

# Obituaries

**ETHEL LEE KIRBY GROVER** - Mrs. Ethel Lee Kirby, 59, of 104 Cleveland Avenue, died December 9, 1991 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cherokee County, S. C., she was the wife of Franklin "Bill" Kirby, who survives, and daughter of the late Marvin T. and Pauline Snead Barrett. She was a member of First Baptist Church and a retired textile employee.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are one daughter, Tammy Blanton of Savannah, Ga.; one brother, George Barrett of Kings Mountain; and one sister, Bonnie Martin of Grover; and one grandchild.

The funeral was conducted December 11 at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Rev. John Bridges and Rev. Paul Sorrell officiated. Burial was in the Grover Cemetery.

**WAYNE L. WARE JR.**

Wayne L. Ware Jr., 68, of 1811 Shelby Road, partner in Mountain View Farms, died December 7, 1991 at Kings Mountain Convalescent Center.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Wayne L. and Mary Black Ware. He was a member and organist of El Bethel United Methodist Church, a retired Farm Home Administration employee and a veteran of World War II, where he was recipient of the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

Surviving are his stepmother, Mrs. Johnnie Mae Ware of Boiling Springs; one brother, Cameron Ware of Kings Mountain; and one sister, Jeanne Ware of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted Monday at 2 p.m. at El Bethel Methodist Church by Rev. Steve Lee. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to El Bethel United Methodist Church, El Bethel Church Rd., Kings Mountain, 28086.

**PAUL G. HOUSER**

**JOLIET, ILLINOIS** - Paul G. "Gene" Houser, 62, died December 4, 1991 at St. Luke's Medical Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin after a lingering illness.

He was a native of Kings Mountain, son of the late Lawson and Lillian Houser, and a veteran of the U. S. Marine Corps. He had

lived in Joliet for 10 years.

Surviving are his wife, Laura Jones Giugler Houser; one daughter, Lucinda Orasco, one son, Paul D. Houser, both of Joliet; four stepchildren, Paul E. Giugler, Mary Ellen Ruodin, Leslie Weltz and Terry D. Vaughn, all of Joliet; two grandchildren, Traci L. and LeAnn Orasco and eight stepgrandchildren, all of Joliet; four brothers, Rev. John Houser of West Union, Ill., Lester Houser of High Point, Rev. Ervin H. Houser of High Point, Thomas W. Houser of Kings Mountain and two sisters, Alma Deaton of Gastonia and Cornelia Buchanan of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted December 9 at Fred G. Dames Funeral Home Chapel by Rev. George Christman, pastor of First Baptist Church of Joliet. Burial was in Elmhurst Cemetery.

**CLYDE MARTIN**

Clyde Ray "Pete" Martin, 56, of 1243 Second St. Ext., died December 4, 1991 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of the late Otis and Sally Gantt Martin. He was an employee of Wise Industries.

Surviving are his wife, Bessie Lawson Martin; two sons, Rick Martin and Hank Martin, both of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Penny Hall of Clover, S. C. and Hope Martin of Terrell; five brothers, Jay Martin, Eb Martin, Elmer Martin, all of Kings Mountain, Gene Martin of Vale and Willard Martin of Port Orange, Fla.; two sisters, Ivey Smith of Kings Mountain and Mae Black of Gastonia; and seven grandchildren.

The graveside service was conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery by Rev. Tommy Lawson.

**HELEN BRIDGES**

Mrs. Helen Bolin Bridges, 73, of Route 3 Box 895, died December 5, 1991 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Blacksburg, S. C., she was the daughter of the late Frank and Lillie Bolin Dixon. She was a homemaker and a member of Penley's Chapel Church.

Surviving are her husband,

Robert Arnold Bridges; two sons, Deaver Bridges and Ralph Bridges, both of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Irene Hughes of Albany,

Ga. and Faye Paysour of Kings Mountain; one brother, Jack Dixon of Blacksburg; two sisters, Lois Wright and Mildred Vinesett, both of Blacksburg; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Saturday at 3 p.m. at Penley's Chapel Church by Rev. Leonard Huffstetler. Burial was in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

**MAUDIE V. MARTIN**

Mrs. Maudie Victoria Martin, 61, of 415 S. Battleground Ave., died December 8 at 10:30 a.m. at home.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Grace Tomberlin Varnadore and widow of Thomas Martin.

She was a retired textile employee.

Surviving are three sons, Donald Martin of Gastonia, Gary Martin of Kings Mountain and Randy Martin of Concord; two daughters, Mrs. Gilda Testa of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Martha Laughridge of Grover; three brothers, Burford Varnadore of Lincolnton, R. L. Varnadore of Chester, S.C. and James Roberts of Dallas; two sisters, Mrs. Tommie Snead of New Orleans, La. and Mrs. Bonnie King of Morganton; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Harris Chapel. Rev. Bob Collins officiated. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 201 W. Marion St., Shelby, 28150.

# SMITH

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tute parliamentarian. He raps the gavel and keeps the meetings going with little fanfare from the audience. "I stick to the rules and I conduct the meeting by hoyle," he laughs, noting that he broke only three tie votes during four years in the chair. He said he takes pride in the record that the council has backed him on most all decisions.

Smith lists six accomplishments of his political career: 1) the city manager form of government was inaugurated and that was his platform when he announced for the seat succeeding veteran Mayor John Moss who had served for 22 1/2 years and didn't seek reelection, ending an era in Kings Mountain politics; 2) hiring of professionals in major department head positions; 3) a \$9 million bond project was approved by Kings Mountain citizens and all but one of the major utilities improvements has been made; 4) fairness to all was what he emphasized over and over, he said; 5) 'no favors', he told his constituents and city hall personnel; and 6) honesty and ethics at city hall were what he proclaimed.

In other areas of progress, the city got a recycling center at the Community Center, city employees got a holiday on Martin Luther King Day and got annual raises and merit raises until this year due to the economy when the annual cost of living raises were not budgeted.

A former personnel manager of

Duplex Shannon and Combustion Engineering Company, he was a natural for his job at city hall. He retired after 21 years in the service, seeing duty in World War II, Korea and Vietnam in the U. S. Navy. He is married to Mikie White Baily and they have six children and six grandchildren. A big sports fan, he follows all the Mountaineer games but his sports love is golf. A director of the American Red Cross and historical museum, he is active in Rotary Club, a past president of Kiwanis Club and active in First Baptist Church. He is a former school board member who resigned to run for mayor.

Smith says that Kings Mountain citizens sail through most issues "with flying colors," noting the smooth transition from mayor/council to city manager/council form of government and now a seven-member board with the new method of electing by wards. "We went through the bond project very well and most improvements are in place with the exception of the new substations," he said.

"Hopefully, I haven't lost any friends because I couldn't give

them what was not in our policies and ordinances," said Smith.

Retirement at 63 will be fun for Smith, who plans to golf, enjoy his family and continue his volunteer work. "It's been a pleasure serving as mayor of Kings Mountain," he said, but he's stepping down to "just be a good citizen."

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