

Obituaries

ERVIN D. WILLIAMS

Ervin Dean Williams, 45, died Aug. 16 in Cramerton.

He was a native of Gaston County, son of the late Jesse and Edith Wentz Williams. He was a construction worker and Vietnam War Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Winders Williams of Kings Mountain; son, Ervin Williams, Jr. of Mount Holly; two daughters, Tammy Bell of Mount Holly and Dena Williams of Kings Mountain; three brothers, Carl and Gene Williams of Mount Holly and Jimmy Robinson of Belmont; three sisters, Jane Williams and Evelyn Robinson of Charlotte and Marlene Coleman of Belmont; and a grandchild.

Rev. Charles D. Aldridge conducted the funeral services Thursday at 3 p.m. at Carothers Funeral Home in Belmont, interment following in Greenwood Cemetery.

EUGENE THOMPSON

Funeral services for James Eugene Thompson, 68, of Route 1, Cherryville, who died Wednesday in Gaston Memorial Hospital, were conducted Friday at 3 p.m. at the Chapel of first Baptist Church of Cherryville by Rev. Perry Holleman, interment following in Cherryville's City Memorial Cemetery.

A Rutherford County native, he was the son of the late W.W. and Ocie Bivins Thompson. He was retired from Dora Yarn Mills and was a member of North Brook Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Edna Craig Thompson; three sons, Hubert Thompson of Cherryville, James B. Thompson and Walter Thompson of Kings Mountain; a daughter, Nancy Stallings of Hickory; two brothers, Vernon Thompson of Jonesville and Glenn Thompson of Kings Mountain; three sisters, Rosa Lee McCombs of Shelby, Effie Mae Brown of Hickory and Reba Newton of Casar, and nine grandchildren.

ANNIE BOSTIC

Funeral services for Annie Ramsey Bostic, 90, of Freedom Mill Road, Gastonia, formerly of Cliffside, were held Saturday at 3 p.m. from McKinney-Landreth Funeral Home in Cliffside by Rev. Harold Mason, interment following in Cliffside Cemetery.

A native of Rutherford County, she was the widow of Boyd Bostic, Sr. and the daughter of

the late Johnny and Mandy Ramsey.

Survivors include five sons, C.B. Bostic, Boyd Bostic, Jr., Harold, and Dean Bostic of Gastonia and Jack Bostic of Cliffside; five daughters, Julia Laughlin, Mary Edward and Hazel Davis, all of Gastonia, and Louise Hughes of Kings Mountain and Shirley Sisk of Shelby; 21 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

DICK ROLLINS

Graveside services for Richard (Dick) Rollins, 75, of Route 4, who died Saturday in Gaston Memorial Hospital, were conducted Sunday at 10 a.m. at Shiloh Presbyterian Church Cemetery by Rev. Harold Hutchinson.

A Cleveland County native, he was a retired poultry farmer. His parents were the late A. Henderson and Sallie Patterson Rollins.

He is survived by his wife, Perlina Dover Rollins; a daughter, Kay Maddox of Kings Mountain; three sisters, Gwen Hamrick of Tryon, Thelma Rollins and Adele Morris, both of Kings Mountain; and three grandchildren.

DOVIE BRIDGES

Graveside services for Dovie Phillips Bridges, 92, of Kings Mountain Convalescent Center and formerly of Lattimore, were conducted Friday at 11 a.m. at Double Springs Baptist Church Cemetery by Rev. Bruce Rabon.

A native of Jefferson, Ga. she was the wife of the late Possie Bridges and her first husband was the late Jessie Moore.

She was the daughter of the late Robert Lawson and Fannie Irvin Phillips.

Survivors include a son, Leonard Moore of Shelby; four stepsons, DuFaye Bridges and Hershel Bridges of Lattimore, Harrell Bridges of Black Mountain and Howard Moore of Charlotte; a stepdaughter, Clara Powell of Shelby; a brother, D.S. Phillips of Coahoma, Texas; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

She was a member of Double Springs Baptist Church.

BEULAH WHISNANT

Funeral services for Beulah Smith Whisnant, 72, of 812 South Oakland St., Gastonia, who died

Aug. 20 in Gaston Memorial Hospital, were conducted Monday at 2 p.m. from First Church of the Nazarene in Gastonia, interment following in Gaston Memorial Park.

She was a native of Kings Mountain and a retired textile employee.

Survivors include her husband, Paul Whisnant; two sons, Ralph and Earl Whisnant, both of Gastonia; daughter, Pauline Laws of Rocky Mount; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

MRS. ANNIE FARRIS

Funeral services for Mrs. Annie (Anna) Dover Farris, 94, of 502 Bridges Dr., who died Sunday in Kings Mountain Convalescent Center after several years of declining health, were conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. from Cherokee Street Baptist Church of which she was a member.

Rev. George Leigh officiated at the rites and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mrs. Farris was a native of Cherokee County, S.C., daughter of the late William and Mary Chestnut Dover. She was widow of the Rev. Charlie Farris and a retired textile employee.

Surviving are two sons, Charles Farris of Mooresville and Gene Farris of Lesban, Wisc., nine grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and eight great-great grandchildren.

LOUISE STONE

Funeral services for Louise Gainey Putnam Stone, 66, of 124 Railroad Ave., who died Saturday in Cleveland Memorial Hospital, were conducted Monday at 3 p.m. at Temple Baptist Church of which she was a member.

Rev. Wray Barrett, assisted by Rev. Vernon Craig, officiated and interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Stone was widow of Elzie Lee Putnam. A native of Dunn, she was retired from National Geographic, where she worked as a secretary.

She was the daughter of the late William Asa and Lula Naylor Gainey.

She is survived by a son, Peter Lee Putnam of Kings Mountain; a daughter, Janet Louise Gregory of Blacksburg, S.C., a brother, Jimmy Gainey of Dunn; two sisters, Lucy Dickerson of Arlington, Va. and Jane Robertson of Rockville, Md.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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Crowders Creek Contracts Signed

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long as you don't compromise your ethical and moral standards," Mayor Garland said of the final agreement which ended weeks of intense negotiations between the municipalities after Kings Mountain said it could not pay \$3.5 million because it is under court order to improve its wastewater treatment system or face fines of up to \$500 a day at its Pilot Creek plant.

The final agreement calls for Kings Mountain to pay \$500,000 and Gastonia to cover the rest of its share, up from \$4 to \$7 million. Gaston County will pay \$3.8 to \$4.5 million of the cost and Bessemer City has agreed to pay \$800,000 toward the project.

"I think what has been done here today posterity will bless us for it," said Mayor Garland, who credited Public Works Director Sam Wilkins as being father of the project. "What we have proved here today is that men of good will ultimately do what is best for their communities," he said.

"This is a momentous day in the history of Gaston County," said County Commission Chair-

man David Beam of Cherryville. "The Crowders Creek plant will have a tremendous impact on the future of this entire area."

"Sam (Wilkins) never gave up from the very beginning when he learned about an initial \$2 million grant about a year ago," said Mayor Garland. "Even when Kings Mountain and Gastonia had differences on finances Sam and David (Beam) hung in there with bulldog determination." Rep. Vernon Abernathy and Rep. Walt Windley, both present for the signing ceremonies, said they would hand-carry the papers to Raleigh and would urge other legislators to urge swift EPA approval. Abernathy worked to get the Sept. 1 extension of deadline from the state.

"When you folks left our meeting in Kings Mountain a few weeks ago I knew this project was still alive," said Mayor Smith, who said the success of the project underscores the integrity of all those involved and committed to do the best for their own communities. "I am very, very, very pleased," he said.

hasn't had a big effect on loan applications, said Ivan Marcotte, an economist with NCNB Corporation in Charlotte. The rise will probably have an immediate effect on housing and construction in the area, but not as severe because of the advent of adjustable rate mortgages, he said.

Elaine Grigg, branch manager at the First Union National Bank in Kings Mountain, said the bank is receiving a lot of loan applications in spite of the rise in interest and mortgage rates. The bank is anticipating the number of applications to fall in the next few months, she said.

Tom Tate, president of Home Federal Savings and Loan in Kings Mountain, said business is good and has only been affected "a little bit" by the increase in interest rates. "We're off just a little, but we're staying busy," he said.

Sosebee Receives Scholarship

Jerald Sosebee, student at Gaston College, has been named recipient of a \$450.00 scholarship from the North Carolina Society of Surveyors.

Sosebee is studying Civil Engineering and is employed part-time by R & W Engineering and Surveying, Main Street, Gastonia. After graduating from Gaston College and completing a three year apprenticeship, he hopes to become a North Carolina registered land surveyor.

Sosebee is a 1987 graduate of Hunter Huss High School. He lives in Bessemer City.

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