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# **Obituaries**

### ELVA McSWAIN

Elva Reynolds McSwain, 84, of Route 2, Kings Mountain, died Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Kings Mountain Hospital following an illness of six weeks.

A Cherokee County, S.C., native, she was the daughter of the late Albert and Mattie Gunthorpe Reynolds. Her husband was the late Perry Franklin McSwain.

She was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church, where services were conducted Friday at 2 p.m. by the Rev. Bruce Hancock, the Rev. James Holder and the Rev. Dan Wallace. Burial was in the church cemetery.

She is survived by two sons, Charlie Franklin McSwain of Kings Mountain and Horace McSwain of Shelby; two brothers, Ed Reynolds of Kings Mountain and Clyde Reynolds of Cherryville; a sister, Mrs. Marie R. Reynolds of Gaffney, S.C.; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

## **KURT WATSON**

Kurt Edward Watson, 55, of 202 Marigold Avenue, Kings Mountain, died Wednesday afternoon.

He was the son of the late Fred and Anna Dora Belcher Watson and was a retired employee of Carolina Western Express. He was a World War II veteran, a member of the Interstate Commerce Commissioner and Practitioner Association and the Kings Mountain Little Theatre. He was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church.

He is survived by seven brothers, Ken, Arthur, Frank, Charles, Wes and Don Watson, all of Winston-Salem, and C.J. Watson of Atlanta; and six sisters, Sue Donathan of King, Helen McPhearson of Beckley, West Virginia, Martha Kessiner and Barbar Stegman, both of Indianapolis, Indiana, Kathy Marti of Charlotte and Cora Lee Billips of Winston-Salem.

Services were conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. at Macedonia Baptist Church by Dr. Tom Patterson. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

#### SILAS FOURSHEE

CASAR - Silas Wardell Fourshee, 73, of Route 1, died Wednesday at Kings Mountain Convalescent Center.

A Gaston County native, he was the son of the late James tion; two brothers, Jesse Fourshee of Cherryville and Paul Fourshee of Hickory; a stepbrother, Nelson Ledbetter of Kings Mountain; a sister, Mrs. Paul Champion of Waco; two stepsisters, Mrs. Lela Painter of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Lola Condry of Sumter, S.C.; 10 grandchildren and four greatgrandchildren. Services were conducted Fri-

day at Carpenter's Funeral Home in Cherryville by the Rev. Cecil Buff and the Rev. Hinkle kayfield Jr. Burial was in City Cemetery, Cherryville.

## ESSIE BLACK

SPINDALE - Essie Mae Collins Black, 82, of 1119 East Main Street, died Friday at Rutherford Hospital.

An Anderson County, S.C., native, she was the daughter of the late John and Margaret Wilson Collins. Her husband was the late James Henry Black. She was a retired textile employee.

She is survived by four sons, John William Black of Orlando, Fla., Roy Black of Spindale, Bobby Black of Grover and R.H. Black of Hickory; three daughters, Mrs. Hazel Ledford of Grover, Mrs. Elvie Hannah of Dallas and Mrs. Darleen Yarbrough of Kings Mountain; a sister, Mrs. Lettie Heaton of Piedmont, S.C.; 31 grandchildren and 24 greatgrandchildren.

Services were conducted Sunday at 3 p.m. at Main Street Baptist Church by the Rev. Guy Johnson and the Rev. Vernon Moore. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery in Kings Mountain.

# LEE BOWEN

GROVER - Lee G. Bowen, 71, of Route 1, died Sunday at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

He was a Cleveland County native and a retired textile employee. He was a member of Allen Memorial Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lizzie Ellis Bowen; five daughters, Mrs. Ethel Looman, Mrs. Betty Lou Wright, Mrs. Brenda Ann Whitworth, Mrs. Janice Marie Carter and Mrs. Becky Dover, all of Grover; six sons, Bob Bowen, Cannon Bowen, Lawrence Bowen, Ricky Bowen, Robert Bowen and David Bowen, all of Grover; two brothers, Quinn Bowen of Kings Mountain and Horace Bowen of Maiden; four sisters Mrs. Annie Bell Champion of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Eva Allen, Mrs.

Services were conducted Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Allen Memorial Baptist Church by the Rev. Dean Proctor and the Rev. James Galloway. Burial was in Patterson Springs Baptist Church cemetery.

# LITHIA BUMGARDNER

Lithia Mabry Bumgardner, 77, of Route 1, Kings Mountain, died Saturday at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late John H. and Bessie Hayes Mabry. Her husband was the late Hazel B. Bumgardner. She was a member of Central United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Harvey Bumgardner of Raleigh and Don Bumgardner of Kings Mountain; a daughter, Miss Bessie Bumgardner of Kings Mountain; a brother, Hoyle Mabry of Kings Mountain; and a sister, Mrs. John (Margaret) White of Kings Mountain.

Services were conducted Monday at 3 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church by the Rev. Ivan Stephans. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

#### **EFFIE THOMAS**

Effie Garris Thomas, 89, of 804 Henry Street, Kings Mountain, died Monday at Kings Mountain Convalescent Center.

A Lancaster, S.C., native, she was the daughter of the late Harper and Ella Fincher Garris. She was married to the late William Vernon Thomas.

Surviving are three stepsons, Fincher Thomas of Rockingham, Gaylord Thomas of Bessemer City and Garrett Thomas of Shelby; two daughters, Mrs. Zeb Etters of Kings Mountain and Mrs. William Leonhardt of Bessemer City; four stepdaughters, Mrs. Rennie McLean, Mrs. Glennie Long and Mrs. Pearl Blue, all of Rockingham, and Mrs. Eunice Reynolds of Bessemer City; a brother, Burke Garris of West Palm Beach, Fla.; a sister, Mrs. Fred Lowery of Columbia, S.C.; four stepbrothers, Boyd Garris of Clintowood, Va., Mack Garris of Gastonia, Broadus Garris of Sanford, Fla., and Harper Garris of Indiana; four stepsister, Mrs. Bill Bumgardner of Indiana, Mrs. Jack Vickery of Montgomery, Ala., Mrs. Max Helms of Apopka, Fla., and Mrs. Howard Addington of Sanford, Fla.; five grandchildren; 23 stepgrandchildren; and two greatgrandchildren.

Services were conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. at El Bethel United Methodist Church, where she was a member and honorary member of the administrative board. Officiating was the Rev. Sidney Lanier. Burial was in Westview Gardens in Bessemer City.

Memorials may be made to El Bethel United Methodist Church.

PAUL PRUITT BESSEMER CITY - Paul Bethea Pruitt, 82, of 107 West Georgia Avenue, died Monday night at Kings Mountan Hospital.

A Spartanburg County, S.C., native, he was the son of the late James and Susan Horne Pruitt and was a retired textile employee. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Bessemer City.

He is survived by his wife, Pearl Shaw Pruitt; three sons, Roy Pruitt of Bessemer City, Earl Pruitt of Gastonia and Larry Pruitt of Kings Mountain; three daughters, Mrs. Margie Mason, Mrs. Terry Schronce and Mrs. Louise Mayes, all of Bessemer City; three brothers, Toy Pruitt of Whitney, S.C., and Jerry Pruitt and Silas Pruitt, both of Glendale, S.C.; one sister, Mrs. Daisy Williams of Spartanburg, S.C.; 21 grandchildren, and eight greatgrandchildren.

Services were conducted Wednesday at 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church by the Rev. Mitchel Pruitt. Burial was in Bessemer City Memorial Cemetery.

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He is survived by his wife, Ellen Buff Fourshee; two sons, Garland Fourshee of Bessemer City and Joe Billy Fourshee of Sherills Ford; three sisters, Mrs. Coleen Sisk of GAstonia, Mrs.

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