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Obituaries



GEORGE I. WOMACK JACKSONVILLE, FL - George I. Womack, 68, died March 6, 1993 at home.

The retired executive vice president of Ring Power Corporation was reared in Kings Mountain and graduated from Kings Mountain High School in 1941 where he was active on the football and baseball teams.

Son of the late George I. Womack Sr. and Edith Hoover Womack, he was born in Gaston County near Mount Holly. He graduated from Georgia Tech with a degree in engineering. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force during World War II and the Korean Conflict and flew over 100 missions and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He moved to Jacksonville in 1949 where he met his wife, Pat, and began a career with Lobrano Machinery Company, a Caterpillar dealership. He then went to work for the late L. C. Ringhaver in 1962, who later founded Ring Power Corporation and remained with the company until his retirement in 1986. Womack played a major role in building Florida's interstates. He was referred to as "Big Daddy" because of his affection with fellow workers.

An avid golfer, he played at San Jose Country Club with a regular group of retired friends. He once played with Arnold Palmer in one of the Pro Amateur Events of the Greater Jacksonville Open which later became The Players Championship. He was also a skilled hunter and fisherman.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are one daughter, Denise W.

JAMES W. PARROTT James William Parrott, 79, of

200 Fulton St., died March 12, 1993 in Cleveland Memorial Hospital in Shelby.

A native of Tennessee, he was husband of Thelma Harris Parrott and son of the late Benjamin and Mary Owens Parrott. He was a retired textile employee and a World War II Army veteran.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two stepsons, David Black of Shelby and Michael Black of York, SC; two daughters, Mrs. Wanda Henry of Greenville, SC and Mrs. Rhonda Lambert of Kings Mountain; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Nancy Drennan of Greer, SC and Mrs. Joyce Evans of Kings Mountain; and 14 grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Monday at 2 p.m. at Harris Chapel by Rev. Ed Hutchinson. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

STELLA STEPP

SHELBY - Stella Brooks Stepp, 77, of 107-1 Beaver Dam Church Rd. died March 15, 1993 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, she was a homemaker and widow of Rev. E. M. Stepp. She was daughter of the late Joe and Omie Pope Brooks. She was a member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church.

Surviving are two sons, James E. Stepp of Shelby; three daughters, Dell Harris of Kings Mountain, Evelyn Blanton of Shelby and Beatrice Rayfield of McAdenville; one brother, Fred Brooks of Shelby; one sister, Lois Brackett of Shelby; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Two children, Max E. Stepp and Betty Wall, both of Shelby, preceded their mother in death.

The funeral will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. at Beaver Dam Baptist Church. Dr. Paul Sorrells and Dr. Terry Cagle will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

CARL WILLIAMS

Carl Williams, 82, of 129 McMurry Rd., died March 14, 1993 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was married to Grace Elizabeth Walker Williams and was son of the late John and Nancy Caroline Tessneer Williams. He was a retired farmer and a member of New Camp Creek Baptist Church.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are three sons, Carl Willis

LUTHER H. HOWELL Luther Henry Howell, 74, of 204

Cansler St., died March 10 1993 at home. A native of Gaston County, he

was the son of the late Henry and Lilly England Howell and husband of the late Ethel Mac Peterson Howell who died in 1988. He was a retired textile employee and a World War II Army veteran. He was preceded in death by one sister, Lillian Sanders in January 1992.

Surviving are one niece, Carolyn Cobb of Kings Mountain; and two sisters, Rose Pearson of Gastonia and Ada Hope of Nebo.

The funeral was conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. at Harris Chapel. Rev. James Sanders officiated. Buriał was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

NINA DOBBINS

Nina Mae Bell Dobbins, 74, of 415 Bethlehem Road, Kings Mountain, died March 9, 1993 at 11:05 p.m. at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Lee and Sallie Ledford Bell and wife of the late L.Z. Dobbins. She was a retired textile worker.

She is survived by two sons, Robert Henry Dobbins and Roger Dale Dobbins of Kings Mountain; a daughter, Margaret Scoggins of Gaffney, S.C.; a brother, Ralph Bell; a sister, Ocie Ware of Kings Mountain; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Forest G. Scoggins Friday at 2 p.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

SAMUEL W. HOWELL Samuel W. Howell, 76,of 107 S. Deal St., died March 15, 1993 at VA Hospital at Oteen.

A native of Cleveland County, he was husband of Willie Falls Howell and a retired carpenter. He was the son of the late Phillip Crowder and Nancy Annie Huffstetler Howell.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are one son, Ernest Howell of Swannanoa; one brother, John Howell of Kings Mountain; two sisters, Myrtle Wilson of Hendersonville and Jeanette Breakfield of Rock Hill, SC; three grandchildren and four greatgrandchildren.

He was a member of Central United Methodist church and a decorated veteran of World War II. He was recipient of the Purple Heart. Cansler, Otis Cansler and Bobbic Cansler, all of Shelby, Donald Cansler of Grover, and Earl Cansler and Robert Cansler, both of Kings Mountain; four brothers, Sam Cansler of Shelby, Sylvester Cansler of Lincolnton and Earnest Cansler and Clarence Cansler, both of New Jersey; four sisters, Louise Kibler of Kings Mountain, Dorothy Bailey of Pennsylvania, Virginia Hillard of Durham and Ableen Durham of Alexandria, VA and 11 grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. at Withrow Funeral Home, Rev. Sylvester Roberts officiated. Burial was in Webb Memorial Lawn in Shelby.

RALEIGH BROWN

Raleigh Clinzo Brown, 69, of 105 N. Watterson St., died March 9, 1993 at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte.

He was a veteran of World War II and retired from Burlington Industries where he worked for 45 years. He was a member of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church and a member of Masonic Lodge 4. He also served 40 years as sexton at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

He was the son of the late Walter and Nancy Adams Brown.

Surviving are his wife, Louise Turner Brown; one daughter, Elizabeth Adams Bell of Charlotte; four brothers, Walter Brown, Edward Brown and Woodrow Brown, all of Kings Mountain, and Withrow Brown of Gastonia.

The funeral was conducted March 12 at 11 a.m. at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. C. A. Feemster and Rev. R. L. Garvin officiated. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.



LEGION BIRTHDAY PARTY - Margaret Ratterree, Unit 155 President, and Post Commander Larry Deaver cut the 74th anniversary cake celebrating the birthday of the American Legion Thursday night.

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Foster; son-in-law Gary G. Foster Sr. and two grandchildren, Ivy and Gary Glen Foster Jr., of Jacksonville; two sisters, Mary Black of Kings Mountain and Margaret Hoyle of Chester, SC

The funeral was conducted March 9 at Jacksonville Southside United Methodist Church. Burial was in Oaklawn Cemetery.

Attending the funeral from this area were Mary and Hilliard Black of Kings Mountain; their daughter, Peggy Jackson of Spartanburg,SC; their son, Tommy Black of Lexington; and Margaret Hoyle of Chester, SC. Williams, Jimmy Lee Williams and Samuel Hugh Williams, all of Kings Mountain; four daughters, Iva Williams McSwain, Ruth Williams Decker, Betty Pearl Williams and Bertha Williams Henson, all of Kings Mountain; one brother, Clifford Williams of Shelby; 12 grandchildren; one step-grandson and nine greatgrandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Cherokee Street Baptist Church. Rev. Gene Leigh and Rev. Wray Barrett officiated. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery. The funeral will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church. Rev. Robert Little will officiate. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemeter,

JULIUS CANSLER Julius B. Cansler, 78, of 105 Morris St., died March 7, 1993 at Kings Mountain Hospital

He was retired from PPG Industries.

He was the son of the late Sidney and Florence Webber Cansler.

Surviving are six sons, Julius



