

**Obituaries**

**PERRY L. SMITH WHITMIRE, S.C.** - Perry Lee Smith, 50, died July 3 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Columbia.

A native of Union, he was the son of Carrie Smith of Whitmire and the late David Smith. He was a machinist and veteran of the Armed Services.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by two sons, Keith Smith of Kings Mountain and Shane Smith of Bessemer City; one brother, Olin Smith of Whitmire; one sister, Ella Mae Barrett of Connecticut; and two grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted July 8 at 1 p.m. at National Military Cemetery in Florence.

**JENNIE WHISNANT**

Miss Jennie Mae Whisnant, 90, of Shannon Bradley Road, Gastonia, died July 13 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

She was the daughter of the late William and Theodocia Hollender Whisnant and was a member of Christian Assembly Church. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Bessie Podaras of Gastonia.

Services were conducted Friday at 2 p.m. at Gospel Assembly Church, Railroad Avenue, Kings Mountain, by the Revs. William Podaras, Leon Podaras and Tommy Lawson. Burial was in Gaston Memorial Park.

Pallbearers were Gary Bryant, John Whitworth, Norman Crump, John McCart, Tom Kos and Tommy Lawson.

**REV. LEMMONS**

**SHELBY** - Rev. Norman Grady Lemmons, 79, of 4269 Emerald Mine Road, died Friday at his home.

A native of Oconee County, S.C., Rev. Lemmons was founding pastor of Davidson Memorial Baptist Church, which he served as pastor for 33 years. He also helped organize seven other churches.

He was son of the late Palmer and Lizzie Lemmons and was a member of Clearview Baptist Church in Grover.

He is survived by his wife, Elmina Riddle Lemmons; two sons, Rev. Rudolph N. Lemmon

of Grover and W. Paul Lemmons of Shelby; a brother, Ray Lemmons of Seneca, S.C.; three sisters, Mildred Stancel of Seneca, S.C., Helen Gray of Greer, S.C., and Alvenia Hallbrook of Gaffney, S.C.; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Monday at 2 p.m. at Clearview Baptist Church in Grover by the Rev. B.L. Queen, Rev. Jimmy E. Downs and Rev. Gene Arnold. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

**LELA OWENSBY**

**BLACKSBURG, S.C.** - Lela Isler Owensby, 90 of Mountain View Apartments, died Thursday at a local nursing home.

A Cherokee County native, she was the daughter of the late Felz and Annie Byars Isler and a member of Johnson Memorial Baptist Church in Gaffney. She was a retired textile employee. She was the wife of the late William Lee Owensby. Her first husband was the late Robert Fred Taylor.

Survivors include a son, W.R. Taylor of Kings Mountain; three daughters, Eula Mae Porter of Blackburg, Mary Bratton of Gaffney and Estelle Ray of Cowpens; 20 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Sunday at 3 p.m. at Gordon Mortuary by the Rev. Jake Parker, N.B. Bright and the Rev. Danny Cannon. Burial was in Mountain View Cemetery.

**MAYNARD ODELL**

Maynard Lee Odell, 74, of 316 South Cansler Street, Kings Mountain, died Friday at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Wylie, Texas, he was the son of the late Dewitt and Susan Haynes Odell, and was a retired textile employee.

Survivors include his wife, Mattie Lee Hudgins Odell; one son, Wayne Odell of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Inez Gladden of Kernersville and Helen Smith of Kings Mountain; two brothers, Joe Odell and Frank Odell of Belmont; a sister, Roshell Harvey of Belmont; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Sunday at 3 p.m. at Second Baptist Church by the Rev. Eugene Land and the Rev. Phillip Squire. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

**COLEMAN KEETER BESSEMER CITY** - Coleman Lee Keeter, 65, of Route 3, Crowders Mountain Road, Bessemer City, died Friday at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

A Polk County native, he was the son of the late Lee and Pearl Jenkins Keeter. He was a self-employed mechanic and was working for Putnam Auto Parts.

Survivors include his wife, Evelene Davis Keeter; one daughter, Barbara Carpenter of Bessemer City; three brothers, Bill Keeter of Kings Mountain, and Tom Keeter and Clyde Keeter of Shelby; three sisters, Mary Keeter of Bessemer City, Sally Buff of Shelby and Rosie Harris of Rutherfordton; and one grandchild.

Services were conducted Sunday at 3 p.m. at Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church by the Rev. Mitchell Pruitt and the Rev. Bruce Davis. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church, Route 3, Box 92, Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086.

**MARTHA MILLS**

**SHELBY** - Martha Matheson Mills, 87, former Kings Mountain teacher, died Friday at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte.

A native of Marlboro County, S.C., she was the wife of the late Henry Adrian Mills and daughter of the late Julian Jernigan and Mattie McLeod Matheson. She was a member of Shelby Presbyterian Church.

She was a 1922 graduate of Salem College and taught school for 28 1/2 years in Allendale, S.C., Mooresville, Lumberton, Shelby, Kings Mountain, Charlotte, Gaston County and Cleveland County.

She is survived by a son, Henry Adrian Mills Jr. of Charlotte; a sister, Ellen M. Gilleland of Jacksonville, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

Services were conducted Sunday at 3 p.m. at Palmer Mortuary by the Rev. Fred Rose. Burial was in McCall Cemetery in Bennettsville, S.C.

Memorials may be made to the Crossnore Home or to Shelby Presbyterian Church.

**CARD OF THANKS**

The family of Miss Jennie Whisnant wishes to thank Dr. John McGill and the staff of McGill Clinic, and the nursing staff of Kings Mountain Hospital for their care and concern during the illness and hospitalization of their loved one.

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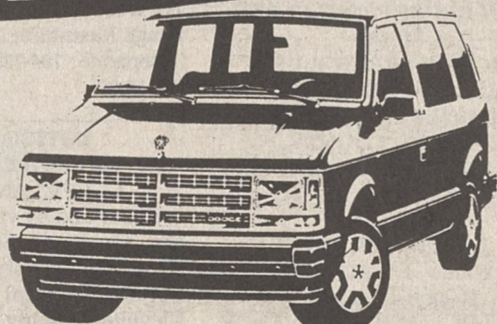


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