

Obituaries

JEFF WELLS
MOCKSVILLE - Charles Jefferson "Jeff" Wells, 69, of Marlene Street, died Friday morning at Baptist Hospital after a period of declining health.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of the late Whitney and Sallie Blalock Wells and was a retired educator. He was assistant principal and had taught English at Davie County High School, and later was supervisor of Davie County School Systems. He was Director of Davie County Adult Education Programs and assistant School Superintendent. He was instrumental in planning and building the Davie County Junior High Schools and was named the first principal of North Davie Junior High, retiring in 1984.

In 1984-1985 he became the director of the Tamassee DAR School in Tamassee, SC.

He was a member and Sunday School teacher at First Baptist Church. He enjoyed playing tennis, basketball and fishing, and especially spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was a former member and secretary to the Mocksville Rotary Club, former Chairman of the Davie County United Way, and helped organize and was president of the Arts Alive in the Park.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Anne Hogue Wells of the home; daughters, Mrs. Gary Barr of Roxboro, Mrs. Eugene Norman of Hamptonville, and Mrs. Danny Bowman of Mocksville; grandchildren, Chris Barney, Adam Barr and Olivia Bowman; three step-grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Lollie McDaniel, Mrs. Nell McSwain and Mrs. Syble Sanders, all of Kings Mountain; brother-in-law, Morris Timms of Kings Mountain; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mrs. Claudie Timms and Mrs. Ruth Randle.

The funeral was conducted by Archie Jones and Caroline

Jones at 3 p.m. Sunday at First Baptist Church. Burial was in Rose Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to First Baptist Church of Mocksville, 390 North Main Street, Mocksville, NC 27028, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Eaton Funeral Service, Inc. was in charge of arrangements.

RUTH PUTNAM

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Ruth Appleman Putnam, 45, 117 Beech Lane, died June 26, 1998 at her home.

A native of Harnett County, she was the daughter of the late Hubert Maurice Appleman. She was a textile employee.

She is survived by her husband, Rickey Eugene Putnam Sr. of Kings Mountain; mother, Mary Calloway Yarboro of Shelby; sons, Eddie Wayne Grissom of Durham and Billy Pearce Jr. of Princeton; stepsons, Rickey E. Putnam Jr. and Wayne Putnam, both of Grover, and Michael Shane Putnam of Kings Mountain; daughter, Barbara Lynn Grissom of Kings Mountain; brothers, John Carpenter of Earl, and Ray Carpenter, Frank Appleman, Ronnie Appleman and Junior Appleman, all of Shelby; sisters, Barbara Brown, Debbie Lancaster and Faye Appleman, all of Shelby; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Rommie Williams at 3 p.m. Monday at Second Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

WALTER HUMPHRIES

GAFFNEY, SC - Walter Harvey Humphries, 76, 105 Saddle Drive, died Sunday, June 28, 1998 at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center.

A native of Shelby, he was the son of the late William Clemmie and Eva Joy Humphries. He was a Baptist and was a retired textile employee.

He is survived by his sons, Tommy Humphries and

Michael Humphries; sister, Dorothy Hollifield of Gaffney; and brothers, James Humphries and Charles Hollifield of Gaffney, Bobby Humphries of Blacksburg, and Jerry Humphries of Gastonia.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Grady Gregory at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the chapel of White Columns Funeral Service in Blacksburg.

KATHLEEN WYLIE

WACO - Kathleen Patterson Wylie, 62, 2215 Caperneum Road, died June 27, 1998 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center, Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Darwin and Macie Page Patterson. She was a Baptist and a former textile employee.

She is survived by her husband, Charles R. Wylie; son and fiancée, Donald Wylie and Mary Ann Hardin of Shelby; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Billy Wilkie of Waco; brothers and sisters-in-law, Walter and Tina Patterson and Charles and Geraldine Patterson, all of Lincoln; sister and brother-in-law, Joyce and Keith Beam of Clyde; and grandchildren, Jason and Terran Wilkie, Shannon and Brad Sigmon, and Mitzi Wylie and her fiancée, Jose Hernandez.

The funeral was held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Sisk-Butler Funeral Home, Bessemer City. Burial was in the Christopher Hullender Family Cemetery in Kings Mountain.

Sisk-Butler Funeral Home of Bessemer City was in charge of arrangements.

Brown on Dean's List at Montreat College

Montreat's School of Professional and Adult Studies recently announced area students receiving academic honors.

Named to the Dean's list was Mark Corey Brown. The dean's list is awarded to students who have received a grade point average of between 3.5 and 3.89.



RETIRING - Isabelle Ellis, Audrey Webster and Thelma Hicks are retiring from the Nutrition Site at the Kings Mountain Senior Center after long service.

Senior Center employees retire

Retirement for Thelma Hicks, Audrey Webster and Isabelle Ellis will get them literally out of the kitchen.

The trio work in the Nutrition Site at the Kings Mountain Senior Center and their job is to feed 55 people at noon every day and prepare 34 meals on wheels.

"We love our second family here but soon we won't have to punch a time clock and we can spend more time with our grandchildren and also do some visiting," says Hicks, who has been site manager for 22 years. She plans the menus, orders the food, shops and organizes the approximately 25-hour week schedule for herself and her assistants.

Hicks, Webster, head cook, and Ellis, assistant cook, report to work at 6:45 a.m. The take-out meals are hot out of the oven and packaged for delivery at 9:30 a.m. At 11 a.m. Hicks introduces the speaker for the daily program for the Senior Center attendees and then assists her staff in serving luncheon at 11:30 a.m.

All three women joined the Center staff after retiring from jobs in industry. Hicks worked at Craftsman Yarns, Webster worked at Spectrum and Ellis worked at Sadie Cotton Mill.

"I didn't plan to go back to work but when the nutrition site first opened at the Community Center I was called by Violet Dixon who managed the local Employment Security Commission and she twisted my arm," said Hicks.

"We've made so many friends that working here at the Senior Center at the Depot is just like being home," she said.

Thelma plans to have time to visit the sick and shut-ins of her church, Kings Mountain Baptist, and stay out of the kitchen. When the family comes for dinner she plans to enjoy their cooking. The family includes five children, Lonnie Burgess of Kings Mountain, Marvin Burgess of Blacksburg, SC, Doris Chamblee of Shallotte, Margie Lawrence of King and Steve Hicks of Kings Mountain. There are nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-granddaughter Kristen Postel.

Webster started cooking at the Senior Center 10 years ago. Her peach cobbler, meat loaf and casseroles are favorites with the Center crowd. Webster has six children, Wanda Beaver of Locust, Rufus Webster, Linda Leigh and Claude Webster, all of Kings Mountain, Aileen Horton of Spartanburg, SC and Larry Webster of Grover. There are nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren and she is active in Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Pound cake is Isabelle Ellis' favorite dessert and luncheon crowds return for seconds everytime she serves it. Isabelle joined the cooking staff at Depot Center eight years ago. She has four children: Jimmy Griffith and Kay Oliver of Kings Mountain, Mary Jane Hunter of Key Largo, Fla. and Diane Duncan of Spartanburg, SC, eight grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She is a member of Second Baptist Church.

"They're advertising for our replacements but they tell us our shoes will be hard to fill," said Hicks.

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