

Obituaries

RUTH SMART
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Ruth McCurry Smart, 72, 131 Kristie Lane, died March 2, 1997 at Wendover, Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late A.A. and Lonie Reid McCurry. She was preceded in death by her brother, Horace G. McCurry. She was a homemaker and a member of Mountain View Agape Church, Kings Mountain.

She is survived by her husband, Odell Smart of Kings Mountain; sons, Ronnie Smart and Gary Smart of Kings Mountain; daughter, Vickie Williams of Kings Mountain; brother, Dr. Garna McCurry of Asheville; sisters, Valda M. Hord of Shelby and Nadean M. Royal of Franklin; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Harry Davis and Ray Dinkle at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Grover Cemetery.

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

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

BONNIE OWENS

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Bonnie Heavner Owens, 70, 809 Ramseur Street, died March 1, 1997 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Fonzo Franklin and Minnie Mauney Heavner, and widow of the late Ray Baxter Owens. She was also preceded in death by her twin son, Vic G. Owens. She was retired from Sadie Cotton Mill, Kings Mountain, with 35 years of service. She was a member of Second Baptist Church.

She is survived by her sons, Roger Owens of Goldsboro and Ricky D. Owens of Kings Mountain; daughters, Sherry Lee Sprouse of Kings Mountain and Kathy D. Sossamon of Gastonia; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Patricia Stone at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Grace United Methodist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Grace United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1356, Kings Mountain, NC 28086, or Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights, Shelby, NC 28150.

CHELSEA WILSON
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Chelsea Elizabeth Wilson, 6 months, 128 Ezra Road, died March 1, 1997 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby.

She was the daughter of David and Angela Hollingsworth Wilson Sr. She is also survived by her brother, David "Christopher" Wilson Jr. of the home; maternal grandparents, Richard and Frankie Lovelace of Kings Mountain, and Larry and Anne Hollingsworth of Bessemer City; paternal great-grandmother, Pauline Hardee of Gastonia; maternal great-grandmother, Ann Link of Lynchburg, Va; maternal great-grandfather, Bob Towery of Rutherfordton; and maternal great-great-grandmother, Lottie Towery of Rutherfordton. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, William M. and Betty Jean Wilson.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. David McMahan at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Bessemer City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Love Memorial Baptist Church, 311 East Walnut Avenue, Gastonia, NC 28054.

MARVIN McPHERSON

GASTONIA - Marvin Henry "Mac" McPherson, 73, 449 East Club Drive, died March 2, 1997 at his home.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late William and Elizabeth Rabun McPherson Sr. He was also preceded in death by his son, William Larry McPherson; brother, J.Q. McPherson, and sister, Leola Bradshaw. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, member of East Baptist Church, and manager of Whitten Supply Company for more than 48 years.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Leonard McPherson; son, Randy Lee McPherson of Kings Mountain; brother, William McPherson Jr. of Gastonia;

grandchildren, Kammie Kay Monk, Eric and Patrick Ryan McPherson, and Heather Hendrix; and great-grandchild, Karrigan Kay Monk.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Clarence V. Morris at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Carothers Funeral Home in Gastonia. Burial was in Gaston Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Gaston County, P.O. Box 3984, Gastonia, NC 28053.

ROSA FRONEBERGER

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Rosa Froneberger, 752 Unity Church Road, died Friday, February 28, 1997 at her residence.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Effie Phillips Whittington and Dee Whittington, and wife of the late Lawrence A. Froneberger. She was retired from Firestone Mill and attended Cherryville Church of God.

She is survived by her sons, Bobby and Billy Froneberger of Kings Mountain and George Froneberger of De Leon, TX; daughter, Louise Baliles of Kings Mountain; brothers, Herman Fredell of Kings Mountain and Roy Fredell of Lincolnton; sisters, Betty Patterson and Mary Stewart of Kings Mountain; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Todd Phillips at 11 a.m. Monday at Greene Funeral Service Southside Chapel. Burial was in Bethany ARP Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Sammy Crawford, Jeff Nicholson, Walter Hord, Charles Ross, Dave Metz and John Gibby.

Memorials may be made to Cherryville Church of God, P.O. Box 807, Cherryville, NC 28021.

Greene Funeral Service Southside Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

ESTHER MURDOCH
SHELBY - Esther Davison Murdoch, 74, 3239 Marshall-Wolf Road, died March 2, 1997 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Pascagoula, Miss., she was the daughter of the late Clarence Dwight Davison, wife of the late Merle Murdoch, and twin sister of the late Lester Davison. She was a homemaker and a member of Long Creek Presbyterian Church in Bessemer City where she was a member of the choir.

Survivors include her sons, Donald Murdoch of New Bern, Danny Murdoch of Gastonia, and Doug Murdoch of Shelby; daughter, Diana Murdoch Williams of W. Monroe, LA; mother, Ellen L. Davison of Brewerton, NY; brothers and sister-in-law, Clarence F. and Cleo Davison of Kings Mountain and Ray C. Davison of Brewerton, NY; sister, Norma Davison Grady of Brewerton, NY; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted by the Rev. Lynn Michie at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 6 at Long Creek Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150.

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