

## Obituaries

**OCIE WARE**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Ocie Bell Ware, 93, 110 Hunter Court, died June 18, 1998 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Lee and Sally Ledford Bell. She was a homemaker and a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, William Hunter Ware of Kings Mountain; sons, Curtis Lee Ware, Thomas Erskine Ware, Hunter Houston Ware, and Billy Edmond Ware, all of Kings Mountain; daughter, Opal Drumm of Kings Mountain; brother, Ralph Bell of Gastonia; 14 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Ron Caulder and Gene Ware at 3 p.m. Sunday at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Oak Grove Baptist Church, 1022 Oak Grove Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**JAMES BATCHLER**  
HIGH SHOALS - James Robert Batchler Sr., 83, 144 Daniel Ridge Road, died June 18, 1998 at his home.

He was a native of Cherokee County, SC, and the son of the late Charlie and Rose Daniel Batchler. He was also preceded in death by his first wife, Leona Pritchard Batchler; and his son, Eugene Batchler. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife, Alva Dalton Batchler of the home; daughters, Agnes B. Hulsey of Blacksburg, SC and Elizabeth Ann Batchler of Gaffney, SC; stepdaughter, Barbara "Bobbie" Lineberger of High Shoals; son, James Robert Batchler Jr. of Scranton, PA; stepson, Edward Lee Daniel of High Shoals; sister, Francis B. Chambers of Gaffney, SC; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Bill Hoffman at 2 p.m. Saturday at White Columns Funeral Service Chapel, Blacksburg, SC. Burial was in Grassy Pond Baptist Church Cemetery, Gaffney, SC.

Memorials may be made to the organ fund, New Heights Baptist Church, P.O. Box 60, High Shoals, NC 28077.

White Columns of Blacksburg was in charge of arrangements.

**RAY JIMISON**  
GASTONIA - Ray Glenn Jimison, 67, 831 McCall Court, died June 15, 1998 at Duke University Medical Center.

He was a native of Gaston County, son of the late James Edgar Jimison and Blanche Kirby Jimison Nance. He was preceded in death by a sister, Margaret Place, and a brother, Chalmas Jimison.

He was a lifelong member of East Baptist Church, where he was an ordained deacon and past Sunday School teacher of Senior Adults for more than 30 years. He graduated from Gastonia High School in 1950 and attended Belmont Abbey and Gardner-Webb colleges. He was an Air Force veteran during the Korean War.

He was employed with the Gaston Gazette from 1950 until 1962 where he served as county editor, city editor, and managing editor. From 1969 to 1990 he served as director of public relations and company newspaper editor for Ti-Caro Views. From 1990 until his retirement in 1996 he served as publisher for Carolina Newspapers, including the Yorkville Enquirer and Clover Herald. He served on the Communications, Crafted with Pride, and Communications Action Group Committees with the American Textile Manufacturers Institute.

He was past president of the Gastonia A.M. Optimist Club, past director of the Gastonia Jaycees, and had served on the board of directors of Myers Center at Gaston College, the Gaston County Heart Association, the Gaston County Cancer Society, the Gastonia Children's Center, the Gaston County United Way, where he was vice president of the marketing committee and chairman of the communications committee. He was also a member of the Carolinas Association of Business Communicators, the Charlotte Textile Club, and the Charlotte Public Relations Society. He was chairman of the National Textile Week Committee in 1987 and 1988. He was chairman of the North Carolina Textile Week Committee in 1986, chairman of the Gaston County Textile Week Committee in 1983, President of the Gaston County Art and History Museum from 1986-1988. In 1983 he was named Communicator of the Year by the Carolinas Association of Business Communicators. He also received numerous press awards. He created the adopt a district program which produced 800,000 letters to members of Congress. He was a three time first place winner of the best newspaper, "The Ti-Caro Views," by the Carolinas Association of Business Communicators, and originated and developed the "Crafted With Pride" textile campaign that was adopted by ATMI to be used nationally.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Wellman Jimison; a

daughter and son-in-law, Kimberly and Mark Carter of Gastonia; a son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Lynn Jimison of Gastonia; sons, Gregory Jimison of the home and Jon Jimison of Gastonia; three sisters, Jewel Parker, Hilda Weaver, and Joyce Elmore Hogan of Gastonia; and four grandchildren, Allison and Andrew Carter, and Alex and Sarah Jimison.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. Robert Winecoff and Thomas Hogan at 3 p.m. Thursday at East Baptist Church. Burial was in Gaston Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 125 Cottage Place, Charlotte, NC 28207, or to East Baptist Church, 114 North Church Street, Gastonia, NC 28054.

**JOHN JENKINS**  
GASTONIA - John Barry Jenkins, 52, 1737 D Yellowstone Court, formerly of Stanley, died June 17, 1998 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late Paul and Helen Withers Jenkins. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War, was employed by Southern Specialty Printing in Gastonia, and was an active member of A.A.

Survivors include his former wife, Doris Walls Jenkins of Kings Mountain; daughters, Dana Jenkins Southards and husband Michael, and Terri Jenkins Petty and husband, Shane, all of Kings Mountain; brother, Dean Jenkins of Stanley; and grandchildren, twins Courtney and Jayda Southards, and Austin Petty.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Gary Rankin at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Craig Memorial Baptist Church in Stanley. Interment was in Gaston Memorial Park. Pallbearers were Ricky and Tony Jenkins, Carl Higginbotham, Henry Johnson, Al Hayes, and Ernie Richards.

Memorials may be made to the Flynn Fellowship Home, 311 South Marietta Street, Gastonia, NC 28052.

Carothers Funeral Home, Stanley, was in charge of arrangements.

**LUCY WHETSTONE**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Lucy Axsom Whetstone, 77, 807 Church Street, died June 20, 1998 at Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Ed and Mandy Axsom Devine. She was also preceded in death by her son, Charles S. Whetstone. She was a member of Second Baptist Church and was retired from Osage Mill.

She is survived by her husband, Charlie S. Whetstone of Kings Mountain; sons, Paul Whetstone and Jerry Whetstone of Kings Mountain; daughters, Louise Mullis, Myrtle Bolton and Carrie Bradley of Kings Mountain, and Jeanette James of Bessemer City; 22 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Eugene Land at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Second Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**EFFIEMAE RAMSEY**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Effie Mae Froneberger Ramsey, 82, 112 Guyton Loop, died June 22, 1998 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Gaston County, she was the wife of the late Lawrence Ramsey and daughter of the late Washington Miller and Iva Stewart Froneberger. She was also preceded in death by two sons, Jerry Ward and Jeffery Ward. She was a homemaker and a member of Second Baptist Church.

She is survived by her sons, Don Leigh of Gastonia and Kenneth Ward of Kings Mountain; daughters, Delores Leigh Rippy of Shelby, Betty Yarbrough and Jean Bolin McAbee of Kings Mountain, Ann Heavner of Lincolnton, and Carolyn Marr of Locust; brother, Grady Froneberger of Dallas; 23 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Eugene Land at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Second Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**BOBBY HEAD JR.**  
SHELBY - Bobby Head Jr., 66, 117 Palmer Street, died June 22, 1998 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of Robert Anderson and Lillie Mae Price Head Sr. and husband of Annette Lankford Head. He was a self-employed carpenter and formerly worked at Esther Mill.

He is survived by his son, Mike Head of Mooresboro; son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Judy Head of Shelby; daughters, Gwen Ellis of Mooresboro and Kathy Deaton of Shelby; daughter and son-in-law, Renee and Eddie Sisk of Shelby; special friend, Ronnie Williams of Shelby; brothers, Jack Head of Myrtle Beach, SC, and Eddie Head of Polkville; sisters, Margie Beaver of Shelby, Dorcas Clark and Ruth Robbins of Grover, and Betty Brakefield of York, SC; grandchildren, Michael Head, Amanda Head, B.J. Head, Traci Lawhon, David Terry, Crystal Kearney, Doug Williams, Adrienne Williams, Jennifer Panther, Beth Panther, Shawn Sisk, and Ashley Sisk; and great-grandchildren, Brandon Williams, Cassie Lawhon, Kelsey Terry, Jordan Kearney, Madison Williams, Adam Sparks, Aaron Sparks, and Tyler Head.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Stanley Webb at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Clay-Barnette Chapel. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Dickson Heart Center, Carolinas Medical Center, 7th Floor, 1000 Blythe Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28232.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**ELAINE WILLIAMS**  
SHELBY - Elaine McNeely Williams, 49, 1506 Apt. 8, Stoney Point Road, died June 21, 1998 at her home.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Amzie McNeely and was an employee of Hank Fink, Inc.

She is survived by her fiancé, Danny Wood of Shelby; mother, Mary Estelle McNeely of Bessemer City; daughters, Jackie Williams Gimpel of Shelby and Shelley Williams of Kings Mountain; brother, Don McNeely of Bessemer City; sister, Laverne Neely Van Name of Kings Mountain; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Ron Caulder and Bruce Davis at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

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

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### Smith to head B&P Association

Joe Smith, of Foust Textiles, was elected president of the Kings Mountain Business and Professional Association at a recent meeting.

Other officers are Tim Miller of Bridges Hardware, vice-president; Linda Allen of Ashley's, secretary, and Brenda Lovelace of First Carolina Federal, treasurer.

Members of the board of directors, in addition to Smith and Lovelace, are Ellis Noell of Odyssey Video, and Gary Cook of Cook Carpet Cleaning. Kathy Neely of Hope Chest Interiors is outgoing president.

The group meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

### More seizures in big drug bust

Further investigation of methamphetamine trafficking in Cleveland County from the West Coast resulted in the seizure of an additional 1 1/2 pound of "meth" by the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department.

Lt. Billy Benton said the seizure June 23 was a continuation of the investigation of Ramiro Nava Casas of California who was arrested Saturday for trafficking methamphetamine powder which has resulted in a total of at least one kilo seized valued at \$120,000.

Ramiro Nava Casas remains in the Cleveland County Detention Center under a \$250,000 bond.

The investigation is ongoing assisted by the SBI and FBI. Additional charges and arrests are pending.

### KINGS MOUNTAIN WEATHER REPORT

(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

	June 17-23	Year Ago
Total precip.	.46	Trace
Max. 1 day	.41 (22nd)	Trace (20th)
Yea to date	32.12	35.43
Low temp.	66 (19th, 20th)	65 (18th)
High temp.	96 (23rd)	92 (20th, 21st)
Avg. temp.	81.5	79.1

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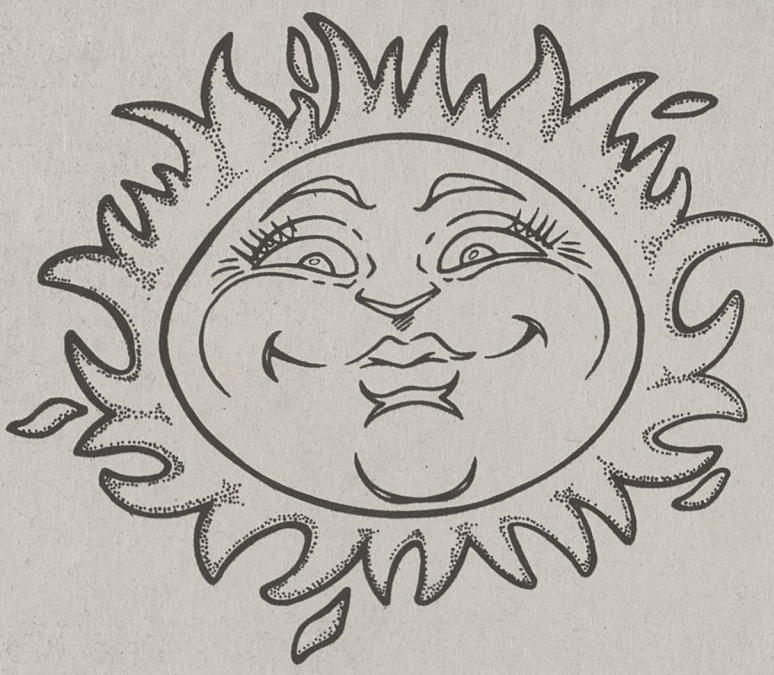
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