

# Obituaries

**JOHNATHAN CARTER**  
Johnathan Bryant Carter, of 800 Southwoods Drive, 12-day-old son of Michael Carter and Gwendolyn Kelly, died September 1, 1992 at Carolina Medical Center.  
Surviving, in addition to his parents, are his grandparents, Gail and Albert Price of Bessemer City and Arne and Margaret Pluff of Kings Mountain, and his great-grandmother, Margaret Rhiner McCorkle of Bessemer City.  
The graveside service was conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery by Rev. Neely Gaston.

**LEE ROY BUMGARDNER**  
**POLKVILLE** - Lee Roy Bumgardner, 53, died August 31, 1992 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital in Shelby.  
He was a native of Rutherford County, son of Mrs. Sallie Chapman Bumgardner and the late Oscar Harlan Bumgardner.  
Surviving, in addition to his mother, are his wife, Ethel Shytle Bumgardner; one son, Dennis Bumgardner of Polkville, three brothers, Eugene Bumgardner of Golden Valley, Jerry Bumgardner and Ronnie Bumgardner, both of Polkville; four sisters, Judy Gettys, Brenda Bridges, Mary Sue Terry, all of Polkville, and Kathleen Hipps of Hollis; and two grandchildren.  
The funeral was conducted Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Polkville Baptist Church by Rev. Alton Martin and Rev. Rick Hamrick.

**JOHN COYLE**  
John Franklin Coyle, 77, of 213 Orr Terrace, died August 24, 1992 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital in Shelby.  
A native of Cherokee County, SC., he was the son of the late John and Laura Ann Ownby Coyle. He was a retired textile employee and a member of Cherokee Avenue Baptist Church.  
Surviving are his wife, Sarah A. Coyle of Zebulon; one son, John Frank Coyle Jr. of Key Largo, Florida; three daughters, Laura Hodges of Kings Mountain, Brenda Melton of Gastonia and Rebecca Melton of Zebulon; three sisters, Rebecca Coyle, Nettie Horn, and Louise Peeler, all of Gaffney, SC; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.  
The graveside service was conducted August 26 at 11 a.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery by Rev. John Heath.

**ROSA LEE WRIGHT**  
Rosa Lee Wright, 88, of 400 E. Ridge Street, died August 27, 1992 at Brian Center in Gastonia.  
A native of Rutherford County, she was daughter of the late William C. and Ella Campbell. She was a member of Chestnut Ride Baptist Church and a retired textile employee.  
Surviving are one son, Charles Wright of Gastonia; one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Patterson of Gastonia; one sister, Mrs. Virginia Hamrick of Boiling Springs; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.  
The funeral was conducted August 30 at 2 p.m. at Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church. Rev. Mitchell Pruitt officiated. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

**MARTHA SUE WILSON**  
**GASTONIA** - Martha Sue Wilson, 65, of 400 Wesley Drive, died August 28, 1992 at Brian Center in Lincoln.  
A native of Cleveland County, she was a homemaker and widow of Charles Wilson. She was daughter of the late Dillard Ray and Cora Elliot Barnett. She was a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Gastonia.  
Surviving are four sons, Dennis Wilson of Bessemer City, John Wilson of Lincoln, Charles Wilson of Clover, SC and Mike Wilson of Gastonia; two daughters, Martha Tanner of Gastonia and Elaine Holland of Eatontown, NJ; two brothers, Richard Barnett and Tommy Barnett, both of Kings Mountain; one sister, Mrs. Dorothy Bennett of Kings Mountain; and 20 grandchildren.  
The funeral was conducted August 31 at 4 p.m. at Harris Chapel in Kings Mountain. Rev. Stephen Johnson officiated. Burial was in Kings Mountain's Mountain Rest Cemetery.

**GRADY RUFF**  
**GASTONIA** - Grady "Jake" Ruff, 48, of 4513 Coachwood Lane, lost his bout with lung cancer August 26, 1992. He died at VA Hospital in Asheville, where he had been a patient since April 22.  
He was son of the late Carl and Mary Ruff of Crowders Mountain and served three years with the US Army in Germany. A retired water treatment facility operator, he

worked for Homelite for many years before joining Ruff Water Company where he was working when he became ill.  
Surviving are six brothers, Vernon Ruff, Abraham Ruff, Gordon Ruff, David Ruff, James Barber, all of Kings Mountain, and Shane Wilder and J. D. Ruff, both of Gastonia; one sister, Peggy Ruff of Bessemer City; and two aunts, Bessie Price and Jo Blackwood, both of Gaffney, SC.  
Ruff requested that no services be held and that his body be donated for research in hopes that a cure may be found for cancer.  
Memorial donations may be sent to the American Cancer Society.

**REV. JAMES WILDER**  
**ASHEVILLE** - Rev. James M. Wilder, 78, of Givens Estates, died August 25, 1993 in a local health care facility.  
A native of Raleigh, he moved to Givens Estates in 1988. He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn C. Wilder, who died May 11, 1991.  
He was a cum laude graduate of Wake Forest College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. He pastored churches in Miami, FL, Pageland, SC, Newton and Kings Mountain. During the late 1960's he was professor of Religion and Bible at Gardner-Webb College in Boiling Springs. He was a member of Arden First Baptist Church in Arden.  
Surviving are two sons, Collins Wilder of Charlotte and David Wilder of Atlanta; one daughter, Carolyn Grey Falanga of Covington, LA and four grandchildren.

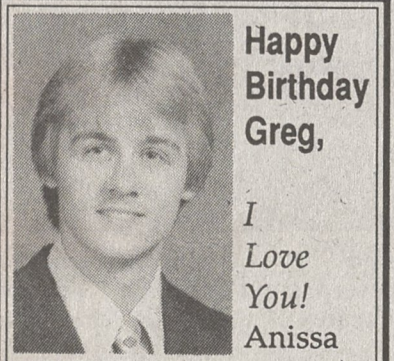
The memorial service was conducted August 29 at 4 p.m. in Thomas Coke Chapel, Asbury Hall, Givens Estates.  
Memorials may be made to National American Parkinson's Disease Association, 116 John Street, New York, NY 10038, or to Givens Estates, Sweeten Creek Road, Asheville 28803, or to Arden First Baptist Church, 3839 Sweeten Creek Road, Arden, 28704, or to the donors' favorite charity.

**HELEN DOCKERY**  
Mrs. Helen Horton Dockery, 67, of 403 E. King Street, died August 27, 1992.  
A homemaker, she was wife of Henry Dockery and daughter of Lucy Robison of Kings Mountain and the late Verd Horton.  
Also surviving are one daughter, Marie Gregory of Iron Station; three sons, Sanford Dockery of Raleigh, Dennis Dockery of Tallahassee, Florida and Doug Dockery of Boone; and five grandchildren.  
The funeral was conducted August 29 at 2 p.m. at M.L. Ford & Sons Chapel in Clover, SC. Rev. Tommy Morgan officiated. Burial was in Clover's Woodside Cemetery.

**CORA G. HARTSOE**  
Mrs. Cora Gladden Hartsoe, 84, of Morris Street, died September 1, 1992 at Kings Mountain Hospital.  
A native of Cleveland County, she was widow of Gus Hartsoe and daughter of the late Oscar R. and Tressie Elizabeth Jackson Gladden. She was a retired textile employee.  
Surviving are one son, Gus Hartsoe Jr. of Kings Mountain; five daughters, Martha Dobbins, Betty Sessoms, Jean Smith, all of Kings Mountain, Linda Beaver of Gastonia and Sue Phillips of Philadelphia, PA; two sisters, Biddie Barrett and Mildred Jones, both of Kings Mountain; 21 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.  
The funeral will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. at First Wesleyan Church. Rev. Mark Bardsley, Rev. David Chapman and Rev. Dwight Edwards will officiate. The family will receive friends Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
Our family wishes to thank Emergency Medical Services, the KM Hospital nurses and doctors, and our family doctors Dr. Durham and Dr. Lee, for their many kindnesses and loving attention during the illness and death of my mother on August 18 and my brother on August 26.  
Margaret Ware McKeever

**Happy Birthday Greg,**  
I Love You!  
Anissa



# DIXON

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when he joined the savings and loan industry. He ran the one-man office at Bessemer City for eight years. He was the teller, loan officer, and janitor. Located across the railroad tracks at 127 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, the office space was rented from an attorney. In 1957 the assets were \$2.5 million.

The second home of the Bessemer City branch was 105 W. Pennsylvania Avenue and the office was a two-person staff.  
The third spacious building, erected in 1973, has a four-person staff. Other members of the staff are Debbie Bumgardner, assistant vice president; and Brenda Sipe and June Goble, tellers. Assets in 1992 total \$105 million. Now Home Federal Savings Bank, the institution offers full-service banking.

"We experienced phenomenal growth over the years, moving from one savings rate and one loan rate to a full banking institution," said Dixon.  
Jacob Anthony Dixon was named after a late uncle and after the late Dr. J.E. Anthony, who delivered Dixon and most of his siblings at home with the exception of a younger sister who was born at Shelby Hospital. He was one of nine children and he recalled that he and his brothers and sisters worked in the fields. "We came home from school and put on our work clothes. My brothers and I learned the building trade from Dad and we also did our share of picking and chopping cotton."  
Jake and Dot Goforth Dixon celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary in February. They met at Central Methodist Church.

In his spare time, Jake works in his frame and woodworking shop at his home on Sims Street which he and his father built. His pride and joy is his father's shop he purchased some years ago.  
needs and four dwellings have minor sewer needs. Ten dwellings have moderate drainage needs and 21 homes are sub-standard.

# CDBG

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no such owners currently in the target area with units proposed for rehabilitation.  
The program offers an incentive for landlords to participate and bring their units up to housing codes and has been underway since last fall when the city board approved the project.  
Right-of-way acquisition is underway for construction of two new streets and sewer lines.  
Four home owners are under contract for the revitalization program, according to Carroll, who said that the N.C. Housing Finance Agency has also approved a \$52,000 grant for the project.

"Benchmark has done an extraordinarily good job. They are very thorough and professional," said White, who said that the city will probably let bids in late spring or early summer 1993 for water and sewer construction.  
One portion of the renewal program for which money has already been allocated is drainage work on Landing Street and Bridges Drive for which the city has already committed \$170,000, half of which is CDBG money.  
Fifteen of the sub-standard dwellings would be connected or reconnected to the water system, 15 dwelling have severe sewer

Another hobby is cooking. Jake is the chief chef for the Wild Beast Feast held each year at the home of Bob and Betty Sue Morris. "You kill it and we grill it" is their theme and 200 friends and kin arrive for a big July 4th party.  
Golf, deer hunting and bird hunting are other hobbies he enjoys. In deer hunting season he enjoys a trip to Oakland Plantation.

The Dixons are a close-knit family and Jake always attends the big Dixon reunion in September at First Baptist Church. His brothers and sisters are his twin, Jo Ann Lundquist of Ohio, Delbert Dixon, Lindbergh Dixon, Peggy Tinsley, Lane Dixon, Marilyn Hamrick and Becky Patterson, all of Kings Mountain, and Dale Dixon of Cary.  
He is proud of his two sons: Jeff, who is married to Elaine Hullender and they are parents of Miranda and Mason Dixon; and Mark, who recently celebrated the first anniversary of his marriage to Amy Neason and live in Lawndale. Jake's wife, Dot, has been a teacher's assistant at North School for more than 20 years.  
Jake helped start the Ducks Unlimited Chapter in Kings Mountain five years ago. He is a past president of Jaycees and has been active in United Fund and cancer drives in the area.  
Dixon described his role-model father as a "builder by trade and a preacher by choice." The late Kelly Dixon loved to preach and his son said he never failed to preach when he was asked. "Dad preached at a time when ministers made very little money. He really was a dedicated tentmaker."  
The late Rev. Dixon preached at Betha Methodist Church in Bessemer City and at Myrtle Methodist Church in Gastonia for a number of years and was a popular revival speaker and pastor in this area.  
Jake's longevity in his professional job could be credited to his father who inspired his children, Jake said, to give an honest day's labor for an honest day's pay.

Wilson said that the US Department of Housing & Urban Development allocates money to each state for a Small Cities CDBG program and Kings Mountain applied for the maximum amount of \$600,000 and was among 50 cities funded among 120 who applied.  
"We looked for an area that would qualify under the tough competitive rating system and chose the Second Street Extension in the one-mile perimeter area," said Wilson. Upgrading water and sewer, streets, and housing are the goals of the program, he said.  
Weatherization of the homes in the area will reduce winter heating bills, says Wilson, pointing out the tighter windows of the Guiton home.  
Carroll, mother of five, said she had lived in the same house for nine years and could hardly wait for the construction crews to begin work.

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# Kings Mountain Weather Report

(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

	Aug. 26-Sept. 1	Year Ago
Total precipitation	1.02	.34
Maximum one day	1.00 (27th)	.22 (28th)
Total for August	4.53	2.84
Year to date	37.11	39.23
Minimum temperature	55 (28th)	66 (31st, 1st)
Maximum temperature	89 (26th)	91 (27th)
Average temperature	74.3	76.9

# UNITED FUND

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Mountain Rescue Squad, \$12,000; Children's Home of Cleveland County, \$7,800; KM Boys Club, \$10,525; Grover Rescue Squad, \$10,000; CODAP, \$7,000; Salvation Army, \$3,500; Cleveland County Mental Health, \$500; Hospice, \$6,000; Child and Parent Support, \$3,000; Cleveland Vocational, \$4,400; and Cleveland County Abuse Prevention, \$4,200.

Norris is completing appointment of division leaders who will be recognized during the luncheon.  
"Because of the recession this isn't the year to up our goal and, unfortunately, we had to cut several of the agency requests," said Carter who said that several factors impacted that decision, including plant closings during 1991 and 1992 that caused unemployment to reach a high of 7.5 percent. Several agencies did not request increases for 1993. He said he is happy to report that 1992 collections are slightly ahead of schedule.

"Kings Mountain citizens have always generously supported the United Fund and we know that the upcoming campaign will prove successful because of this record of giving to help others," said Norris.  
Theme of the campaign is "Kings Mountain United Fund At Work for You Here At Home."

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