

RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH

# Broadband aid in jeopardy in U.S. as fewer Americans use landlines

By Bloomberg News

As more Americans cut the cord on traditional landline phones, a government program that subsidizes internet service to poor communities is in danger of collapsing because it relies on taxes from dwindling long-distance calling fees.

That's prompting calls to shore up the more than 29-year-old Universal Service Fund by tapping technology companies such as Amazon and Netflix that profit from the growing use of broadband.

"We're taxing the telephone networks to pay for the broadband network," said Brendan Carr, a Republican member of the Federal Communications Commission. "That's like taxing horsehoes to pay for highways."

The fund, which distributed \$8.3 billion last year, helps connect schools, libraries and rural health care facilities. It also provides a connection subsidy for roughly 7 million poor households.

But over the past two decades, the use of old-fashioned phone service has plunged and the revenues against which the levy could be charged dropped to \$30 billion, from about \$80 billion, according to Carr. That's led to a proposal to increase the rate of the tax,

which has soared to more than 30% from 15.7% in 2000 and is typically passed along to the shrinking pool of landline users.

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reverts to the troubled subsidy set up decades ago—which generally pays \$9.25 per month per household.

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# Search continues in N.C. for two missing in fatal river tubing trip

By The Washington Post

Authorities were searching for two people still missing Saturday after a family floating in inflatable tubes on a North Carolina river earlier in the week dropped over a steep dam.

The bodies of three of the party were located Thursday, the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office said, about 19 hours after the group of nine relatives embarked on a tubing trip the day before. Four people were rescued clinging to various items.

Officials said they brought in out-of-town rescue teams to assist in the effort to locate Teresa Villano, 35, and Isiah Crawford, 7, the son of one of the deceased.

Rockingham County Emergency Services Director Rodney Cates said Saturday that "multiple agencies utilizing multiple

watercraft" were deployed, focusing their rescue efforts north of the dam.

"We're hoping it'll be a rescue," said Lt. Kevin Suthard, a spokesman for the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office. "We're still hopeful for that."

The ordeal began Wednesday evening when several of the family's tubes became unmoored from one another on the Dan River in Eden, N.C. Some floated over the Duke Energy dam around 7 p.m., according to the sheriff's office. Emergency officials said they were not alerted to the incident until around 3:15 p.m. Thursday, when they received a 911 call from a Duke Energy employee.

The sheriff's office tweeted Thursday night that officers had found the bodies of Antonio Ramon, 30; Bridget Crawford, 27; and Sophie Wilson, 14,

about 3 miles from the dam. Ruben Villano, 35; Irene Villano, 16; Eric Villano, 14; and Karlos Villano, 14, were rescued and taken to hospitals for treatment of non-life-threatening conditions, authorities said.

Debi Villano, the mother of Teresa and Ruben, said that her daughter was pregnant at the time of the accident. She said that the missing woman and her partner, Ramon, have been together 13 years, have three children and moved to Eden to "start over and make their life over."

"Everything was going great until this," she said. "It's just all a big tragedy." She told The Post she remains optimistic that her daughter and Crawford will be found alive. "I know she's under a tree somewhere with Isiah in her arms."

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**ADAMS, Douglas Ted,** 76, of Hopewell, passed away on Friday, June 18, 2021. Born in Brunswick, Ga. He was the son of the late Hollis Ted Adams and Pat Rust Adams. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Rebecca Hale Adams; daughter, Jenny Webb (Eddie); granddaughters, Christina Holtzinger (Matt) and Katelyn Holtzclaw; grandson, Jordan Holtzclaw (Summer); great-granddaughters, Austyn, Skylynn and Charlotte; sisters, Holly Barnes, Linda Nelson (Steve) and Beth Hardin (Robert); numerous nieces and nephews; and sister-in-law, Lynda Phelps (Fred). Douglas proudly served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps as a Staff Sergeant from 1964 to 1969 during the Vietnam Conflict; he went on to work as a connector with Ironworker Local #28 in Richmond. He was a faithful member of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Colonial Heights. Douglas enjoyed being a special caretaker of one spoiled dachshund, Charles, and many furry feline friends. Most of all, he was a beloved husband, father, son, brother, uncle and friend. He was known by many as a true gentleman. He will be dearly missed. All funeral services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be donated to Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, 3110 Greenwood Ave., Colonial Heights, Va. 23834, the Disabled American Veterans Charity, at www.dav.org, or to the SPCA of Colonial Heights, 104 Pickwick Ave., Colonial Heights, Va. 23834.

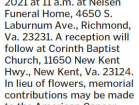
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**BAILEY, Theresa L., 67,** of Richmond, passed away Monday, June 14, 2021. Ms. Bailey retired from the DMV after 30-plus years of service. Survivors include five siblings, Ada Thompson, Henry Bailey (Bernice), Stevenson Bailey, Emma Robinson and Albert Bailey; devoted nieces, Maria Bailey, Pamela Collier, Kelley Robinson, Eleanor Edwards and Debbie Johnson; a devoted nephew, Anthony Thompson; extended family, Wayne and Doll Daniels; and a host of other family and friends. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 25, at Affinity Funeral Service, 2720 Enterprise Pkwy., Richmond, Va. 23294. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 26, at Booker T. Memorial Cemetery in Wakefield, Va. An online guestbook is available at [affinityfuneralservice.com](http://affinityfuneralservice.com).

**BAKER, Roberta A., 73,** of Henrico, passed away on Monday, June 14, 2021. She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert L. Feely and Miriam J. Folkins; and her sisters, Joni Wilkinson and Susan Ingold. Left to cherish her memory is her husband, James Baker Jr.; daughter, Kimberley Dawn (Ted); and her grandchildren, Theodore James, age 23 (Lindsay) and Hannah Kate, age 15. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 11 a.m. at Nelsen Funeral Home, 4650 S. Laburnum Ave., Richmond, Va. 23231. A reception will follow at Corinth Baptist Church, 11650 New Kent Hwy., New Kent, Va. 23124. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, [www.cancer.org/involved/donate.html](http://www.cancer.org/involved/donate.html). Online condolences may be left at [nelserichmond.com](http://nelserichmond.com).

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**ADAMS, Douglas Ted,** 76, of Hopewell. **BAKER, Roberta A.,** 73, of Henrico. **BARTHOLOMEW, Gary Michael,** 61, of Richmond. **BAZZICHI, Matthew David,** 48, of Henrico. **BROWN, Ruth Virginia,** 74, of Richmond. **BURNETT, Florence,** 82, of Richmond. **BYRNE, Joseph Christopher,** 74, of Richmond. **CATES, Madeline,** 59, of Richmond. **CHANDLER, Robert Preston,** 81, of Henrico. **CHRISTIAN, Mario Antonio,** 42, of Richmond. **COMER, Donald Lee Sr.,** 82, of North Chesterfield. **COOPER, L. Kent,** 74, of Richmond. **CROWELL, Doris Buchanan,** 93, of Chesterfield. **CRUTE, Mary,** 86, of Richmond. **DEANE, Janice Neale,** 86, of Mechanicsville. **DEBRUHL, Mark Reagan,** 59, of Mechanicsville. **DESHAZO, Charlotte Jean Mckay,** 89, of Richmond. **DIPBOYE, Betty Sue Mathews,** 84, of Mechanicsville. **DIXON-GOODE, Deborah Marie,** 66, of Richmond. **DRANE, Anne Shide,** 79, of Chesterfield. **DUKE, David Thomas Sr.,** 78, of Glen Allen. **DURETT, Eloise Scruggs,** 82, of Chester. **EARLY, Susan Elaine,** 76, of Glen Allen. **EMORY, John Andrew Sr.,** 62, of Richmond. **EPPELSON, Garrett Dean,** 64, of Chesterfield. **FERGUSON, Edith Maxwell,** 89, of Chesterfield. **FORD, Gerald Lee,** of Richmond. **FREMAU, Raymond G. III,** 67, of Glen Allen. **FRIE, James Edward,** 85, of Glen Allen. **HARRIS, Ron Schaffer II,** 89, of Glen Allen. **HIGGINS, Jimmy Dorsey,** 70, of Hanover. **HOLLEY, Ann-Carol,** 86, of Chesterfield. **HOTCHINS, Carol Ann Succi,** 81, of Chesterfield. **HOWELL, Judy Katherine Hall,** 78, of Henrico. **HUBBARD, Diana B.,** 84, of Henrico. **JACKSON, Samuel Alex Jr.,** 72, of Richmond. **JONES, Francis Anthony,** 91, of Glen Allen. **KELLY, Joseph Patrick,** 75, of Richmond.

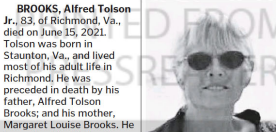
**ELSEWHERE**

**BAXTER, Rick,** 67, of Seffner, Fla. **CHADWICK, Arthur Andrew,** 50, of Hockessin, Del. **DAVIS, Linda Conner,** 78, of West Palm Beach, Fla. **GLANCY, Lynn M.,** 68, of Clover, S.C.



**WITHERINGTON, Aubrey Thomas "Tom,"** died June 10, 2021, at Westminster Canterbury Richmond. He lived a good, long life and was a kind, even-keeled and generous man. Tom was preceded in death by his wife and love of his life, Bette. Born in South Norfolk, Va., on January 23, 1933, he was the son of Leon Thomas Witherington and Annie Mae Humphries Witherington. After his mother's death in 1946, his father married Frances Morton Witherington, who lovingly treated Tom and his sister, Betty, as her own. Tom played basketball for one year at Bridgewater College before transferring to The College of William & Mary, where he was a member of the Sigma Pi fraternity and enrolled in the Army ROTC. There he met his sweetheart, Bette, and they eloped in 1955. After graduating that same year, Tom entered the Army and served at Fort Knox, Ky. Upon completion of active duty, he entered the T. C. Williams School of Law at the University of Lynchburg, graduating in 1962. Tom's legal career started at the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, D.C., before moving into the private sector with General Electric in 1970. His work with GE kept his family on the move before they finally settled in Lynchburg, Va., where he served first as division counsel for the Mobile Communications Division and later, as general counsel to Ericsson's U.S. operations. Tom and Bette lived in Lynchburg for 30 years and were active in community life and as members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Tom also spent 25 years in the Air Force Reserve Command, where he rose to the rank of Lt. Colonel. Tom insisted that his and Bette's best years came after his 1999 retirement. The best times of their best years were spent in Avila, Spain, where for more than 15 years they studied Spanish language and history, hosted visiting family and friends, and enjoyed spending time with the many friends they made there. Tom is survived by his son, Thomas W. "Tad" Witherington and his wife, Holly Bray, of Glastonbury, Conn.; his daughter, Mary Scott W. Swanson and her husband, Bruce, of Richmond, Va.; three grandchildren, Rebecca W. Stearns and her husband, Brad, of Fairfield, Conn.; Harry Swanson, a citizen of the world and Charlie Swanson of Ann Arbor, Mich.; a great-grandson, Owen Thomas Stearns; and Sara W. Witherington of Bridgeport, Conn. Tom is also survived by his sister, Betty Witherington Fagan and her husband, Bill, of Hardy, Va.; along with treasured nieces, nephews and many cousins. The family would like to thank all the loving and caring staff of Westminster Canterbury's Parsons Health Center, in particular, Meagan, Carrie, Linda, Gayle and Jennifer, who made the last year of Tom's life gentler. Donations in Tom's memory may be made to the Westminster Canterbury Foundation Fellowship Program. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Te queremos hasta siempre, Tomas.

**BROOKS, Alfred Tolson Jr.,** 83, of Richmond, Va., died on June 15, 2021. Tolson was born in Staunton, Va., and lived most of his adult life in Richmond. He was preceded in death by his father, Alfred Tolson Brooks; and his mother, Margaret Louise Brooks. He is survived by his brother, Haywood Randall Brooks (Elsa). Tolson graduated from Hampden-Sydney College and served in the U.S. Army. Tolson held positions in advertising with Richmond Corporation, the Life Insurance Company of Virginia and the American Heart Association. Tolson enjoyed gardening, reading and watching movies. The family wishes to thank Tolson's caregivers for their excellent care, kindness and love. Memorial contributions in his name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. A memorial service will be held at a future date. A.P. Grappone and Sons, Inc. Monuments and Memorials Celebrating 105 Years



**BROWN, Ruth Virginia,** of Richmond, Va., began her eternal life on February 11, 2021, at the age of 74. Throughout her life, Ruth was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, sister and friend. She was preceded in death by the love of her life, Ben Brown; her two sons, Ben Brown Jr. and Lauren Brown; her parents, Marian and Perry Holmes; and her loving mother-in-law, Evelyn Brown. She is survived by her two daughters, Lynn Holmes and Leah Kesler (Louis); her siblings, nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and countless nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly. Rest In Paradise. Mom, you are greatly missed. A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 26, 2021 at Shiloh Pentecostal Church, 3400 Courthouse Rd. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Church.

**BYRNE, Joseph Christopher,** born November 11, 1947, died November 9, 2020. A Funeral Mass and interment will take place 10 a.m. Saturday, June 26, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Luncheon to follow at Mekong Restaurant at 6004 W. Broad St.

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**BURNETT, Mrs.** Florence, age 82, of Richmond, departed this life June 13, 2021. She is survived by one sister, Cindy Devereaux; one brother, Alexander Boynton Jr.; two nieces, a host of cousins and other relatives and friends. Remains rest at Joseph Jenkins Jr. Funeral Home, 2011 Grayland Avenue, where Mrs. Burnett can be viewed Monday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and where funeral services will be held Tuesday, at 11 a.m. Dr. Rebecca Griffin officiating. Interment private. Family and friends assemble at the funeral home 10:45 a.m. Tuesday.



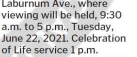
**CATES, Mrs. Madeline**, age 59, of Richmond, departed this life June 17, 2021. She is survived by four sons, Clifton, Timarion (Joacima Wilkins), Tyeese and Marlon (Jamie) Cates; five grandchildren; mother, Rosa Lawson; father, Eddie Hinton; sisters, among them, Barbara West, Lula Bridgesand, Tanya James; brothers, Michael Wilkins and Darnell West; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins and other relatives and friends. Memorial services will be held Tuesday, 2 p.m., at Joseph Jenkins Jr. Funeral Home, 2011 Grayland Avenue. Family and friends assemble at the funeral home 1:45 p.m. Tuesday.



**CHADWICK, Mr. Arthur** Andrew, of Hockessin, Del., passed away on June 2, 2021 at the age of 90. He was born July 22, 1930 in Elkins Park, Pa. He graduated from Penn State University in 1952 in Agricultural Economics and later, studied Economics Theory at the University of Pennsylvania. He then joined the Air Force as a cadet during the Korean War. Arthur worked for Hercules Agricultural Chemicals in the International Department for 33 years. After retirement, he went into the orchid business with his son, Arthur Everett, founding Chadwick & Son Orchids, Inc. For the next 32 years, he was instrumental to its success. Along the way, he wrote dozens of articles for the American Orchid Society as well as a book, The Classic Cattleyas, now in its second printing. Another book, First Ladies and their Cattleyas: A Century of Nonesako Orchids, is scheduled for this fall. He and his wife, the former Beatrice Anne Clark, of Millford, Conn., were competitive ballroom dancers under the instruction of Bryan Wells and gave regular exhibitions in the Wilmington area for 16 years. Art was also an avid ice skater for decades at the Skating Club of Wilmington. He enjoyed British comedy, gardening, French cooking, playing Bridge and teaching life lessons to his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Anne, of 60 years; son, Arthur Everett Chadwick of Powhatan, Va.; granddaughter, Olivia Chadwick of Raleigh, N.C.; and grandson, Arthur Edward Chadwick of Washington, D.C. He was predeceased by his daughter, Anne Chadwick of Hockessin, Del.; his parents, Arthur and Olive Chadwick, of Elkins Park, Pa.; and two cats, Baby Pokie and Furball. Funeral arrangements will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to the American Orchid Society: [secure.aos.org/donate](http://secure.aos.org/donate).

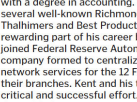
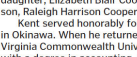
**CHANDLER, Robert** Preston, 81, of Henrico, Virginia, passed away on Tuesday, June 15, 2021. He was born in Plain View, Virginia, to the late James Allen Chandler and Margaret Virginia Walton. Robert Chandler attended Pleasant Hill High School, where he lettered in basketball and baseball. He attended the Virginia Polytechnic Institute in the Corp of Cadets, graduated with an engineering degree and later earned a master's in engineering. He was an avid driver, auto racing enthusiast, gardener and loved hiking and camping outdoors. Robert worked at the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for 42 years, never accepting responsibility for any of the potholes. At 65, he bought a Cadillac and drove from the dealer's lot to California and back. He was appreciated and loved by those who knew him well. Robert was predeceased in death by his parents. He is survived by his sons, Andrew Chandler (Sarah) and their children, Preston and Lane; and Gary Alston (Jennifer) and their children, Rebecca, Josh and Grace; along with a host of other relatives and friends. A visitation will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Monday, June 21, at Woody's Funeral Home - Parham, located at 1771 N. Parham Rd., Henrico, Va. 23229. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Virginia War Memorial Foundation, 621 South Chesterfield Street, Richmond, Va. 23220. Vincent Funeral Home, West Point handling arrangements. Tributes may be posted at [vincth.com](http://vincth.com).

**CHRISTIAN, Mario** Antonio, 42, of Richmond, departed this life Tuesday, June 15, 2021. He was preceded in death by his son, Mario Day-Christian. He leaves cherished memories to his daughter, Ayanna Day-Christian; parents, Moses and Deborah Allen; grandmother, Bertana Christian; sister, Angela Christian; girlfriend, Dejoahette Campbell; nephew, Omarrion Henley; uncle, Ernest Christian Jr.; aunts, Kimberly Walker (Eric) and Jean Wright (Dennis); cousin, Sonya Day; a host of other relatives and friends. Remains rest at March Funeral Home, 2110 E. Laburnum Ave., where viewing will be held, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, June 22, 2021. Celebration of Life service 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at March Funeral Home, with livestreaming. Interment Roselawn Memory Gardens.

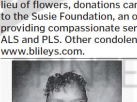
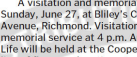


**COMER, Donald "Don"** Lee Sr., age 52, of North Chesterfield, passed away June 13, 2021, surrounded by family. He was predeceased in death by his mother, Charlotte; two sisters, Cassie and Rosalie; and an infant granddaughter, Brandi Lee House. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Barbara; and a sister, Geneva; children, Keith, Candy, Donnie, Chris, Teresa, Suzanne, Paula and Jennifer. Don was papa to 13 grandchildren, Douglas, Brandon, Brittany, Aaryn, Cameron, Robyn, Rachel, Jordan, Jeremy, William, Josh, Justin and Jaden; as well as 13 great-grandchildren, Camden, Easton, Lenny, Jameson, Meleah, Clara, Nolan, Layla, James, Mason, Gracie, Grayson and Alexander. A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 10, 2021 at Hope Community Church of the Nazarene, 8391 Alee Rd., Mechanicsville, Va. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to the American Heart Association.

**COOPER, L. Kent**, 74, passed away peacefully in his Richmond home on June 1, 2021, after a courageous battle with primary lateral sclerosis (PLS). Kent was a true gentleman, an Army veteran, a devoted husband, exemplary father, loving brother and dear friend. Born June 27, 1946, to Lieutenant Colonel U.S.C.G. Scott P. Cooper (Debra). He is survived by his wife, Diane Pngroe Cooper; daughter, Elizabeth Blair Cooper Foltz (Christopher); and son, Raleigh Harrison Cooper (Siobhan). Kent served honorably for four years in the U.S. Army in Okinawa. When he returned to Richmond, he studied at Virginia Commonwealth University where he graduated with a degree in accounting. Early in his career he served several well-known Richmond institutions, including Thalmers and Best Products. The most challenging and rewarding part of his career began in 1992 when he joined Federal Reserve Automation Services, a new company formed to centralize the data processing and network services for the 12 Federal Reserve Banks and their branches. Kent and his team played a key role in this critical and successful effort. He spent over 20 years with the Fed before retiring in 2014. Beyond his professional life, Kent enjoyed life's simple pleasures, from tackling the toughest crossword puzzles and sipping a good gin martini, to watching golf and NASCAR. His passion for technology lasted through the years; he had great fun with the many historic telephones, typewriters, computers, adding machines, TVs and radios in his collection. He loved traveling (or at least reaching the destination) and spent many happy summers with his family at Ocean Isle Beach. More recently, he looked forward to annual travels with his wife to Lake Como in Italy or joining friends on a riverboat exploration. Kent will be fondly remembered by all who knew him for his quiet wit and wry sense of humor. He was a man of dedication and integrity, with unwavering strength and resilience under the most taxing circumstances. We thank our friends and loved ones for the care and support they have given Kent and his family over the years, and particularly in the past few months. Thank you also to Ascend Hospice, especially Paige and Debbie, as well as Danielle, Ruth and Nancy for their dedicated and loving care to Kent. A visitation and memorial service will be held on Sunday, June 27, at Billie's Central, 3801 Augusta Avenue, Richmond. Visitation will begin at 3 p.m., and the memorial service at 4 p.m. An additional Celebration of Life will be held at the Coopers' home on a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Kent's memory to the Susie Foundation, an organization dedicated to providing compassionate services to families dealing with ALS and PLS. Other condolences may be left at: [www.billies.com](http://www.billies.com).



**CRUTE, Mrs. Mary**, age 88, of Richmond, departed this life June 15, 2021. She is survived by one daughter, Joyce Woodson (Keith); one son, Tracy Crute; two granddaughters, Ashley and Courtney Woodson; a host of nieces, a nephew and cousins and other relatives and friends. Remains rest at Joseph Jenkins Jr. Funeral Home, 2011 Grayland Avenue, where the family will receive friends from 3 to 4 p.m. Sunday and where funeral services will be held Monday at 1 p.m. Dr. Stephen Hewlett officiating, Interment Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Family and friends assemble at the funeral home 12-15 p.m. Monday.

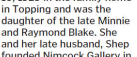


**CULVER, Janice** "Tootsie" Neale, 86, of Mechanicsville, Virginia, passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 6, 2021 with her family by her side. She was born on December 13, 1934 to the late Thomas Iverson and Emily Teachey Neale. Janice graduated from Hermitage High School and worked with the Virginia Funeral Directors Association for 15 years. Janice is survived by her children, Cynthia Wyatt (Bobby) Neale Culver (Ludd) and Margaret Watkins (Wes). She is also survived by nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Janice was predeceased by her loving husband of 61 years, David "PaPa" M. Culver in 2020. She was an active member of Mechanicsville Baptist Church and her Ruth Sunday School Class. Janice dearly loved her church family. Janice loved cooking, shopping, spending time with her many friends and family. She was always doing things for others. She enjoyed and rarely ever missed an event or game that her children or grandchildren were involved in. Her greatest joy was her family and she leaves behind nothing but beautiful memories. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. A Celebration of Life to honor Janice and David will be held on Saturday, June 26, 10 a.m. at Mechanicsville Baptist Church, 8016 Altree Road, Mechanicsville, Virginia.

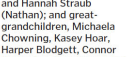
**CHENAILT, Ada F.**, 92, of Hurd, formerly of Fredericksburg, left this earth to be with her Lord and Saviour on Thursday June 17, 2021. She was predeceased by her husband of almost 58 years, Rogers H. Chenailt, and is survived by her daughters, Gwendolyn and Gerry. The family will hold a private burial service in Richmond.



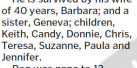
**CHOWNING, Emily** Blake, 91, owner of Nimcock Gallery, died Thursday, May 20, 2021 at her home in Urbana. She was born December 10, 1929 in the family home in Topping and was the daughter of the late Minnie and Raymond Blake. She followed Nimcock Gallery in 1966. After his death in 2009, she ran the business until the day she died. She is survived by her son, Larry Chowning (Oase) of Urbana; daughter, Susan Hoar (Wayne) from Williamsburg; and grandchildren, Tyler Hoar (Laura), Damon Chowning (Sarah), Cara Tyler (Joe), Peyton Blodgett (Jacob) and Hannah Straub (Nathan); and great-grandchildren, Michaela Chowning, Kasey Hoar, Harper Blodgett, Connor Chowning, John Henry and Will Tyler and Charlie and Henry Straub. She was preceded in death by her beloved great-grandson, Caleb Chowning. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Middlesex County Volunteer Fire Department, 335 Virginia St., Urbana, Va. 23175 or Middlesex County Rescue Squad, 17684 General Puller Hwy., Deltaville, Va. 23043. A private service is planned at Urbana Baptist Church at 2 p.m. on June 27. An open house will follow at her home from 3 to 4:30 p.m.



In memory of Willie Ruth Dabney Today, June 20th, 2021, marks 731 days between the day of your passing (June 20th, 2019) and today, June 20th, 2021. 731 days are significant because this number is also the month and day of your mother's (my grandmother's) birthday. Each day, the memory of you is etched in my mind, and I pay homage to your life by living in the ways you taught me. I am truly blessed by your gifts and love of me. I remember...son, Horace E. Dabney



In loving memory of Patricia Hamilton. You were our guiding light and dearly missed. Love, Mom, Dad and family



**JOHN T. HOLMES SR.** I miss walking in and hearing you say "Hey Girl". We miss you Daddy, Love Carolyn, Katrina, Bubba



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