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LOUISE R. JENKINS SPARTANBURG, SC - Louise R. Jenkins, 78, of Heritage Court, died October 10, 1993 Spartanburg in Regional Medical Center after a

long illness.

A native of Kings Mountain, she was the widow of B. Floyd Jenkins and daughter of the late Frank C. and Georgia Summit Roberts. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Spartanburg and a homemaker. She was a former resident housekeeper at Limestone College and Gardner-Webb College for several years. She attended Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, VA.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Judy McGee of Florence, SC and Mrs. Linda Painter of Spartanburg, SC; one son, R. Patrick Jenkins of Greenville; one brother, H. Eugene Roberts of Kennesau, GA; and six grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Floyd's North Church Street Chapel in Spartanburg. Dr. Kirk Neely and Rev. Joe Paul Turner officiated. Burial was at 4 p.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery in Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Spartanburg, Building Fund, 250 East Main Street, Spartanburg, SC 29302.

#### **ELIZABETH BURCH**

Elizabeth Ann "Beth" Strickland Burch, 36, of 1003 Brookwood Dr., died October 9, 1993 at home.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the wife of Douglas Burch and daughter of Earl Strickland of Casar and Lavon Ledbetter Ramsey of Gastonia. She was a member of Northside Baptist Church of Shelby. She was employed as a computer programmer with Parkdale Mills.

Surviving, in addition to her husband and parents, are one son, Christopher Douglas Burch of the home; her stepmother Gloria Strickland of Casar; her stepfather Charles Ramsey of Gastonia; one brother, Keith Strickland of Shelby; and her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Kathleen Ledbetter of Myrtle Beach, SC.

The funeral was conducted Monday at 2 p.m. at Northside Baptist Church. Rev. Stanley Webb and Rev. Ed Sessoms officiated. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

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

## WILLARD BOYLES SR.

Willard Boyles Sr., 65, of 403 Phifer Rd., died October 8, 1993 in Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was President of Willard's Tours and Printing Specialties. He was married to Melba Watterson Boyles and was the son of the late Rufus Moorehead and Louise Pruitt Boyles.

He was a former deacon and member of Oak Grove Baptist Church and a Sunday School teacher. A Mason, he was a member of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM. He was a World War II Army veteran.,

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are one son, Bruce Boyles Jr. of Mooresville; one daughter, Janet Boyles Suber of Kings Mountain; three granddaughters; and two sisters, Shirley Pates and Wilma Mauney, both of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted Monday at 2 p.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Rev. Ron Caulder and Rev. James Holder officiated. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Lottie Moon Offering, c/o Oak Grove Baptist Church, 1022 Oak Grove Road, Kings Mountain, NC, 28086.

## HELEN B. WHITE

Helen Bailey White, 81, of 500 S. Cansler St., died October 8, 1993 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cherokee County, SC, she was wife of D. L. White and was the daughter of the late Henry and Sally Driskell Bailey. She was a retired textile spinner.

She was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are one son, Fred White of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Laverne Randolph of Gaffney, SC and Barbara Bees of Kings Mountain; one brother, Alfred Bailey of Gaffney, SC; one sister, Frances Rogers of Liberty, SC; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

The graveside service was conducted Saturday at 4 p.m. at Frederick Memorial Gardens in Gaffney, SC. Rev. John Futterer officiated.

#### **OSSIE WILSON**

Ossie Mae Wilson, 73, of 436 Crocker Rd.; died October 9, 1993 in Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Andrew and Birdie Wilson.

A homemaker, she was a mem-Church. She was a graduate of Davidson High School.

Surviving are one brother, Luico Wells Wilson of Kings Mountain; two sisters, Nina W. Mitchem and Ophelia W. Wilson, both of Kings Mountain; and two sisters-in-law, Fearlene J. Wilson and Kathleen W. Wilson, both of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Bynum Chapel AME Zion Church.

# DONALD KEITH HOPE

Donald Keith Hope, 52, of Dixon School Rd., died October 5, 1993 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of the late George and Maggie Humphries Hope. He was husband of the late Peggy Painter Hope. He was a member of Piedmont Baptist Church.

Surviving are one stepdaughter, Mrs. Kathy Lawson of Kings Mountain; two brothers, Rev. Bob Hope of Kings Mountain and Steve Hope of Dallas; four sisters, Mrs. Pauline Kimbrell, Mrs. Mildred Herndon and Mrs. Doris Grigg, all of Kings Mountain, and Mrs. Zeldia Ann Carr of Huntersville; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Friday at 3 p.m. at Midview Baptist Church. Rev. Bob Hope and Rev. Donald Denton officiated. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

#### LEE WINFRED GORDON

Lee Winfred Gordon, 77, of 1304 W. Gold St., died October 6, 1993 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cherokee County, SC, he was married to Lillie Gantt Gordon and was the son of the late George and Avalona Sellers Gordon. He was a retired heavy equipment operator at Martin-Marietta and was a member of Westover Baptist Church. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two daughters, Brenda Gordon Frazier and Linda Gordon Goins, both of Kings Mountain; one brother, James Gordon of Blacksburg, SC; and two sisters, Aretta Ramsey and Aileen Sparkes, both of Gaffney, SC.

The funeral was conducted Saturday at 2 p.m at Westover Baptist Church. Rev. L. H. Lovelace, Rev. Claude White and Rev. Roger Webb officiated. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

#### **GILBERT WILLIS**

Gilbert Willis, 85, of 821 Mill St., died October 12, 1993 in Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

A native of Gaston County, he was son of the late Bud and Mary Frances Willis. He was a retired textile worker. He was a member ber of Bynum Chapel AME Zion of Kings Mountain Church of God and a World War II Army veteran.

Surviving are two sisters, Mae Looper and Lottie Brown, both of

The funeral will be conducted Thursday at 10 a.m. at Family Worship Center Kings Mountain Church of God by Rev. James Allen. Burial will be in Bessemer City Memorial Park.

### FLOYD R. MILLER

Floyd Reed "Tennessee" Miller, 62, of 112 Peak Drive, Kings Mountain, died October 12, 1993 at Mercy Hospital.

A native of Danridge, Tn., he was a retired textile worker and son of the late Odis and Genevieve Thornton Miller. He was a member of Faith Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Estern Pruitt Miller; a stepson, Glenn Edwards Jr. of Spartanburg, S.C.; two stepdaughters, Baranda Murray of Mt. Pleasant and Phyllis Melton of Campobello, S.C.; a brother, J. D. Thornton of Danridge, Tn.; and a sister, Imogene Rinehart of Gastonia.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Larry Burns Friday at 2 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church. Burial will be at 4 p.m. in Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Inman, S.C.

The family will receive friends Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home.

# Gospel sing set at Lighthouse

The Singing New Vision will be in concert Saturday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Lighthouse Pentecostal Holiness Church, across from the Walking Track on Cleveland Avenue, Kings Mountain.

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### Candidate forum set for October 21

The Kings Mountain Ministerial Association will sponsor a forum for School Board Thursday, October 21 from 7-9 p.m. at B.N. Barnes Auditorium.

Questions will come from the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association and will also be taken from the audience. Every candidate will have the opportunity to answer ever question.

The public is encouraged to attend. Admission is free.

The School Board election is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 2. Two outside city seats and one atlarge seat are up for grabs. Running for the outside city seats are Ronnie Hawkins, Connie Allison, Melony Bolin and Keith Miller; and running for the at-large seat are Myron George, Larry Hamrick Jr. and Billy Houze.

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MYRON GEORGE

Several weeks ago I said I wanted you to know where I stand on school issues so that you could make an informed decision in voting for the new school board members. I had written an article for today concerning another subject but, after attending the school board meeting on Monday night, I felt compelled to write this instead. I want to let you know where I stand on the issue of school finances and more specifically, on the Central School renovation project.

I am the first to say that our school administrators and support staff need some improved space for administrative offices. The building needs to house administrative and support personnel, a conference room, and some storage space. The required space would need to be about 15,000 square feet on one floor according to the superintendent.

At the school board meeting this week, the board voted unanimously to proceed with plans to renovate Central School. The money currently available for this project is approximately \$500,000. The architect's estimate and the bids received from the contractors were in line at slightly over \$900,000. This leaves a shortfall of about \$400,000. To secure the bulk of this shortfall, the school board also voted unanimously to ask the county commissioners if the school board could apply for a \$300,000 loan from the State Literary Fund. Basically, the county commissioners would be guaranteeing the loan for the school system. As I understand it, this loan would be paid back from future sales tax redistribution funds if they are available or by making term payments out of the general school fund for ten years at an annual payment of about \$107,000.

I have many concerns about this decision. I have listed some of these below. •If the repayment of the loan comes out of the general fund, what effect will this have on expenditures

for the classroom in the future? •If you spend \$900,000 on a 65 year old building, won't you still have the problems associated with a 65

year old building, such as high heat and air condition, maintenance, etc? •Have all the reasonable options been explored? Why not add 5,000 square feet on to the existing administrative office building itself (including removal of asbestos) for another \$150,000 yielding the

required 15,000 square feet of space on one level for less than the \$500,000 already on hand? •Does this mean another tax increase will be required to fund the repayment of the proposed loan? Another consideration is the possible consolidation of the three Cleveland County School Districts. Nobody knows if or when consolidation might occur; but, if it does, our school district offices might end up

in Shelby or somewhere else. If this should happen, our money invested now could be wasted. One reason given to renovate Central is it's historic value and the communities sentimental attachment to this old building. I went to Central and remember well shooting marbles under the old oak tree there. My dad graduated from Central but still I don't feel any compelling need to preserve this building. Others I have talked to during my campaign seem to be in agreement with me. I'm sure there are folks in town who would feel strongly that this building should be preserved. I do believe we should carefully weigh the cost of this

The administration asked the folks from the State Historic Preservation Organization to look at the building and they said it would probably be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. However, this status does not provide for the funding of the renovation. I talked with a local architectural historian who said a new law has been passed which would keep us from having to meet all the requirements of the American Disabilities Act if this building was placed on the Register. The cost of meeting these requirements alone is well over \$100,000 of the total \$900,000 renovation costs. I think this would deserve further study

I don't pretend to have all the unanswered questions and concerns that need to be addressed before a final decision is made to spend \$900,000 of taxpayer's money. I believe this is especially true since the money is not being expended directly on students, teachers or classroom needs.

The school board will be asking the county commissioners on Tuesday night, October 19 to approve the request for some of the money for this effort. I encourage you to contact your school board members and particularly your county commissioners to let them know how you feel about this important issue. Whether you are for this expenditure of money or not, they need your input. I would hate to see a hasty decision made that we might regret.

If you elect me to the school board I promise I will be very careful with your money in matters such as this. I will strive to make our children, teachers and classroom needs the highest priority where finances are concerned.

D. POL. ADV.