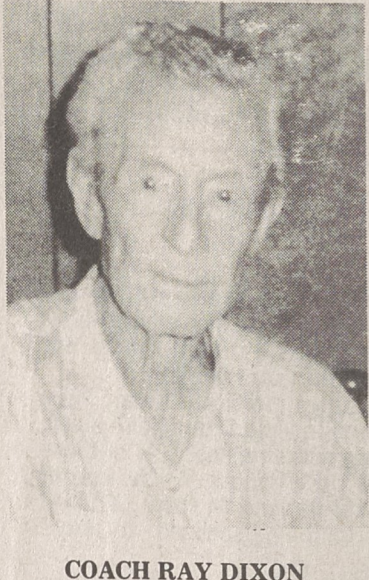


Obituaries



COACH RAY DIXON

Coach Ray Dixon's love was on the football field and his last request of his wife and a dozen veterans of Cannon High School's winning football teams of the early 1930's was that at his death his ashes be scattered on the turf of Kannapolis Memorial Stadium.

Dixon, 84, of Kings Mountain, died Nov. 6.

"Ray regarded that four years coaching in Kannapolis (1929-33) as the best time of his life. That last homecoming his former players gave him was what he wanted," said Mrs. Dixon. Tuesday, Nov. 8 each player scattered a cupful of the ashes at the request of Mrs. Dixon who joined them on the football field, along with family members, for a memorial service.

Dixon's enthusiasm for football endeared the players and coaches to him and some of his players from the Great Depression era credited him with laying the foundation for the fine football program Kannapolis has enjoyed the past half century. They remembered Dixon as a coach who inspired them to do their best, to play to win but be fair in winning.

Local insurance man Tom Trott, formerly of Kannapolis, was another of his friends who praised the ex-coach for his leadership abilities to bring out the best in people.

MARTHA ALLEN

Funeral services for Martha Pennington Allen, 48, of Route 1, Stony Point Road, Shelby, who died Friday of cancer, were conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. at Harris Chapel in Kings Mountain.

Rev. James Chambers and Rev. George Leigh officiated and interment was in Mountain View Cemetery in Blacksburg, S.C.

A Cleveland County native, she was a textile worker and the wife of the late Allen Gettys James. She was the daughter of the late Franklin Avenue Pennington and Estelle Gordon Pennington of Kings Mountain who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Frankie Dean Coleman, Jesse Keith James and Johnnie Charles James of Shelby; a brother, Yates Pennington of Newhall, Calif., two sisters, Patricia Greason and Linda Setzer of Kings Mountain; and two grandchildren.

KELLY McCARTER

Funeral services for Kelly McCarter, 75, of 1600 Shelby road, who died Nov. 22 in Kings Mountain Hospital, were conducted Thursday at 10 a.m. at Central United Methodist Church.

His pastor, Rev. George Auman, officiated, and masonic rites followed at Bethlehem Baptist Church cemetery.

He was a native of York, S.C., son of the late James and Minnie Watkins McCarter. He was a retired meat cutter and member of Central United Methodist Church and Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM, a Shriner and veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Maude Owens McCarter; two daughters, Kay Carlisle of Winston Salem and Gloria Navy of Charlotte; brother, Will McCarter of Burlington; four sisters, Reola McKinley of Florida, Ind. and Espia Short, Kathleen Robinson and Belle Sanders of Gastonia and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Central United Methodist Church, 113 S. Piedmont Ave., 28086, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

ELICABETH CALDWELL

GROVER - Funeral services for Elizabeth Borders Caldwell, 85, of Route 2, who died Nov. 20 at home, were conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. at Long Branch Baptist Church by Rev. Larry Dixon, interment following in the church cemetery.

A native of Cleveland County,

she was the daughter of the late Efron and Dorothy March Borders and was married to the late Russell Caldwell.

She was a member of Long Branch Baptist Church where she served as Sunday School treasurer, usher board member and assistant adult Sunday School teacher for more than 40 years.

Surviving are her daughter, Hattie C. Graham of Grover; one sister, Nora Tracy of Youngstown, Ohio; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

WILLIE BRATTON

Funeral services for Willie Rebecca Bratton, 94, of 200 Walker St., who died Saturday, Nov. 26 in Kings Mountain Convalescent Center, were held Sunday at 2 p.m. at First Wesleyan Church of which she was a member.

Rev. John Harris officiated and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Mrs. Bratton was a native of Mecklenburg County, a retired practical nurse, and widow of Ernest Bratton.

Surviving are her daughter, Estelle Earnhardt of Charlotte; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and two half-sisters, Beatrice Stutts and Mae Stringfellow, both of Kings Mountain.

VICTORIA BOLIN

BLACKSBURG, S.C. - Funeral services for Victoria Mullinax Bolin, 81, Star Route, Cherokee Falls Road, who died Nov. 19 in

Upstate Carolina Medical Center in Gaffney, were conducted Nov. 22 in Blacksburg Church of God by Rev. Marvin Lee, interment following in Clingman Memorial Gardens.

A native of Cherokee County, S.C., she was the widow of Ervin Bolin and daughter of the late John and Mary Ellen Martin Mullinax. She was a member of Blacksburg Church of God and a homemaker.

Surviving are five sons, Curtis Bolin of Kings Mountain, John Lee Bolin of Aberdeen, N.C., James C. and Wylie Bolin, both of Gastonia, Brice Bolin of Kings Creek, S.C.; five daughters, Cora Lee Foster of Kings Mountain, Margaret Eubanks of Blacksburg, Dorothy Simpson of Peachland, N.C., Maxine Campbell and Rebecca Hudson, both of Rockingham, N.C., a sister, Carrie Wooten of Welcome, N.C., 34 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

JOHN F. CARPENTER

Funeral services for John F. Carpenter, 82, of Route 3, who died Nov. 27 in Cleveland Memorial Hospital, were conducted Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Mary's Grove Methodist Church by Rev. Larry Rowell and Rev. Howard Kiser, interment following in the church cemetery.

Mr. Carpenter was a native of Cleveland County, son of the late James Buchanan and Clara Louvenia Grigg Carpenter, and was retired from Margrace Mill and a retired farmer. He was a member of Mary's Grove

Methodist Church and former chairman and trustee of the administrative board.

Survivors include his wife, Verda Beattie Carpenter; son, J.F. Carpenter of Kings Mountain; daughter, Faye Whitney of Kings Mountain; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

RAYMOND CRAWFORD

Funeral services for Raymond Crawford, 76, of 806 W. Gold St., who died Nov. 28 in Kings Mountain Hospital, were conducted Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Harris Chapel by Rev. Phillip Squire, interment following in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late William Meek and Minnie Harmon Crawford. He was a retired textile employee and a charter member of Resurrection Lutheran Church.

Surviving are his wife, Bessie Foster Crawford; one son, Danny Crawford of Kings Mountain; three daughters, Mrs. Becky Lee of Tabor City, Mrs. Brenda Henson of Belmont and Mrs. Anne Marie Keller of Hickory; two sisters, Mrs. Martha Owens and Mrs. Jeanette Phifer, both of Kings Mountain; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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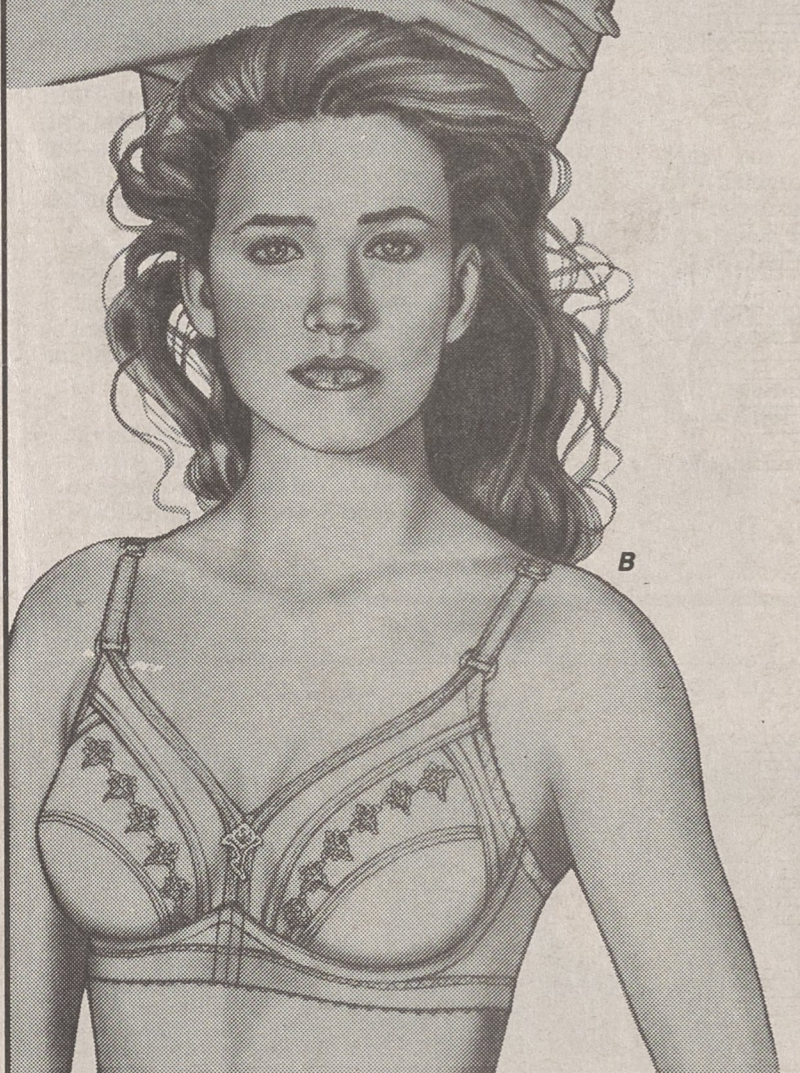
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