

Obituaries

JACK KALE

SHELBY - Jack B. "Pete" Kale, 76, 217 Morrison Street, died July 14, 1997 at Hospice at Wendover.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Roy V. and Lillie Mae Anthony Kale. He was a salesman with Kester Furniture Company for 47 years and was a member of Lafayette Street United Methodist Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II with service as a paratrooper with 11th Air Borne Co. C. in the South Pacific.

He is survived by his wife, Lena Moore Kale of the home; sons and daughters-in-law, Jack Barry and Nina Kale of Gastonia and William R. "Butch" and Tammy Kale of Blacksburg, SC; daughters and sons-in-law, Joan K. and L.B. Allen of Shelby and Linda K. and David Brewer of Greenville, SC; brother and sister-in-law, Robert E. "Bob" and Louise Kale of Kings Mountain; grandchildren, Lance Kale, Sgt. Bryan Kale, Carissa Allen-Haley, L.B. "Bo" Allen IV, LeAnn Brewer Barnette, Cindy Brewer, Alyssa Kale, Caitlyn Kale; great-grandchildren, Jessica Haley and Bethany Haley.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Gervace Hitch at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Lafayette Street United Methodist Church. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Westover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150, or Lafayette Street United Methodist Church, 1420 S. Lafayette St., Shelby, NC 28152.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JERRY GURLEY

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Jerry Gurley, 43, 1132 Rollingbrook Court, died July 9, 1997 at Wendover in Shelby.

A native of Mecklenburg County, he was the son of Elizabeth McDonald Gurley of Charlotte and the late Jake Gurley. He was a construction worker and a U.S. Navy veteran with service in Vietnam.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Pat Sexton Gurley of Kings Mountain; son, Timothy Branch of Lincolnton; stepson, James Holbert of Hendersonville; stepdaughter, Tosha Richard of Shelby; brothers, Jack Gurley and Mike Gurley of Charlotte and Kenneth Gurley of Gastonia; and sister, Vickie Davis of Charlotte.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Terry Bird and Dr. Gary Berry at 11 a.m. Saturday at Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

FISHER

From 1-A

Fisher says her crusade committee wants every church to become involved.

"We are contacting about 50 churches in the community and asking Christians to pray for the Crusade and get involved in the work of the Crusade," she said.

A lay leader in the Methodist Church, Fisher plans to attend a Laity Conference in August at Lake Junaluska. She also teaches Disciple Bible Studies in the community and joint Bible Study at Central, Grace and Galilee Methodist Churches.

Fisher graduated from High Point College. She married Cal Fisher of Kings Mountain in 1961. A widow, she and her two daughters, Nelda, activity director at Rosewood Rest Home in Gastonia; and Myra, a rural assistant mail carrier in Kings Mountain.

Fisher says daily Bible reading is important to the Christian. She encourages people to read and study their Bibles as they prepare for the Crusade.

"I expect big things to happen from this Crusade," said Fisher. "Put the Crusade at the top of your prayer list."

FLORRIE PULLEY

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Florrie Vestal Best Pulley, 74, 1301 Merrimont Avenue, died July 10, 1997 in New Hanover County.

A native of Dunn, she was the daughter of the late Colonel Lee James and Madred Hood Best. She was a mother and homemaker, a member of Central United Methodist Church and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She attended Peace College in Raleigh and Columbia College in Columbia, SC.

She is survived by her husband, Luby C. Pulley of Kings Mountain; son, Luby C. Pulley III of Huntsville, Ala; daughters, Florrie Pulley Hamrick of Kings Mountain, Sandra Pulley Rogers of Albemarle, and Martha Pulley Elson of Kapolei, Hawaii; brother, Lee James Best Jr. of Dunn; sisters, Rosalie Johnson of Dunn and Madred Monroe Boyer of Duncansville, Pa; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Mountain Rest Cemetery. A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Central United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be made to Central United Methodist Church, 113 South Piedmont Avenue, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

OCIE HILL

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mrs. Ocie Lillian Hullet Hill, 93, of Battle Forest Apartments, died July 13, 1997.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late George and Melissa Walker Hullet. She was also preceded in death by her husband. She was a retired textile worker.

She is survived by seven daughters, Willie Mae Stroupe and Mildred Farmer of Lincolnton, Ann Gillian of Dallas, Joe Linda Lane of Vale, Irene Hendricks of Shelby, Novena Clinton of Hickory, and Betty Sue Smith of Ft. Wayne, IN; 33 grandchildren, 83 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Northside Baptist Church. Burial was in St. Johns Lutheran Church Cemetery in Cherryville.

LOUISE ROBINSON

KINGS MOUNTAIN - K. Louise Robinson, 78, 107 Cleveland Avenue, died July 10, 1997 at her home.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late John Lee and Maggie Ross Queen and wife of the late William Fred Robinson. She was a member of Northside Baptist Church and was a retired-textile employee.

She is survived by her sister, Bonnie Lynn of Kings Mountain; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Steve Akers and Wayne Kirk at 3 p.m. Sunday at Northside Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Bible School set at Eastside Baptist

Eastside Baptist Church, 308 York Road, Kings Mountain, will hold Vacation Bible School for ages 3-15 July 21-25 from 6-8:45 p.m.

The theme will be "Wild and Wonderful Good News Stampede."

Commence and family night will be Saturday, July 26 at 6 p.m. Special entertainment will be provided by Clowns Rickles and Rainbow.

For a van ride, call 739-1317 or 739-6265.

FILING

From 1-A

Norris family includes three children, Shana Zwick and Chris and Lance Norris and three granddaughters and they attend Family Worship Center Church of God. Norris is Sunday School Superintendent and serves on the church finance committee.

"I am concerned about the future of Kind Mountain and that's why I'm running in Ward 5," said Norris. "The negative publicity about Kings Mountain has hurt the town and its growth as well as industry and I want to promote more industry to bring in more jobs for Kings Mountain citizens."

Norris said he would push for a more positive image of Kings Mountain.

Guyton, of 707 Groves St., is a Kings Mountain native and general contractor who is married to Shirley Yarbrow Guyton and they have three children and six grandchildren and are active in Second Baptist Church. Guyton has served on the city planning board for 1 1/2 years and previously served four years on the city recreation committee.

In a filing statement, Guyton said he would promote year-round recreation for youth and adults including a new swimming pool and tournaments in the summer.

"I want to see codes enforced, especially ordinances on junk cars, and I would like to see a general cleanup of the whole community with roads paved on a systematic system and drainage problems fixed," he said. "Keeping taxes as low as possible and utilities in order are priorities and Moss Lake should be kept under the control of city council and all committees responsible to city council," he added.

Guyton said he would push for sewer planning to keep treatment costs down. He said he appreciated city management promoting city employees from within instead of going outside the city to fill positions.

The candidate list to date:

Ward I - Phil Hager and Rev. Howard Shipp.

Ward II - Jerry Mullinax and Jim Guyton.

Ward III - Ralph Grindstaff.

Ward V - Rick Murphrey and Jim Norris.

At-Large - Dean Spears.

Board of Education - Ronnie Hawkins.

BARNETTE

From 1-A

"The doctors gave Billy two weeks to live when we left the hospital. Do you know what you're getting into?" they said to me, but I told them that every child needs a home and love. Billy is the most loving child you could ever know," said Mrs. Barnette.

The Barnettes' financial problems escalated when Helen had to leave her job at Kings Mountain Hospital due to her illness and Butch was laid off from his loom fixing job after 22 years. Now Butch has returned to school to get his high school diploma and wants to take a course in airconditioning/heating to supplement their income. Helen says she's thankful she can still continue her insurance through the local hospital at least for 18 months but then hopes she can qualify for disability.

"Our community and various churches have been our savior through all this," she said this week. "We really appreciate their prayers and support."

Barnette said she decided to raise her grandson as her son because she herself was an orphan raised in Presbyterian Home in Black Mountain.

"I was six years old, Billy's age, when my parents couldn't raise me and I lived in an orphanage until I was 15 and went to live with an uncle," said Barnette who married at age 16. Her first marriage ended after 27 years because she said she and her first husband "outgrew each other."

Helen and Clarence Barnette have been married 13 years and live in the No. 3 Community of Cleveland County. They also

have nine grandchildren.

"I had always wanted to be a nurse and when my children were small I went back to school at Cleveland Community College and got my GED and later my nursing degree," she said.

Helen also took special training at Duke and Baptist Hospitals and specialized in New Born and Premature Care.

She started her nursing career at Shelby Hospital where she worked 10 years, then as an industrial nurse at Doran Textiles, Union Carbide Plant and Clevemont Mills. A Red Cross CPR instructor, she received an award from the Blue Ridge Safety Council for saving the life of a fellow worker at Clevemont who had developed respiratory distress. She was a charge nurse at Divine Saviour Hospital in Rock Hill and has been with Kings Mountain Hospital for six years working second shift on North Station Wing B.

"I always wanted a nursing career to help people but never realized that my calling was to also learn how to care for my grandson," she said.

"The Lord puts children like Billy in special homes," said Helen.

Barnette says the state has approved around the clock Medicare health care for young Billy until she's out of the hospital and back on her feet.

"Love goes a long way in a patient's full recovery, we've found that to be true in our lives and in the patients I've nursed," said Helen.

Butch Barnette says the family is asking for prayer for both his wife and son.

He said, "Helen and Billy are real troopers and right now we want her home where she belongs."

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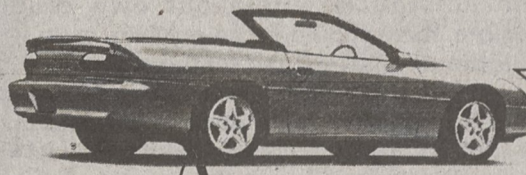


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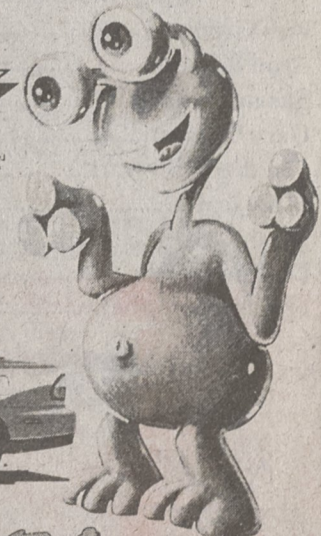
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