

Obituaries

ELIZABETH LESSLIE
GREENVILLE, SC - Elizabeth Ware Leslie, 87, 1305 Boiling Springs Road, formerly of Fort Mill, SC, died March 4, 1997.

A native of Kings Mountain, she was the daughter of the late Franklin Luther Ware Sr. and Mary Emma Brown Ware. She was a graduate of Erskine College and was a teacher for 35 years in the Fort Mill School District. She was a state representative for the National NEA, a member of the York County Teachers Association, and the Fort Mill Garden Club. She was a member of Neelys Creek ARP Church, Rock Hill, and the Easter Simpson Circle.

Surviving are her husband, James Dixon Lesslie of Greenville; a son and daughter-in-law, James Dixon Lesslie III and Patricia Grier Lesslie of Greenville; a daughter, Ann Reid of Columbus, GA; four grandchildren, James Grier Lesslie of Memphis, TN, Patricia Corbett Lesslie of Columbia, John Calvin Reid II and Lesslie Ann Reid, both of Atlanta.

A memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Bill Fleming at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Neelys Creek ARP Church, Rock Hill.

Memorials may be made to Neelys Creek ARP Church, 974 Neelys Creek Road, Rock Hill, SC 27930, or Bonclarken Assembly, 500 Pine Drive, Flat Rock, NC 28731.

LARRY GANTT

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Larry Dean Gantt, 46, 1405 South Battleground Avenue, died Saturday, March 8, 1997 at North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late Margie Sessoms Gantt. He was a maintenance employee.

He is survived by his god-child, Nicky Tarlton of Charlotte; father, Thurman Gantt of Kings Mountain; step-mother, Mrs. Dale Gantt of Kings Mountain; brother, Justin Gantt of Kings Mountain; two sisters, Teresa Falls and Sheila Bowen of Kings Mountain; and fiancée, Shelia Carter of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Warlick Funeral Home Chapel in Lincolnton. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Red Cross, 215 Patton Avenue, Shelby, NC 28150.

CHARLES WILLIAMS
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Charles Floyd Williams, 79, 808 North Piedmont Avenue, died March 11, 1997 at Autumn Care in Saluda, NC.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Hugh and Bessie Moss Williams. He was retired as a printer with Record Printing Co. of Rock Hill, SC. He was a member of Piedmont Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Nellie Mae Pearson Williams of the home; daughters, Barbara Strain of Gaffney, SC, Frances Laughter of Winston Salem, Shelia Rowan of Barnesville, Ga., Charlene Hamrick of Kings Mountain, and Elaine Watts of Gaffney, SC; brother, Rev. James E. "Buddy" Williams of Kings Mountain; and seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Steve Eaker at 3 p.m. Thursday at Piedmont Baptist Church. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

MARK PICKELSIMER
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mark Keith Pickelsimer, 37, 1357 South Battleground Avenue, died March 9, 1997 at his residence.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late Junior and Euldean Goforth Pickelsimer. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Anthony Orr Pickelsimer. He was an employee of Floyd King & Son in Charlotte.

He is survived by his wife, Norman Jean Stiles Pickelsimer of Kings Mountain; son, Jonathan Mark Pickelsimer of Trinity; daughters, Tammy Marie Pickelsimer of Dallas, and Tonya Louise Pickelsimer, Billie Dean Pickelsimer and Tabitha Marie Pickelsimer, all of Lowell; stepdaughters, Jennifer Spizer and Tracy Spizer of Kings Mountain; brothers, Mike Pickelsimer of Belmont and David Timothy Pickelsimer of Travelers Rest, SC; sisters, Karen Chandler of Gastonia and Sarah Smith of Bessemer City; two grandchildren and one step-grandchild.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Jerry Willard at 4 p.m. Friday at Harris Memorial Chapel. Visitation will be from 7-9 p.m. Thursday at Harris Funeral Home.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

HAROLD QUEEN
GROVER - Harold E. Queen, 65, 1029 Cleveland Avenue, died March 9, 1997 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Nelson Queen. He was a retired self-employed plumber, a U.S. Navy veteran with service in the Korean Conflict, and a member of Allen Memorial Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Bertha Martin Queen of Grover; daughters, Doris McDerick of Lincolnton, Donna Willis of Grover and Frances Queen of Patterson Springs; mother, Pearl Snellings Queen of Grover; brothers, Ronald Queen of Grover and Alfred Queen of Dallas; seven grandchildren and nine step-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Norris Willis at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Allen Memorial Baptist Church. Burial was in Grover Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

JAMES CARROLL
LAS VEGAS, NV - James William Carroll, 75, died Friday, March 7, 1997.

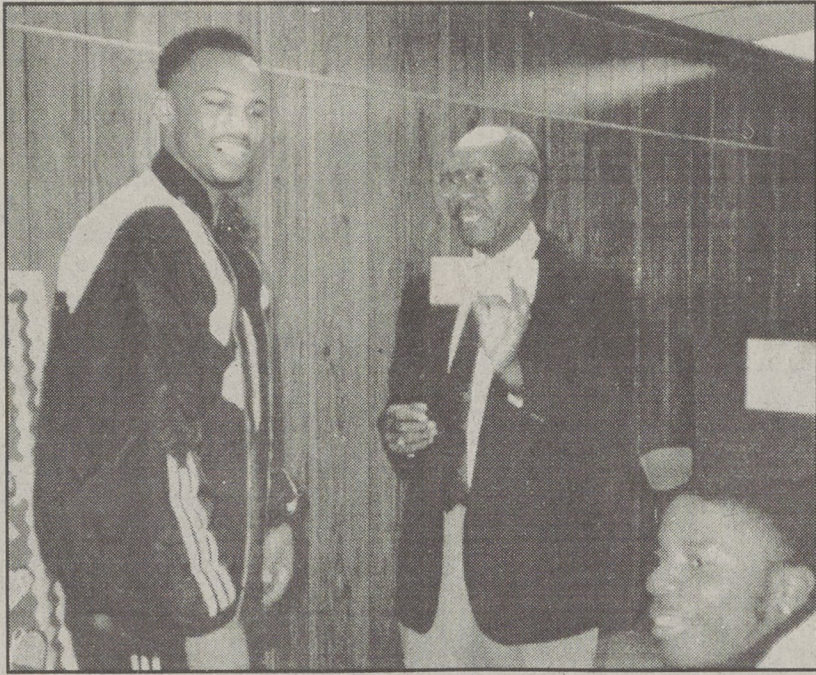
A native of Cleveland, NC, he was a retired aircraft machinist. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, a member of the American Legion, and a member of the Elks Lodge. He had lived in Las Vegas for the past 13 1/2 years.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille Carroll of Las Vegas; daughters, Glenda LeVasseur of Las Vegas, Beck Day of Meriden, CT and Patti McLain of South Hadley, MA; sons, James Carroll Jr. of Abilene, TX and Roger Carroll of Burnsville, MN; brother, Douglas Carroll of Spartanburg, SC; sisters, Blanche Hord, May Carter and Pauline Fletcher of Kings Mountain, NC, Estelle Williams of North Hollywood, FL, Geveva Engles of Rockingham, NC, and Gail Ware of Cramerton, NC; 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, March 11 at 11:30 a.m. Memorials may be made in his name to Family Home Hospice.

Palm Mortuary of Las Vegas was in charge of arrangements.

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PARKER STREET SCHOOL PROJECT - Students at Parker Street School conducted a Valentine's Day project for the homeless and then rewarded themselves with a pizza party. Cash Nixon, Lowell Quinn and Reggie Turner, seated, left to right. A Valentine exhibit they constructed is in the background. Students worked in an assembly line, cutting, decorating, gluing, inspecting and then selling the products with proceeds to the homeless.

School Board to vote on spending money

District school officials said Monday they will probably make a decision April 7 on how to spend \$6.1 million in school construction bond money.

Meantime, the full school board will go to Clover, SC March 21 to tour a grades 5-6 school at the invitation of Clover Supt. Billy Floyd.

Chairman Ronnie Hawkins said that three public hearings conducted by the board reveal that the public supports a new school for either K-5 or 5-6 students. Hawkins supports the 5-6 concept, saying that all fifth graders can be housed in the school and when money is available that the sixth grade can be added.

"We've given the community plenty of time to give input and now the decision rests with the board and we need to move ahead with it," said Hawkins.

"Spacing is a problem," said board vice-chairman Rev. Billy Houze. But he said there are a lot of myths about safety of sixth graders being housed in the same building with older seventh and eighth graders.

ANNEXATION

From 1-A

lite annexation recently for the City of Henderson which owns property over three miles from its city limits.

The mayor is completing the paperwork to send to Rep. Debbie Clary and Rep. John Weatherly to introduce the legislation in Raleigh.

The mayor said two other bills will be introduced by legislators for Kings Mountain. One is a bill to increase the membership of the current ABC board from three to five members. The mayor said many people have indicated an interest in serving on the board which is appointed by city council.

Another bill would request an extension as far west as Reliance Electric of the city's extra-territorial jurisdiction. This would extend the city from one to two miles and is necessary, he said, due to the city's leadership of land use development.

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