



# OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CORONER

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**Angie F. Rita - Coroner**

## **UPDATE to Original PRESS RELEASE**

**01/24/2025**

The Saluda County Coroner, Angie F. Rita has ruled the manner of death of Ms. Edwinton Henderson as an "accident". The investigation determined Ms. Henderson had a medical event which was complicated by exposure to extremely cold environmental temperatures.

## **Press Release**

**01/15/2025**

The Saluda County Coroner 's has positively identified the missing person from Batesburg-Leesville, SC found in the early morning of Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. The Coroner's Office responded to the scene just inside Saluda County where the body of Ms. Edwinton K. Henderson, age 82 was located near a dirt portion of a street in the city limits of Batesburg-Leesville. Ms. Henderson had been reported missing by her loved ones around 6:30 AM on Tuesday. Batesburg-Leesville Police Department began the search and also requested assistance from the SC Law Enforcement Division in trying to locate Ms. Henderson. Thankfully her body was located, though it was not the outcome any of us had hoped. The Coroner's Office was grateful for the assistance and partnership of law enforcement at the scene.

Ms. Henderson's death is being investigated by the Coroner's Office, along with Batesburg-Leesville Police Department and the SC Law Enforcement Division. An autopsy is scheduled for later today. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Ms. Henderson's family and friends.