

Obituaries

JAMES P. BROCK
ELIZABETHTON, TN. - James Pink Brock, 77, died Sunday, March 16, 1997 in the Johnson City Medical Center Hospital after a brief illness.

A native of Asheville, NC, he was the son of the late Haskins Pink and Dora Garrison Brock. He was a retired employee of the City Water Department of Kings Mountain, NC.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Hilard Brock; and a sister, Grace Warren.

Survivors include three sons, James Wayne Brock of Hamilton, Ohio, Ronald Eugene Brock of Elizabethton, and Spencer Pink Brock of Fairfield, Ohio; three daughters, Linda Lou Brock of Fairfield, Ohio, Patricia Ann Smith of Southport, NC, and Regina Brandon of Gastonia, NC; one sister, Mildred Eppley of Asheville, NC; 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at 12 noon Tuesday, March 18 in the Riverside Chapel of Tetrick Funeral Homes. Graveside service and interment followed in the V.A. National Cemetery with the Rev. Darrell Holly officiating. Military honors were accorded by the V.F.W. Captain Lynn H. Folsom Post 2166.

HELEN E. ALLEN
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Helen Etters Allen, 79, a resident of Royal Oaks Assisted Care Center, Sanford, NC, died March 14, 1997 in Sanford.

A native of Kings Mountain, she was the daughter of the late Robert Darvin and Clara Lee Wright Etters. She was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Kings Mountain, and was retired from Mauney Hosiery Mill, Kings Mountain.

She is survived by her daughter, Janice Allen Drury and husband Walter of Sanford; sister, Ruth Mitcham of Shelby; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 16 at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ZELMA HUDSON
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Zelma M. Hudson, 78, a resident of White Oak Manor, died March 14, 1997 at her home.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Albert F. and Margaret Gamble Hudson. She was a member of Garrison Memorial ARP Church in Bessemer City.

She is survived by her sisters, Pauline Stroup and Leona Mitchell of Bessemer City, Margaret Caldwell of Gastonia and Mildred Rhyne of Charlotte; brothers, Thomas R. Hudson of Gastonia and Don Hudson of Charlotte; and a number of nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. David Ellis at 2 p.m. Monday at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Gastonia.

Memorials may be made to Garrison Memorial ARP Church, P.O. Box 5, Bessemer City, NC 28016.

LOUISE COBB
BLACKSBURG, SC - Louise Patterson Cobb, 80, 140 Martin Ridge Road, died Tuesday, March 18, 1997 at her residence.

A native of Cherokee County, she was the widow of the late Lawson Cobb, and daughter of the late Ben Cobb and Della Parker Patterson. She was a retired textile employee and a member of Christian Fellowship Church.

Surviving are four sons, Carl Cobb of Blacksburg, Jake Cobb of Kings Mountain, Joe Lee Cobb of Raleigh and C.J. Cobb of Mechanicsville, VA; two daughters, Sally Ham of Blacksburg and Linda Wilson of Gaffney; 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Willie Lanier at 3 p.m. Thursday at Christian Fellowship Church. The body will lie in state for 30 minutes prior to the service. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Gordon Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

ROBERT LEE JR.
LAURENS, SC - Robert Louis "Bob" Lee Jr., 84, 1 Martha Franks Drive, died Saturday,

March 15, 1997 at Martha Franks Baptist Retirement Center.

A native of Scranton, SC, he was the son of the late Robert Louis and Carrie Mixon Lee. He was a retired District Manager for Southland Life Insurance Company of Conway, SC, Certified Life Underwriter, and owned rental properties at Myrtle Beach, SC. He was a Mason and a member of First United Methodist Church of Laurens.

He is survived by his wife, Uneda Godwin Lee of the home; three daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and G. Curtis Moore of Hickory Tavern, Elizabeth and Teddy R. Lowe of Shiner, TX, and Carolyn and Dean B. Westmoreland of Grover; a sister, Mrs. Hubert Rolfe of Greenville, SC; three grandchildren, Bonnie Fant Nations of Hickory Tavern, Robert Lowe of Fort Worth, TX, and Lisa Lowe of Shiner, TX; two great-grandchildren, Charles Nations and Phillip Nations of Hickory Tavern; and two step-grandchildren, Curtis Moore Jr. of Waterloo and Donna Stroud of Greer.

A memorial service was conducted by Dr. Robert S. Cooper at 11 a.m. Monday at Martha Franks Baptist Retirement Center.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Larry Rodeffer and Thomas Nelson at 2 p.m. Monday at Kennedy Mortuary Chapel. Burial was in Westview Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Martha Franks Baptist Retirement Center, 1 Martha Franks Drive, Laurens, SC 29360.

BILLY PAYNE
GASTONIA - Billy Delbert Payne, 65, 3524 Chapelwood Drive, Gastonia, died March 13, 1997 at his residence.

A native of Morganton, he was the son of the late Elbert Franklin and Susie Mae Armstrong Payne. He was a retired Director of Christian Ministry, a Mason and a member of the V.F.W. He served in

the U.S. Air Force.

He is survived by his sons, Nelson Payne of Atlanta, Ga., and Dana Payne of Brevard; daughter, Susan Payne of Gastonia; sister, Grace Fuller of Gastonia; and three grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted by Father George Kolster at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

HAZEL THOMPSON
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Hazel Allen Thompson, 96, 139 Candlewood Drive, died March 12, 1997 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Florida, Mass. she was the daughter of the late William and Cheney Beers Allen and wife of the late William Haven Thompson Jr. She was a retired nurse.

She is survived by her son, William Thompson III and wife Patricia of Kings Mountain, and Allen C. Thompson and wife Mary of Vestal, NY; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in North Adams, Mass.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

GENELLE THRIFT
GROVER - Genelle Ross Thrift, 89, 2343 Sylvan Road, died Sunday, March 16, 1997 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center, Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late John and Missouri Ross, and wife of the late Hillard William Thrift. She was also preceded in death by her sons, Harold Dean Thrift, Charles Thrift, David Lee Thrift, Hillard Thrift Jr. and Richard Thrift; and her daughter, Alma Thrift Carpenter.

She was a homemaker and a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

She is survived by her sons, Bobby Thrift and wife Libby of Shelby, J.T. Thrift and wife Martha of Kings Mountain, and Roger Dale Thrift of Shelby; son-in-law, Ben Carpenter of

Shelby; daughters-in-law, Hazel Thrift of Shelby, Betty Thrift of Kings Mountain, and Pauline Thrift of Gastonia; two sisters, Nannie Lee and Ila Grigg of Kings Mountain; 17 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Mike Butzberger and Wray Barrett at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, 2338 Pleasant Hill Church Road, Grover, NC.

FRED W. RAMSEY
MACON, GA. - Fred W. Ramsey, 64, formerly of Kings Mountain, died Tuesday, March 11, 1997.

He was a retired auto mechanic, a Baptist and a member of the Army reserve.

He is survived by his wife, Mary L. Ramsey; children, Katherine Miller of Morganton, Dorothy Watson of Lenoir, Sharon Lawson of St. Augustine, Fla., Keith Ramsey of Burnsville, and Freddy E. Ramsey of Kings Mountain; five stepchildren; brothers and sisters, Robert Ramsey, Harold Ramsey, Betty Ramsey and Aileen Medcalf, all of Kings Mountain; 10 grandchildren, several stepgrandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and several great-stepgrandchildren.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m. Friday at Crest Lawn Funeral Home. Burial was in Morningside Cemetery.

TED THORNBURG
CHARLOTTE - Theodore E. Thornburg Sr., 84, 829 Squirrel Hill Road, died March 17, 1997 at Presbyterian Hospital.

He was the son of the late

Robert Summey and Sarah Elizabeth Williams Thornburg. He was a graduate of Wingate Junior College in Wingate, and Erskine College in Due West, SC. He was a member of Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church of Charlotte and a former member of First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, where he taught Sunday School. He was a member of West Gate Lodge #738, Oasis Temple Scottish Rite Free Masonry, Sixth Armored Division Association, N.C. Task Force and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a veteran of World War II. He was formerly employed with Atlantic Greyhound Bus and retired from Mitchell Distributing Company.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Elizabeth Gaston Thornburg of the home and formerly of Reidsville; daughter, Judy Thornburg Sullivan of Suwanee, Ga.; son, Theodore Edward Thornburg Jr. of Charlotte; three granddaughters; brother, Fred Thornburg of Kings Mountain; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 20 at Nazareth Presbyterian Church, Moore, SC, with the Rev. William H. Ralston of Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church officiating. The family will receive friends at the graveside following the service.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to The Arthritis Foundation, P.O. Box 19000, Atlanta, Ga. 30320.

The J.F. Floyd Mortuary of Spartanburg, SC was in charge of arrangements.

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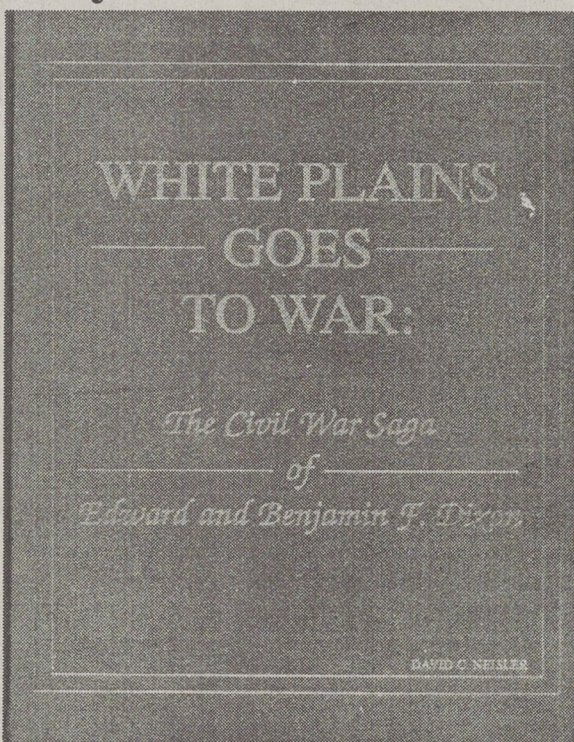
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