

Obituaries

GLADYS MORGAN
 LOCUST, NC - Mrs. Gladys Hinson Morgan, 74, died December 11, 1997 at Carolina Medical Center in Charlotte after fighting a long and courageous battle with cancer.

She served as Assistant Postmaster of the U.S. Post Office in Stanfield, NC, and was a former resident of Fort Pierce, FL.

She is survived by her husband, Arthur R. Morgan of the home; daughter, Joan Long of Charlotte; sisters, Geneva Caveny of Kings Mountain and Nina Whitley of Locust; stepson, Ray Morganton of Winston-Salem; great-grandson, Zack Morgan of Winston-Salem; and three nephews, Tony Culpepper of Locust, Jerry Whitley of Charlotte and Charles Yelton of Concord.

A memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Kenny Wallace at 4 p.m. Sunday, December 14 at Locust Baptist Church.

Hartsell Funeral Home of Albemarle was in charge of arrangements.

ROBERT ALLEN
 GROVER - Robert David Allen, 46, 183 Blackburn Drive, died December 15, 1997 at Northwood Health Care, Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late William Austin and Eva Mae Bowen Allen. He was a textile employee and attended Clearview Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah Allen Allen of Grover; brothers, Raymond Allen and Richard Allen of Grover and Vassuer Allen of Shelby; and sisters, Frances Ledford of Rock Hill, SC, Linda Dailey and Evelyn Bell of Grover, and Pauline Goforth of Loris, SC.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Dave Angel at 3 p.m. Wednesday at New Buffalo Baptist Church. Burial was in Grover Cemetery.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

GENE HUGHES
 EASLEY, SC - Miller Eugene "Gene" Hughes, 71, 511 Lena Drive, formerly of Kings Mountain, died Friday, December 11, 1997 at Baptist Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Conrad and Willie Eva Dunlap Hughes. He was retired as Inspection Engineer at Wix-Dana Corporation in Gastonia. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was also preceded in death by his son, Nelson Hughes.

He is survived by his former wife, Faye Sipe Hughes of Blacksburg, SC; three sons, Conrad Hughes of Shelby, Edward Hughes of Easley and Larry Dean Hughes of Blacksburg; three daughters-in-law; brothers, D.C. Hughes of Kings Mountain and Erwin Hughes of Greer, SC; sisters, Mary Barber of Kings Mountain and Shirley Oliver of Shelby; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Vernon Craig at 2 p.m. Sunday at Antioch Baptist Church cemetery, Blacksburg, SC.

Memorials may be made to Grover Rescue Squad, Main Street, Grover, NC 28073. Lutz-Austell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MARTHA WEIR
 JACKSONVILLE, FLA. - Mrs. Martha Frances McGill Weir, 83, died December 12 following a long illness.

Mrs. Weir was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. McGill of Kings Mountain.

She is survived by her husband, William O. "Billie" Weir; son, William Pressley Weir of Pahoa, HI; and one grandson, S. Anderson Weir of Tallahassee, FL.

Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain, NC.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Boyce Memorial A.R.P. Church, Kings Mountain, where Mrs. Weir was a former member.

George H. Howell and Son Funeral Home, Jacksonville, was in charge of arrangements.

MARGIE DELLINGER
 KINGS MOUNTAIN - Margie Parrish Dellinger, 68, 513 Landing Street, died December 15, 1997 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Erra Harmon Parrish. She was a retired textile employee and was a member of Central United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her son, James Edgar "Jimmy" Dellinger Jr. of Kings Mountain; daughters, Rebecca "Becky" Dellinger of Charlotte and Doris Voiselle of Greenwood, SC; brother, Clyde Parrish of Kings Mountain; sisters, Cleo Crenshaw of Graham, Nellie Cable of Burlington, and Orangel McDaniel and Margaret Dellinger of Kings Mountain; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Harold Schwantes at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Central United Methodist 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.

DUD HOWELL
 GROVER - James Junior "Dud" Howell, 49, 204 M.L. Camp Road, died December 13, 1997 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late James Howell. He was a member of First Baptist Church and was a charter member of the Red Cross, Cleveland County, where he served as a volunteer.

He is survived by his mother, Mamie Correll Howell of Grover; brothers, Jimmie Lee Howell of Grover and Richard Nelson Howell of Shelby; and sister, Peggy H. Mullinax of Grover.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Tony Fulbright at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Grover Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 403 Cleveland Avenue, Grover, NC 28073.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

INEZ VANDYKE
 KINGS MOUNTAIN - Inez W. VanDyke, 68, 107 Prim Lane, died December 11, 1997 at Mercy Hospital in Charlotte.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late William and Beulah Wylie Whetstine. She was a homemaker and attended First Church of the Nazarene.

She is survived by her husband, James R. VanDyke of Kings Mountain; sons, Billy VanDyke and Jimmy VanDyke of Kings Mountain and Bobby VanDyke of Gastonia; daughters, Sheila VanDyke Wilson of Wanda VanDyke White of Kings Mountain; brother, Jimmy Whetstine of Kings Mountain; sisters, Pauline Hurd of Lincoln and Annie Mae Leigh and Margie Hurd of Kings Mountain; 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Mike Daugherty and Barry Philbeck at 3 p.m. Sunday at First Church of the Nazarene. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to First Church of the Nazarene, 405 South Cherokee Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086, or to Love Valley Baptist Church, 2032 Bethlehem Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

GORDON BRIDGES
 SHELBY - Gordon Bridges, 81, 958 College Avenue, died December 13, 1997 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late William Edgar and Laura Veola Ledbetter Bridges. He was retired after 40 years as Spinning Supervisor at Esther Mill Corporation, and was a member of Poplar Springs Baptist Church where he taught Sunday School for 35 years and served as a Deacon, Church Clerk and Treasurer.

He is survived by his wife, Emma Lee Clary Bridges of Shelby; daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Randy Mull and Vickie and Oren Wyatt of Shelby and Judy and Dick McKinnon of

Lancaster, SC; brother, D. Lawrence Bridges of Shelby; granddaughters, Sandy and husband Tim Quattlebaum and Karen and husband Wesley Costner of Shelby; grandson, Robbie and wife Nicole Wyatt of Shelby; grandsons, Richie Wyatt of Shelby and Chip McKinnon of Lancaster; great-grandchildren, Dusty Quattlebaum, Christen Quattlebaum, Logan Costner and Landon Costner, all of Shelby; and a special care giver, Faye Terry of Shelby.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. James Richardson and the Rev. Clyde Buckner at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Poplar Springs Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Poplar Springs Baptist Church Building Fund, 1106 Poplar Springs Church Road, Shelby, NC 28152.

STEVE BLANTON
 SHELBY - Steve Alan Blanton, 38, 3006 Blacksburg Highway, died Wednesday, December 10, 1997 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, he was a former employee of Quality Homes in Gastonia and a member of T.W. Lovelace Memorial Interdenominational Church in Boiling Springs.

He is survived by his father, William Lester Blanton of Kings Mountain; mother, Eloise Cash Hamrick of Kings Mountain; stepfather, Bruce Hamrick of Kings Mountain; sons, Robert Alan Blanton and Anthony Scott Blanton of Shelby; brothers, Keith Blanton of Blacksburg, SC and Philip Blanton of Kings Mountain; and stepbrothers, Kim Hamrick, Eric Hamrick and Kyle Hamrick, all of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. David Greene and Richard Dycuss at 2 p.m. Saturday at El Bethel United Methodist Church. Interment was in El Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made to T.W. Lovelace Memorial Interdenominational Church, 651 McBrayer Homestead Road, Boiling Springs, NC 28017.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



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