

# Obituaries

## HOWARD PURSLEY

James Howard Pursley, 92, 200 South Watterson Street, Kings Mountain, died Saturday, December 28, 1996 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of York County, SC, he was the son of the late J. Meek and Emma McGill Pursley and widower of the late Clara Beatrice Herndon Pursley. He was a member of Boyce Memorial ARP Church and was a retired textile employee.

He is survived by his son, James William Pursley of Red Wing, MN; sister, Evelyn Pursley Hambright of Kings Mountain; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Doug Peterson Tuesday, December 31 at 3 p.m. at Boyce Memorial ARP Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## JACK DORSEY

Al "Jack" Dorsey, 65, 215 C.V. Alexander Road, Kings Mountain, died December 27, 1996 at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late James and Nora Holt Dorsey. He was employed by Food Lion in West Gastonia, was a former employee of Rex Mills, Ranlo, and was a retired carding supervisor for Burlington Industries. He was a member of Rustic Hills Baptist Church.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Debra Dorsey of Kings Mountain; brothers and sister-in-law, Garfield and Normie Dorsey and Charlie Dorsey of Gastonia; sisters and brother-in-law, Zelma and Lonnie Kelly of Bessemer City and Martha Barnette of Gastonia; and two granddaughters, Michelle and Kimberly Dorsey of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. H.J. Moore and Lonnie Kelly Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Rustic Hills Baptist Church. Burial was in Westview Gardens, Bessemer City.

Pallbearers were Jerry and Eddie Scruggs, Billy Greene, Rodney Kelly, Gary Prince and Donald Coxe.

Memorials may be made to the Heart Society of Gaston County, 200 East Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, NC 28054.

Sisk-Butler Funeral Home of Bessemer City was in charge of arrangements.

## HERMAN SPARKS

Charles Herman Sparks, 71, 1009 Sherwood Lane, Kings Mountain, died Sunday, December 29, 1996 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Rutherford County, he was the son of the late Robert Lewis and Ebber Bostic Sparks. He was a member of First Baptist Church, was a retired textile employee, and served in the U.S. Air Force.

He is survived by his wife, Chloe Lynn Sparks; son, Chuck Sparks of Burlington; daughter, Karen Plonk of Clemson, SC; brothers, Jim Sparks of Ellenboro and Paul "Toby" Sparks of Elon College; sisters, Betty Splawn of Boiling Springs, Virginia Godfrey and Elizabeth Earls of Charlotte, Clemmie Winkler of Lenoir, and Mavorine Jenkins of Spindale; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. John Sloan Tuesday at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to The Salvation Army, 305 North Lafayette Street, Shelby, NC 28150.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## MARTHA WILLIAMS

ELLENBORO - Mrs. Martha Sisk Williams, 76, 113 Big Springs Road, died Sunday, December 29, 1996 at the home of her son, Johnny Williams.

A native of Rutherford County, she was the daughter of the late David J. and Ira Martha Ledford Sisk. She was married to the late Lester Williams. She was a member of Elizabeth Baptist Church.

She is survived by her sons, Charles David Williams of Grover and Johnny Williams of Hollis; daughters, Glenda Melton of Fallston, Patricia Ann Albea of Lattimore, Cynthia Kaye Davis and Martha Melton of Shelby, and Edna Faye Sisk of Mooresboro; brother, Robert Sisk of Boiling Springs; 25 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Doug Mathis Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Clay-Barnette Chapel. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

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

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## FLORENCE HULLENDER

Florence Ledford Hullender, 94, 209 Fulton Street, Kings Mountain, died Monday, December 30, 1996 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late William Cicero and Ella Gales Ledford and wife of the late Junius Elmer "Jack" Hullender. She was a homemaker and a member of Kings Mountain Baptist Church.

She is survived by her sons, William Allen Hullender and Bob Hullender of Kings Mountain, Jim L. Hullender of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, and Ralph Warren Hullender of Buford, Ga.; brother, Paul Ledford of Kings Mountain; sisters, Annie Murphy and Grace White of Kings Mountain; 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Olin Byrum Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Kings Mountain Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Kings Mountain Baptist Church, 101 West Mountain Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## BETTY AYERS

CLOVER, SC - Mrs. Betty Greene Ayers, 63, 988 Mosteller Street, died Thursday, December 26, 1996 at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Clifton and Mattie Crook Greene and wife of the late Ernest W. Ayers Sr. She was retired from Pinckney Mills, Gastonia.

She is survived by her son, Ernest W. Ayers Jr. of Clover; her daughter, Jane Carpenter of Kings Mountain; her brother, Richard Greene of Clover; two sisters, Shirley Kennedy of Gastonia and Nina Sanders of York; and one grandchild.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Terry Wingate Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Greene Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was at Church of Latter Day Saints Catawba Ward, Rock Hill, SC.

Greene Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## HUBERT MCGINNIS SR.

Hubert K. McGinnis Sr., 87, 1001 Sherwood Lane, Kings Mountain, died Wednesday, December 25, 1996 at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late William Hinkle and Iva Harris McGinnis. He was a charter member of Resurrection Lutheran Church and was former co-owner of McGinnis Furniture Company.

He is survived by his wife, Chloe McGinnis McGinnis of Kings Mountain; son, Hubert K. McGinnis Jr. of Kings Mountain; daughter, Freida McGinnis of Kings Mountain; brothers, William "Bill" McGinnis and Donald "Don" McGinnis of Kings Mountain; sisters, Virginia Sabetti of Kings Mountain, Janet Eagle of Landis, and Dorothy Whetstone of Myrtle Beach, SC; and two grandchildren, Virginia Bess McGinnis and Samuel Krauth McGinnis of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Paul Abbe Friday at 2 p.m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Resurrection Lutheran Church, 600 Crescent Circle, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

## DEAN AYERS

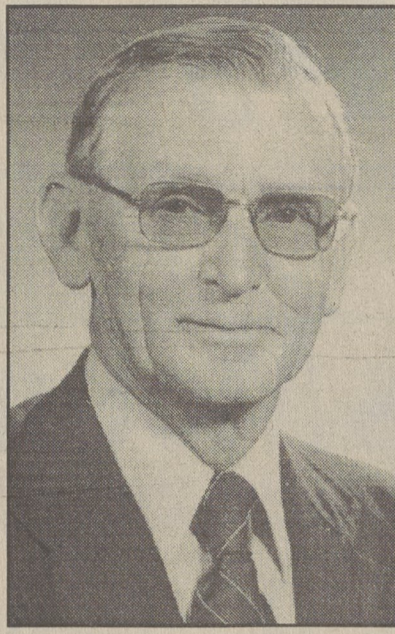
Dean Ayers, 63, 109 North Dilling Street, Kings Mountain, died December 23, 1996 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Burgin Arrie and Winnie Sylvanus Moss Ayers. He was retired from Norcomp Limited Partnership in Gastonia, was a Navy veteran of the Korean Conflict, and a member of Piedmont Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Daves Ayers of Kings Mountain; son, Timothy Joe Ayers of Kings Mountain; daughters, Sereta Ledbetter and Rebekah Homesley of Kings Mountain; sister, Betty Merritt of Kings Mountain; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Mitchell Pruitt and John Gilreath Tuesday, December 24 at Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



## J. HAYWOOD ALLEN SR.

J. Haywood Allen Sr., 80, 2343 Sheriff Allen Road, Shelby, died Wednesday, December 25, 1996 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Rutherford County, he was the son of the late I.M. and Maude Weathers Allen. He was retired with over 30 years of service as Sheriff of Cleveland County.

He was a member of First Baptist Church, charter member of the Kings Mountain Lions Club, charter member of the Shelby Optimist Club, Past President of the N.C. Sheriff's Association and earned national recognition for his involvement in law enforcement.

He is survived by his wife, Majel Stewart Allen; son, John Haywood "Woody" Allen Jr. and wife Rhonda of Shelby; daughters, Kathryn Monroe of Shelby and Jonanna Robbs and husband James of Shelby; brothers, Aaron M. Allen of Warrenton, and Wiley Allen and Irvin M. "Tootie" Allen Jr., both of Kings Mountain; sisters, Adelaide A. Hamrick and Freida Hawkins of Shelby; Betty Deveny and Nancy Danielson of Orlando, Fla., and Barbara Bridges of Kings Mountain; and two grandchildren, Holly E. Robbs and Keely S. Monroe. He was preceded in death by his brother, George Allen, and sister, Virginia Drake.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. Wayne Stacy Saturday at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

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

## LILY BRASWELL

WADESBORO - Mrs. Lily Dennis Braswell, 91, Route 3, Box 76, died December 26, 1996 at her residence.

A native of Montgomery County, she was the daughter of the late William Deaton and Anna Hunsucker Dennis. She was the widow of the late Bryant Braswell Sr.

Mrs. Braswell was a homemaker and a member of Bethel United Methodist Church.

She is survived by two sons, Bryant Braswell of Wadesboro and Bill Braswell of Salisbury; two daughters, Mrs. Betty Ann Still of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Mary Mooney of Raleigh;

a brother, Paul Dennis of Greensboro; a sister, Mrs. Dean Hardister of Mt. Gilead; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Chuck Marbry Friday at 3:30 p.m. at Anson Memorial Park in Wadesboro.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Anson County, P.O. Box 974, Wadesboro, NC 28170; Bethel United Methodist Church, Route 3, Box 90, Wadesboro, NC 28170; or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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	Dec. 23-29	Year Ago
Total precipitation	.39	0
Maximum one day	.19 (28)	0
Year to date	49.72	69.01
Minimum temp.	26 (24)	16 (24)
Maximum temp.	67 (29)	49 (29)
Average temp.	48.5	28.8

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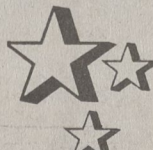
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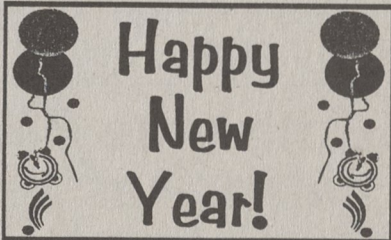
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As we approach the end of this most important year, please allow me to take this opportunity to wish you a joyous and meaningful holiday season.

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