

Obituaries

WILLIAM A. RUSSELL
 William A. "Bill" Russell, 82, of 401 West Mountain Street, Kings Mountain, died October 16, 1993 at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.
 A native of Murray, Ky., he was the son of the late William A. Russell Sr. and Mary Graper Russell. He was a retired sales service manager for Lithium Corporation of America.
 He was a member of Central United Methodist Church and a former Rotarian and Mason in San Angelo, Texas. He was a Army veteran of World War II.
 He is survived by his wife, Tina Elzene Routh Russell; a daughter, Dr. Mary Lynn Russell of Toronto, Canada; and two sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Holt of Burleson, Texas, and Mrs. Beth Watson of El Paso, Texas.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Harold Schwantes Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Central United Methodist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.
 Memorials may be made to Central United Methodist Church, 113 S. Piedmont Ave., Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086.

REBAKAH NUNEZ
 Rebekah Colleen Nunez, age 11 months, of 108 Cloning Street, Kings Mountain, died October 14, 1993 at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.
 A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of Richard Nunez and JoAnn Hughes Nunez.
 She is also survived by her maternal grandparents, Shirley Hughes and Ronnie Hughes of Kings Mountain; her paternal grandparent, Lynn Bitsue of Shelby; and aunts and uncles, Amy and Mae Bitsue, Daniel Bitsue, Ronnie Hughes and Mike Nunez.

A graveside service was conducted by the Revs. John Cody and Ronald Lesley Saturday at 4 p.m. at Gaston Memorial Park.

LILLIE MATTHEWS
 LINCOLNTON - Miss Lillie Mae Matthews, 92, of 523 Southside Road, died Monday at Lincoln County Hospital.
 A native of Rutherford County, she was the daughter of the late Jay and Mary Jane Durham Matthews. She was a retired textile worker.

She is survived by a brother, Roy Matthews of Kings Mountain; two sisters, Mrs. Eva Sullivan of Lincolnton and Mrs. Stedra McAlister of Baton Rouge, La.; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Charles Ingle Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Southside Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Southside Baptist Church, 1725 Southside Church Road, Lincolnton, N.C. 28092.

FLOYD JENKINS
 WASHINGTON, D.C. - Floyd Jerome Jenkins, 1421 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, formerly of Kings Mountain, died October 17, 1993 at George Washington Medical Center in Washington.

He was preceded in death by his father, Carlee Jenkins Sr.; his sister, Cynthia Denise Jenkins; and his step-sister, Erna Jean B. McCulloh.
 He attended Yale University as a scholar student and graduated cum laude from North Carolina Central University in Durham. He did further studies at the University of Chicago and New York University where he was certified as a paralegal.

He was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and was listed among Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges in recognition of outstanding merit and accomplishment as a student.
 He was a former member of Bynum Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church in Kings Mountain and was a member of the World Wide Church of God in Washington.

He was employed as a computer analyst with Citibank, Inc.
 Survivors include his mother, Jacqueline Jenkins Brown; stepfather, Raymond Brown; three brothers, Karl Jenkins, Charles Jenkins and Sherman Jenkins of Kings Mountain; a sister, Geraldine J. Dye of Gastonia; four stepbrothers, Rev. Andrew Brown of Greensboro, Leonard Brown of Gastonia, and Thomas Brown and Wendell Brown of Kings Mountain; five nephews; and four nieces.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. Stellie Jackson, C.A. Feemster and Liston Sellers Thursday at 4 p.m. at Bynum Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church. Quiet hour will be from 3:30-4 p.m. at the church. Burial will be in Mount Olive Baptist Church cemetery.

RALPH LEE SPAKE
 GROVER - Ralph Lee Spake, 81, of Route 1, died October 17, 1993 at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.
 A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Sullivan Cleveland and Amanda Gertrude Whitworth Spake, and husband of the late Louise Kimbrell Spake. He was retired from Minette Mills.
 He was a member of Allen Memorial Baptist Church and was Navy veteran of World War II.

He is survived by a brother, James Spake of Grover; and a sister, Marie Chapman of Rock Hill, S.C.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Norris Willis and Wray Barrett Monday at 11 a.m. at Allen Memorial Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

TONY JOHNSON
 CHARLOTTE - Tony Johnson, 45, of 10028 Heathergate Lane, died October 14, 1993 at Presbyterian Hospital.

A native of Newport News, Va., he was employed as Network Coordinator for Jefferson Pilot Communications for 21 years. He was a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill and was a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda Johnson; two sons, Brian Johnson of the U.S. Marines in Camp LeJeune and Mark Johnson of Kings Mountain; and a daughter, Jennifer Johnson of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted at McEwen Funeral Home in Mint Hill Sunday at 3 p.m. Burial was at Sharon Memorial in Mint Hill.

Memorials may be made to the Kidney Foundation, 230 South Tryon Street, Suite 10454, Charlotte, N.C. 28202.

WILLIAM THOMAS
 BESSEMER CITY - William Gaylord Thomas, 79, of 323 East Georgia Avenue, died October 14, 1993 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Richmond County, he was the son of the late Vernon and Corina Deese Thomas. He was a retired block mason and a member of First Baptist Church for more than 50 years. He was also a high wire artist known as "Jasper the Clown," a Golden Gloves boxer and served in the Civilian Conservation Corps.

He is survived by his wife, Rachel Moore Thomas; a son, Larry Eugene Thomas of Atlanta; three daughters, Sarah Blondell Davis and Janet Charlene Thomas of Charlotte, and Sheryl Thomas Irvani of Bessemer City; a brother, Garrett Thomas of Shelby; three sisters, Glennie Long of Rockingham, Lee Etters of Kings Mountain and Betty Leonhardt of Bessemer City; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. A.A. Bailey Saturday at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church, Bessemer City. Burial was in Bessemer City Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church building fund, 103 E. Washington Ave., Bessemer City 28016.

ROBERT H. THROOP
 GROVER - Robert Henderson Throop, 76, of 313 Maple Avenue, died October 12, 1993 at his home.

A native of Norwich, CT he was the son of the late William Dan and Katharine English Throop. He was a retired Episcopal clergyman.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Bird Throop; three sons, Stephen English Throop of Grover, Johnathan Carroll Throop of Woodstock, Ga., and Michael MacArtney Throop of Durham; three daughters, Cynthia Ann Glidden of Grover, Priscilla Buell Throop of Burlington, VT and Deborah Fleming Barkhansen of Warren VT; and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Church of the Incarnation in Gaffney, SC. The family will receive friends after the service at the church.

LESTER LINGERFELT
 Lester Lonnie Lingerfelt, 59, of 706 York Road, Kings Mountain, died October 19, 1993 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late John Frank and Lucretia Summers Lingerfelt. He was employed as a security guard with Kings Mountain Hospital. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He is survived by a son, Lester L. "Lonnie" Lingerfelt Jr. of Cherryville; two daughters, Merie Leslie Lazar of Hanford, CA and Kim L. Phillips of Grain Valley, Missouri; three brothers, Johnny Lingerfelt of Tavares, FL, Calvin Lingerfelt of Kings Mountain and Carl Lingerfelt of Glendale, SC; three sisters, Ruby Dixon of Kings Mountain, Aileen Proctor of Cherryville and Iva L. Beam of Lady Lake, FL; and one grandchild.

The funeral will be conducted by Rev. David Rabb Saturday at 4 p.m. at Harris Chapel. Burial will be in Veteran's Gardens at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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

DONNIE FOLDS
 BRADENTON, FL. - James Donald "Donnie" Folds, age 3, of 5932 6th Street East, died October 17, 1993 6 a.m. at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Winter Haven, he was the son of Karen Tate Folds and Donald Folds.

He is also survived by his paternal grandmother, Helen Folds of Bradenton; his maternal grandmother, Barbara Long of Auburndale; his maternal great-grandmother, Myrtle Guest of Winter Haven; his maternal great-grandmother, Dora Crane of Fort Mill, S.C.; his sister, Misty Johnson of Auburndale, and several uncles, aunts and cousins.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Tom Baggett Thursday at 3 p.m. at Manasota Memorial Funeral Home in Bradenton. Burial will be in Braden River Cemetery.

CENTRAL
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The District maintenance department moved to the Central facility during the 1991-92 school year and occupies the outside metal buildings as well as much of the grounds.

A Blue Ribbon Task Force for Facility Improvements first suggested the use of Central as a District Office in 1981, and that plan was adopted by the board in 1987 and revised in 1989. The project was included in a state-mandated facilities plan submitted in 1992.

McRae said the School System purposely held the Central project until last on its list of school improvements, making sure the needs of individual schools were met first.

The Central building is 65 years old but architects have declared it in good condition.

School officials said it would cost about \$1.8 million to build another structure the same size.

FORUM
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Bolin and Miller have both been active in school and community activities in the Bethware community.

The at-large seat was created recently and replaces the inside city seat held by Priscilla Mauney, who chose not to seek re-election.

Houze served 3 1/2 years of a four-year outside city term before resigning. Hamrick and George are seeking office for the first time.

CARD OF THANKS

During a time like this we realize how much our friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

The Fowler and Oats family

Glass crusade set at G-W

Bill Glass, former All-American football player at Baylor University, a member of the College Football Hall of Fame and a former NFL standout with the Detroit Lions and Cleveland Browns, is coming to Gardner-Webb University October 31-November 7 for a life changing "Area Crusade for Christ."

The interdenominational crusade will be held at 7:30 nightly on the G-W campus, and will feature nationally recognized talent and performers to prelude the motivating and inspirational message of Glass.

Glass received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southwestern Theological Seminary. After a successful 12-year NFL career, he retired in 1969 to devote full-time to his evangelistic crusade ministry. He has led numerous crusades across America in recent years, as well as starting an effective nationwide prison ministry. His energetic and motivating messages have greatly impacted people of all ages, particularly youth.

Over 400 churches from a myriad of denominations and affiliations across Cleveland and Rutherford counties are participating in the crusade by providing volunteer support through numerous planning committees, spiritual rallies, prayer groups, administrative and publicity support, and financial offerings.

Beginning September 13 and concluding October 25, spiritual preparation rallies are scheduled every Monday through Wednesday for the purpose of equipping local Christians to serve as counselors during the crusade. Those wishing to serve as counselors are encouraged to attend four of the weekly rallies each of the seven weeks leading up to the crusade opening service on October 31. The rallies are offered at various times and locations to conveniently accommodate most schedules. They are as follows:

Monday, 7-9 p.m., Evangel Fellowship, Spindale.
 Tuesday, 9-11 a.m., Green River Association, Rutherfordton; 7-9 p.m., First Baptist Church, Shelby; 9-11 p.m., Gardner-Webb University.

Wednesday, 9-11 a.m., Oak Grove Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

For more information on the preparation rallies, call Harold Fite at 487-9682 or Jim Cathy at 287-4167.

KM Baptist Association to meet

The Kings Mountain Baptist Association will hold its annual meeting Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 25-26.

The Monday night session will begin at 6:45 p.m. at Westview Baptist Church in Shelby. Special music will be presented by a choir composed of ministers of music who serve in churches throughout the association. Rev. Lawton Neely, music director of Bethel Baptist Church and associational music director, will lead the choir.

New pastors and staff persons will be introduced to the association. Mission organization reports will be presented as well as a report from the Missionary-In-Residence, Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Connell, on furlough from Japan. Guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. Sam James, vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Board.

The Tuesday afternoon session will begin at 2:45 p.m. at Putnam Baptist Church, Shelby. The session will feature special music, reports by associational committees and convention agencies. The associational budget for 1994 will be presented for adoption. The featured speaker will be Rev. Leland Kerr, director of missions, Kings Mountain Baptist Association.

The Tuesday night session, also at Putnam Baptist Church, will begin at 6:30 p.m. The session will feature a "Hope for Hurting Humanity" project that will be presented by Rev. Charles Reed, church and community ministries director of the association. The session will also feature music by the music ministry of Putnam Baptist Church, installation of new officers, and a closing message by Moderator Russell Fitts.

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MYRON GEORGE FOR SCHOOL BOARD

It has been my privilege and pleasure since my campaign started to visit the elementary school P.T.O. meetings and the open house at the middle school. The thing that impressed me most of all was the tremendous pride and hard work that each teacher put into their classroom and profession. I think it would be safe to say that teachers contribute almost as much to "who" our children become as we parents do.

I can remember when I was in the fourth grade, my teacher's friend would bring her strawberries from the garden. On several occasions, my teacher asked me to take those strawberries to her house and put them in her refrigerator. The house was only a very short distance from the school yard, but what a confidence builder it was for me. My teacher trusted me, on my own, to do something special for her. Because she had confidence in me, I did not want to disappoint her. I'm sure this teacher has no idea how this simple thing affected my whole attitude towards school. Many of us can remember a particular teacher who went beyond the call of duty and made a positive impact on our future. I know our teachers continue to instill this sense of "being important" in ways they never realize.

Today, our teachers and teachers' assistants have a very difficult job. It is amazing how we can keep such excellent staff for the hardship they sometimes endure and the compensation that they receive. The only thing that could make this possible is the great amount of love and care that the teachers have for our children and their dedication to the teaching profession. They teach the physically handicapped, the learning disabled, the children with terrible home backgrounds, the teenagers who are going through some of life's biggest changes, and the children who, unfortunately, do not have a desire to learn. They teach them all.

I say all of this to let you know that I believe our teachers need our support all the way from the school board level to each individual parent. While I realize that the state regulates the pay scale, our teachers need to be rewarded with salaries that are truly commensurate to the important job that they do. If we expect to have great students, we must support great teachers.

Along with this comes giving the teachers the ability to teach by ensuring an environment where they are in control of the students. Simply put, the teachers need to have the means to discipline each student according to their behavior. I'll bet the majority of our teachers would find this as important as an increase in their salaries.

If elected to the school board, I will work to see that teachers share a high priority in our school district.

MYRON GEORGE

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