

# Local people help family with Winter's medical bills

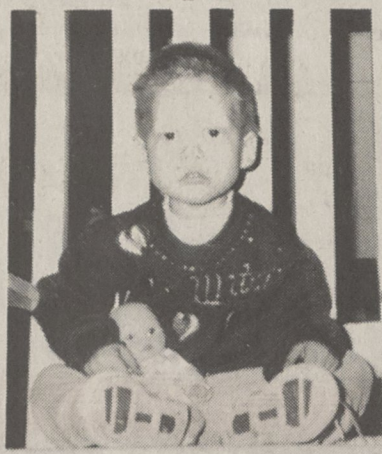
Her mother thinks that Winter Brackett, 3, who died of cancer August 15, may have been smiling with the angels Tuesday at the generosity of Kings Mountain people who helped the family with medical bills.

Sharon Brackett of Casar and Shirley Wells of Kings Mountain became friends at Kemet where both are employed.

Shirley's husband, Don, a race car enthusiast and Western Auto truck driver, got the idea to donate his miniature Western Auto race car autographed by Darrell Waldrep as the prize in a benefit to help their friends defray some of the mounting costs of medical bills.

Local people starting making donations at Plonk's General Store months before the child died of neuroblastoma.

Tuesday, Sharon received a



**WINTER BRACKETT**

cashier's check for \$576 from Wells who presented the car in a prize drawing to former Chamber of Commerce Secretary Lucille Williams.

Sharon's husband, Donavan, said the family is most appreciative of the love and support

of friends during Winter's illness which began on Friday, August 13, 1993, when she tumbled from a sofa at their home.

Before the fall, Winter was a happy, supposedly healthy toddler. Neither her parents nor the doctors knew that a tumor had been growing inside her body since birth. The fall ruptured the tumor which started on the child's right kidney.

"You just live every day to the fullest and don't worry about tomorrow," said Sharon, who is now the mother of a handsome little boy, D. J., seven months.

During the last months of their daughter's life, Sharon and her husband spent every minute with her and at her death bed they said they saw Winter reach her hands upward towards heaven.

"What are you reaching for?" asked her mother.

The toddler replied, "the angels."



Sharon Brackett, left, draws the lucky winner's ticket in a drawing Tuesday at Plonk's General Store that benefited her daughter who died August 15 of cancer. Don Wells, right, donated the miniature Western Auto race car which was won by Lucille Williams.

## Obituaries

### ERNEST L. DAVIS

MT. RANIER, MD. - Ernest L. Davis, 69, former resident of Kings Mountain, died October 28, 1994.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of the late Frank and Bessie Stepp Davis. He was a retired federal employee.

He is survived by a son, Bobby Davis of Taylors, SC; four daughters, Tina Miller of Silver Springs, MD, Cindy Carroll of Salem, VA, Darlene Bierman of Frederick, MD, and Joyce McCraven of Ft. Mill, SC; a brother, Carl Davis of Cherryville; and 18 grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted by Rev. John Futterer Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

### BLANCHE C. PATTERSON

Blanche Cobb Patterson, 89, of White Oak Manor, Kings Mountain, died November 1, 1994 at White Oak Manor.

A native of York, SC, she was a homemaker and the daughter of the late Smith Austin and Mary Eliza Burns Cobb. She was the wife of the late Boyce Patterson.

She was a member of Boyce Memorial A.R.P. Church.

She is survived by a son, Kelly Patterson of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Mrs. Frances Bachman of Juneau, Alaska and Mrs. Mary Lee Bridgeman of Kings Mountain; and six grandchildren, Sandra Testa, Michael Adams and Ann Goforth, all of Kings Mountain, Larry W. Adams of Charlotte, Kay White of Gastonia and Ted Bachman of Eagle River, Alaska.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Billy Barron Thursday at 11 a.m. at Boyce Memorial A.R.P. Church. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The family received friends Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home.

### W.T. CLARY

W.T. Clary, 56, 103 Falls Street, Kings Mountain, died October 29, 1994 at his home.

A native of Cherokee County, SC, he was the son of the late George Thomas and Ruth Collins Clary. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and retired owner of a tree service company.

He is survived by two brothers, Charles Clary of Bessemer City and Fred Clary of Gastonia; and four sisters, Maybelline Merck of Morganton, Christine Broome of Bessemer City, Juanita Ellison of Clarksburg, W. Va., and Annie Ruth Oliver of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Robert Pulkkinen Monday at 1 p.m. at Harris Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

### INEZ ROARK

GROVER - Inez "Bill" Montgomery Roark, 79, of Walnut Avenue, died October 27, 1994 at Cleveland Pines in Shelby.

A native of York County, SC, she was a retired textile worker. She was the daughter of the late J.C. and Ila Moss Childers and wife of the late Wilbur George Roark.

She is survived by a daughter, Cindy Montgomery Wisher and her husband, Dean, of Blacksburg, SC; two grandchildren, Tim and Summer Wisher of Blacksburg, SC; two brothers, Carl Childers of Kings Mountain and Fred Childers of Hickory Grove, SC; and three sisters, Lottie Montgomery of Columbia, SC, Effie Burns of Hickory Grove, SC, and Lilly Spencer of Smyrna, SC.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Scott Carpenter, James Sanders and John Bridges Saturday at 3 p.m. at Bethany Baptist Church. Burial was in Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery.

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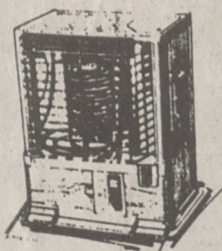
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THE TIE THAT BINDS  
BEYOND OUR PATHWAYS  
BEND THEN ENTERTWINS  
JUST A BREATH AWAY  
FROM THOSE YOU LOVE  
JUST ON STEP FROM EARTH  
TO HEAVEN ABOVE.  
YOUR RESTING NOW AND  
WAIT

UNTIL THE DAY,  
WHEN YOU REACH OUT AND  
GUIDE US CROSS THE WAY  
IN REMEMBRANCE OF ROSE  
McCART LEWIS WHO WAS  
TAKEN FROM US ONE YEAR  
AGO  
AND IS SADLY MISSED BY  
HER FAMILY.