

# Friends Remember Scott And Tip "Caps" To Him

Scott Mitchem, 24, of Greensboro, who died last January in an automobile accident, was remembered in an article in the Colt League published by Greensboro Youth Baseball, Inc.

Mitchem is the grandson of Mrs. Lillian Mitchem of Kings Mountain and Dan Huffstetter of Cherryville, formerly of Kings Mountain.

When you think or speak of Scott Mitchem, you automatically think of youth baseball in Greensboro. It was Scott's life. He loved it. Whereas some youth lose interest along the way and others become frustrated and drop out from the summer leagues, it was not so with Scott.

His name is synonymous with youth baseball as he played from the Little League through the Thoroughbred League. It was a mutual love affair!

Scott began his play in the Little League in 1966 when he was eight years old. During his four years of play in this League Scott developed his baseball fundamentals. He and his coaches began to realize his potential as a fast ball pitcher. They also realized his quick-fire temper which resulted from his fierce competitive drive. Scott hated to lose. In fact, that word wasn't in his vocabulary. Three times he was named to the All-Star Team.

When he was thirteen, Scott moved up to the Pony League.



SCOTT MITCHEM

Both years he played in the Pony League his team won the N.C. State Championship, and one of those years Scott was named Player of the Year.

After graduating from the Pony League, Scott moved up to the Colt League. His fierce competitive drive made him a feared and respected pitcher. He loved a challenge. Before taking the mound for a game, Coach White said to him, "Don't go out there and try to strike everyone out!" With a big grin creasing his face, Scott retorted, "Why not?"

The last years of Scott's play were in the Thoroughbred League.

In the fall of 1976 he headed south for the University of South Carolina on a baseball scholarship. At that time U.S.C.'s baseball team was coached by Bobby Richardson. But in his first year Scott

developed arm trouble and was never able to pitch throughout his collegiate years. Needless to say, it was a disappointing time as his dream of pitching "pro" ball faded.

Upon graduation from U.S.C. in 1981, Scott went to work for Carolina Freight as a sales representative.

On January 30, 1982, Scott's life came to a sudden, tragic and needless end. Early on a Saturday morning he was hit head-on by a twenty-three year old drunken driver. At age twenty-four, Scott's dream was ended.

After his funeral here in Greensboro, one of Scott's old teammates, Michael Ulmer, went home and up to the attic.

Without a word to anyone he got his prized possession, something he never thought of giving up to anyone at any time, his Little League baseball cap. On the way to the gravesite he stopped by the florist and filled his cap with daisies. He placed pebbles in the bottom to keep it from being blown away. It was his way of "tipping his hat," of saying "good-bye" to his friend and fellow player, someone with whom he had shared a lot of life and a lot of memories.

So, too, we tip our caps to you, Scott Mitchem, for who you were and for the excitement and memories you gave to all of us.

## OBITUARIES

### BUCK DILLING

Funeral services for Robert F. (Buck) Dilling, 74, of Atlanta, Ga., formerly of Kings Mountain, were conducted Nov. 28th at 2 p.m. from Howard Carmichael Funeral Home in Atlanta, interment following in Atlanta's Westview Cemetery.

Mr. Dilling had served as a captain with Eastern Airlines for 36 years.

He was a son of the late Walter S. and Emmie Simonton Dilling, a pioneer Kings Mountain family.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Buelle Malcomb Dilling; and his sister, Emelyn (Mrs. Booth) Gillespie of Kings Mountain.

Pilots from Eastern Airlines served as pallbearers.

### DR. ROBERT MANN

Funeral services for Dr. Robert Mann, 46, of Boone, a former pastor of First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. from Boone's First Baptist Church.

Dr. Mann died last Sunday of cancer.

Surviving are his wife, June Mann; their son, Clifton Mann; their daughters, Katherine and Tina Mann, all of the home; his mother, Mrs. John Mann of Concord; his brothers, the Rev. John Mann of Woodbridge, Va., and his sisters, Mrs. Chester Brown of Hampton, Va. and Mrs. Frank Patterson of Concord.

Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### MRS. LOUISE HARDIN

Graveside services for Mrs. Louise Dilling Hardin, 87, of 808 E. Marion St., Shelby, who died Monday at Wesley Nursing Center in Charlotte, will be conducted Thursday at 11 o'clock from Sunset Cemetery in Shelby by Dr. Joe Reeves.

Mrs. Hardin, native of Kings Mountain, was the widow of Charles Harris (Buck) Hardin and the daughter of the late Charles A. and Annie W. Garrett Dilling. She was a member of Shelby's Central United

Methodist Church.

Memorials may be made to Central United Methodist Church, Shelby.

Surviving are a son, Edwin Garrett Hardin, of Richmond, Va., a daughter, Mrs. T. Earl Yarborough of Charlotte, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Palmer Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

### MRS. INEZ ENGLISH

Funeral services for Mrs. Inez Eugene Smith English, 69, of Route 4, wife of William Ira English, were conducted Saturday afternoon from Fairfield Baptist Church in Demorest, Ga. of which she was a member.

Rev. Guy Lee and Rev. Charles Masters officiated at the rites.

Mrs. English died Dec. 8th in Kings Mountain Hospital after several week's illness. She was the daughter of the late Wiley and Lenora Smith.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are two daughters, Mrs. Raymond (Sandra) Flowers of Kings Mountain and Miss Patricia Frye of Kings Mountain; two brothers, William Smith of Clarksville, Ga. and Roy Smith of Hartsville, Tennessee; two sisters, Mrs. Clara McConnell of Clarksville, Ga. and Mrs. Lona Young of Buford, Ga. and three grandchildren.

Masters Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### LURA ANDERSON

Funeral services for Mrs. Lura Jane Dover Anderson, 89, of 700 Sterling Drive, who died Tuesday at Kings Mountain Convalescent Center, will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 3 p.m. from Masters Funeral Home Chapel by Rev. Ray Clark interment following in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mrs. Anderson was a resident of Kings Mountain Convalescent Center and was widow of Zeb Anderson and daughter of the late J.B. and Mary Jane Dover. She was a member of First Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving are two sons, Arthur Anderson and Luther (Luke) Anderson, both of Kings Mountain; one sister, Mrs. Fred (Amy) Ware of Cherryville; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Masters Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### CARD OF THANKS

We want to express our appreciation to our many friends and relatives who were so kind to stand by and administer to us with your helpful support in prayers, foods and flowers in the recent death of Della H. Harrison, wife of John L. Harrison.

JOHN L. HARRISON & FAMILY

## Four-Year School Term Considered

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Superintendent's office. McDaniel and Smith were recently elected to their second six-year term. Hord was elected to fill the remaining two years of the term of Harold Lineberger and Campbell was elected to fill the remaining four years of the term of Jerry Ledford. Both Lineberger and Ledford resigned during the year.

In another matter Wednesday, the board voted over the opposition of Paul Hord to furnish names and addresses of juniors and seniors to armed services recruiters. Hord said he opposed the motion because he feels the information is for school use only and that the recruiters visit the schools often to talk to interested students.

Supt. Davis said he was presenting the request, but did not support or oppose it. He said information has not been supplied in the past for fear that recruiters might harass students.

Kings Mountain High Principal Ronnie Wilson said recruiters visit the school often and the school always allows them to talk with students who are interested in pursuing a military career.

"Once we release the names and addresses, we're probably opening the doors to similar requests," Wilson said.

In other matters Wednesday, the board:

\*Adopted a resolution asking that county commissioners set aside 100 percent of the proceeds from the addition one-half cents sales tax for capital needs of the three county school systems. The board also asked that the funds be "in addition to rather than to supplant the customary and usual current expense and capital outlay budgets." Davis said Kings Mountain's share of the revenue would be about \$100,000 a year.

\*Received copies of the state accreditation report.



Grace Kelly was the first movie actress to appear on a postage stamp. She and Prince Rainier of Monaco, her husband, were featured on one in 1956 in commemoration of their marriage.

## Wreck Damages High

Property damages were high in traffic accidents in the city during the weekend.

KMPD Ptl. Don Ivey reported that a car operated by Geraldine Roberts, of Landmark Apartments, was damaged approximately \$700 and Joe Smith's yard was damaged approximately \$600 when Mrs. Roberts, turning into a private driveway, hit a tree, then a retainer wall near the residence of Mrs. G.A. Bridges, and came to rest against another tree in the Smith yard. The accident occurred at 8:25 a.m. on Dec. 8th.

Cars operated by Johnny Waters, of Route 1, Bostic, and Jimmy Coleman, McGinnis Street, collided on King St. at Piedmont at 4:02 p.m. Dec. 8th, according to Ptl. L.D. Beattie. According to the report, the Waters 1974 Ford, which was damaged \$250, hit the Coleman 1969 Ford which was damaged approximately \$500.

Ptl. Don Ivey reported that Arlene Barrett, of 202 Park Drive, operating a 1977 Chevrolet, was leaving a parked position at Harris-Teeter on Dec. 8th at 1 p.m. when Rita Clark, of Route 3, opened the door of her 1983 Mazda in its path. The

Mazda was damaged \$175 and the Barrett vehicle was damaged \$75.

Ptl. Billy Benton reported that Tammy Lynn Taylor, of 823 Church St., operating a 1979 Mercury, failed to yield right of

way Dec. 8th at 2 p.m. on E. King St. at Deal St. and pulled into the path of a 1976 International operated by Charles Bullock Route 4. The Bullock vehicle was damaged \$25 and the Taylor car was damaged \$1600.

## Vandals Damage Cooper's And Community Grocery

An attempted breaking-and-entering at Cooper's Inc., 210 S. Railroad Avenue, on Friday resulted in damages to the door of approximately \$800, according to investigating Ptl. Harry Martin.

Kings Mountain Police Department is also investigating a breaking and entering at Community Grocery, 106 Waco Road, on Saturday where thieves ripped a plate glass window and took 75 cartons of cigarettes from the store. The window was damaged approximately \$460, said Ptl. Gary Sale.

Other incidents under investigation by KMPD include: Linda Dixon, KMSHS teacher, reported larceny of her

billfold and approximately \$154 in cash from a briefcase at the high school. Ptl. Harry Martin was investigating officer.

Max Brooks, Jr., 211 Parrish Drive, reported larceny of hubcaps, estimated at \$100. Ptl. Don Ivey was investigating officer.

Thomas Ross, 805 First St., reported vandalism at his residence. Ptl. Mike Sanders investigated.

The Pantry, 249 E. King St., reported larceny of \$7 worth of gasoline. Ptl. Woody Allen investigated.



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