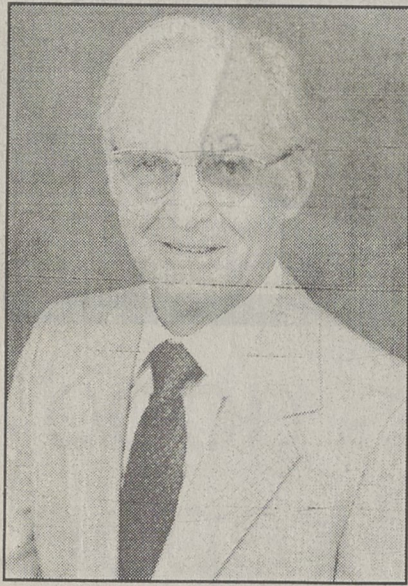


Obituaries



DICK GILLIAM GROVER - Dick Gilliam, 70, 158 Blackburn Drive, died June 6, 1997 at his home.

A native of York County, he was the son of the late Boyd Vastine and Dovie Manis Gilliam. He was retired from Kings Mountain Plush of Kings Mountain.

He is survived by his daughters, Faye Martin Brown of Grover, Dorothy Kaye Mellon of Kings Mountain, Jeanette Cook and husband Jimmy of Casar, and Debbie Early and husband Brent of Kings Mountain; brothers, Sonny Gilliam and Johnny Gilliam of Columbia, SC, Marvin Gilliam of Atlanta, Georgia, William Lee Gilliam of Blacksburg, SC, Jerry Gilliam of Waco, and Steve Gilliam of Asheville; sisters, June Tinsley of Edneyville, Cathy Gilliam of Asheville, Jenny Monahan of Hendersonville, and Betty Ann Bowen of Kings Mountain; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Oscar Stalcup and Joe Hunter at 3 p.m. Sunday 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.

RALPH CHITWOOD SR. KINGS MOUNTAIN - Ralph James Chitwood Sr., 55, 127 McGinnis Street, died June 7, 1997 at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Ralph Monroe Chitwood and Mary Elvay Black Chitwood. He was a security guard and a member of Eastside Baptist Church in Blacksburg, SC.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Shirley Childers Chitwood; sons, Mark Chitwood of Kings Mountain and Jamie Chitwood Jr. of Shelby; daughter, Kim Chitwood of Shelby; stepchildren, Steve Starnes, Cathy Starnes, Bobbv Starnes, Ricky Starnes, Writa Martin, Donna Childers, Laura Gunn, Christopher Smith and Sheryl Martin; brothers, Gettis Chitwood of Gastonia and Roy Chitwood of Kings Mountain; sisters, Jurelle Beaver of Maiden, Mary Wynn of Gastonia, and Barbara Jackson of Kings Mountain; five grandchildren, 16 step-grandchildren, and one step-great-grandchild.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. M.P. Hampton and David Nichols at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Sisk-Butler Funeral Home Chapel in Bessemer City. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Sisk-Butler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



BROADUS ELAM
Broadus Elam, 89, 1011 Brookwood Drive, died June 7, 1997 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of the late Richard Fuller and Sarah Victoria Roberts Elam, and great-grandson of the late Pastor Philip Ramseur and Mary Barber Elam. He was also preceded in death by a brother, John Elam, and a sister, Alice Elam Gamble.

He was a member of First Baptist Church and was a retired paint contractor.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen Black McCurdy Elam; daughters, Mary Anne McCurdy Bailey and husband Ronald of Arlington, Texas, and Ruth McCurdy Bellenger and husband Wilson of Birmingham, AL; brother, Philip Ramseur Elam of Mars Hill; sisters, Viola Smith of Bladenboro and Mary Elizabeth Vance of Jacksonville, FL; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted by the Rev. John Sloan at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 14, at First Baptist Church. The family will receive friends immediately following the service in the parlor of the church.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 786, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

LEROY WOOD
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Leroy Wood, 84, 108 Guyton Loop, died June 8, 1997 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center in Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Hillard and Susan Garber Wood. He was a member of Second Baptist Church and was a retired mechanic for the Mecklenburg County Public School Bus Garage in Charlotte.

He is survived by his wife, Rosa Lee Henderson of Kings Mountain; sons, Clarence Wood and wife Virginia and Marvin Wood, both of Kings Mountain, and Jimmy Wood and wife Barbara of Enterprise, AL; brother, Rufus Wood of Kings Mountain; sister, Maggie Ford of Kings Mountain; 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Harry Davis and Ray Dinkle at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



COMEDY OPENS FRIDAY - Annie Grant, Heather Foushee and John Grant, left to right, and Patricia Pearson, standing, are featured in "The View From Here," the King Mountain Little Theatre comedy which opens Friday evening for two weekends of shows.

KMLT comedy opens Friday

The Kings Mountain Little Theatre will present the heart-warming comedy, "The View From Here," by Margaret Dulaney, Friday and Saturday and again on June 20 and 21 at 8 p.m. at the Kings Mountain Woman's Club.

Annie Grant has the lead role as Fern Arbour, a woman who has spent the last six years of her life trapped in her own home by agoraphobia. Heather Foshee portrays Fern's younger sister, who desperately wants a baby but whose husband has just walked out on her. Pat Pearson is Carla, Fern's wacky neighbor, who is addicted to tabloid news, and John Grant plays "Arnold Palmer," a neighbor

whose passion for golf is sidetracked when his wife leaves him and his infant daughter to fend for themselves.

Joe Hullender is directing the comedy. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens.

Kings Mountain Little Theatre is funded in part by a Grassroots Grant from the North Carolina Arts Council and is an affiliate member of the Cleveland County Arts Council.

The play is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French Inc.

For Little Theater-goers who missed "Same Time Next Year" earlier this season, Susan and

Jim Champion will reprise their roles as Doris and George for a dinner theatre at the Woman's Club Friday and Saturday, July 18 and 19.

The event, co-hosted by the Little Theatre and Woman's Club, will include a reception on both evening at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. The menu will include marinated pork roast, corn pudding, herbed spinach casserole and mountain apple salad. Also included will be a choice of desserts from the kitchen of the Woman's Club.

Tickets are \$17.50 and are available by calling 739-9603. Seating is limited and only advance tickets will be offered.

Living Clay Baptists organizing in KM

Living Clay Baptist Church has organized with 25 members in Kings Mountain and will begin meeting in the building across the street from Parkdale Mills July 6.

Rev. Jerry A. Parton is pastor of the new church which has been meeting in his home in Gastonia.

The church will schedule Sunday School at 10 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m.

Magnolia Garden Club held luncheon meeting

The Magnolia Garden Club's annual luncheon was held May 27 at 11:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Tea Room in Gastonia.

Ten people enjoyed the luncheon and fellowship and afterwards toured Stowe Botanical Gardens.

The club took the occasion to present an appreciation gift to outgoing president Glenda Colburn.

Medical symposium set June 21 in Lenoir

The Scleroderma Support Group of Caldwell County will host a medical symposium Sat., June 21 at 1 p.m. at the Caldwell County Library, 120 Hospital Ave., Lenoir.

The purpose of the symposium is to educate the medical community about the devastating effects of scleroderma, lupus, and other mixed connective tissue diseases, as well as demonstrate its prevalence in the area. Dr. David Burack will provide the latest information on the disease to both the medical professionals and its victims.

For more information, contact Beverly Leigh at (864) 936-9167, Belinda Mowery at 482-1103 or Harold Gilfillan at (864) 574-4393.

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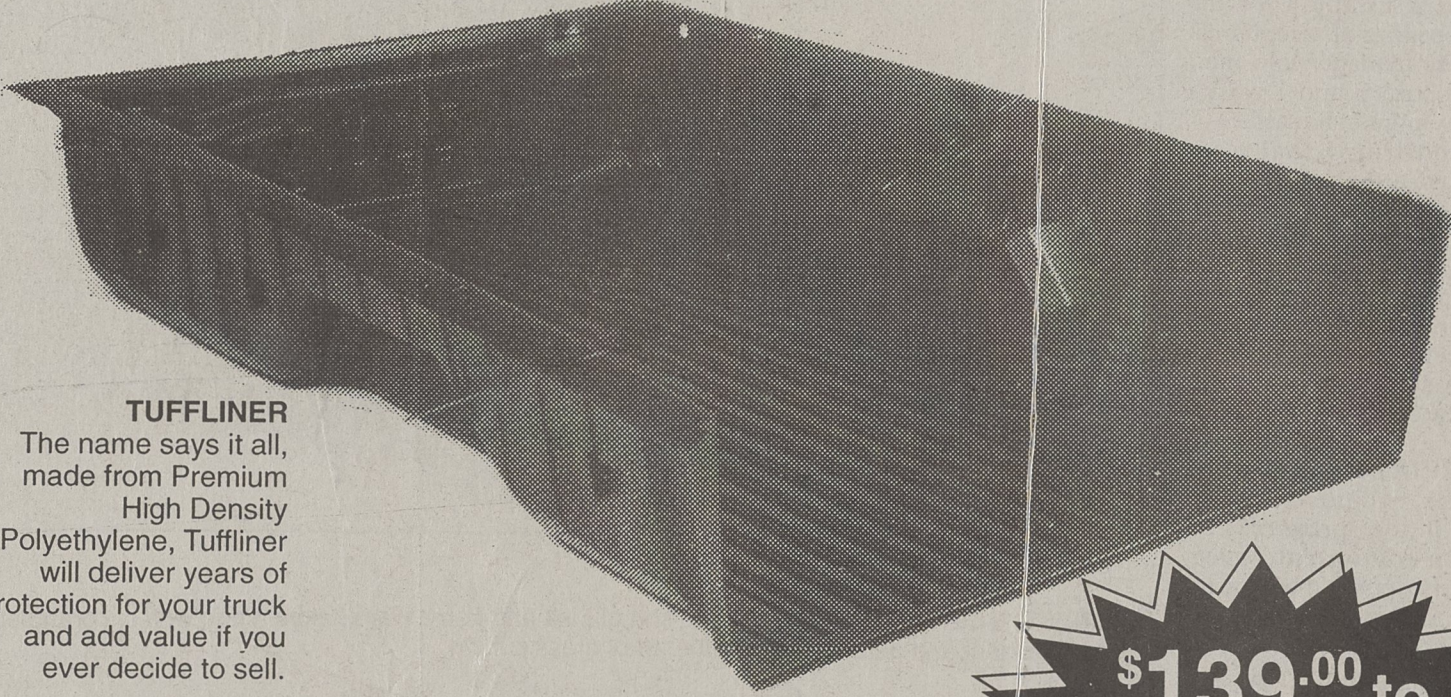


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