

# Obituaries

**JIM BLACK**  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. - James Edward "Jim" Black, 71, 1205 Sir George Circle, Kings Grant Landing, formerly of Kings Mountain, died July 24, 1998 at his home.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of the late Harley and Mary Ann Black. He was a graduate of Central High School where he was an outstanding athlete in the 1940's. He retired after 29 years with the U.S. Coast Guard and worked for many years at City Auto and Truck Parts in Kings Mountain.

He is survived by his wife, Gale Black of Virginia Beach, Va.; sons, Mike Black of Gainesville, FL., and Rick Black of Boynton Beach, FL.; daughters, Susan Gray of Laconia, NH, and Faythe Cates of Virginia Beach, VA; sister, Aileen Gibson of Kings Mountain; brother, Hilliard Black of Kings Mountain; stepson, Tommy Bresciano of Beaufort, SC; stepdaughters, Sukie Reece of Sugar Hill, GA, and Marty Anderson of Hudson, NH; and 16 grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Tuesday, July 28 in Virginia Beach, VA. A memorial service will be held Thursday, July 30 at 6 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel in Kings Mountain.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**BILL WARE**

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL. - William T. "Bill" Ware, 58, died Friday, July 24, 1998.

A native of Kings Mountain and 36-year resident of North Carolina, he was a member of the American Parts Rebuilders Association and was founder and part owner and operator of Lauderdale Alternator Exchange since 1971.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, JoAnn Ware; sons, William H. Ware of Jackson, MI and Christopher T. Ware of Ft. Lauderdale; daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl Ann and David Boyter of Draper, UT; father, Sidney Howard Ware of Kings Mountain; brothers, Mike Ware of Newberry, SC, Tony Ware of Chattanooga, TN, and Pete Ware of Florida; sisters, Cornelia Kimmel of Myrtle Beach, SC, Katherine Kincaid of Mt. Gilead, and Martha Lou Wells of Kings Mountain; and granddaughter, Emily Boyter of Utah.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. John Stauffer of First Christian Church of Wilton Manors at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Fred Hunter's Ft. Lauderdale Home. Interment was in Lauderdale Memorial Park.

**LUTHER SIGMON**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Luther Eli "Bill" Sigmon, 83, 420 Bridges Drive, died Friday at Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gastonia.

A native of Lincoln County, he was the son of the late Lee Mayhew and Cora Sigmon and husband of the late Leona Sigmon. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Covis Eugene Sigmon; and sister, Beatrice Sigmon.

He was a U.S. Army veteran. He is survived by his brother, Onslow Sigmon of Gastonia; sister, Mamie Tesseneer of Kings Mountain; and a number of nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was conducted by Dr. Boyce Huffstetler at 3 p.m. Sunday at Westview Gardens Cemetery in Bessemer City. Pallbearers were Edward Humphries, Jerry Morris, Jamie Wood and Buddy Smith.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Greene Funeral Service Westside Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

**KENNETH McDANIEL**  
BLACKSBURG, SC - Kenneth Lawson McDaniel, 48, 115 McDaniel Trail, died Monday at Upstate Carolina Medical Center.

A native of Cherokee County, he was the son of A.Z. and Audrey M. McDaniel. He was a member of Hopewell Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two sons, Andy McDaniel of the home and Adam McDaniel of Gaffney, SC; three brothers, Ronnie McDaniel, Tony McDaniel and Tracy McDaniel, all of Blacksburg, SC; two sisters, Judy M. Hamrick of Gaffney, SC, and Christy M. Touchberry of Blacksburg, SC; and one grandchild.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. Billy Sanders and C.E. Hampton at 3 p.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Lee Edward McDaniel, Wayne Parker, Lucas McDaniel, Terry Floyd, Shannon Hamrick, Nicholas Parker, Ben Touchberry and Scott Broome.

Memorials may be made to the Building Fund, Hopewell Baptist Church, 511 Old Chester Road, Blacksburg, SC 29702.

White Columns Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

**G. MARSHALL WHITESIDES**  
SHELBY - G. Marshall Whitesides, 60, 415 Dellinger Road, died July 26, 1998 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Lincoln County, he was the son of Mamie Kiser Whitesides of Shelby and the late Glenn Davis Whitesides. He was retired as an engineer with the City of Shelby Fire Department with 26 years service.

He was a member of Shelby First Wesleyan Church, was a lifetime member of Cleveland Volunteer Fire Department, and was a member of the Cleveland County Fireman's Association and Masonic Lodge 202.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Linda E. Whitesides of the home; son, David Whitesides of Shelby; son and daughter-in-law, Chan and Myra Whitesides of Shelby; and grandson, Jake Whitesides of Shelby.

A graveside service was conducted by the Revs. Clarence Williams and John Ware at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Cleveland Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Cleveland Volunteer Fire Department, 221 E. Graham Street, Shelby, NC 28150; or Shelby First Wesleyan Church, 1542 Kings Road, Shelby, NC 28150.

Cleveland Funeral Services, Inc., was in charge of arrangements.

**MARGARET STEWART**  
GREENVILLE, SC - Margaret Peden Stewart, 20, 118 River Oaks Road, Greer, died Sunday, July 26, 1998.

A native of Greenville, she was the daughter of Mark H. Stewart of Greenville and Reba A. Bahan of Greer.

A 1996 graduate of Eastside High School, she was a Junior at the University of South Carolina where she was on the Dean's List. She was also participating in an exchange program with The College of Charleston.

She was a member of the American Saddlebred Association and was active in many regional shows.

Surviving in addition to her parents, are her brother, Anthony C. Stewart of Greenville; her stepfather, Stephen F. Bahan of Greer; and her grandmothers, Mrs. Doris Anthony of Gastonia and Goldie Davis of Greenwood, SC.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Gaston Neely at 2 p.m. Wednesday at The Mackey Mortuary, Century Drive. Burial was in Woodlawn Memorial Park.

## Yard and hot dog sale to benefit Bell family



DAWN BELL

A yard sale and hot dog sale Saturday at 8 a.m. in the parking lot of Harris-Teeter will raise funds to help pay the medical and funeral expenses of the late Dawn Bell of Kings Mountain.

Bell, 24, was murdered on January 9, 1998. She is survived by two small children.

## County board meets here Tuesday night

Cleveland County commissioners will meet at Kings Mountain City Hall Tuesday at 7 p.m. for their monthly meeting.

This will be the first of several town meetings to be scheduled by the board in various areas of the county. The board customarily meets at the county office building in Shelby.

## WATER

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said the water department has only four employees and a supervisor to handle 100 miles of water/ sewer lines and 200 miles of pipe.

Approved a resolution extending water, sewer and streets to Mountain Manor Phase II and approved the 50 percent reimbursement policy for the final phase of the project.

Rejected 4-2 with Norma Bridges and Rick Murphrey voting against a proposal to change the time of monthly meetings from 7:30 to 7 p.m.

Heard report from Maney that bad debts for the year-end totaled \$57,789 and that the rate of collection of delinquent bills was improving substantially.

Awarded the low bid to Hall Construction at \$229,900 for lining the No. 3 basin at Pilot Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

## HARRIS

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Chairman of the Human Resources Committee, he was honored for his leadership in mental health with the Valand Award in 1979 and the Outstanding Legislator Award in the field of public health by the N. C. Association of Health Departments and Health Care Association. His home district honored him when the new Cleveland County Mental Health Building was named in his honor. The proposed new children's wing at Mauney Memorial Library will also be named in his honor.

## HULLENDER

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Active in Bethlehem Baptist Church, Bob has been a volunteer fireman in the Bethlehem Fire Department for 28 years.

"There were only a couple of houses on Bethlehem Road when we built our new home in the Bethlehem Community and now ours is one of the most growing areas of the county," said Hulleander. Expansion of the rural routes in Kings Mountain is evidence of the growth of the urban section. The post office now has 10 rural routes, compared to three when Bob first joined the KMPO and eight city carriers instead of four.

"I've been part of a lot of changes at the local post office," said Bob, noting that he started to work in the old building across from Central Methodist Church and has seen an expansion of equipment and services in the new building on Gold Street.

State of the art equipment now sorts the mail for each carrier who individually cases it to go out to the individual homes in the community. This process speeds up

the mail and gets the postman out of the building and on the street faster.

Bob recalls the days when all mail men walked the routes, from the post office and back every day and regardless of the weather.

The dress code has also changed. Bob also recalled the days when the mail man wore a tie with his long pants and button down collar shirts and a police style hat. Now in the hot summer months the mail man wears cool knit shirts with Bermuda shorts and a ball cap.

"It's a far cry from the old days," said Hulleander.

"We left the post office walking and couldn't carry all the mail with us so we got relay boxes on our routes by truck," he said.

Bob said he plans to return for visits to his co-workers. He plans to spend more time with the grandchildren and to complete some "honey do" chores for his wife that have been put on hold for some time.

"It will be different but I think I will enjoy retirement," said Hulleander.

## E. COLI

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complete and is ongoing. "We are still analyzing data and talking to both well and sick people," said Stallings.

Stallings said the initial investigation had included reports of people eating at three different restaurants with a majority saying they had take out dinners on the same day at the same place of fried flounder, slaw, potato and tartar sauce before getting sick.

"We are even looking at the time of day that the patients ate," she said.

Interviews are continuing by staff members.

"It's not over yet, although there are no new outlets," said Stallings. Three to eight days is the incubation period for the bacteria.

"It doesn't take a lot of bacteria to make you sick and every person's immune system is different," said Stallings. She said the elderly and young are particularly susceptible to the infection.

The health department conducted a mandatory workshop for all county restaurant owners and employees about proper food handling and personal hygiene Friday at the health department.

The E. coli infection is believed

to be caused from germs ingested usually through undercooked meat, unpasteurized milk and contaminated water, including swimming pools.

Bloody diarrhea and severe abdominal pain are the main warning signs and most people recover in a week, however, E. coli sometimes causes serious, even life-threatening complications and people with symptoms should see a doctor. Health officials warn against the use of Lomotil, a prescription anti-diarrheal medication and the over the counter Imodium.

How can you avoid getting sick? Health officials say you should wash your hands frequently, especially before eating or handling food. All foods, particularly meats, should be cooked thoroughly and handled with clean utensils and served hot.

Mrs. Stallings said while food is the most likely link, the health department isn't ruling out anything. She said people can also be infected through contact with others by failing to wash their hands after using the bathroom and touching food or other people.

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**Patty Love Tucker**  
General Manager

This is the first in a two-part series on dealing with grief when facing the loss of a loved one. If you have questions or suggestions for a future topic, please call us at 825-7171.

♦ When we experience the death of a loved one, the overwhelming feelings of grief and despair are often coupled with hopelessness...things will never get better. These feelings are magnified because most of us aren't taught how to grieve or that the grieving process is normal. But if you give yourself permission to grieve and work through your natural feelings...things will get better...you will heal.

♦ The first step you can take is to take advantage of the time set aside during the burial service to begin your grieving process. This is a time to celebrate the life of your loved one. It's also a time to personalize your loss by saying goodbye in a way that is meaningful to both you and your loved one. By choosing a special song or poem for the service, sharing a memory with the mourners or displaying a cherished memento, you will remember and treasure the good times.

♦ Secondly, you will be surrounded by a community of mourners, so take advantage of this built in support group. Often times, you will be connected with these people through your association with your loved one, so their insight and support can be invaluable. However, remember that you have the right to grieve in your own way for as long as it's necessary for you to bring closure. Don't let comments, however meaningful, change your personal approach to grieving. To heal, you must grieve in your own way and time.

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