

Obituaries



ESSIE B. EARP

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Essie Bowman Earp, 97, a resident of Country Time Inn, Kings Mountain, died July 6, 1996 at Country Time Inn.

A native of Alexander County, she was the daughter of the late Jason and Nora Frye Bowman, and wife of the late William Alexander Earp. She was a retired textile worker and a member of First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, and the 3 B's Sunday School Class.

She is survived by her son, Charles A. Earp of Charlotte; stepson, Sid Earp of Charlotte; daughters, Helen Alexander of Kings Mountain and Ada Wiley of Lake Wylie, SC; brothers, J.D. Bowman of Hickory, Mack K. Bowman of Brooklyn, Maryland, and Belmar R. Bowman of Glen Burnie, Maryland; sisters, Chancy Bowman of Taylorsville and Mae Canipe of Vale; 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son, Harold Earp.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. John Sloan Monday at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 605 W. King Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

ROGER C. CHATMAN SR.

Roger Carl Chatman, 47, 104 Dyer Street, Shelby, died July 7, 1996 in an industrial accident at Reliance Electric in Kings Mountain.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of Tommy Carl and Minnie Ruth Chapman Chatman. He was a U.S. Army veteran and was employed by Reliance Electric.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Susan Dayton Chatman of the home; sons, Roger Carl Chatman Jr. of Shelby and Michael Chatman of the home; daughter, Nikki Chatman of the home; sisters, Evelyn Stroupe of Waco and Norma Jo Deaton of Mooresboro; nephews, T.A. Stroupe of Waco and Randall Deaton of Shelby; nieces, Donna Stroupe of England and Cindy Hogston of Roxboro; great-nephew, Zachary Deaton; and great-niece, Austin Hogston.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. Donald McSwain and the Rev. Richard Dycus Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Shelby Missionary Methodist Church. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

CLAUDE HARMON

Claude Vestor Harmon, 83, 4934 East Dixon Blvd., Kings Mountain, died July 8, 1996 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late T.A. and Ollie Whisenant Harmon. He was retired owner and operator of Harmon's General Store. He was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Shelby, where he was former secretary, treasurer and deacon.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Lester Harmon and Hubert Harmon, and two sisters, Rutha Dover and Tula Wilson.

He is survived by his wife, Johnnie L. Harmon of Kings Mountain; a son, Jack Harmon of Kings Mountain; and one grandchild.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Michael Butzberger and Wray Barrett Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Pleasant Hill Church Road, Shelby, NC 28150.

HILLARD THRIFT JR.

Hillard Thrift Jr., 46, 3419 Fallston Road, Shelby, died July 9, 1996 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of Genelle Ross Thrift of Shelby and the late Hillard Thrift Sr. He was a U.S. Army veteran and was employed as an electrician with Hal Lee Electric Construction.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his son, Robert Thrift and daughter-in-law Wendy of Kings Mountain; son, Chris Thrift of Golden Valley; daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Mark Cash of Grover; brothers, Richard Thrift, Roger Dale Thrift and Bobby Thrift of Shelby and J.T. Thrift of Kings Mountain; and grandchildren, Zachary Thrift, Cori Thrift, and Cierra Cash.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Mike Butzberger Thursday at 2 p.m. at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

ONAS CLARA HOLLAND

Onas Clara Holland, 78, 109 Colonial Drive, Kings Mountain, died July 7, 1996 at her home.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Jimmy Mack Short and Rosennie Benfield Short. She was a housewife.

She is survived by her husband, Henry Leroy Holland; son, Steve Owens of Kings Mountain; daughters, Brenda Williams and Shirley Black of Kings Mountain; brothers, Arnold Short of Kings Mountain and Fred Short of Clio, Michigan; sisters, Edna Proctor of Kings Mountain and Naomi Benfield of York, SC; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Gene Grigg Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

MAYNARD M. CAMP

Maynard Matthew Camp, 55, 537

Stony Point Road, Kings Mountain, died July 4, 1996 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of Maggie Phillips Cabe of Kings Mountain and the late Matthew Evans Camp. He was a carpenter.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by five sons, Tommy Camp, Danny Camp, Richard Camp, Clifford Camp, and Cain Camp, all of Kings Mountain; a daughter, Angelia Taylor of Kings Mountain; three sisters, Christine Chapman, Hazel Smith and Juanita Smith, all of Kings Mountain; and four grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Jerry Griggs Sunday at 2 p.m. at New Camp Creek Church Cemetery.

ROBERT W. BROOKS

Robert Wilson Brooks, 32, 301 St. Luke's Church Road, Kings Mountain, died July 4, 1996 at Richland Memorial Hospital, Columbia, SC.

A native of Gastonia, he was a graduate of East Carolina University. He was employed as an inside sales representative with Globe Manufacturing Co. and was an active member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

He is survived by his wife, Jill Plonk Brooks of the home; his parents, Bill C. and Nan Yoder Brooks of Gastonia; two brothers, Jon Brooks of Glen Alpine and Philip Brooks of Clover, SC; and his grandmother, Mrs. Louise Weaver Yoder Huss of Gastonia.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Rammy E. Lybrand Monday at 11 a.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Burial was in St. Luke's Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Faulkner, Mac Cable, Rick Goins, Tony Wiggins, Jay Ledford, Mark Fowler, Mark Williams and Eric Nesheim.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Nashville, TN 37202; or The Caring House, 2800 Colonial Drive, Columbia, SC 29203.

GRACE W. ROBINSON

Mrs. Grace Whitworth Robinson, 82, 154 Racine Drive, Cherryville, died July 8, 1996 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late James Andrew and Sarah Frances Black Whitworth, and wife of the late Joe Eaker and the late Carver Robinson.

She was a retired textile worker and a member of Northside Baptist Church.

She is survived by her niece, Frances Ward of Cherryville; and her dear friend, Sylvia Deveney of Shelby.

She was preceded in death by her brother, John Olin Whitworth; and her sister, Lucille Whitesides.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Stanley Webb Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Northside Baptist Church. Burial was in Capernaum Cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank everyone for the kindness and consideration extended to us during our time of sorrow.

Sincerely,
The Family of Patricia Ann Moore

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in a pharmacology lab in the summer of 1994 and completed undergraduate research on Herpes Simplex Virus in 1995 for college credit.

Douan, who spent the July 4th holiday with her parents, said the memories came flooding back recently after their home on S. Battleground Avenue burned.

"That was the second time we had lost almost all our possessions to fire and it made me appreciate my parents more because it seems they have always had to start over with their lives and did," she said.

"Their first beginning was their decision to leave their native land and come to freedom in America."

Douan hid under bushes in Laos with her father and a paid escape assistant. She said the silence was deafening and the darkness blinding. She said she whispered to her father, "What are we doing?" He responded, "playing hide and seek."

In the Communist Party's efforts to overthrow the former government, they imprisoned people who previously worked for the royal family, including her grandfather. Many people, including doctors, had fled the Communist hotspots. Chantay was given 48 hours notice to evacuate and Douan was left behind with her grandmother who was in her sixth month of pregnancy. In her efforts to feed her remaining five children, the woman fell and hemorrhaged. Even though there were no blood banks, the nurse performed surgery. A nephew sought help from a doctor but it was past the curfew imposed in the neighborhood and the man was imprisoned. Douan's grandmother was left to die with her baby boy.

"I am angry at the nurse and the Communist Party and I seem to remember this event even as a child hearing my parents talk about it," she said.

Douan said she decided as a young child that she wanted to help other people and take medicine and a doctor's knowledge to the less fortunate.

She said she has had to work twice as hard as her peers, overcoming the language and cultural barrier and at the same time facing unwelcomed greetings from some Americans. Her experience, she says, has made her more ambitious and determined to succeed and with dedication she feels she will be a valuable member of the medical community.

Douan hopes to get some practice in Jamaica with the Peace Corps after three months training in Kingston. She is among 97 North Carolinians serving overseas and there are currently 6,529 Peace Corps volunteers serving in 93 countries worldwide.

Are her parents excited about their only child moving to another country?

Chantay, who is employed by Commercial Intertech, and Di Di, who teaches at Carolina Beauty College in Gastonia and is employed at Belair Health Care in Gastonia, support their daughter's goals.

Cleveland County bloodmobiles set

Sandi Bolick, Director of Blood Services for the Cleveland County Chapter of the American Red Cross, has announced the following bloodmobile schedule:

July
19 - Cleveland Mall, 1:30-6:30 p.m., goal 60 pints.

21 - Poplar Springs Baptist Church, 12:30-5 p.m., goal 50.

25 - First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, 1:30-6 p.m., goal 50 pints.

August
6 - Shelby Presbyterian Church, 1:30-6 p.m., goal 50 pints.

26 - YMCA, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 20 pints.

September
11 - Cleveland Community College, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., goal 50.

26 - First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, 1:30-6 p.m., goal 40.

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