

Obituaries



MRS. PAUL MAUNEY

Lillian Ramsaur Mauney, 92, of 1351 Robinwood Rd., Gastonia, formerly of Kings Mountain, died March 5, 1994, at Covenant Village in Gastonia.

A native of Robeson County, she was the widow of Paul Mauney and was the daughter of the late Fleming and Belle Townsend Ramsaur.

She was an Elder and member of First Presbyterian Church, a Past President of Kings Mountain Presbyterian and Women of The Church at First Presbyterian Church, a former Bible teacher, a Life member of Otis D. Green Unit 155 American Legion Auxiliary, and a member of Kings Mountain Woman's Club and Kings Mountain Study Club.

Surviving are three sons, Dr. Jackson Mauney of Tempe, AZ, Lt. Cmdr. Fleming Mauney of Norco, CA and Col. William Ruddock of Jackson, MS; three daughters, Alice Betty Mauney Snow of Kings Mountain and Pauline Mauney Kellam and Sue Ruddock of Charlotte; 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The funeral was conducted Monday at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. Rev. Richard Newsome officiated. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The family held a reception at Covenant Village on Monday from 10-11 a.m.

The family was at the home of a daughter, A. B. Snow, 3600 Margrace Road, the former Kings Mountain home of Paul and Lillian Mauney.

Memorials may be made to Covenant Village Benevolent Fund, 1351 Robinwood Rd., Gastonia, 28054, or to the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry, c/o First Presbyterian Church, Kings Mountain, 28086.

CHARLES "ROCKY" FORD

Charles W. "Rocky" Ford, 66, of 200 Linwood Road, Kings Mountain, died March 7, 1994 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of the late W.L. and Lillie Davis Ford. He was retired from Firestone Mill in Gastonia and was a former Cleveland County Constable. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and a member of Grace United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Edna Pearl Neely Ford; a son and daughter-in-law, Rocky and Judy Ford of Kings Mountain; a daughter, Sandy Lou Ford of Kings Mountain; grandson, Shan Ford of Kings Mountain; granddaughter, Audrey Ford of Kings Mountain; and four sisters, Shirley Hawkins and Roberta Whitaker of Kings Mountain, Betty Hollifield of Blacksburg, S.C., and Hazel Martin of Hickory Grove, S.C.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Patricia Stone Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

ALICE FEATHERSTONE

GASTONIA - Alice Lucille Smith Featherstone, 78, of 703 Betty St., died March 6 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

She was a native of Madison, SC, daughter of the late Jesse Benjamin and Nancy Louise Fritz Smith. She was a retired textile winder. She was the widow of P.L. Featherstone.

Surviving are three daughters, Nancy Rogers of Gastonia and Marsha Morrow and Barbara Franklin of Kings Mountain; one son, Gerald Lynn Featherstone of Chapel Hill; three sisters, Katie Yount of Belmont, Inez Ross of Mount Holly and Viola Cowan of Gary, Indiana; one brother, Rev. George Smith of Youngsville; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Sunset Lane Baptist Church in Bessemer City. Rev. Ronnie Hinson officiated. Burial was in Gaston Memorial Park in Gastonia.

AMY ROBINSON

Amy E. Robinson, 89, of Lewis Farm Rd., President of Oklahoma Presbyterian College for 20 years before her retirement in 1963 and a former missionary to Japan, died March 4, 1994 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late William A. and Hannah White Robinson.

She was a graduate of Flora McDonald College in Red Springs and Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Va. and completed graduate study at Bible Seminary in New York, at Duke University and at the University of North Carolina.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian College at Laurinburg named her Christian Educator of the Year. She was the first woman deacon at Long Creek Presbyterian Church and served as president of the Women of the Church and also as a former Sunday School teacher. She had been a member of the Long Creek Presbyterian Church for many years.

Miss Robinson, widely respected lay leader in the Presbyterian Church USA, had not confined her service to Oklahoma Presbyterian College. Evidence of her fellow citizens' regard for her came in 1960 when she was named Woman of the Year by the Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

Prior to her graduate study she taught high school Mathematics and Science. A later assignment was teaching five years at the Golden Castle College for Girls in Japan. When strained relations between the United States and Japan prevented a longer tour of duty, she taught Bible at Highland Institute

in Kentucky before moving to Durant, Oklahoma.

When asked about the inevitable problems connected with her type of work, Miss Robinson admitted there had been frustrations.

"But the satisfactions so far outweigh the problems that they seem almost negligible," she said.

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Robinson said in an interview after her retirement that many students came with language handicaps and with almost complete lack of confidence.

"For so many boys and girls," she explained, "OPC has been the only possible opportunity for education."

She is survived by one sister, Mary R. Lee of Chesapeake, Va.

The funeral was conducted Sunday at 3 p.m. at Harris Chapel by Rev. James Welch. Burial was in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Long Creek Presbyterian Church, Route 3 Box 941-A, Kings Mountain, 28086.

GENEVA J. RUDISILL

DALLAS - Geneva J. Rudisill, 82, died March 2, 1994 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

She was a native of Catawba County and a homemaker.

Surviving are seven sons, E. W. Rudisill of Lincolnton, Howard Rudisill Sr. of Gastonia, Fred Rudisill, Walter Rudisill, Roger Rudisill and Jimmy Rudisill, all of Dallas, and Johnny Rudisill of Bessemer City; five daughters, Mildred Dellinger of Dallas, Sarah Sisk, Gail Wilson and Martha Hovis, all of Lincolnton and Betty Hughes of Kings Mountain; one brother, Coy Rogers of Hickory; 23 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted March 4 at 2 p.m. at the Chapel of E. F. Drum Funeral Home in Lincolnton. Burial was in Hollybrook Cemetery in Lincolnton.

PATRICIA ANN MAUNEY

Patricia Ann Mauney, 37, of Yarbrow Rd., died March 1, 1994, at Cleveland Memorial Hospital in Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of Wilma Boyles Mauney of Kings Mountain and the late Earnest Mauney.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are two sons, Josh Shal of Kings Mountain and Jonathan Mauney of Blacksburg, SC; one brother, Gene Mauney of Blacksburg; and two sisters, Phyllis Jackson and Crystal Mauney, both of Kings Mountain.

The graveside service was conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery by Rev. Jerry Morrow.

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