

Obituaries



C.B. WHITWORTH JR.

ROANOKE, VA. - Clifton Bruce Whitworth Jr., formerly of Kings Mountain, died February 12 in Roanoke Memorial Hospital following a lengthy battle with cancer. He received his education from Lincoln Academy in Kings Mountain and Talladega College in Talladega, Ala. He was employed for over 20 years with the Norfolk and Western Railway and established his own independent insurance agency.

In more recent years, he and his wife, Claudia, owned and published the weekly Roanoke Tribune.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy.

He was active in a number of community and church programs. He served as president of the Community Housing Corporation, treasurer of the Roanoke Valley Business League, was a member of the Roanoke Valley Breakfast Lions Club, a member of Big Brothers of Roanoke and the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, and was a member of the Local Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is Faith.

Survivors include his wife, Claudia A. Whitworth; a son, Dr. B. Clifton Whitworth of St. Louis, Mo.; one stepdaughter, two stepsons; two grandchildren; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Whitworth Sr. of Kings Mountain; three sisters, and two brothers.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Hamlar-Curtis Chapel in Roanoke.

HOWARD PEARSON

BESSEMER CITY - Worth Howard Pearson, 57, of Route 2, died Thursday at his home.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late Robert Pearson and Florence Mauney Pearson Carpenter. He served in the Marines in World War II and was a member of Cherryville American Legion Post 100.

He is survived by his wife, Rebecca Neal Pearson; two brothers, Tolly Pearson of Cherryville and Lewis Carpenter of Charlotte; and three sisters, Kay Howell and Bryte Gantt of Cherryville and Lorene Gladden of Rock Hill, S.C.

Services were conducted Friday at 11 a.m. at Carpenter's Funeral Home in Cherryville by the Rev. Andy Raines. Burial was in Mount Beulah Baptist Church cemetery.

EDILDA WRIGHT

Edilda Barber Wright, 85, of Route 6, Kings Mountain, died

Sunday at 5:30 p.m. at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A Cleveland County native, she was the daughter of the late George Preston and Margaret Graham Ware Barber, and was the widow of the late Jacob Marvin Wright.

She is survived by one son, Sloan Wright of Granite Falls; three daughters, Mrs. Loyd (Estelle) Turner, Mrs. Marguerite Wright and Mrs. William (Cornelia) Suggs, all of Kings Mountain; two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Teague and Miss Estelle Barber, both of Charlotte; nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Patterson Grove Baptist Church by the Rev. Richard Plyler. Burial was in the church cemetery.

L.T. STOWE

KERNERSVILLE - L.T. Stowe Jr., 54, died Friday in Winston-Salem.

A Kings Mountain native, he was employed by Tyler Trucking Company.

He is survived by his mother, Corrine Hambright Stowe of Kings Mountain; his wife, Vivian Mabe Stowe; two daughters, Mrs. Belinda Austrau of Kernersville and Miss Donna Stowe of Southern Pines; and a sister, Betsy Allen of Kings Mountain.

Graveside services were conducted Sunday at 4 p.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery by the Rev. Calvin Rice.

MRS. BRIDGES

Margrett Louise Swink Bridges, 55, of 7900 Margrace Road, Kings Mountain, died Tuesday at 9:10 p.m. at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A Cleveland County native, she was the daughter of the late William C. Swink and Mrs. Lola Swink of Shelby. She attended Midview Baptist Church.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband, Earl Bridges of the home; one son, Robert Bridges of the home; one daughter, Pannola Bridges of the home; four brothers, Hugh Lee Swink of Roanoke Rapids, Edward Swink and A.V. Swink of Grover and Benny Swink of Cherryville; six sisters, Mrs. Marthell Philbeck of Blacksburg, S.C., Mrs. Dorothy McNeely of Fallston, Mrs. Helen Owensby of Buffalo, Mo., and Mrs. Betty Bowen, Mrs. Joyce Dedmon and Miss Janice Swink of Shelby.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at 4 p.m. at Midview Baptist Church by the Rev. Fred Wells and the Rev. Wray Barrett. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The body was to be taken to the home Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. Harris Funeral Home is in charge.

EARL HARMON

Earl Harmon, 63, of 1401 Shelby Road, died Friday at his home.

He was the son of the late Phillip Key and Sallie Anthony Harmon and was employed by Carolina Freight Corporation. He was a member of El Bethel United Methodist Church, where he served on the board of trustees, and was a World War II veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Hattie Bess Carpenter Harmon;

a son, Steve Harmon of Kings Mountain; a stepdaughter, Mrs. C.V. Thornburg of Cherryville; a sister, Mrs. Wayne Ware of Branford, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

Services were conducted Sunday at 3 p.m. at El Bethel United Methodist Church by the Rev. Sidney Lanier and the Rev. Jack Cook. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to El Bethel United Methodist Church.

EARL O. BOONE

BESSEMER CITY - Earl Odell Boone, 60, of 518 East Virginia Avenue, died Sunday at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late Edward and Lillie Wray Boone. He was a World War II veteran and a retired merchant.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia McKinney Boone; two

daughters, Teresa Foster and Becky Camp of Kings Mountain; three brothers, Boyd, Essie and Bill Boone, all of Bessemer City; and three grandchildren.

Services were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Sisk-Butler Funeral Home by the Rev. Charles Harrison and the Rev. F. Dick Whitener. Burial was in Bessemer City Memorial Cemetery.

ALICE CASH

Alice Faye Cash, 41, of 915 Grace Street, died Thursday at home.

A Kings Mountain native, she was the daughter of Kelly Goforth and the late Rose Jones Goforth, and was a retired textile employee.

In addition to her father, she is survived by her husband, Fred Cash; two sons, Randy Cash and Paul Cash, both of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Mrs. Wan-

da Ramsey and Miss Paula Cash, both of Kings Mountain; three brothers, Bob Goforth of York, S.C., Tommy Goforth of Durham, Conn., and Gene Goforth of Ontario, Canada; four sisters, Mrs. Frances Bridges, Mrs. Linda Lawson, Mrs. Betty Bridges and Miss Becky Goforth, all of Kings Mountain; and three grandchildren.

Services were conducted Sunday at 3 p.m. at Rhema Faith Church in Shelby by the Rev. Vernon Moore and the Rev. Fred Wells. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

DICK PRIDMORE

B.T. "Dick" Pridmore, 73, of Route 5, Kings Mountain, died Thursday at Cleveland Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

A Spartanburg County, S.C., native, he was the son of the late

William Mason and Mary Jane Brown Pridmore and was a retired employee of Duke Power Company.

He was a member of Patterson Grove Baptist Church, where he served on the Board of Deacons.

He is survived by his wife, Ella Galloway Pridmore; two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Pridmore Henderson of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Frances P. Bridges of Mt. Holly; two sisters, Mrs. C.L. Davis of Greer, S.C., and Mrs. Tom P. Corbett of Pinewood, S.C.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Saturday at 3 p.m. at Patterson Grove Baptist Church by the Rev. Richard Plyler. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Patterson Grove Baptist Church or the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad.

Belk Stevens
CLEVELAND MALL



Bridal Fair Week
Feb. 21st-25th

Festivities Concluding
With Bridal Fashion Show
Friday Night, Feb. 25th

just for you & two



REGISTER TO WIN ONE OF FOUR HONEYMOON TRIPS.

Smokey Mountains Honeymoon -
Gatlinburg, Tennessee
3 days - 2 nights - Plus Amenities
Retail Value \$180.00

Sheraton Gatlinburg Hotel



Myrtle Beach Honeymoon -
Sand Dunes Resort Hotel,
4 days - 3 nights - Oceanfront Suite
Plus Amenities Retail Value \$300.00

Daytona Beach Honeymoon -
Surfside Resorts. 4 days - 3 nights -
Oceanfront Suite. Plus Amenities
Retail Value \$375.00



Disneyworld Honeymoon - Orlando, Florida
Sheraton World Resort. 4 days - 3 nights
Honeymoon Suites. Plus Amenities
Retail Value \$400.00



ENTRANTS MUST MEET ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

BBB Expands To KM

The Better Business Bureau has expanded its services to Kings Mountain and Cleveland County.

The BBB of Charlotte was originally chartered to serve 27 counties, but until recently its work has been confined to greater Charlotte, explained Clarence Bridges, district representative.

"Businesses only hear about 10 percent of the complaints," Bridges says. "It's not the complaints that put them out of business, it's the people they don't hear from."

Bridges began last week trying to interest area businesses in becoming members of the BBB. Memberships start at \$150 for a 1-to-10 employee business and run to \$800 for firms employing 800 or more.

For that, the BBB serves as a liaison of sorts between businesses and consumers.

"Most people think the BBB just handles complaints," Bridges said, "but only one in seven of the calls we get is about a complaint. The rest are from

people who want to know something about a firm before they do business with it."

That's the kind of service BBB stresses, he said. The firm pushes the theme "Before you do something dumb, do something smart—call the Better Business Bureau."

The BBB does handle complaints, and he has extensively detailed coplain forms consumers can fill out and file, and the agency also provides arbitration service. General Motors, for example, has specified the BBB for any actions on its 1983 cars.

There is also charities review published regularly, and a panel set up to arbitrate disputes over dry cleaning problems, among other services.

There is a "hot line" which members can call collect for information, and there will be a WATS line when the BBB gets enough members, he said.

The BBB works "to protect business as well as the consumers", he said. "But our main mission is to educate the public."