

## Obituaries

### RUTH HOYLE RANDLE

Ruth Hoyle Randle, 62, 631 Bethlehem Road, Kings Mountain, died May 5, 1995 at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Clarence Pinkney and Flavie Cosner Hoyle. She was retired from North Elementary School and was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Howard Randle; four sons, Rev. Dale Randle of Macon, Ga., Larry Randle of Grover, and Hoyle Randle and Tony Randle of Kings Mountain; two brothers, R.P. Hoyle and Bill Hoyle of Shelby; four sisters, Montrose Repleski of Miami, FL and Marjorie Greene, Martha Hamrick and Lois Smith of Shelby; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Harold Beam and Russell Fitts Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

### OLEY MORGAN

Oley E. Morgan, 70, 126 Grey Drive, Kings Mountain, died May 4, 1995 at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

A native of Brice, W. Va., he was the son of the late Walter and Annie Atlizer Morgan, and husband of the late Ruth Toney Morgan. He was retired from Vulcan Material and was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He is survived by six daughters, Mrs. Darlene Sullivan of Stafford, Va., Dorrene Hampton of Cowpens, S.C., Connie Belford of Margate, Fla., Charlotte Seay and Mary Smith of Kings Mountain, and Brenda Godwin of Cherryville; a sister, Wilda Morgan of Oceana, W. Va.; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Bob Belford Saturday at 11 a.m. at Harris Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

### THOMAS C. PRESLAR

NORWOOD - Thomas Cephus "T.C." Preslar, 53, 42001 Loop Road, died May 2, 1995 at Stanly Memorial Hospital in Albemarle.

A native of Stanly County, he was the son of Mrs. Edna Smith Preslar of Norwood and the late Thomas Clyde Preslar. He was retired from the N.C. Department of Corrections and was a member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his son, Tommy Preslar.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Carolyn Greene Preslar of the home; three daughters, Mrs. Angie Preslar Peele and Mrs. Lisa Preslar Thurston of Albemarle and Mrs. Pamela Preslar Caudle of Norwood; a brother, Lee Preslar of Albemarle; two sisters, Mrs. Sybil Preslar Mabry of Albemarle and Mrs. Gail Preslar Tucker of Norwood; and three grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted by Dr. Sherman B. Warner and Rev. Frank Gordon Thursday at 2 p.m. at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church. The body will lie in state for 30 minutes. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 40468 South Stanly School Road, Norwood, NC.

### KENNETH PUTNAM

GROVER - Kenneth Putnam, 42, 111 Brookwood Drive, died May 6, 1995 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of Mary Sue B. Putnam of Grover and the late William Franklin Putnam. He was employed by Eaton Corporation and was a member of First Baptist Church.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Karen Batchler Putnam of Grover; a daughter, Karen Michelle Putnam of Shelby; a brother, Harold David Putnam of Blacksburg, SC; and a sister, Sheila White of Gaffney, SC.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. John Bridges Monday at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Burial was in Grover Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 237, Grover, NC 28073.

### PATSY GREENE DYER

Pasty Greene Dyer, 46, 114 Luther Road, Kings Mountain, died May 6, 1995 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of Mrs. Pauline Mauney Greene of Kings Mountain and the late Theron Greene. She was a homemaker and member of Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her son, James Ronald Dyer of Gastonia; and two sisters, Janet G. Ledbetter of Shelby and Caroline Preslar of Norwood.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Mitchell Pruitt and Dale Thornburg Monday at 4 p.m. at Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

### STEPHEN L. PARTON

GASTONIA - Stephen Lynwood Parton, 76, formerly of 508 South Hanna St., died May 8, 1995 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Waynesville, he was the son of the late High Roscoe and Ethel Woody Parton. He moved to Kings Mountain as a young boy and attended Kings Mountain Schools.

He served in World War II with the Thirtieth Division "Old Hickory," participating in the Normandy Invasion, the Battle of the Bulge as well as the campaigns at Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe. Following active service, he joined the N.C. Air National Guard, retiring with the rank of Master Sergeant. He remained active in the Thirtieth Division Association.

He was employed with Aker's Motor Lines for 27 years. After retirement, he worked at Gaston Memorial Hospital. He was an active member of First A.R.P. Church of Gastonia, where he served as a Deacon, Scoutmaster, Men's Bible Class and the "Keen-Agers."

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Pauline Coon Parton of Carolina Care Cottages in Cherryville; his daughter, Mrs. Lynda Parton Ellestad of Columbia, Maryland; two grandchildren, Stephen and Laura Ellestad of Columbia, Md.; and a sister, Mrs. Selena P. Trott of Kings Mountain; two nieces and a great niece and nephew.

The funeral will be conducted by Dr. John Carson, Dr. Harry T. Schutte and Rev. Bob Patrick

Thursday at 2 p.m. at First A.R.P. Church. Entombment will be in Gaston Memorial Mausoleum with full military honors.

Memorials may be made to First A.R.P. Church, 317 S. Chester St., Gastonia, NC 28052.

### DAVID W. PETERSON

GROVER - David Woodrow Peterson, 64, 772 M.H. Camp Highway, died May 8, 1995 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

A native of York County, SC, he was the son of the late Samuel and Nuna Bolton Peterson. He was retired from Blythe Brothers of Charlotte where he was a Health Equipment Operator.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Martin Peterson of Blacksburg, SC; a son, Jerry C. Peterson of Blacksburg; a brother, Jake Peterson of Blacksburg; five sisters, Louise Moore of Kings Mountain, Nellie Wylie of Grover, Shirley Rudisille of Gastonia, Hazel Holland of Blacksburg and Thelma Peterson of Clover, SC; one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

A graveside service will be conducted by the Rev. Tim Lowery Thursday at 11 a.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

### Card of Thanks

I want to thank the many friends for their flowers and kind expressions of sympathy at the death of my friend, Whitey Whiteside.  
Wilma Fulton

## Norma Cissell remembered

A somber group of Kings Mountain High School students, teachers and other friends of the late Norma Lou Cissell were challenged by Rev. Billy Houze to "celebrate" her life, not mourn her, at a memorial service Thursday afternoon in B. N. Barnes Auditorium.

Yellow long-stemmed roses were placed by friends in a basket on the stage of the auditorium prior to the worship service. A memorial table in the lobby of the auditorium held a family portrait of Mrs. Cissell and her two children.

Speakers on the program, two students and two teachers, reflected on Cissell's life and said the 45-year-old teacher left abruptly after a short illness with cancer but lasting memories remain.

Donna Russ, who had taught with Cissell for 10 years, recalled that Mrs. Cissell had wanted to teach school since she was a kindergarten student and had worked hard to achieve her goal.

"I told Norma Lou that with her love for country music, her name and her upbringing in Kentucky that she should have been a country music singer," said Russ.

"Norma, in typical Norma good humor fashion, responded that the main reason was that she wanted to be a teacher and the other reason was that she could not sing."

Russ said that Cissell sent a message to her students to continue their education, have a plan and overcome obstacles.

Cissell, the oldest of five children, set her goal as a child to complete her education despite the obstacles.



NORMA CISSELL

William Towery called Cissell a "second Mom" and a "Big Sister" and recited his original poem. Nikki Gladden said that Cissell listened to students and kept her sense of humor.

English teacher Nelson Connor shared the remarks that he had made at Cissell's funeral April 20 in Elizabethtown, Ky and said that Cissell's love for her children, J. B.

and Becky, the other members of her family and her students was unconditional.

"She was grateful for life, gave the individual attention that students need and was always smiling," he said.

Connor closed his remarks with the Serenity Prayer.

Houze, a member of the Board of Education and a minister, said that he became acquainted with Mrs. Cissell when she taught at Grover Elementary School. He said Cissell had taught in every school in the system, except the present Middle School.

"I first noticed her rapport with kids when I saw her square dancing with a group of elementary children at a Grover Spring Fest," said Houze.

Houze said that her "beautiful spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her."

Sherry Young accompanied The Kings Revue in "Maybe Someday." The taped rendition by Linda Ronstadt, "Goodbye My Friend," was featured with the closing "Taps" by Laura Smith.

## Kings Mountain Weather Report

(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

	Apr. 25-May 9	Year Ago
Total precipitation	2.87	1.82
Maximum one day	1.59 (9)	1.10 (3)
Year to date	19.05	20.57
Minimum temperature	40 (2)	45 (2, 5, 8)
Maximum temperature	83 (8)	87 (26)
Average temperature	63.3	65.2

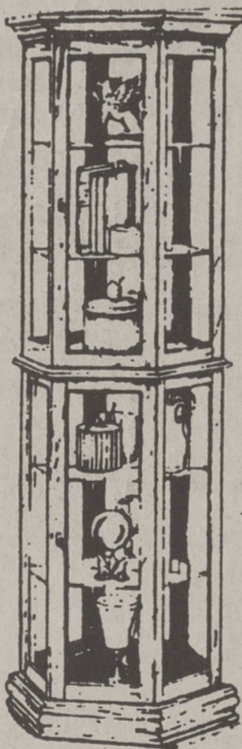
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