

Obituaries



AUDREY P. DICKEY

Audrey Pulliam Dickey, 69, 415 Phifer Road, Kings Mountain, died November 14, 1994 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

A native of Forsyth County, she was the daughter of the late Roy C. and Mamie Tatum Pulliam, and wife of the late James J. Dickey. She was a home maker and a member of Central United Methodist Church.

She is survived by a son, Jimmy Dickey of Kings Mountain; a daughter, Mrs. Robin Shore of Charlotte; two sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Kretzer of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Gail Westbrook of W. Palm Beach, Fla.; and one grandchild.

A graveside service will be conducted by the Revs. Harold Schwantes and Dan Brooks Thursday at 11 a.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Central United Methodist Church, Kings Mountain, or to Holy Angels, Belmont.

CHARLES D. HAMBRIGHT

Charles Douglas Hambright, 52, 106 Williams Road, Kings Mountain, died November 13, 1994 at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte.

A native of Cherokee County, SC, he was the son of the late Robert E. and Lois Pennington Hambright. He was employed as a slicer attendant with Reeves Brothers Osage Plant for 26 years. He was a member of True Gospel Holiness Church of Kings Mountain, where he was a former Deacon and a member of the Business Board.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Joann Ramsey Hambright; a son, Charles D. Hambright Jr. of Clover, SC; a daughter, Susan H. Oliver of Kings Mountain; three brothers, Robert J. Hambright of Blacksburg, SC, Willie Hambright of Waco and Larry Hambright of Kings Mountain; six sisters, Lois Owenby of Mooresville, Shirley Wingard and Imogene Morrow of Kings Mountain, Brenda Gaddy of Grover, Mary Jones of Statesville, and Gloria Aldridge of Belmont; and a grandchild, Tamra B. Dover.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Jerry Morrow and Larry Lender Wednesday at 1 p.m. at True Gospel Holiness Church. Burial was in Clingman Memorial Cemetery in Blacksburg, SC. Pallbearers were Greg Hambright, Todd Hambright, Jamie Owenby, Jimmy McDaniel, Timmy Gaddy, Bill Ramsey, Gregory Reep and Jeff Heinbach.

GERALD EAKER

Gerald Eaker, 78, 103 Stoney Point, Kings Mountain, died November 14, 1994 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Lincoln County, he was the son of the late Lafayette Ivan and Myrtle Costner Eaker. He was a retired electrician with Foote Mineral and was a member of El Bethel United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lucille Pheagin Eaker; two sons, Jimmy Lawrence Eaker of Mocksville and Roger Dean Eaker of Shelby; a daughter, Mrs. Betty Jean Walker of Grover; three brothers, Ralph Eaker of Hickory and Boyce Eaker and Jack Eaker of Kings Mountain; three sisters, Mrs. Avis Bridges and Mrs. Ruth Mayhew of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Helen Warren of Hickory; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. David Greene Wednesday at 2 p.m. at El Bethel United Methodist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

JOHN M. CONNOR SR.

John Marcus Connor Sr., 84, of 123 Gold Run Court, Kings Mountain, died November 10, 1994 at his residence.

A native of Carteret County, he was a retired florist operator and a farmer.

He is survived by his son, John Connor of Kings Mountain; and two grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted by the Revs. Janet Buffloe and John Futterer Sunday at 3 p.m. at Biscoe Cemetery in Biscoe.

Memorials may be made to Page Memorial United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 88, Biscoe, NC 27209.

CURTIS HAMBRIGHT

GROVER - Curtis Lee Hambright, 83, of 810 Cleveland Avenue, died November 11, 1994 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Wofford and Josie Green Hambright. He was a retired textiles overseer, a Mason, and a member of Shiloh Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Adelia Turner Hambright; a son, Gary Hambright of Kings Mountain; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his son, Albert Lee Hambright.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Tim Lowery Sunday at 2 p.m. at Harris Chapel. Burial, with full Masonic rites, was in Grover Cemetery.

LUJEAN HARPER

CLOVER, SC - Mrs. Lujan Harper, 60, 203 Sunset Drive, died November 11, 1994 at her home.

A native of Cairo, GA, she was the daughter of the late Emmitt Roland and Gertrude Brock Roland. She was retired from Klear Knit in Clover.

She is survived by two sons, Don Harper and Rex Harper of Clover; a daughter, Mrs. Janice Welch of Kings Mountain, NC; two brothers, Sherwood Roland of Brunswick, GA and Arthur Roland of Sandy Hill, TN; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Chuck Baynard and Dale Thornburg Sunday at 2 p.m. at M.L. Ford & Sons Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was in Lakeview Memory Gardens.

ZELMA HORD

Miss Zelma Hord, 88, of White Oak Manor, died November 13, 1994 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late John Richard and Ella Whitworth Hord. She was a former school teacher and was retired from the Federal Reserve Bank in Charlotte.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews, including Betty Gamble of Kings Mountain and Jo Ann Bowen of Shelby; and three sisters, Evelyn Roberts of Shelby and Clara Gold and Ella Williamson of Charlotte.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. John Sloan Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Harris Chapel. Burial was at Waco Baptist Church Capernium Cemetery in Waco.

Memorials may be made to Waco Baptist Church, 262 N. Main St., Waco, NC 28169.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors for their many kindnesses during the illness and death of our beloved mother. We also want to thank the nurses at Kings Mountain Hospital and Dr. Thomas Durham and the staff of Kings Mountain Family Practice. The family of Ollie H. Conner



Laddy Sartin, front row, author of "Catfish Moon," was in the audience Saturday and pronounced his play a successful production of Kings Mountain Little Theatre. Second row, Punkin Higginbotham as Betty and Jim Champion as Gordon. Back row, Joe Hullender as Frog and David Jones as Curley.

Author of 'Catfish Moon' says KMLT play was hit

Laddy Sartin, the author of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre's most recent production, "Catfish Moon," was in the audience Saturday at Kings Mountain Woman's Club on the last evening of the show and pronounced it a hit.

The Rock Hill, SC actor and playwright and his wife, Anna, who teaches set designing at Winthrop University, their daughters, Mari Anna, 13, and Kathy, 6, obviously enjoyed the show. They laughed along with the crowd.

Sartin's acting is not limited to stage. Several weeks ago he had a walk-in role on "Matlock," the TV show which stars Andy Griffith and was entitled, "The Dare."

He played a used car dealer in "Down Home," another TV production.

As long as he can remember, Sartin has wanted to work in films. He graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1973. He met his wife doing a Shakespeare production in New York's Central Park. They formerly lived in Kannapolis where Sartin writes poetry and has a number of plays to his credit, including "Blessed Assurance," which was set in the Civil rights era in 1960. He is most proud of "Roses for Roy Lee" which won him a \$8,000 grant from N. C. Playwrights.

His whole family is involved in theater.

Sartin is working on a new play, "Reason of Mercy" about a Southern family with health problems. He is researching the role of caregivers to add to his plot about Alzheimers patients.

A native of Brookhaven, Ms., he likes to write about the South and many of his characters have Southern backgrounds. His poetry also has a Southern flavor.

Sartin says the hardest acting for an actor or actress to perform is one of total dialogue as evidenced by the four characters in "Catfish Moon." The audience is either held spellbound by the dialogue unfolding or are bored to tears.

Jim Champion, as Gordon, who falls in love with his best friend Frog's former wife, Betty, played by Punkin Higginbotham, and Betty's brother, Curley, the peacemaker, played by David Jones, and Joe Hullender as Frog, give professional performances in the story of three fishing buddies drawn back to the ole swimming hole where time stands still as they catch catfish.

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