

Obituaries

HAROLD J. RIDDLE

Funeral services for Harold J. Riddle, 62, of Route 6 Shelby Road, who died August 7, 1990 at 10:49 p.m. at Gaston Memorial Hospital, will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. at El Bethel United Methodist Church.

Rev. Steve Lee and Rev. Sidney Lanier will officiate, and interment will be in Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was owner and past president of Riddle Fabric and C. O. F. A. Inc. He was married to Ella Hope Riddle, who survives.

He was the son of the late John J. and Mary Eta Clark Riddle and was a member of El Bethel United Methodist Church.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two sons, Michael Harold Riddle of Gastonia and Timothy John Riddle of Burlington; and two sisters, Mrs. Carrie Martin of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Margaret Combs of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Memorials may be made to Cleveland County Hospice, 201 West Marion St., Shelby 28150 or El Bethel United Methodist Church, Route 2 Kings Mountain 28086.

MARY AILEEN RAMSEY

Funeral services for Mary Aileen Ramsey, 70, of 2623 Apt. 6 Pembroke Drive, Gastonia, who died August 1, 1990 at Royal Crest Health Center, were conducted Friday at 11 a.m. at Harris Chapel.

Rev. Eugene Land officiated, and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

A native of Kings Mountain, she was widow of Dude Ramsey and daughter of the late Isabelle Terry. She was a retired textile employee and a member of Second Baptist Church.

Surviving are three sons, Lemuel Terry, Bobby Ramsey and Curtis Ruppe, all of Kings Mountain; daughter, Mary Sue Teaster of Gastonia; sister, Ruth Bowman of Morganton; 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

MARY LENA ALEXANDER

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Lena Alexander, 98, of 223 Range Road, who died August 6, 1990 at Kings Mountain Hospital, were conducted Wednesday at 3 p.m. at El Bethel United Methodist Church, of which she was a member.

Rev. Steven Lee and Rev. George Bush officiated, and interment was in El Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery.

A native of York County, S. C., she was widow of Thomas Alexander and was a housewife. She was daughter of the late Robert and Mary Neelands Wilson.

Surviving are two sons Lindsay Thomas Alexander of Kings Mountain and Fred Alexander of Clover, S.C.; two daughters, Mrs. Wilma Tidwell and Mrs. Vera Hinson, both of Sharon, S.C.; brother, Roy Wilson of Shelby; sister, Mrs. Margaret Gregg of Gastonia; 18 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren and 39 great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to El Bethel United Methodist church, El Bethel Church Road, Kings Mountain 28086 or to Hickory Grove Rescue Squad, Hickory Grove, S. C.

BERTHA MAE MARTIN

Funeral services for Mrs. Bertha Mae Fredell Martin, 62, of 915 Second Street, who died August 2, 1990 at Kings Mountain Hospital, were conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. at Harris Chapel.

Rev. Darrell Alexander officiated, and interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

A native of Bessemer City, she was widow of William Thomas Martin Sr. and daughter of the late Julius and Carrie Lee Yandelle Fredell. She was employed by Buckeye Fire Equipment Company.

She was a member of Lighthouse Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Surviving are five sons, William Thomas Martin Jr. of Hickory, Albert Dean Martin, Jackie Ray Martin, Kenneth Wayne Martin, all of Kings Mountain, Johnny Dillard Martin of Grover; daughter, Mrs. Pamela Alexander of Kings Mountain; brothers, Roy Fredell of Lincolnton, Coy Fredell of Bessemer City, Herman Fredell of Kings Mountain and Loyd Fredell of Gastonia; sisters, Mrs. Mary Stewart, Mrs. Betty Patterson, Mrs. Rosie Froneberger, all of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Minnie Bell Cronon of Independence, Ky. and Mrs. Maybell Tothetow of Rock Hill, S.C.; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

IRA DIXON

Funeral services for Ira Dixon, 94, of 1006 Margrace Road, who died August 3, 1990 at home, were conducted Sunday at 4 p.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church, of which he was a member.

Rev. Russell Pitts and Rev. Sam Murphy officiated, and interment was in Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Robert Barnett and Frances Watterson Dixon. He was married to the late Mattie Lee Blackburn Dixon. He was a retired farmer of the Bethlehem Community.

Surviving are six sons, Nelson Dixon, Marion Dixon, Sidney Dixon, Gene Dixon, all of Kings Mountain, Frank Dixon of Grover, Dr. Harley Dixon of Paducah, Ky.; three daughters, Mrs. Frances Dotson, Mrs. Helen Wells, both of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Sarah Faye Ruppe of Gaffney, S.C.; brother, Lee Dixon and sister, Mrs. Lucille Sellers, both of Kings Mountain; 28 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Bethlehem Baptist Church Building Fund, Bethlehem Road, Kings Mountain 28086.

EDMOND W. FALLS

CLOVER, S.C.-Funeral services for Edmond W. Falls, of 113 Faulkner Street, who died Aug. 2, 1990 at home, were conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Chapel of M. L. Ford & Sons Funeral Home.

Rev. Lewis Bledsoe and Rev. Tom Hope officiated, and interment was in Woodside Cemetery at Clover.

A native of York County, S.C., he was son of the late Elem E. Falls. He was founder and president of Falls Auto Sales Inc. and was a veteran of the Korean War. He had operated Falls Used Cars in Kings Mountain for a number of years.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Iva Whitworth Falls of Clover; two brothers, Joe Falls of Clover and Max Falls of Bessemer City; sister, Mrs. Faye F. Williams of Lake Wylie, S. C.; three nephews and three nieces.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Mrs. Bertha Martin acknowledge with grateful appreciation your many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy. We want to especially thank the staff of Kings Mountain Hospital, Dr. Nara, and friends and neighbors.

It's Easier To To Settle Minor Traffic Violations

Are you one of the many thousands of Tar Heels who want to settle the account with as little hassle as possible when cited to court for a comparatively minor traffic violation?

If so, a new feature in the paperwork that accompanies the ticket may make that task a little easier. And in the process, North Carolina's court system may be relieved of some unnecessary congestion and confusion which hamper their operations.

For a wide range of traffic violations and other relatively minor offenses and infractions, people are not arrested but are cited by a police officer to appear in court. Those wishing to plead guilty do not have to appear in court, but may pay their fines by mail or in person prior to their court date.

Many who plead guilty fail to take advantage of these convenient options.

John Kennedy, Wake County Superior Court Clerk, recently suggested that minor revisions in the citation paperwork may encourage people to mail in their fines.

His suggestion: a citation which includes specific instructions stressing these options, all on the back of an envelope addressed to the Clerk of Superior Court.

Instructions are also provided for those who must appear in court. People are instructed to proceed directly to the second floor courtrooms, a move which should relieve the pre-court congestion in the Clerk's office every morning.

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), which manages the state's court system, worked with Mr. Kennedy in fashioning the mail-in-plan and has put it into effect in the city of Raleigh on a test basis.

At the end of October, AOC officials will evaluate the plan's effect on Wake County court dockets. If it works as expected, reducing the number of cases that have to be docketed and saving a considerable amount of time for many defendants as well as court

employees, the plan could be extended to other jurisdictions.

Clerk Kennedy said his office has a "major problem with defendants being able to understand their options" after receiving citations. "Many have trouble locating their courtrooms," he added.

'Notch' Convention Slated

A delegation of "Notch Babies" headed by J. D. Champion will be among the hundreds from North Carolina at a state Notch convention Thursday, Aug. 16, at 1 p.m. at Lexington Senior High School.

Champion encourages Kings Mountain area "Notch Babies," those residents born between 1917-1926 to board a bus at TG&Y and talk to Senator Terry Sanford and other key legislators attending the convention.

Cost of the round-trip bus trip is \$9. Call Champion at 487-6510 for a reservation.

Two Cleveland County legislators, Rep. Edith Lutz of Polkville and Dr. Jack Hunt of Latimore, co-sponsored House Resolution 2411 on the Notch issue which passed the N. C. House July 26.

That bill stated that a technical flaw in the amended Social Security Act of 1972 overcompensated people who retired after 1972

and that Congress corrected its error by amending the Social Security Act in 1977 to bring benefits back to historical levels and phased in the reduction over five years, affecting individuals born between 1917 and 1921, called the Notch years.

The bill says the phase-in period had not provided a smooth transition but had resulted in "Notch Babies" receiving as much as \$3,000 per year less in benefits than people who have similar work histories but were born in 1916. The bill "urges Congress to pass legislation to ensure equitable distribution of Social Security benefits paid to those born between 1917 and 1921 and urges President Bush to sign this legislation so that the Social Security system will once again provide equal retirement benefits to all deserving individuals."

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