



Fatal Accident Near Burnsville

RUTH PATE
Miss Ruth Pate, 73, of Route 3, Burnsville, died unexpectedly last Tuesday at her home. A native and lifelong resident of Yancey County, she was the daughter of the late James Robert and Kitty Hensley Pate.
Surviving are six sisters, Mrs. Rex McIntosh, Mrs. Charles Whitson, Mrs. Bruce Fender, Mrs. Bill Fox, and Mrs. Blaine Swann of Burnsville and Mrs. J. Harold Swann of Asheville; three brothers, Edd and Hugh Pate of Burnsville and J.R. Pate Jr. of North Augusta, S.C.
Funeral services were held at 2:30 Thursday, April 7 in the Chapel of Capps Funeral Home, Mars Hill. Revs. Bruce Fender Jr., Allen McKinney and Howard Buchanan officiated and burial was in the Pate Family Cemetery.

WILLIAM ROY HECKART
William Roy Heckart, 89, of the Cattail Creek Community of Yancey County died in a Burnsville hospital Wednesday morning after a long illness. He was a native of Ohio and had been employed for 37 years with White Motor Company before his retirement. He had been living in Clearwater, Florida and Burnsville for the past several years.

Surviving are the wife, Julie Bohemer Heckart and several nieces and nephews.
A memorial service was held in the Pensacola Methodist Church Sunday at 2:30 p.m. April 10.

MARCENIA HENSLEY
Mrs. Marcenia Hensley, 83, of Route 4, Burnsville died Thursday, April 7 in Walsen Army Hospital, Fort Dix, New Jersey.

A native of Yancey County, she was the daughter of the late Thomas and Loretta Parker and the widow of Marcus Hensley who died in 1967. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Bald Creek Chapter. She had been making her home with a daughter, Major Loretta Welton in Willingboro, New Jersey for the past year.

Surviving are another daughter, Mrs. Leah Silver of Bristol, Virginia; a stepson, Isom C. Hensley of Jonesboro, Georgia; two step daughters, Mrs. Edythe Phillips of Marion and Mrs. Hettie Boyd of Gastonia; two brothers, Malie Parker of Erwin, Tenn. and Fred Parker of Orlando, Florida; five sisters, Mrs. Lou Jean Bradford and Mrs. Betty Howell of Asheville, Frona Parker of Burnsville, Mrs. Trula Allman and Mrs. Jessie McCreely of Bay City, Michigan; two grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday (April 13) in Byrd's Chapel Baptist Church of which she was a member. Rev. Warren Williams will officiate and burial was in the Hensley-Parker Cemetery.

A fatal one-car accident on Sunday, April 10 at 12:15 a.m. occurred 5 1/2 miles south of Burnsville on US 19E.
Kenneth W. Cariker, 33, of Asheville was driving a 1967 Volkswagon south on US 19E and entered a moderate left hand curve. The car left the roadway on the right and traveled 109 feet before overturning 3 times down the creek bank and into the water.
The driver was not injured. One passenger, Cynthia Mary Pustorino, 22, of Asheville was killed.

Cariker was charged with driving under the influence and death by vehicle. Damage was estimated at \$300. Trooper W.J. Stallings investigated.

A one-car accident on NC 80S, 13 miles out of Burnsville occurred on Thursday, April 7, at 9:00 a.m.

Dennis Murphy, 20, of Route 5, Burnsville was driving a 1973 Ford on NC 80. He lost control of his vehicle near the northern end at the South Toe River bridge at approximately the center of the road. The vehicle traveled

to the left side of the road, back to the right side, off the right and struck a tree.

There were no passengers and no injuries. Murphy was charged with exceeding a safe speed. Damage was estimated at \$300. Trooper W.J. Stallings investigated.

A two-car accident occurred on Thursday, April 7 at 12:45 p.m. 5 miles north of Burnsville on Mine Branch Road in Newdale.

Connie Gouge, 25, of Spruce Pine was driving a 1974 Ford west on Mine Branch Road at a slow rate of

speed and met Lawrence Ray Higgins, 54, of Route 2, Burnsville driving a 1968 Ford. Higgins was traveling east at a slow rate of speed. The vehicles collided on their respective left front quarters. Due to the slow rates of speed there were no skid marks to determine the path of impact.

There were no other passengers in either vehicle and no injuries. Damage was estimated at \$550 to the Gouge Ford and \$300 to the Higgins Ford. Trooper W.J. Stallings investigated.

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One year has passed since that sad day
The one we loved was called away.
The call was sudden, the shock severe
With little thought that death was near.
Only those who have lost can tell
The pain of passing without a farewell.
While he sleeps a peaceful sleep,
This memory we shall always keep.
Friends may think we have forgotten
When at times they see us smile,
Little do they know the heartache
We are hiding all the while.
Times go by, but memories stay
As dear and near as yesterday.
But deep in our hearts you are with us yet,
We love you too much to ever forget.