

Obituaries

PATRICIA JOHNSTON
NORTH WILKESBORO - Mrs. Patricia "Pat" Foust Lewis Johnston, 51, died Monday, November 17, 1997 at Wilkes Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Johnston was the daughter of Dorothy Plonk Lewis and the late Dr. Robert E. Lewis. She was a graduate of Wilkes Central High School and attended UNC-G. After graduating from UNC-CH, she received a Master's Degree in English from Appalachian State University. She taught in the English Department at Wilkes Central High School and Wilkes Community College and taught preschool at North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church. Most recently, she was office manager for Leatherwood Mountain.

She was an active member of First United Methodist Church in North Wilkesboro and the United Methodist Women's Group, where she held various offices and taught Sunday School.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband, Richard "Dick" Blaine Johnston Jr. of Leatherwood, Ferguson; one daughter, Mary Lewis Johnston of Raleigh; two sons, Andrew Lewis Johnston of Americus, GA and Blaine Patrick Johnston of Raleigh; two sisters, Mary Suzanne "Suzie" Lewis Tonski of Huntington, West Virginia and Margaret "Margi" Lewis Turner of North Wilkesboro; and one brother, Robby Lewis Jr. of Oelsnitz, Germany.

A memorial service will be conducted by Dr. Sydnor Thompson III and the Rev. David Heil at 11 a.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church of North Wilkesboro.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church of North Wilkesboro, P.O. Box 1145, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659 or to the Wilkes County Library Capital Reserve Fund, Box 669, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659.

ETHEL CONNER
Ethel Cabe Conner, 91, a resident of Kings Mountain Extended Care, died Sunday, November 16 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Bryson City, she was the daughter of the late John Harvey and Clementine Cabe, and widow of the late James Ervin Conner. She was a member of Zion Baptist Church, Gastonia, and was a retired textile employee.

She is survived by her son, Johnny Conner of Kings Mountain; daughters, Garnell Bryant and Betty Payne of Cherryville; sisters, Ruth Baity of Kings Mountain, Ellen Strickland of Asheville, and Hazel Bowale of St. Petersburg, FL; 15 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Sam Robbins and Mike Ellis at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

NELL CROCKER
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Nell R. Bumgardner Crocker, 83, formerly of 204 South Tracy Street, died November 16, 1997 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Asheville, she was the daughter of the late Robert Henry and Georganne Spearman Rice and widow of the late Austin L. Bumgardner and the late Farrell L. Crocker. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Alvin Rice, Luther Rice, Johnny Rice and Ernest Rice, and her sister, Mary Clayton. She was a member of First Baptist Church and was a seamstress for Plonk's Department Store for a number of years.

She is survived by her son, William L. Bumgardner and his wife, Betti, of Clyde; stepsons, Dean Crocker of Rock Hill, SC, Earl Crocker of Charlotte, and Charles Crocker of Asheville; daughter, Phyllis B. Champion and her husband, Perry, of Kings Mountain; brother, Claude Rice of Hendersonville; sisters, Myrtle Payne of Kings Mountain, Ethel Davidson of Swannanoa, Faye Talbot of Black Mountain, Betty Barger of Sumter, SC, and Sara Wilson of High Point; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. John Sloan at 11 a.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

JACK JUSTICE
GASTONIA - Jack Robert Justice, 40, 143 Proctor Street, died Sunday at Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte.

A native of Loudon County, TN, he was the son of the late Jerry and Mary Truett Justice. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Shirley Darby.

He was employed in construction.

He is survived by his wife, Janie Thomasson Justice; sons, David and Jerry Justice of Bessemer City and Jack Justice Jr. and Joseph Justice of Belmont; daughters, Misty

Crawford and Samantha Campbell of Bessemer City; brothers, Johnny Justice of Kings Mountain and Ronnie Justice of Gastonia; sister, Linda Owensby of Gastonia; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Brent Griggs at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Green Funeral Service Southside Chapel. Burial was in Westview Gardens.

Pall bearers were Dwayne Justice, Jame Hallbrook Jr., John Jones, Charlie Truett, Dale Thomasson, and Rockland Thomasson. Honorary pall bearers were Roger Pruett and John Crawford.

Greene Funeral Service Southside Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

RUTH CRAFT
RUTHERFORDTON - Ruth Hord Craft, 90, formerly of Rutherfordton, died Friday, November 14, 1997 at Clapp's Nursing Home in Greensboro.

A native of Kings Mountain, she was the daughter of the late Dr. J.G. and Carrie White Hord, and wife of the late W.M. Craft. She was a member of Rutherfordton Presbyterian Church and was a retired librarian at R-S Central High School. She was a graduate of Erskine College and recipient of library of science certification from Vanderbilt University. She was a member of Rutherfordton Garden Club, Rutherfordton Presbyterian Choir, and Daughters of the American Revolution.

She is survived by her sons, Dr. Bill Craft of Greensboro, Dr. Jim Craft of Aiken, SC, and Dick Craft of Rutherfordton; brother, James E. Hord of Miami Springs, FL; sisters, Mary Frances Cothran of Shelby and Carolyn Harris of Kings Mountain; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. Troy Lewis at 11 a.m. Monday at Rutherfordton Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Crowe's Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

DAVID WINEBARGER
KINGS MOUNTAIN - David Henry Winebarger, 75, 312 El Bethel Road, died Wednesday, November 12, 1997 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late David Henderson and Dollie Goins Winebarger. He was retired from Norrick Brothers.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Cook Winebarger of Kings Mountain; son, Jeff Winebarger of Kings Mountain; daughter, Beth Winebarger of Kings Mountain; sisters, Pearl Tutherford of Cherryville and Beulah Seals of Tampa, FL; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. David Greene at 2 p.m. Friday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in El Bethel United Methodist Church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to El Bethel United Methodist Church, 122 El Bethel Church Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MARVIN MASTERS
MOORESVILLE - Marvin L. Masters, 57, formerly of Kings Mountain, died Wednesday, November 5, 1997 in Lakeland, FL.

Mr. Masters was a funeral director and former employee of Harris Funeral Home, Inc., Kings Mountain.

A graveside service was held Sunday, November 9, 1997 at Cinentary Methodist Church.

MILDRED WHETSTINE
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mildred Moss Whetstine, 71, 801 Groves Street, died November 18, 1997 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center, Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Forrest E. and Laura Jolly Moss. She was a member of Temple Baptist Church and was formerly a legal secretary.

She is survived by her husband, Clyde Whetstine; brothers, Solon Moss, Sonny Moss, Larry Moss and Earl Moss, all of Kings Mountain; and sisters, Sheila Ledford, Virginia Gibson and Betty Hughes, all of Kings Mountain.

A graveside service will be conducted by the Rev. Robert Haynes and Dr. Richard Newsome at 11 a.m. Thursday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Temple Baptist Church, P.O. Box 915, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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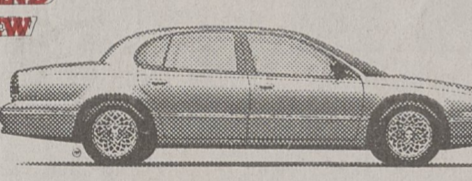
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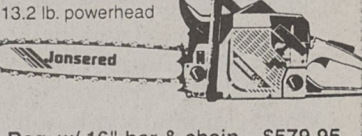
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