

## 'Mama' Zettie Millen notes 95th birthday

Zettie Deal Millen, 95 years old May 19, had 60 of the 100 members of her family present for her birthday party May 16.

"Mama Millen," as she is affectionately called, said her house was filled with laughter as the children shared memories of growing up in a family of 12 children, eight of whom are still living.

Mrs. Millen, widow of William Robert Millen, attributes her long life to serving God, clean living and helping and loving other people. Her spryness belies her years. The evidence of her "green thumb" are the beautiful flowers blossoming year round in her yard and she received more plants as birthday presents from family and friends. She is the second oldest member of Central United Methodist Church and attends morning worship services almost every Sunday. She said she and her late husband

head an extended family of 100 members.

"We remembered Mama on her birthday with warmth and think of her with pride and cherish her with love," said daughter Rosanell Mayhue of Kings Mountain.

"She is an important part of our family's happiness," said Mayhue. "She is a precious treasure to all of us and we feel very blessed having her as our mother and grandmother."

The eight living children are Ruth Gregory and Margaret Freeman of Charlotte, Willard Millen of Riverdale, MD, Charlie Millen and Tom Millen of Cayce, SC and Rosanell Mayhue, Doris Hardin and Alma Gantt of Kings Mountain. There are 15 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.



ZETTIE DEAL MILLEN

## Can't beat Pa-Paw's cooking

New restaurant partners Lynn and Cecil Parton changed the name of Mountaineer Restaurant on York Road to Pa Paw's Cafe and cook and serve some of the best breakfasts and lunches in town.

But the Partons are finding the going is tough until people forget that a tragedy took place on the premises last year.

"We think it will take some time for people to forget what happened but we have the time," said Cecil Parton, who signed a long lease on the building five weeks ago.

The former Army cook and hotel administrator for a number of well known hotel chains, is the chef and loves it. He plans the meals, buys the food and cooks mouth-watering country meals, including biscuits and sawmill gravy, apple cobbler, and meats cooked order with garden fresh vegetables and salads. He prepares his own recipe for pasta which is included on the daily 21-item salad bar.

"We moved to Bessemer City to be close to Carolinas Medical Center where our oldest daughter was a patient. I wanted more quality time with her and our family, so I quit traveling for hotel chains and put up roots in my own business," said Parton.

A certified hotel administrator since 1988, Parton directed field operations for Econo Lodges of America, supervised inspectors and supervised operations of 300 plus motels, including Holiday Inns and others.

A native of Asheville, Parton started short order cooking as a boy but cooked in Uncle Sam's Army from October 1966-68. Before he joined the service, he worked as a patrolman for a year with the Charlotte Police Department.

After his discharge from the military, he started his career in foods with International House of Pancakes as district director over 17 restaurants and from there got into cooking in earnest. He was assistant manager of food and beverages for Hyatt Hotels of Atlanta and Knoxville for four years and owned a 140-seat family style restaurant, Capri Pancake House in Asheville three years. He was general manager of High Country Inn, Boone, for a year and of Holiday Inn, Shelby, for two years. Before joining Econo Lodges in 1984, he directed ABC Investments of Dalton, GA at six hotels in Georgia and the Carolinas.

Parton took special training for Hyatt from dishwashing and salad



Lynn and Cecil Parton are pictured in their new family restaurant, Pa Paw's Cafe, on York Road. The new business opened five weeks ago.

preparation, to chef, learning every aspect of food preparation.

"We rearranged our lives when our older daughter became ill," said Parton.

The couple go to work together and go home together. They cook and serve breakfast from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m. and lunch until 3 p.m. six days a week. The menu also includes sandwiches, salads, and meats and vegetables.

The Partons, who have been married 15 years, met at Fairfield Mountains at Lake Lure, where he was food and beverage director and she operated the restaurant.

"After about four days we decided we loved each other," said Mrs. Parton.

At the Holiday Inn, Shelby, they collaborated on a highly successful

### It's a boy for Dobbins'

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dobbins of Townville, SC announce the arrival of their son, William Troy, May 29, 1993.

Mrs. Dobbins, the former Kathy Wheeler, is the daughter of Ms. Carol Wheeler of Kings Mountain and Forrest Wheeler of Hayesville.

Active in First Wesleyan Church of Bessemer City, the Partons take their young daughters to Sunday School and church every Sunday and spend afternoons and evenings with Mary Elizabeth, 4, and Samantha Lynn, 3. The girls have been attending St. Matthew's Preschool.

"We were married 12 years before the birth of our first child and the main reason we waited so long to start a family was that my work required so much traveling," said Parton. Now, he says he doesn't regret giving up traveling for cooking and cleaning his own restaurant and, most importantly, being with his family.

"I'm doing things the Lord's way and we're running Pa Paw's the same way," he said.

Mrs. Parton said their schedule gives them plenty of time to be at home with the girls every day after 5:30 p.m.

Does Parton cook at home? "You bet he does," says his wife. Mrs. Parton says she prepares fixings for salads but her husband is the chef.

Hungry customers fill their plates and return for more at Pa Paw's. One customer remarked that the Partons should serve evening meals but they shake their head. Evenings are for family.

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Kayla has been hospitalized in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of Carolinas Medical Center since her birth on January 23, 1993. She suffers from three rare diseases - Ondine's Curse, Moebius Syndrome and Hirschsprung's Disease.

Kayla has had four operations since her birth and continues to be on life support equipment.

Saturday's sales are being sponsored by the women of the Dixon and Love Valley communities. The sale begins at 8 a.m.

## Kings Mountain Weather Report

(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

	May 26-June 1	Year Ago
Total precipitation	.35	1.91
Maximum one day	.25 (31st)	1.28 (29th)
Year to date	27.83	22.13
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