis to J. Todd Bailey, Trustee(s), which was dated January 12, 2006 and recorded on January 18, 2006 in Book 513 at Page 161, Yancey County Registry, North Carolina.

Default having been made of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC, having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, and the holder of the note evidencing said default having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door of the county courthouse where the property is located, or the usual and customary location at the county courthouse for conducting the sale on January 4, 2017 at 1:00PM, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property situated in Yancey County, North Carolina, to wit:

All that certain tract or parcel of land situated in Jacks Creek Township, Yancey County, North Carolina, more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING on an existing iron pin with a tie line of S 37-06-53 W 97.78 feet from the northwest corner of the house located on the herein conveyed lot, a corner with Lot 4; thence with the line of Lot 4 N 03-05-54 W 135.66 feet to an iron pin set; thence the same course 25.80 feet to the center of a 45 foot road right of way; thence leaving the line of Lot 4 and running with the center of the road right of way the following courses and distances; S 85-24-55 E 8.68 feet, N 68-44-59 E 17.56 feet; N 46-34-13 E 20.13 feet; N 34-53-22 E 30.56 feet; N 47-46-09 E 44.10 feet; N 26-12-11 E 34.11 feet; N 20-32-23 E 35.55 feet to a point where the 45-foot road right of way intersects with a 30-foot road right of way; thence following the center of the 30-foot road right of way and the line of Lot 7 S 40-42-53 E 22.67 feet; S 10-04-40 E 52.29 feet; S 06-48-11 E 22.03 feet; S 03-55-41 W 27.09 feet; S 65-57-29 E 17.79 feet to an iron pin set; thence the same course 51.78 feet to an iron pin set in the line of lands of Linda Wright; thence with the Wright line and the line of Jack Whitson S 20-07-35 W 54.45 feet to an existing iron pin; thence continuing with the Whitson line S 56-29-51 W 72.06 feet; S 62-04-40 W 133.51 feet to the point of BEGINNING, containing 0.69 acres, and being Lot No. 6 as shown on a survey by Arrowood Surveying, dated June 25, 1999, drawing no. 99-Y-04-177.

ALSO CONVEYED herewith and SUBJECT to the road right of ways as shown on the above-referenced plat and leading to and from the herein-conveyed property and NCSR 1352, Patterson Branch Road (Left)

SUBJECT to the Declaration of Restrictive and Protective Covenants for Valle Mountain, Inc. as recorded in Book 323, page 703, Yancey County Registry.

ALSO CONVEYED herewith is a perpetual and non-exclusive easement and right to take water from the well and reservoir on adjoining lands and pipe the same via underground transmission lines for domestic single-family use on the herein-conveyed lands, together with rights of ingress and egress for purposes of maintaining, inspecting and repairing said water system.

Save and except any releases, deeds of release or prior conveyances of record.

Said property is commonly known as 203 Valle Drive, Burnsville, NC 28714.

A cash deposit (no personal checks) of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, will be required at the time of the sale. Following the expiration of the statutory upset

bid period, all the remaining amounts are immediately due and owing. THIRD PARTY PURCHASERS MUST PAY THE EXCISE TAX AND THE RECORDING COSTS FOR THEIR DEED.

Said property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS WHERE IS." There are no representations of warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at, or relating to the property being offered for sale. This sale is made subject to all prior liens, unpaid taxes, any unpaid land transfer taxes, special assessments, easements, rights of way, deeds of release, and any other encumbrances or exceptions of record. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the current owner(s) of the property is/are Lee Joseph Mencis and wife, Wendy Kathleen Mencis.

An Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination [NCGS § 45-21.16A(b)(2)]. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy.

Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC

Substitute Trustee Brock & Scott, PLLC Attorneys for Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC 5431 Oleander Drive Suite 200 Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (910) 392-4988 FAX: (910) 392-8587 File No.: 15-13478-FC02 Published December 21, 28, 2016.

LEGAL NOTICE ATTENTION OWNERS OF PROPERTY SITUATED IN YANCEY COUNTY

All owners of taxable personal property situated in Yancey County must submit a listing form to the Yancey County Tax Office during the month of January. Taxable personal property includes but not limited to vehicles not currently registered with the division of motor vehicles (cars, trucks, busses, motorcycles, towable campers, mobile homes) apportioned (IRP) trucks and buses, permanent tagged trailers, boats, watercraft, aircraft and business personal property assets. Anyone who owns any of these items situated in Yancey County as of January 1 2017 must list them with the tax office before five pm Tuesday January 31, 2017. If you do not receive a listing form in the mail you may come by the tax office during regular hours Monday through Friday except holidays 8:30 am - 5:00 pm to request a form. A ten percent late listing penalty will apply to properties not listed during the listing period.

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