

LIFESTYLES

Weddings



MRS. BRIAN LAINE SMITH
(Lori Anne Harrill)

Harrill-Smith

First Baptist Church in Lincolnton was the setting Saturday for the 6 p.m. wedding uniting Lori Anne Harrill and Brian Laine Smith.

The Rev. Jack L. Bryant, pastor of Dallas Baptist Church, officiated the ceremony.

Connie Arndt, pianist and organist, Rosemary Ball, organist, and Kim Mullis, Mark Tipton and Paula Moore, soloists, presented the nuptial music.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents, wore a long-sleeved satin gown designed with portrait collar and neckline enhanced by lace applique. A Cathedral-length train extended from the floor-length skirt. She carried a bouquet of red and white roses.

The bride's sister, Mary Harrill, was maid of honor and bridesmaids were Cassie Dowda of Kings Mountain, Allison Harrill of Stanley, Tina Brice of Lincolnton, Tiffany Black of Maiden and Leslie Hannifin of Charleston, SC.

All the attendants wore long-sleeved formals of black velvet and satin. They carried bouquets of red roses.

Vernon Smith of Kings Mountain was best man.

Groomsmen were Jeff Guy and Jerry Bednoist of Gastonia, Chuck Dixon of Kings Mountain, Brian Hannifin and Patrick Hannifin of Charleston, SC and Harold Black of Maiden.

The bride's parents hosted the reception after the ceremony in the church fellowship hall.

The bridegroom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner Friday night at the church fellowship hall.

Michael and Ann Harrill of Maiden are parents of the bride, granddaughter of Bernice Hager of Alexis and Carl and Dot Harrill of Denver. She is a 1993 graduate of Maiden High School and will graduate in May with a Bachelor's degree in Clinical Laboratory Science from Western Carolina University. At WCU she is a member of the Clinical Laboratory Science Club and of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Scientists.

The bridegroom is the son of John and Debbie Bumgardner of Kings Mountain and is the grandson of Vernon and Tole Smith of Kings Mountain. A 1990 graduate of Kings Mountain High School, he graduated in December 1996 from Western Carolina University with a bachelor's degree in computer information systems. He was a member of DPMA and was second vice-president of Phi Beta Lambda. He is employed by Royal Insurance in Charlotte as a systems specialist.

After a wedding trip the newlyweds will reside in Gastonia.



MRS. ERIC CHRISTOPHER THORNBURG
(Mary Heather Melton)

Melton-Thornburg

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Dallas was the setting January 24 for the wedding of Mary Heather Melton and Eric Christopher Thornburg.

The Rev. Bill Fagan, grandfather of the bride, officiated the 2 p.m. ceremony.

Micheal Wilson of Kings Mountain, clarinetist, and vocalists Joy Hollifield and Rev. Mike Chambers of Christian Freedom Baptist Church, presented the wedding music.

The bride is the daughter of James and Teresa Melton. She is the granddaughter of Emma Wallace and the late Wylie Wallace of Kings Mountain, the late Geneva and Edgar Melton of Shelby, Bill and Marilyn Fagan of Shelby and Isabelle Ellis of Kings Mountain. She attended Kings Mountain High School and is a graduate of the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem. Her special interests include acting and dance. She is currently attending American Academy of Hair Styling in Gastonia. She will be employed by Planet 21 Hairstyles in Charlotte.

The bridegroom is the son of David and Mary Thornburg of Dallas and the grandson of Charles and Rachel Thornburg of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dover of Newfoundland. He is a graduate of North Gaston High School and attended Belmont Abbey College, East Carolina University and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a concentration in Marine Biology. He is currently employed by Auto Bell as manager.

James Melton gave his daughter in marriage. Elizabeth A. Perkins of Kings Mountain was maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Tia Prigden of Gastonia. Haley Rowland of Kings Mountain was flower girl. Ricky Wallace of Shelby was ringbearer.

Adam Wilson and Evan Ellis of Kings Mountain were acolytes.

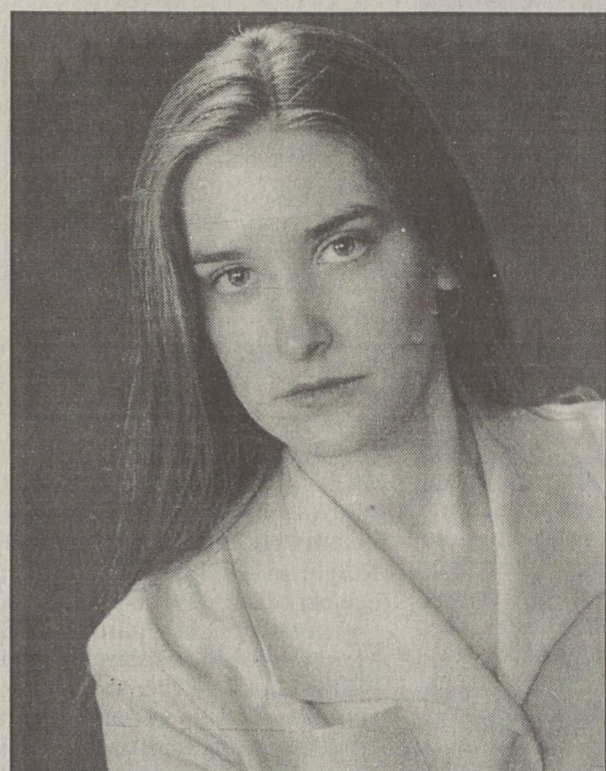
David Thornburg was his son's best man. Ushers were Adam Thornburg, brother of the bridegroom, and Brock Ellis, brother of the bride.

The bride's parents hosted the reception after the ceremony. The church and reception hall were decorated with roses and fountains. Karen Bess directed the wedding. Sylvia Devenney and Sarah Pruitt, aunts of the bride, served refreshments.

The bridegroom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at Carolina Country Barbecue.

The newlyweds took a trip to Banner Elk and are residing in Charlotte.

Engagement



GINGER MICHELLE BLALOCK

Blalock-Templeton

The engagement of Ginger Michelle Blalock of Kings Mountain and Matthew Lindsay Templeton of Greenville, SC is announced by the bride-elect's parents, Thomas A. and Betty W. Blalock of Kings Mountain.

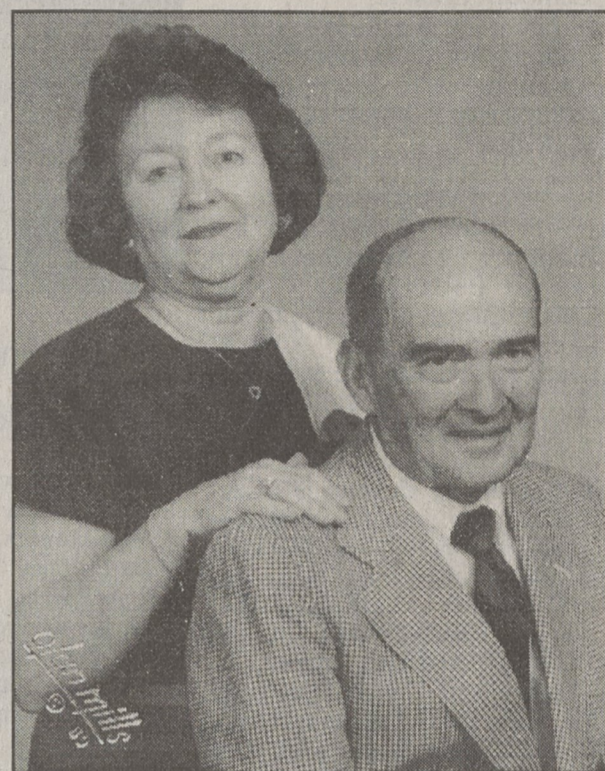
The bridegroom-to-be is the son of Rev. Elizabeth L. Templeton of Greenville, SC and the Rev. David S. Templeton of Columbus, NC.

Miss Blalock is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School and Erskine College at Due West, SC where she was listed in "Who's Who In American Colleges," in the ODK National Honor Society and on the 1997 Homecoming Court. She will attend the University of Wisconsin at Madison to pursue a Doctorate in Molecular Biology.

The bridegroom-elect is a graduate of Greenville, SC High School and Erskine College where he graduated with a B. A. degree in Business. At Erskine he was Student Life Assistant and served on the Entertainment Board. He is employed by Belmont Inn, Abbeville, SC.

The wedding will be an event of June 6.

Anniversary



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT SMITH
... to celebrate Golden Wedding Day

Smiths to be honored Saturday on their 50th wedding anniversary

Robert "Bob" and Betty "Jo" Mauney Smith celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Wednesday and will be honored at a family get-together Saturday at Morton's in Charlotte.

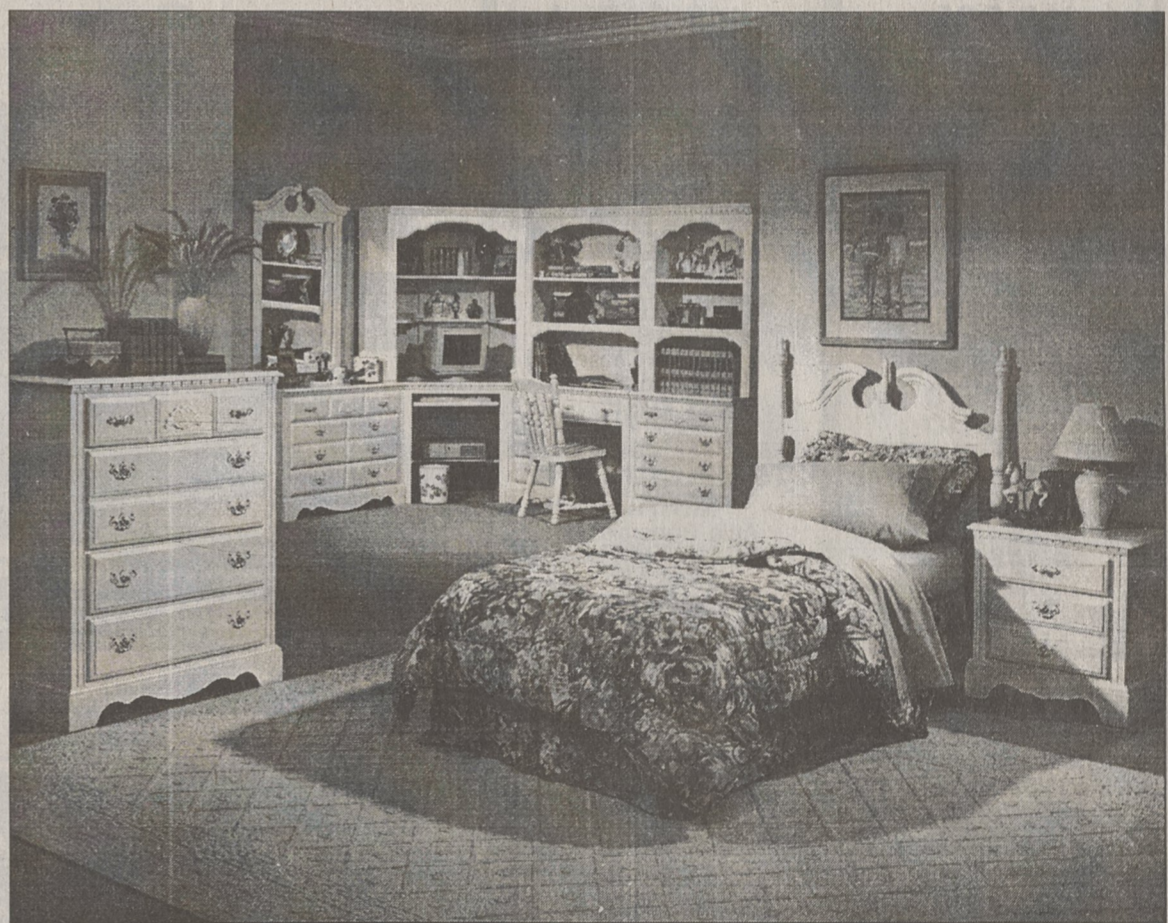
The Kings Mountain couple have one son and daughter-in-law, John Robert and Twyla Smith of West Jefferson and a son-in-law, Tim Henson of Kings Mountain who was married to their daughter, the late Lorri Smith Henson. The grandchildren are Kayla Smith of West Jefferson and Matthew Henson of Kings Mountain.

Mr. Smith has retired from Cox Treated Lumber where he was a salesman. Mrs. Smith retired from Childers Heating, where she worked as a secretary.

The Smiths are active in Kings Mountain's First Baptist Church.

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Senior Citizens

Rep. John Weatherly, Cleveland County's senior representative in the NC General Assembly, will be visiting area Senior Centers to explain property tax relief for senior citizens and to offer forms and assistance to citizens.

Weatherly will be at the Bliss Center in Lawndale Monday, March 9 at 11 a.m., the Kings Mountain Senior Center Tuesday, March 10 at 11 a.m., and the Shelby Senior Center Wednesday, March 11 at 11 a.m.

The public is invited to attend any of the meetings. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Senior Centers.

For the 1998 tax year, North Carolina excludes from property taxes the first \$20,000 in appraised value of a permanent residence owned and occupied by North Carolina residents aged 65 or older whose income does not exceed \$15,000.

This exemption also applies to residents who are totally or permanently disabled. The exclusion is a

change from the limits of \$15,000 tax exemption and \$11,000 income which were in effect the previous year. In order to receive benefits, citizens must file an exemption form with the Cleveland County Tax Assessor no later than April 15, 1998.

Cleveland County has approximately 47,000 residents that are assessed property taxes each year. Of that number only 1,168 are currently taking advantage of this exemption and it is felt the number is low since 20% of the citizens are over the age of 60.

Notes from the Kings Mountain Senior Center. For more information call Monty Thornburg, Director, at 734-0447.

The USDA commodities distribution will be held at the Shelby Armory, Wed., March 18. Senior adults (ages 60 and over) needing transportation to the Shelby Armory that morning may call Mattie at the KM Center by Friday,

March 13. Kings Mountain Senior Center will not give out commodities at the Kings Mountain Armory.

Senior Center dances and socials for March will be on Saturday, March 7, and Friday, March 20 from 7-10 p.m. The Friday night dance will be a Saint Patrick's Day Dance. All participants are asked to dress in green. The best dressed man and the best dressed woman will receive a prize. Participants are asked to take refreshments and paper products to the Friday dances. Admission is \$3 per person. For transportation, call Mattie by Wednesday prior to each social. The Ordinaries will provide music for listening and dancing.

Free income tax assistance for seniors is available on Tuesday, March 19 and Thursday, March 26 from 1:15-3:15 p.m. Take last year's return and proof of income. Call the Center to make an appointment.

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