

Obituaries



**WALTER LEE SMITH, JR.**

Funeral services for Walter Lee Smith, Jr., 55, of 1000 Second St., who died Tuesday at home, will be conducted Thursday at 3 p.m. at Piedmont Baptist Church of which she was a member.

Rev. Donald Denton, Rev. Bob Collins and Rev. Dick Whitener will officiate and interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was a textile employee and son of the late Walter Lee and Bessie Millsap Smith.

Surviving are his wife, Frances Short Smith; two sons, Thomas Smith and Eddie Smith, both of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Wanda Brackett of Bessemer City and Janice Welch of Kings Mountain; one brother, Howard Smith of Kings Mountain; one sister, Virginia Wiggins of Gastonia; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, Shelby, 28150.

The family will receive friends Wednesday night from 7 to 9 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home.

**BURON R. BLANTON**

Funeral services for Buron Robert Blanton, 73, of 507 Woodside Drive, who died Wednesday in the Kings Mountain Hospital, will be conducted Friday at 3 p.m. at Temple Baptist Church.

Rev. Wray Barrett and Rev. Joyce McIntyre will officiate and interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Robert Lee and Lizzie Lovelace Blanton. He was a retired carpenter and member of Temple Baptist Church. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Sarah Dover Blanton; one son, James Blanton of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Diane Hayes of Kings Mountain and Vickie Blanton of Clover, S.C.; six brothers, Raymond Blanton, Sidney Blanton, and Wesley Blanton, all of Kings Mountain, Clyde and Thomas Blanton of Mooresboro and L. D. Blanton of Bostic; and seven grandchildren.

The family will receive friends Thursday night from 7 to 9 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home.

**RALPH CALLAHAN**

Funeral services for Ralph Albert Callahan, 85, of Rt. 1, Rock Springs Community, Blacksburg, S.C., were conducted Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at Rock Springs Baptist Church by Rev. Perrin Parker and Rev. Curtis Daniel. Interment was in church cemetery.

Mr. Callahan died Monday, Jan. 2, at the Peachtree Center in Gaffney.

He was a native of Rutherford County, son of the late June and Carrie Callahan. He was a member of Rock Springs Baptist Church and the Buffalo Lodge 202 AF&AM. He was a retired electrician.

Surviving are his wife, Vera Wylie Callahan; three sons, Thomas Lloyd and Bobby Joe Callahan of Blacksburg and Franklin D. Callahan of Kings Mountain; three daughters, Pat Anthony of Boiling Springs, Carolyn Kuykendall of Kings Mountain and Elaine C. Moss of Blacksburg; one brother, J. C. Callahan of Forest City; three sisters, Melba Sprouse of Forest City, Willie Barnett of Mooresboro and Annie Mae Mitchem of Spindale; 18 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Gordon Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

**SONNY WILSON**

Andrew James (Sonny) Wilson, 73, of Route 4, died Jan. 2 in Kings Mountain Hospital.

He was the son of the late Andrew Jackson and Birdie Hunt Wilson. He was a member of Mount Olive Baptist Church where he served as a trustee. He was a retired textile worker.

Surviving are his wife, Fearlene J. Wilson; one son, Daniel Thombs of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Barbara W. Biggers and Doris W. Wallace of Kings Mountain; one brother, Loucio W. Wilson of Kings Mountain; three sisters, Nina W. Mitchem and Ophelia W. Watson of Kings Mountain and Ossie Mae Wilson of Dodsonville; and six grandchildren.

Rev. Eddie Evans. Burial will be in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends Thursday from 7-8 p.m. at the church.

J.W. Gill and Sons is in charge of arrangements.

**REV. W.F. MCGINNIS**

Memorial services for Rev. William Fletcher McGinnis, 87, of 1305 Linwood Road, formerly of Ellenboro, were conducted Sunday at 3 p.m. at Beaver Dam Baptist Church of which he was a member.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late James Weldon and Mary Elizabeth Humphries McGinnis. He was married to the late Mrs. Mary Whitaker McGinnis and was a retired Baptist minister having served for 23 years as pastor of High Shoals Baptist Church for 23 years. He attended Gardner Webb College and Wake Forest University and graduated from Crover Baptist Seminary, Chester, Pa.

Surviving are his daughter, Mrs. Nancy McGill; son-in-law, Norman F. McGill, Jr. and grandsons, Trip McGill and Chip McGill, all of Kings Mountain; and two brothers, Ernest McGinnis of Shelby and Gilbert McGinnis of Climax, N. C.

Rev. Paul Falls and Rev. Dan Silver officiated at the service and interment was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Beaver Dam Baptist Church, 3630 W. Dixon Blvd., Shelby, 28150 or to High Shoals Baptist Church, PO Box 386, Henrietta, N.C. 28076.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**MARY C. ROBERTS**

Funeral services for Mary Benjamin Case Roberts, 65, Waco Road, who died Dec. 31, 1988, at Kings Mountain Hospital, were conducted Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Sisk-Butler Funeral Home in Bessemer City.

Rev. Chip Sloan officiated at the rites and interment was in Kings Mountain's Mountain Rest Cemetery.

She was a native of Philadelphia, Pa., wife of the late Chester Roberts, daughter of the late Franklin and Mary Miller Benjamin and a homemaker.

Survivors include three sons, John Case of Kings Mountain, Paul Case of Lake Alfred, Fla., and John Roberts of Winter Haven, Fla.; five daughters, Frances Mote of Shelby and Ester Bradshaw, Louise Davis, Mary Watson and Martha McKinney of Kings Mountain; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**MACIE MASSEY**

Funeral services for Macie Caldwell Massey, 84, of 3113 West Blvd., Charlotte, who died Dec. 31, 1988, were conducted by the Rev. Carl Glenn at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Zoah AME Zion Church.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

She was a native of York County, S.C., wife of the late Rev. Charlie Massey, daughter of the late George and Sally Smith Caldwell and member of St. Matthews Holiness Church.

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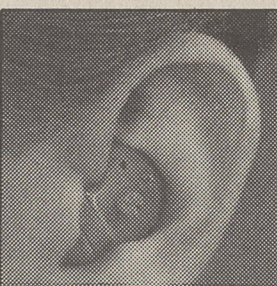
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**MRS. ETHEL R. MCGINNIS**

Funeral services for Mrs. Ethel Ramey McGinnis, 64, of Mount Holly, formerly of Kings Mountain and Rock Hill, S.C., were conducted Friday, Dec. 30, at 2 p.m. at Greene Funeral Chapel in Rock Hill, S.C.

Rev. Walter Clark officiated at the services and interment was in Forest Hills Cemetery in Rock Hill.

A native of Wise County, Va. Mrs. McGinnis grew up in Kings Mountain and lived here for a number of years. She was widow of Charles P. McGinnis and was a former housemother at Winthrop College and a homemaker. She was Methodist. She was daughter of Mrs. Nanie P. Stamey of Kings Mountain and the late Julius P. Stamey.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are three daughters, Mrs. Myra Hancock of Mount Holly, Mrs. Susie McGinnis of Rock Hill, S.C., and Mrs. Mary Anne Brooks of Long Beach, N. C.; four sons, Charles McGinnis, Jr. of Stoney Point, Edward McGinnis of Rock Hill, S.C. and Roger McGinnis and Terry McGinnis, both of Statesville; one brother, Walter Ramey of Kings Mountain; five sisters, Mrs. Margaret Greene, Mrs.

**Tax Penalty Will Begin On Thursday**

Thursday is the last day taxpayers can pay 1988 property taxes and avoid a 2 percent penalty which applies Friday.

Cleveland County property owners formed long lines outside the Cleveland County Tax Office this week to take the tax break, according to Tax Collector Mary Alice Laughlin.

Property taxes paid after Dec. 31 cannot be written off until returns are filed for 1989, she said. Taxpayers can mail in their payments, but the tax office does not mail back a receipt unless the taxpayer includes a self-addressed stamped envelope. Otherwise, Mrs. Laughlin said the cancelled check serves as a receipt.

Delinquent taxpayers will receive second notices in late January to be followed by legal action initiated by the county to collect unpaid taxes, said Mrs. Laughlin.

Edna Oliver, Ms. Betty Stamey, all of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Patsy Whitesides of Bessemer City and Mrs. Mary Bates of Gastonia; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**IVEY J. ARTHURS**

Funeral services for Ivey Jacob Arthurs, 95, formerly of Mooresville, who died Monday in Kings Mountain Convalescent Center, were conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Cavin Funeral Home

Chapel in Mooresville.

Rev. Eugene Land and Rev. Harold Austin officiated and interment was in Glenwood Memorial Park in Mooresville.

A native of Iredell County, he was born Sept. 4, 1893 to the late Jacob Sidney and Julia Anne Louisa Plyler Arthurs. He was a retired dairy farmer and a charter member of Broadstreet United Methodist Church in Mooresville. He was also a member of the extension of Second Baptist Church in Kings

Mountain and a member of Veterans of World War I. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Magdalene Ostwald Arthurs.

Surviving are his son, Harold Watson Arthurs of Salisbury; two daughters, Mrs. Helen Olean Sanders of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Jessie Gwendolyn Malcolm of Detroit, Michigan; two sisters, Mrs. Jessie Sherrill of Kannapolis and Mrs. Bernice Murdock of Troutman; 8 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson.



Janice Phifer and Benita Moffitt welcome Trudi Bolin to the salon.

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