

Obituaries

JESSE MASHBURN
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Jesse "Ed" Mashburn, 79, 1717 Shelby Road, died Saturday, February 15, 1995 at home.

A native of Bryson City, he was the son of the late George Mashburn and the late Mary C o p e Mashburn. He was a retired machinist.

He is survived by his wife, Edna Collins Mashburn; sons, Charles Mashburn of King Mountain and Clinton Mashburn of Charlotte; daughter, Ann Anderson of Gastonia; sisters, Flossie Breedlove of Brevard and Nettie Phillips of Akron, Ohio; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Alvin Sawyer at 2 p.m. Monday at Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JAMES MITCHEM
KINGS MOUNTAIN - James Houston Mitchem, 59, 8101 Margrace Road, died February 12, 1997 at his residence.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late James Earl and Nena Eskew Mitchem. He was a carpenter and served in the United States Army for three years and in the United States Air Force for three years.

He is survived by his sons, Kenneth Mitchem, Timmy Mitchem and Jamie Mitchem, all of Kings Mountain; daughter, Christy Rossi of Fayetteville, GA; sister, Minnie Sue Hartsoe of Kings Mountain; and five grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Bob Hope at 2 p.m. Friday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

KRISTA BYERS
GROVER - Krista Ann Byers, 26, 302 Linden Street, died February 10, 1997 in Cleveland County.

A native of Cleveland County, she was employed by By Far Enterprises in Grover.

She is survived by her parents, Gary and Martha Hicks Byers of Grover; paternal grandfather, Gilmore Byers and wife Doris of Clover, SC; and a special friend, Kelly Bess.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Paul Sorrells at 3 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church. Burial was in Grover Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Cleveland County Sheriff's Department Benevolent Fund, P.O. Box 1508, Shelby, NC 28150.

VIRL CONNER
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Viril Allen Conner, 69, 703 West King Street, died February 12, 1997 at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

A native of Inman, SC, she was the daughter of the late Odell G. Allen and the late Bertha Allen Clary, and wife of the late Clyde Ervin Conner. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Everette Fleming, and a sister, Virginia Henson. She was former co-owner of C&C Scrap Metal in Kings Mountain and was a former employee of Southern Bell and Kings Mountain Hospital Business Office. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

She is survived by a son, Dennis Conner and wife Wanda of Kings Mountain; daughter, Vickie Fortune and husband Robert of Greenville, SC; sister, Betty A. Cash of Kings Mountain; and grandchildren, Gregory Conner and Shan Conner, both of Kings Mountain, and Kent Kuenzli and Dennis Kuenzli, both of Greenville, SC.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. John Sloan at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

HELEN BLANTON
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Helen Covington Blanton, 92, a resident of Country Time Inn, died February 13, 1997 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Mount Holly, she was the daughter of the late I.B. and Pearl Carpenter Covington and widow of the late Don Blanton. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Boyce Covington.

Mrs. Blanton was a school teacher and homemaker, and a member of First Presbyterian Church. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and was a former partner in Kings Mountain Drug Co.

She is survived by her son, Charles Blanton of Kings Mountain; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted by Dr. Richard Newsome at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Arnette Cranford Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 1188, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

LINDA BLANTON
SHELBY - Mrs. Linda Houser Blanton, 80, 721 Blanton Street, died February 13, 1997 at White Oak Manor, Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Horace M. and Sarah Evangeline Falls Houser. She was retired as a Customer Representative with Southern Bell. She was a member of Sharon United Methodist Church, Daughters of American Revolution, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and Telephone Pioneers.

She is survived by her husband, William Howard Blanton of the home; daughter and son-in-law, Sarah Lee and Peter Meyerson of Woodbury, MN; brother and sister-in-law, George H. and Laura Houser of

Kings Mountain; sister and brother-in-law, Frances H. and W.H. "Coot" Lutz of Waco; sister, Lois H. Williams of Clemson, SC; two grandchildren, Robert and Charles Meyerson; and a number of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two brothers, William F. Houser and R. Douglas Houser.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Gary Ferrell at 2 p.m. Sunday at Sharon United Methodist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to American Red Cross, Patton Drive, Shelby, NC 28150, or Sharon United Methodist Church, 871 College Avenue, Shelby, NC 28152.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JANE HENDERSON
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Margaret "Jane" Pridmore Henderson, 64, 255 Oak Grove Road, died February 18, 1997 at her residence.

A native of Ft. Mill, SC, she was the daughter of the late Tillman and Ella Galloway Pridmore, and wife of the late Emmitt Henderson. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Gary Henderson. She was a retired nurse from Kings Mountain Hospital and was a member of Patterson Grove Baptist Church.

She is survived by her sons, Danny and Larry Henderson of Kings Mountain; daughters, Jane Black of Boiling Springs and Lynn Ritch of Kings Mountain; sister, Frances Bridges of Stanley; and three grandchildren.

A private graveside service was conducted by Rev. Terry Byrd Wednesday morning at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Music Ministry at Patterson Grove Baptist Church, 301 Oak Grove Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086; or to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights, Shelby, NC 28086.

LOIS SPICER
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Lois Carson Spicer, 83, 1021 Cherry Street, Kings Mountain, died February 16, 1997.

A native of Rutherford County, she was the daughter of the late J.J. and Minnie Wilkerson Carson and wife of the late Willie N. Spicer. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Bonnie Spicer Dills, and daughter-in-law, Gloria Bagwell Spicer. She was a retired textile employee and a member of Crowders Mountain Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

She is survived by her sons, Beuford Spicer, Lawrence Spicer and wife Gaynell, and Claude Spicer and wife Rose, all of Kings Mountain; daughter, Mae Edwards and husband Maurice of Gastonia; son-in-law, James Dills of Spartanburg, SC; brothers, Paul Carson and Hobert Carson, both of Kings Mountain; nine grandsons, seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Paul Rhyne at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Crowders Mountain Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Crowders Mountain Baptist Church, Mayberry Lane, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

JOE DUNCAN
WILMINGTON - Joe Duncan died January 31, 1997 at his home in Wilmington from a heart attack.

He was born January 28, 1933 in Taylorsville and was a former resident of Cherryville and Kings Mountain. He had lived in Wilmington for 28 years.

He was a member of Derita Masonic Lodge #715 in Charlotte, a Shriner in the York Rites, and a member of the Sudan Temple in Wilmington.

Survivors are his wife, Anais Greene Duncan; daughter, Cindy D. Lea and husband Burt; son, Scott Duncan and wife Donna; and grandchildren, Art and Katie Lea, all of Wilmington. His Kings Mountain relatives are Christy and Gary Cooke and Shirley and Curtis Carroll.

A memorial service was held at Andrews Funeral Chapel February 3 at 11 a.m. A grave site service was held on Saturday, February 15.

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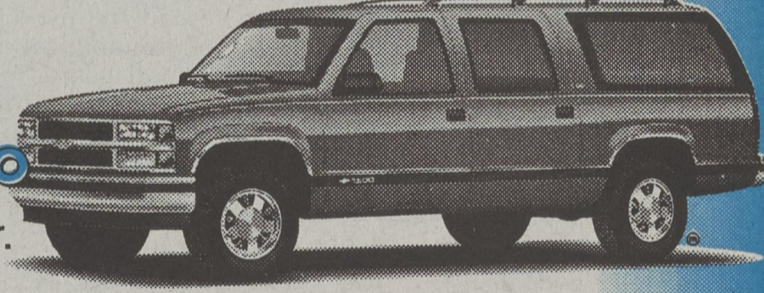
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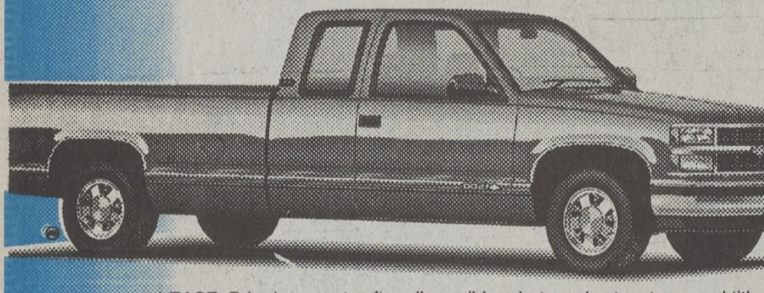
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