

**Obituaries**



**JOHN M. CHAPMAN**  
John Michael Chapman, 14, 406 Alan Drive, Kings Mountain, died July 26, 1996 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of David Lee and Elayne Sluder Chapman. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, John F. Chapman.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his brother, David Bruce Chapman of the home; sister, Holly Chapman of the home; paternal grandmother, Gladys Chapman of Cherryville; maternal grandmother, Brenda Sluder of Cherryville; maternal grandfather, Russell Sluder of Alexander; and maternal great-grandparents, Carl and Lou Bailey Sluder of Alexander.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Jimmy Painter, Johnny Peacock, Mike Camp and Harold Camp Monday at 3 p.m. at Carpenter's Funeral Home. Burial was in City Memorial Cemetery, Cherryville.

Memorials may be made to Cherryville Shrine Club, P.O. Box 451, Cherryville, NC 28021.

**DOROTHY PAYNE**  
Dorothy Goins Payne, 70, 111 Beech Lane, Kings Mountain, died July 30, 1996 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Clyde E. and Pearl Short Goins, and wife of the late Roy Lee Payne. She was a retired textile worker and a member of Missionary Methodist Church, Kings Mountain.

She is survived by a companion, James Fletcher; brother, Roy Goins of Patterson Springs; and sisters, Pernel Patterson, Thelma Bridges and Inez Bradford of Kings Mountain, Ruth Putnam, Sadie Mae Taylor and Bertha Goins of Shelby, and Vera Davis of Shenandoah, VA.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Howard Hardin Thursday at 4 p.m. at Missionary Methodist Church. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

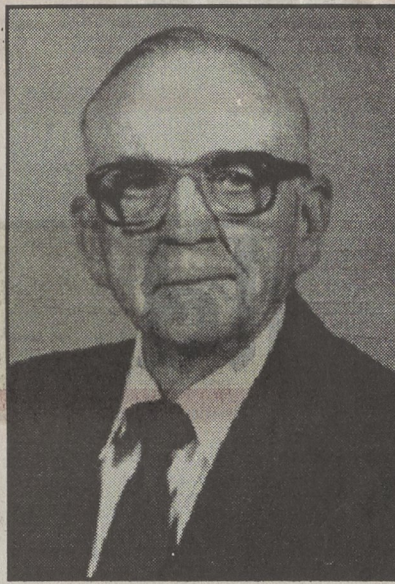
**LLOYD GILLESPIE**  
Lloyd V. Gillespie Sr., 61, 204 Benfield Road, Kings Mountain, died July 21, 1996 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center, Shelby.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late Vester Gillespie and Georgia Johnson Gillespie. He was a textile worker and attended Faith Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Barnett Gillespie of Kings Mountain; sons and daughters-in-law, Vernon and Peggy Gillespie of Kings Mountain and Kenneth and Kim Gillespie of Alberdine, South Dakota; daughters and sons-in-law, Freida and Ricky Ramsey and Tammy and Scott Scruggs of Kings Mountain; brother, Bailey Gillespie of Spindale; sisters, Peggy Jackson and Lana Hoppis of Forest City; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Sam Snyder and J.R. Robbins Wednesday, July 24, 1996 at Faith Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



**WRAY A. PLONK SR.**  
Wray A. Plonk Sr., 80, 1956 County Line Road, Kings Mountain, died July 25, 1995 at Gaston Memorial Hospital in Gastonia.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the fourth son of Clarence S. and Ellen Patterson Plonk. He was a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church.

He received his early education in Cleveland County Schools and graduated from Kings Mountain High School. He attended N.C. State University.

He was a charter member of Kings Mountain Lions Club. He served as an ASC Community Committeeman. He was named a Merit Award Winner in the Conservation Awards Program in 1993 and served on the North Carolina Farm Bureau Field Corps Advisory Committee.

He worked in the Sales Department of Foust Textiles for a number of years.

He is survived by his wife, Alma Putnam Plonk of Kings Mountain; son, Wray A. Plonk Jr. of Kings Mountain; daughters, Sandra Plonk Bumgardner and Linda Plonk Jester of Kings Mountain and Jeanne Plonk Beam of Cherryville; brothers, Zeb Plonk, Hal S. Plonk, Dr. George Plonk and John B. Plonk of Kings Mountain; sisters, Margaret Plonk Isley of Burlington and Clara Plonk Politis of Ann Arbor, MI; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Paul Abbe Sunday at 4 p.m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church. Burial was in St. Luke Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Resurrection Lutheran Church, 600 Crescent Circle, Kings Mountain, NC 28086; or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**DEAN HOPE SR.**  
GROVER - Dean Hope Sr., 80, 2037 South Post Road, died July 25, 1996 at his home.

A native of Gaffney, SC, he was the son of the late Thomas Lee and Alice Wise Hope. His wife was the late Helen Spake Hope.

He was retired from Celanese Corporation in Earl and was a member of Shiloh Presbyterian Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Thomas D and Linda Hope of Huntersville; daughters, Jackie Bennett of Grover and Vickie Hope of Shelby; daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Jerry Blalock of Kings Mountain; sister, Estelle Tessener of Charlotte; grandchildren, Amy Hope, Meralie Hope, Trip Hope, Reggie Blalock, Mike Blalock, Lori Blalock, Jonathan Blalock, Martha Allen, Tee Bennett, Lynn Falls, Dude Bennett and Mona Bennett; and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Nancy Mugford Saturday at 11 a.m. at Shiloh Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Grover Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Shiloh Presbyterian Church, Cleveland Avenue, Grover, NC 28073.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**BETTY OWENS**  
Betty Lunsford Owens, 80, 107 Quality Lane, Kings Mountain, died July 24, 1996 at Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gastonia.

She was the daughter of the late Rastus and Melinda Massey Lunsford, and sister of the late Loyd and Dollman Lunsford. She was a retired homemaker. She was born on July 5, 1916, in Maryville, LA.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Owens, Gastonia Village Assisted Living Center; son, Jack Owens, Mexico; daughters, Billie Farris, Kings Mountain, Jean Moss, Matthews; grandchildren, Keia Owens, Kings Mountain, Luke Owens, Gastonia, Karla Burnett, Spartanburg, Michael Smith, Pilot Mountain, Mark Smith, Kings Mountain, Lee Farris, Kings Mountain, Richard Moss, Beverly Rowell and Linda Cates, Charlotte; great-grandchildren, Michael and Marcus Owens, Gastonia, Jay Myers, Spartanburg, Paul Erech Farris, Kings Mountain, Laurin, Kelly and Justin Moss, Candace, Sarah, and Laura Rowell, and Megan and Abbey Cates of Charlotte.

A private memorial service was held on July 26 at Greene Funeral Service Westside Chapel. Rev. Eugene Land officiated.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice, or to Kings Mountain Second Baptist Church Building Fund.

**MARY TEAT**  
Mary Lee Smith Teat, 70, 921 Linwood Road, Kings Mountain, died July 24, 1996 at her home.

A native of Cherokee Falls, SC, she was the daughter of the late John Henry and Hettie Black Smith, and wife of the late Vernon R. Teat. She was a retired textile worker and a member of South Gastonia Church of God.

She was preceded in death by her son, John Roscoe "Rocky" Teat.

She is survived by three daughters, Sue Laughridge of Troutman and Pam Lewis and Julie Ann Teat of Kings Mountain; a grandson, Timothy Neill of Troutman; and 21 nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Ray Loftis and Bobby Gilley Saturday at 11 a.m. at South Gaston Church of God. Burial was in Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**MABLE McDONALD**  
Mable Ann Whitaker McDonald, 76, 1500 North Post Road, Apt. 9, Shelby, died July 29, 1996 at Cleveland Pines Nursing Center.

A native of Mecklenburg County and former resident of Bessemer City, she was the daughter of the late Alonzo Whitaker and Fannie Mae Parker Whitaker. She was a homemaker and a member of First Wesleyan Church, Bessemer City.

She was the wife of the late Joseph T. McDonald.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Gregory and Pat McDonald of Shelby; grandchildren, Bucky McDonald, Stephanie and Rick Wirth, and Kimberly and Tim Griffin; great-grandchildren, Richard Griffin, Josh Griffin and Elizabeth Griffin; sister, Katherine and Wilber Lynch, Grier, SC; nieces and nephews, Marlene Abernathy, Kathy Lynch, Johnny Lynch, Larry Lynch and Ricky Lynch.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Carroll Henderson Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Sisk-Butler Funeral Home.

Sisk-Butler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**PATRICIA SENTER**  
GROVER - Mrs. Patricia Ann Senter, 45, 114 Penance Lane, died July 29, 1996 at Duke University Medical Center.

A native of Heywood County, she was the daughter of Henry E. and Maxine Rogers Nichols of Grover. She was retired from Newport News, VA Schools where she worked for 21 years, and was a member of Victory Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her husband, Scotty Senter of the home; son, Scotty Dean Senter of the home; brother, Rev. Henry E. Nichols Jr. of Grover; and sister, Donna Kay Nichols Boone of Grover.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. G. Thornton Hall of Hampton, VA Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Victory Baptist Church. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**JEFFERY TROXEL**  
BLACKSBURG, SC - Jeffery "Jess" S. Troxel, 33, died July 27, 1996 at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

A native of Charlotte, he was employed as a cosmetologist.

Survivors are parents, Charles Edward Troxel of Wisconsin and Hazel Thrift Head of Maryland; stepmother, Shasta Troxel of Wisconsin; special friend, Brian; brothers, Timothy E. Troxel of Ft. Mill, SC, Trent Troxel of Rock Hill, Michael David Troxel of Maryland and Neil Troxel of Wisconsin; sisters, Cindy T. Brown of Kings Mountain, Dana Troxel of Georgia and Suzette Troxel of Wisconsin; grandmothers, Pauline Kimbrell of Kings Mountain and Flossie Troxel of Wisconsin; stepgrandmother, Helen Beck of Rock Hill, SC; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Bob Hope Wednesday, July 31 at 2 p.m. at Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**CARRIE GREENE**  
BOILING SPRINGS - Mrs. Carrie Evelyn Greene, 73, Greene Avenue, died July 26, 1996 at Anderson Area Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Lawrence and Patia Greene. She was retired from Mauney Hosiery Mill, Kings Mountain, and was a member of Boiling Springs Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughters, Miss Johnnie Greene of Anderson, SC, and Tina Murray and husband Robert of Lattimore; sisters, Ann Bridges of Boiling Springs and Bonnie Bowman of Mooresboro; grandchildren, Jeff Murray and Kim

Smith; great-grandchildren, Tyler Smith, Jessica, Smith and Lucas Murray. She was preceded in death by her sister, Winburn Cash, and brother, J.E. Greene.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. Carroll Page Monday at 11 a.m. at Boiling Springs Baptist Church. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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**Kings Mountain Weather Report**  
(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

	July 24-30	Year Ago
Total precipitation	1.10	1.25
Maximum one day	.90 (25th)	1.25 (28th)
Year to date	30.05	35.20
Minimum temperature	61 (25th)	67 (28th)
Maximum temperature	89 (24th)	96 (25th)
Average temperature	76.5	80.6

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