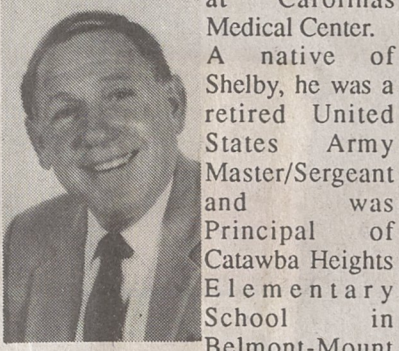


Obituaries

IRA BUMGARNER

Ira Bronson Bumgarner, 64, of 806 Hillside Dr., died June 1, 1993 at Carolinas Medical Center.



A native of Shelby, he was a retired United States Army Master/Sergeant and was Principal of Catawba Heights Elementary School in Belmont-Mount Holly.

He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, a Mason, veteran of the Korean Conflict and a member of Kings Mountain Rotary Club.

He was married to Mildred E. Hawkins Bumgarner and was the son of Mrs. Dannie Smith Bumgarner of Shelby and the late Rantie O. Bumgarner Sr.

Surviving, in addition to his wife and mother, are two sons, Kim Bumgarner of Hampton, SC and Major Mike Bumgarner of Washington, DC; one daughter, Angela Fouse of Austin, Texas; one brother, R.O. Bumgarner Jr. of Shelby; one sister, Esther Campbell of Azusa, CA; and four grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted Thursday at 3 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church. Rev. Patricia Stone will officiate. Burial, with full military honors, will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

NINA ESKEW

Nina M. Eskew, 86, of 128 Park Grace Rd., died May 27, 1993 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Pickens County, she was daughter of the late A. J. and Susie Mahaffee Eskew. She was a retired textile employee and a member of Macedonia Baptist Church.

Surviving are three sisters, her twin sister Nena Mitchem and Bertha Williams, both of Kings Mountain, and Lillian Yarbrough of Whitmire, SC.

The funeral was conducted Saturday at 3 p.m. at Macedonia Baptist Church. Rev. David Philbeck officiated. Burial was in Oak View Baptist Church Cemetery.

SADIE B. SPAKE

Sadie Brackett Spake, 74, of 108 Fulton Dr., died May 30, 1993 at Mountain Area Hospice Solace Center in Asheville.

A native of Mecklenburg County, she was widow of Roy B. Spake. She was daughter of the late Jasper and Lucy Ann Porter Brackett. She was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church.

Surviving are four daughters, Marsha Bryant, Lois Ann Jolly, Timmie Oliver, all of Asheville, and Glenda Farrell of Raleigh; four sisters, Eunice Bradbury of Concord, Vera Metcalfe of Dallas, Frances Brackett of Arlington, VA and Bruna Barrett of Columbia, SC; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Macedonia Baptist Church. Rev. David Philbeck officiated. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 31 College Place, Asheville, 28801, or to the Mountain Area Hospice Solace Center, 75 Livingston St., Asheville, 28802.

CHARLIE BENTON

SHELBY - Charlie G. Benton, 90, of 3018 Lake Dr., died May 30, 1993 at Crawley Memorial Hospital in Boiling Springs.

A native of Cherokee County, SC, he was a retired night watchman at Minette Mills in Grover. He was widower of Mary Viola Adams Benton and son of the late Lonnie and Neely Chapman Benton. He was a member of Bethany Baptist Church in Grover.

Surviving are one son, Odell Benton of Kings Mountain; one daughter, Alice Wilks of Shelby; one sister, Eva Benton Keller of Gaffney, SC; four grandchildren, Kathryn Grigg and Carolyn Everett of Shelby, Gary Benton of Kings Mountain and Gene Atkins of Grover; and five great-grandchildren, Brad and Brett Grigg of Shelby, Nicholas and Kristen Benton of Kings Mountain and Mary Atkins of Grover.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Mary Lou Adkins.

The funeral was conducted Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Bethany Baptist Church in Grover. Rev. James Sanders and Rev. Vernon Craig officiated. Burial was in Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery.

JUANITA BARNES

Juanita Guyton Barnes, 65, of 501 W. Parker St., died May 29, 1993 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

Surviving are one son, Charles Barnes Jr. of Kings Mountain; three daughters, Shirley Brooks and Selena Watson of Kings Mountain and Thelma Riccard of Gastonia; one stepdaughter, Elizabeth Davis of Grover; one brother, Robert Guyton of Kings Mountain; five sisters, Gertie Guyton and Mattie Guyton, both of Hartford, Conn., Ioma McClain and Deleina Moore of Kings Mountain and Sarah Simons of Baltimore, MD; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Tuesday at 4 p.m. at Vestibule AME Zion Church. Rev. Walter Adams officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Mabel Martin Eskew wish to express their sincere appreciation for the many expressions of love and kindnesses during the illness and death of their loved one. This kindness is a great comfort and source of strength.

Boyce wins health award

Roderick Boyce, an employee of the Cleveland County Health Department, was recently awarded Rookie Environmental Health Specialist of the Year at the annual conference of the Western North Carolina Public Health Association in Asheville. Boyce has worked in the field of environmental health since June of 1991 and has been employed by the Cleveland County Health Department since October of 1991.

Boyce is married and lives in Grover. He graduated from Kings Mountain High School in 1986 and earned his Bachelors of Science in Environmental Health degree from East Carolina University in 1991. After graduation, he worked in Gaston County as an Environmental Specialist before returning to Cleveland County.

His duties in Environmental Health include conducting soil evaluations, assisting in water analysis, and addressing solid waste concerns. He will soon complete his training in food and lodging inspections. Boyce's job is primarily regulatory and he is an authorized agent of the state.

Soil evaluations must be made at a building site in order to obtain a permit for a septic system. This evaluation involve a physical anal-

ysis of the soil and replaces the "perk test" which was done for many years. Water samples are obtained from private wells upon request from residents and is analyzed at the Cleveland County Health Department laboratory.

The Environmental Health section of the Cleveland County Health Department provides services in the areas of Water and Sewage, Milk, Food and Lodging, Recycling, Solid Waste and the Landfill, and Animal Control.

Boyce was presented with a plaque commemorating his achievements at the Business Meeting of the Environmental Health section of the Western North Carolina Public Health Association. This award acknowledges his hard work and dedication to providing quality environmental health services to the residents of Cleveland County.

Boyce was nominated for the ward by his supervisor, Irvin M. Allen, and by a former professor at East Carolina. In the nomination, it was emphasized that Boyce accepted and excelled with a work load usually reserved for more seasoned environmental health specialists. In addition he was described as remaining cool under pressure and being willing to put forth extra ef-

fort in order to accomplish his assigned duties. According to Allen, his contribution to the environmental health program in Cleveland County is considered significant and very much appreciated.

In response to this recognition, Boyce said, "Working at the health department has given me a lot of experience. In environmental health there are so many directions you can go in, and the health department has been a growing experience for me. I think the most rewarding part of my job is getting to know people out in the field."

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Rev. R. L. Garvin wish to thank their many friends.

Perhaps you sang a lovely song or sat quietly in a chair; perhaps you sent beautiful flowers, if so, we saw them there; perhaps you sent or spoke kinds words as any friend could say; perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Perhaps you prepared some tasteful food or maybe you furnished a car, perhaps you rendered a service unseen near at hand or from afar. Whatever you did to console the heart, we thank you so much what ever your part.

ROSALIE GARVIN

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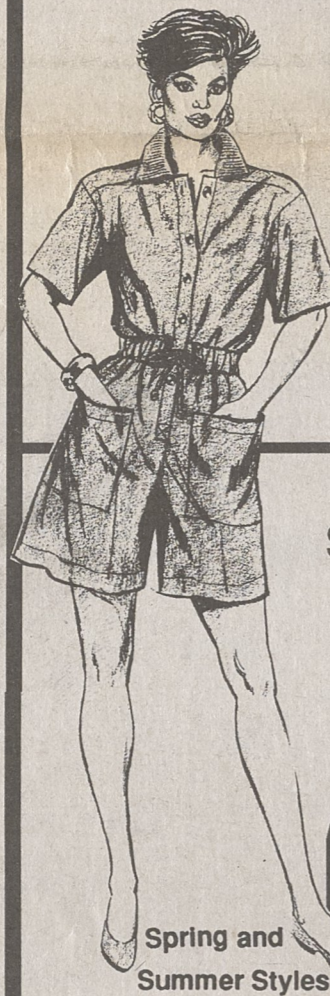
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