

# Obituaries

**JAMES O. MERRITT SR.**  
James Oliver Merritt Sr., 60, of 134 East End Ave., died March 11, 1995 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

He was a native of Catawba County, son of the late Lawrence A. and Alma Mae Woody Merritt. He was employed by Texlon Plastics Inc. in Gastonia. He was a Navy veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Surviving are one son, James Oliver Merritt Jr. of Kings Mountain; two daughters, Vickie M. Austin and Teresa M. Deaton of Kings Mountain; and four grandchildren.

**CONNIE FARRIS**

Connie Jean Farris, 48, of 806 Unity Church Rd., died March 16, 1995 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Ironton, Ohio, she was the wife of Hershell Farris of Kings Mountain and daughter of the late Raymond and Jean Dillow Blagg. She was Baptist.

She was retired from Danaher Tool Group.

Also surviving are two sons, Michael and Mark Farris of Kings Mountain; one daughter, Angela Farris of Kings Mountain; one brother, Raymond Blagg of Columbus, OH; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. at Harris Chapel by Rev. W. H. Calvert. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Gaston County, Box 3984, Gastonia, 28053 or Danagher Tool Employee Welfare Fund, Box 1698, Gastonia, 28053.

**DENNIS G. BEATTY**

**LAWDALE** - Dennis Gold Beatty, 50, 131 Latham Wilson Road, died March 18, 1995 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of Oree Terry Beatty of Kings Mountain and the late Therman Gold Beatty. He was owner and operator of Medi-Fare Drug, Grover, and was a graduate of the North Carolina School of Pharmacy at Chapel Hill. He was a member of Fallston Baptist Church where he was a deacon and Sunday School teacher for Youth grades 9-12.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Janice Bridges Beatty of Lawndale; a son, Brian Beatty of the home; daughter and son-in-law, Sherri and Paul Weeks of Lawndale; two brothers, Norris Beatty and Larry Beatty of Shelby; three sisters, Deloris Curry, Anita Beatty and Rita Stafford of Kings Mountain; and a granddaughter, Morgan Elizabeth Weeks.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. Bill Jordan Monday at 2 p.m. at Fallston Baptist Church. Burial was in El Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made to Fallston Baptist Church, P.O. Box 116, Fallston, NC 28042.

**CARD OF THANKS**

The family of Lula Logan Hardin acknowledges with grateful appreciation all the kind expressions of sympathy shown to our family during the loss of our beloved mother. A special thank you is extended to all Grover Rescue Squad members and the emergency room staff at Cleveland Memorial Hospital for their quick response and very professional care given to our mother last Wednesday. It means so much to us to know we have so many wonderful friends. May God bless you.

Lula Logan Hardin Family

**WILLIAM HUNTSINGER**  
William Collet Huntsinger, 76, 2454 Countyline Road, Kings Mountain, died March 19, 1995 at his home after an extended illness.

He was a native of Cleveland County and son of the late Collet and Dora Arrowood Huntsinger. He was a member of East Gold Street Wesleyan Church and a U.S. Army veteran serving in the Phillipine Islands during World War II. He was a renowned brick-mason and owner-operator of several service garages in Kings Mountain until he retired. He was preceded in death by a son, Gene Huntsinger.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Gregory Huntsinger of the home; two sons, Arnold Huntsinger of Wilmington and Rick Huntsinger of Gastonia; a daughter, Geraldine Beam of Kings Mountain; a daughter-in-law, Jan Huntsinger of Kings Mountain; three brothers, Garland Huntsinger and Arnold Huntsinger of Bessemer City and Elmer Huntsinger of Kings Mountain; a sister, Faye Fraley of Hickory; seven grandchildren, Mark, David, Chad, Todd and Emily Huntsinger, and Rodney and Rhonda Beam; and three great-grandchildren, Allen-Michael, Alexander and Harrison Beam.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Harold Bumby Tuesday at 2 p.m. at East Gold Street Wesleyan Church. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

**WILLIAM W. COBB**

**SHELBY** - William W. "Bill" Cobb, 62, 5103 Canterbury Road, died March 20, 1995 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of Mrs. Floy Jolly Cobb of Cherryville and the late Roddy Lee Cobb. He was employed by Hoechst Celanese Corp. and was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. He attended Faith Baptist Church.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Edith Gordon Cobb; three sons, Scott Cobb, Gary B. Cobb and Gordon Derek Cobb, all of Shelby; two daughters-in-law, Katherine Cobb and Shelia Cobb, both of Shelby; three brothers, Roddy Lee Cobb Jr. of Shelby, Jessie Belton Cobb of Chesnee, SC, and Z.O. "Toad" Cobb of Mooresboro; three sisters, Corine White of Crouse, Tessie Eunice McHaffey of Chesnee, SC, and Belvie McCraw of Shelby; and five grandchildren, Austin Cobb, Erika Cobb, Holly Cobb, Lindsey Hamrick and Robbie Hamrick.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Barry Goodman Thursday at 2 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

**LULA L. HARDIN**

Lula Logan Hardin, 76, 1932 Bethlehem Road, Kings Mountain, died March 15, 1995 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late John Jackson and Susie Sellers Logan. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Elmer Hardin of Kings Mountain; three sons, David Hardin and John Hardin of Kings Mountain and Robert Hardin of Grover; a daughter, Mrs. Lynda Hardin Stewart of Kings Mountain; a brother, Albert Logan of Blacksburg, SC; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. John Sloan and Rev. Morris Jordan Saturday at 11 a.m. at Harris Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

**MARY H. HESTER**  
**SHELBY** - Mary Hancock Hester, 81, of 820 Earl Rd., Apt. 8-D, died March 16, 1995 at home.

A native of Kings Mountain, she was the daughter of A. C. and Barbara Ann Van Dyke Hancock. She was a member of Second Baptist Church of Cherryville and a retired employee of Shoney's Restaurant.

She was also preceded in death by her son, James D. Carroll of Cherryville and her daughter, Brenda C. Marcos of California.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Gladys Page and Mrs. Glenna Beal, both of Shelby; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

The graveside service was conducted March 18 at 2 p.m. at City Cemetery in Cheryville by Rev. Dale Angel.

Memorials may be made to Shelby Rescue Squad, 827 W. Marion St., Shelby, 28150 or Nursery, Second Baptist Church, 201 Houser St., Cherryville, 28021.

**CHUCK BOLTON**

Robert Charles "Chuck" Bolton, 35, of 3008 E. Ocean View, Norfolk, Va., died March 17, 1995.

He was a native of Kings Mountain, son of Robert "Pete" Bolton of Kings Mountain and Clara Shirley Bolton of Virginia Beach, Va. He was the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Buren Bolton of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Farah Yeargin of Anderson, SC.

An employee of Norfolk Motors in Norfolk, Va., he was a member of Taylor Baptist Church in Gastonia. He served in the United States Army.

Surviving, in addition to his parents and grandparents, are one daughter, Keshi Bolton of Lincolnton; and one sister, Linda Carpenter of Virginia Beach.

The funeral will be conducted Thursday at 2 p.m. at Harris Chapel by Rev. Edward Bolton. Burial will be in Freedom Baptist Church Cemetery.

**JOE T. COSTNER**

Joe Tillman Costner, 63, of 5501 Peeler St., Shelby, died March 21, 1995 at home.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the husband of Donna Nixon Costner and the son of the late Paul W. and Daisy Weaver Costner. He was employed by Cleveland Memorial Hospital in Shelby.

He served in the Korean and Vietnam Wars with 24 years service in the United States Air Force.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two sons, Patrick Brian Costner of Pueblo, CO and Christopher Matthew Costner of Shelby; and one brother, Paul Costner of Florida.

The graveside service will be conducted Friday at 3 p.m. in Veterans Gardens of Mountain Rest Cemetery. Rev. Glenn Ward will officiate.

The family will receive friends Thursday night from 7-8:30 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home.

## Sign ordinance on P&Z agenda

A long-awaited sign ordinance is expected to be finalized by the Planning and Zoning Board Thursday night before presentation to the city board of commissioners.

The sign ordinance has been in the works for months.

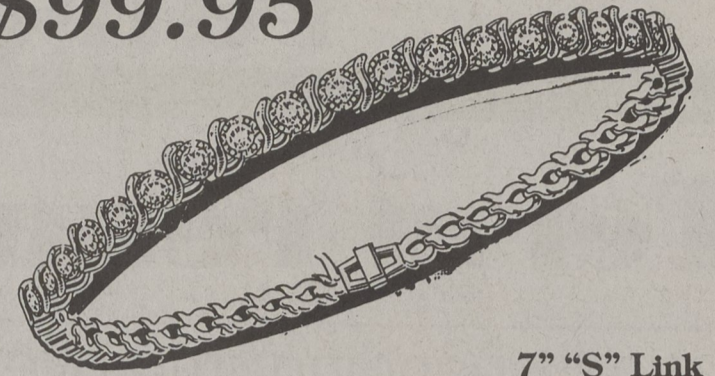
In other business of Thursday's 7 p.m. meeting at City Hall, the board will consider a rezoning request from Alltel Communications of the Carolinas Inc.

## Kings Mountain Weather Report

	March 15-21	Year Ago
Total precipitation	.43	.01
Maximum one day	.43 (20th)	.01 (21st)
Year to date	15.24	12.52
Minimum temperature	37 (18th)	29 (16th)
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