

# Obituaries

**ELIZABETH BRATTON SHELBY** - Mrs. Elizabeth Short Bratton, 82, 401 North Morgan Street, died June 2, 1998 at White Oak Manor.

A Cleveland County native, she was the daughter of the late James Robert and Mary Ellen Pruett Short and wife of the late Ernest Bratton. She was a member of Faith Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, and was a retired textile worker.

She is survived by her sister, Gizzie Denton of Gastonia; niece, Mary Ann Rash of Shelby; nephews, Mike Short, Mearl Valentine, Gerald Valentine and Ernest Valentine; and other nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**ALLEN DURBIN GROVER** - Allen Dwayne "Cooter" Durbin, 37, 3006 Blackburg Road, died June 1, 1998 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of York County, SC, he was the son of Clarence Durbin of Shelby and Billie Faye Huskey Durbin of Grover. He was employed by Borders Mobile Home Service and attended T.W. Lovelace Memorial Church. He was a race car driver at Cherokee Speedway, Gaffney, SC.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Shella Barnes Durbin of the home; daughters, Chole and Amanda Durbin of Spartanburg, SC; brothers, Bobby Durbin of Shelby and Billy Durbin of Gastonia; sister, Deborah Lowery of Clover, SC; and a number of uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Richard Dycus at 2 p.m. Thursday at Clay-Barnette Chapel, Shelby. Burial will be in Lake View Gardens, York, SC.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home, Shelby, is in charge of arrangements.

**GAILIA SHORT KINGS MOUNTAIN** - Gailia Diane Short, 39, 1560 York Road, died May 13, 1998 at Wendover Heights Manor.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Mills Monroe Short and Carrie Fredell Short. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Ronnie Short.

She is survived by her brothers, Jackie Short, Ricky Short, Bobby Short, Vernon Short, and Harold Short, all of Kings Mountain; sisters, Mary Mull and Geraldine Mull of Kings Mountain; 22 nieces and nephews; and 29 grand nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Freddie and Joan Grigg at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 16, 1998 at Trinity Church of the Living God. Burial was in Westview Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the Gailia Short Fund, Mary Mull account #2, Premier Federal Credit Union, 106 West Gold Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Sisk-Butler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**MICHAEL JACKSON CHERRYVILLE** - Michael Jackson, 44, 115 Mary Lane, died May 31, 1998 in Rutherford County.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of Frank Jackson of Grover and the late Frances Peterson Jackson. He was a member of the Knight's Motorcycle Club of Kings Mountain and was employed by F.T. Williams Co., Charlotte.

In addition to his father, he is survived by his fiancée, Darlene Deaton of Cherryville; son, Jonathan Jackson of Bessemer City; sister, Rhonda Hall of Grover; and grandchild, Taylor Jackson.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Allen Davis at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Harris Funeral Home of Kings Mountain was in charge of arrangements.

**FRANK BRIDGES KINGS MOUNTAIN** - Frank Hood Bridges, 78, 912 Linwood Road, died May 31, 1998 at the VA Hospital in Columbia, SC.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Luther and Minnie Huffstickler Bridges. He was a member of Second Baptist Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was retired from Burlington Industries.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Wright Bridges of Kings Mountain; sons, Barry Nelson Bridges of Mobile, AL and Bruce Keith Bridges of Clover, SC; daughter, Brenda Gilliland of Columbia, SC; brothers, Clyde Bridges and William Bridges of Kings Mountain; sister, Edith Carpenter of Kings Mountain; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Ralph Sparrow at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Second Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Second Baptist Church Building Fund, 120 Linwood Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

**L.A. JOHNSON RUTHERFORDTON** - Lemuel Albert "L.A." Johnson died Monday at Woodlawn Nursing Center.

A native of Greenville, SC, he was the son of the late Oyer and Ida Hillard Johnson. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and was a self-employed carpenter. He was a member of Harvest Time Church.

He is survived by his niece and longtime care giver, Evelyn Ertchberger of Kings Mountain; two sons, Bob Johnson of Dacusville, SC, and Tommy Johnson of Greenville, SC; daughter, Mildred Hicks of Kings Mountain; sisters, Donna V. Aiken of Lithia Springs, GA and Ruby Sloan of Easley, SC; brother, Ralph Johnson; 16 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held Wednesday at Thomas McAfee Funeral Home.

**JOAN NEISLER KINGS MOUNTAIN** - Joan Alexander Neisler, 74, 110 North Gaston Street, died May 29, 1998 at her home.

A native of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, she was the daughter of the late Virginius Wilkins and Ernestine Norris Alexander and wife of the late Paul Mauney Neisler Jr. She was a homemaker and member of First Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her sons, Paul Mauney Neisler III of Supply, John Alexander Neisler of Charlotte and Charles Henry Neisler of Kings Mountain; daughter, Elizabeth Neisler Sumner of Gastonia; grandchildren, Paul Mauney Neisler IV, Harold Alexander Sumner, Julie Joanne Neisler, Katherine Randolph Sumner; great-grandchildren, Taylor Neisler, Erin Neisler; brother, Samuel C. Alexander of Conroe, TX; and sister, Priscilla Arrowood Perucci of San Jose, CA.

A private graveside service was conducted by Dr. Richard Newsome on Sunday, May 31, 1998 at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Gaston County, 717 North New Hope Road, Gastonia, NC 28054.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**MABEL CALDWELL KINGS MOUNTAIN** - Mabel Allen Chapman Caldwell, 77, 807 Floyd Street, died Monday at her residence.

She was a native of Gaston County and former resident of Gastonia. She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell Howard Caldwell; parents, James Luther Allen and Myrtle Cobb Allen; and brother, J.L. Allen.

She was a member of Eastside Baptist Church and was retired from Threads.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Peggy and Gus Lara of Wilmington and Carolyn and Leonard Smith of Kings Mountain; sisters, Dorothy Morrison of Gastonia and Helen Odom of Hattisburg, Miss.; brother and sister-in-law,

Rev. Billy and Gwen Allen of Gastonia; seven grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. Dale Thornburg, Gus Lara and Billy Allen at 11 a.m. Thursday at Eastside Baptist Church. Burial will be in Hollywood Cemetery, Gastonia. Pallbearers will be Jeff McLeymore, James Spake, Jody Godbey, Danny Gardner, Josh Spake and Eric McLeymore. Honorary pallbearers will be Daniel Gardner, Timmy Gardner, Blake McLeymore and Darryl McLeymore.

Memorials may be made to the Eastside Baptist Church Organ Fund, 303 York Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

**ADAM P. McDANIEL KINGS MOUNTAIN** - Adam P. McDaniel, 84, formerly of Kings Mountain, died May 27, 1998 at Woodlands Nursing Home in Rutherfordton.

A native of Rutherford County, he was the son of the late Horace and Maggie Robinson McDaniel. He was retired from Burlington Industries.

He is survived by his wife, Ollie Roberts McDaniel; sons and daughters-in-law, Franklin and Frances McDaniel of Forest City, Sammy McDaniel of Kings Mountain, Larry and Phyllis McDaniel of Dallas, Roger McDaniel of Kings Mountain, and Wayne and Tona McDaniel of Kings Mountain; daughters and sons-in-law, Louise Smith of Kings Mountain, Pat and Lewis Mitchell of Kings Mountain, Wilma and John Forrest of Kings Mountain, Debbie and Tony Craig of Gastonia, Brenda and Michael Dellinger of Cherryville, and Ruthell and Carroll Huss of Monroe; brother, Leon McDaniel of Ellenboro; 20 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Roger Woodard, Bill Alley and Ronald Harris at 2 p.m. Saturday at Family Worship Center. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Grover man killed when car hits tree

A 37-year-old Grover man was killed Monday when the gray Nissan Pulsar he was driving ran off the road and hit a tree head-on.

Allen Dwayne Durbin, of 3006 Blackburg Rd., was traveling south on Blackburg Road below Earl when he ran off the road about 2:45 p.m.

N. C. Trooper Gregory Johnson said Ruth Head, of 3052 Blackburg Rd., was inside her home when Durbin's car struck the tree in her yard. Ms. Head called 911.

Johnson said there were no witnesses to the wreck but he said one bystander said he had passed Durbin in Earl a few minutes earlier. He said Durbin was driving fine.

Shirley Davis, who also lives near the wreck site, said she thought the 55 m.p.h. speed limit was too high for the road because numerous motorists had run off the road in the curve and into Head's yard.

## Mountainfest set in Kings Mountain

Mountainfest - A Celebration of Freedom will be held Saturday, July 4 from 2-8 p.m. at the Kings Mountain Walking Track.

Vendor space is available for food and crafts. The cost is \$5.

Entertainment is also needed. There will be games and rides for the kids.

For more information or to rent a vendor space, call Tandra Leftwich-Ramsey at 734-0449.

## New light, stop sign at Deal and Ridge

City workers are installing a three-way flashing light and three-way stop sign at the intersection of Deal and Ridge Streets as safety measures with increased traffic to Deal Street Recreation Complex.

In addition, City Manager Jimmy Maney has negotiated with Kentucky Fried Chicken to use its vacant lot for parking facilities for people going to the ball park. The city will lease the vacant lot for \$1 a year and will develop it into a parking lot.

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