

# OBITUARIES

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served at the Bureau of Naval Personnel and the Navy Military Personnel Command as Assignment Officer for the recently established Special Operations officer community. Prior to assuming duties at Naval School, Commander Blanton completed a tour in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations (Surface Warfare) where he served as the program sponsor for Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal.

Also surviving are his brother, Dr. Charles Dewitt Blanton, Jr. of Athens, Ga., and two sisters, Rebecca Early of Shelby and Sybil Stringfellow of Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made to E.O.D. Scholarship Fund, Indian Head, Md.

### MRS. MINNIE DAVIS

Funeral services for Mrs. Minnie Lovelace Davis, 87 of Route 2, who died May 30th at 2:30 p.m. at home, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. from Oak Grove Baptist Church of which she was a member.

Rev. Bruce Hancock and Rev. Russell Hinton officiated at the rites and interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Davis was widow of Garmon Davis and daughter of the late Perry and Malissa Jolly Lovelace.

Surviving are four sons, Franklin and Norman Davis, both of Kings Mountain; Herschel Davis of Elizabeth City and Glenn Davis of Grover; six daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Grigg and Mrs. Rachel Costner, both of Cherryville, Mrs. FAiry Lee Coffey of Oxford, Mrs. Sylvia Grigg, Mrs. Eunice Horn and Mrs. Mozelle Justice, all of Kings Mountain; one brother, Oscar Lovelace of Kings Mountain; one sister, Mrs. Eldee Alexander of Kings Mountain; 51 grandchildren; 84 great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

### EMMA B. BOWEN

Emma Lynch Breakfield Bowen, 76, 206 Thornburg Drive died Thursday in Kings Mountain Hospital.

She was a native of Gaston County, daughter of the late John and Nancy Hudson Lynch and a retired textile worker.

Survivors include three sons, William Breakfield of Dallas, Reginald Breakfield and Daniel Bowen of Kings Mountain; six daughters, Myrtle Breakfield of Higganum, Conn., Florence Sipe, Hazel Lewis, Betty Barnett, Alice Rote and Sue Nance of Kings Mountain; stepson, Earl Bowen of Bessemer City; stepdaughter, Angel Bowen of Dallas; brother, Woodrow Lynch of Bessemer City; 24 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Oscar Stalcup at 2 p.m. Sunday at Foursquare Gospel Church. Burial was in Bessemer City Memorial Cemetery.

### ALICE ROSS

Alice Boyce Ross, 75, of 1318 Northwood Drive, died Wednesday morning at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A Cleveland County native, she was a member of Mount Zion Baptist Church, where she served as a past president of the Deaconess Board, secretary of the Eva Hopper Missionary Circle and a member of the Gospel Choir. She was a member of the Ada Chapter No. 7 Order of the Eastern Star.

She was the daughter of the late Edward and Estelle Robinson Boyce.

Surviving are her husband, John Ross; two sons, John L. Ross and Richard Ross of Gastonia; four daughters, Betty Strong Clinton and Bernice Roseboro of Kings Mountain, Inez Blair of Newark, N.J., and Charlene Watson of The Bronx, N.Y.; eight sisters, Thelma Hambright and Helen Thompson of Philadelphia, Pa., Ruth Ellis, Marie Rhodes, Mae Sue Orr, children.

Darnell Williams and Alberta Spencer of Kings Mountain and Pearl Henderson of Huntington, Long Island, N.Y.; 15 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 3 p.m. from Mt. Zion Baptist Church, interment following in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

### JOHN W. EAKER

Funeral services for John Wesley Eaker, 94, of Shelby, formerly of Route 1, Cherryville, were conducted Wednesday at 3 p.m. from New Hope Baptist Church of Earl, interment following in Bethlehem United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Mr. Eaker died Monday morning in the Cleveland Memorial Hospital after three weeks illness.

He was a retired farmer and son of the late Jesse and Catherine Hubbard Eaker. He was a member of Bethlehem United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Hester Bingham McSwain Eaker; two sons, Dwight D. Eaker of Crouse and Quentin L. Eaker of Cherryville; three daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Howell of Cherryville, Mrs. Dan Harrelson of Statesville and Mrs. Ray Sain of Lincolnton; three stepsons, W. Lawrence McSwain of Modesto, Calif., Dr. T.L. McSwain of Augusta, Ga. and Wade R. McSwain of Jackson, Ky. 12 grandchildren, 13 step-grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren and 13 step great grandchildren.

### ORAN WHITE

Funeral services for Oran White, 79, of 710 West Gold St., who died Monday in the Kings Mountain Convalescent Center, were conducted

Wednesday afternoon at 3 p.m. from First Baptist Church of which he was a member.

His pastor, Dr. Joel Jenkins, officiated, and interment was in Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Mr. White was a native of York County, S.C., a retired carpenter, son of the late Emmett and Georgia Anna Doggett White.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Veola Blanton White; one daughter, Mrs. Nadine Bush of Oakridge, Tenn., one sister, Mrs. Fayette Barber of Kings Mountain; and two grandchildren.

### MRS. WINNIE MARTIN

Funeral services for Mrs. Winnie Davis Martin, 80, of 1135 Blueberry Lane, Charlotte, who died Sunday morning at 3:15 a.m. in Gaston Memorial Hospital, were conducted Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock from the Chapel of Harris Funeral Home.

Elder E.H. Simpson officiated and graveside services and burial was held at Lewis Memorial Park in Asheville.


Mrs. Martin was owner of Martin Construction Company and was widow of Dante Martin.

She is survived by a number of nieces and nephews.

### REUNION

Kings Mountain resident Jack Hughes is interested in finding out the names and addresses of his fellow crewmen aboard the U.S.S. Christopher DE 100. A reunion of this group will be held October 25-26 in Charleston, S.C. Contact S.J. Hughes, Route 4, Box 482, Kings Mountain, N.C. Call 704-739-6269.

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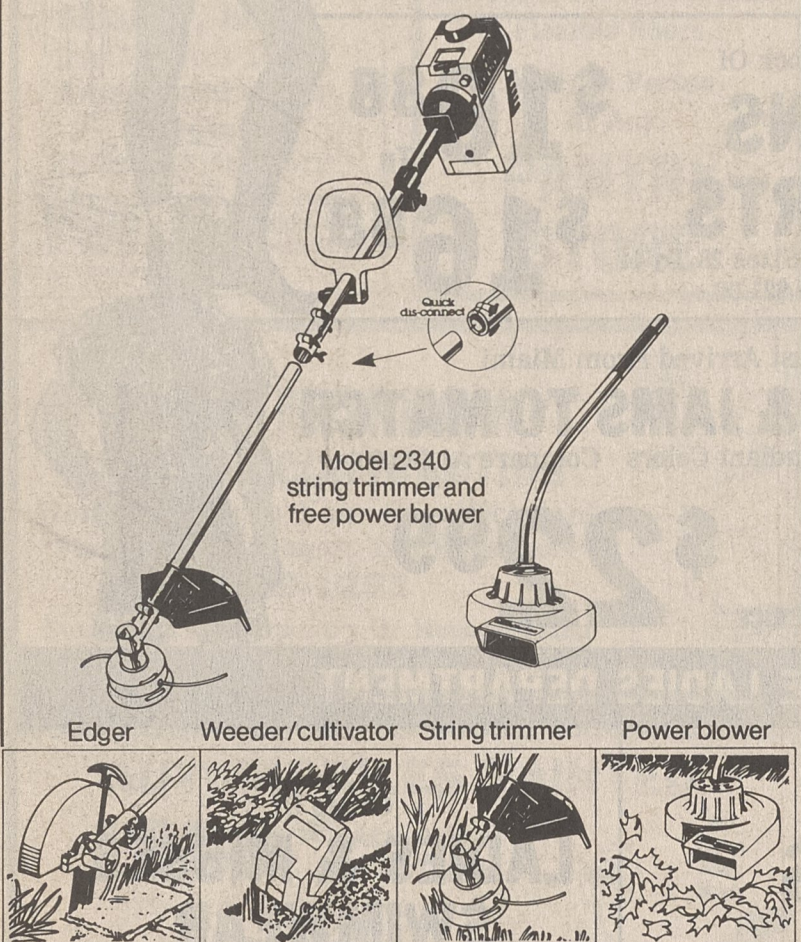
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