

Obituaries

GEORGE S. BLANTON TRAVELERS REST, S. C. - George Stephen Blanton, 46, of Route 1, died Sunday at Greenville Memorial Hospital.

A Kings Mountain native, he was the son of Margaret Moss Blanton Johnson of Kings Mountain and the late William H. Blanton.

He was owner and operator of Biltmore Stove Company of Travelers Rest and was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church. He was a graduate of Furman University, where he was a member of the TKE Fraternity.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Dixie Taylor Blanton of the home; two daughters, Robin Jeanine Blanton and Lisa Renee Blanton of the home; three brothers, Mack Blanton of Gaffney, Joe Johnson of Morganton and Timothy Johnson of Kings Mountain; and four sisters, Mrs. Neville Cribb of Hemmingway, S.C., Mrs. Robert W. Potter of Piedmont, S.C., Mrs. Richard Cochran of High Point and Miss Amanda Johnson of Kings Mountain.

Graveside services were conducted Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Greenville Memorial Gardens by the Rev. Dr. Robert Taylor, the Rev. Paul Petty and the Rev. Bobby Arrowood.

HAZEL GIBBONS

Hazel Oates Gibbons, 68, of Route 3, Kings Mountain, died Monday at her home.

A Cleveland County native, she was the daughter of the late

John Milton and Fallie Weir Oates. She was a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church and was employed as a secretary with Plonk Oil Company.

She is survived by her husband, W.P. Gibbons Jr. of the home; one son, W.P. Gibbons III of Gastonia; two daughters, Mrs. Dottie Duckett of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. Billie Thames of Akron, Ohio; one brother, John Oates of Kings Mountain; and four grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery by the Rev. Gerald Weeks.

Memorials may be made to the Gaston County Cancer Fund.

BLANCHE BELL

Mrs. Blanche H. Bell, 60, of Route 1, Grover, died Friday at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A Dale County, Ala., native, she was the daughter of the late Eddie and Maggie Horn.

She is survived by her husband, Willie Bell of the home; three sons, Keith Bell, Steven Bell and Todd Bell of the home; two brothers, Fred Horn and Jerry Horn of Trenton, N.J.; four sisters, Mrs. Merle Thomas of Grover, Mrs. Jewel Thomas of Alabama and Mrs. Florence Warner and Mrs. Luvenia Glover of Trenton, N.J.; and two grandchildren.

Services were conducted Monday at 2 p.m. at Long Branch Baptist Church, where she was a member, by the Rev. R.D. Abbott. Burial was in the church cemetery.

JOHN CASHION JR. GRAHAM - John Cashion Jr., 56, died Saturday.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of the late John and Edna Davis Cashion. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Becky Cashion; three sons, Michael, Johnny and Chris Cashion, all of Graham; one daughter, Miss Patty Cashion of Graham; and six grandchildren.

Services were conducted Monday at Graham Baptist Church. Burial was at Memorial Park.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at 4 p.m. in the E.C. Cavin Memorial Chapel of Cavin Funeral Home by the Rev. Gilbert Miller and the Rev. Milford Thumm. Burial was in Glenwood Memorial Park.

GEORGE F. BRANCH MOORESVILLE

George Franklin Branch, 88, of Route 8, Mooresville, died Thursday at Lowrance Hospital following a lengthy illness.

A native of Lincoln County, he was a retired merchant.

He is survived by two sons, Robert O. Branch of Calistoga, Calif.; and W.D. "Bill" Branch of Mooresville; four daughters, Mrs. Bernice Dellinger of Hickory, Mrs. Rome Christie of Wilkesboro, Mrs. Dwaine Everhart of Mooresville and Mrs. Woody London of Kings Mountain; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

PEGGY HOUSTON

Peggy Houston, 65, died Wednesday at the Kings Mountain Convalescent Center.

Services were conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. at Adams Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church by the Rev. P.B. Kilgore. Burial was in

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JAMES LEE SULLENS JR.

James Sullens Two Years Old

James Lee Sullens Jr., son of Patricia Sue and James Lee Sullens Sr., celebrated his second birthday with a party Tuesday at his home on 1009 North Piedmont Avenue.

James is the grandson of Ora Lee Parham and Sarah and Thomas Runyans, all of Kings Mountain. Great-grandparents are Eva May Lovelace and Maggie Runyans, both of Kings Mountain.

IT'S A GIRL

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gaffney of Kings Mountain announce the birth of their first child, Lindsey Alanna, January 21 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital. The baby weighed seven pounds and one-half ounce. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Yarbrow and Mr. and Mrs. Curt Gaffney, all of Kings Mountain. Great-grandfather is John Yarbrow of Kings Mountain. The baby's mother is the former Roxanna Yarbrow.

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