

Obituaries

DWIGHT GAINES
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Dwight Gaines, 78, 910 Linwood Road, died February 15, 1999 at Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gastonia.

A native of Rabun County, Ga, he was the son of the late Lawrence and Belle Dickerson Gaines. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Jesse Gaines.

He was retired from Southern Railroad and was a former member of the Kings Mountain Lions Club. He served in the United States Marines during World War II and was a member of First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Emelyn Davis Gaines of Kings Mountain; son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Judy Harmon of Kings Mountain; daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Donald McKinney of High Point; sisters, Lillian Mott of Whittier, CA, and Josephine Holbird of Charleston, SC; grandchildren, Holly Melton, Donnie McKinney, Andy McKinney, Molly Fanquy, and Cindy Hamner; and great-grandchildren, Libbie Hamner, Emily Fanquy, and Christopher Fanquy.

The funeral will be conducted by Dr. John Sloan at 2 p.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 786, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

EDNA SHOOK

SALISBURY - Edna Lucille Goins Shook, 69, 635 Statesville Blvd., died Friday at Brian Center.

She was a native of Catawba County, and a member of Ranlo Church of God. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lorinze and Lora Jane Goins, and her husband, Franklin Odel Shook.

She is survived by her daughters, Jane Willard of Kings Mountain, Charlene Phillips of Ranlo, and Lisa O. Green of Bessemer City; brother, Lorinze Goins of Virginia; sister, Mary Childers of Ranlo; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Jerry Willard at 4 p.m. Sunday at Greene Funeral Service Westside Chapel.

Memorials may be made to Cancer Society of Gaston County, 220 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, NC 28054.

Greene Funeral Service Westside Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

WILLIAM CLARY

SHELBY - William Buford Clary, 68, 816 Mull Street, died February 14, 1999 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Cletus Avery Clary and Macie Blanton Clary. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, C.B. Clary, Donald Clary and Cletus Clary Jr.

He was employed as a small engine mechanic at C.E. Coopers, and was a member of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy S. Clary of Shelby; sisters, Jamie Morgan of Blacksburg, SC, Geraldine Oliver of Green Pond, SC, and Carolyn Prueett, Helen Bailes, Doris Williams and Frances Luckadoo of Shelby.

A graveside service was conducted by the Revs. Stanley Webb and Tommy Buchanan at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at Cleveland Memorial Park.

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

Cleveland Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

VIRGILENE PHILBECK
CHERRYVILLE - Mrs. Virgilene Bradley Philbeck, 70, 2102 Capernium Road, died February 9, 1999 at her home.

A homemaker, she was the daughter of the late Lawrence and Bertha Bradley, and wife of the late Millard Philbeck. She was a member of East Shelby Church of God.

She is survived by her sons, Kenneth Philbeck and Eugene Philbeck of Cherryville, and William Philbeck of Mooresville; stepson, Robert Philbeck of Kings Mountain; stepdaughters, Louise Terry of Patterson Springs, Lorine Warren of Shelby and Ethel Daves of Polkville; brothers, Tommy Bradley and T. Bradley of Shelby; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Todd Phillips and Gregg Sloop at 2 p.m. Friday at East Shelby Church of God. Burial was in Union Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Gaston County, The Water Towers, Garrison Avenue, Gastonia, NC 28054.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MRS. DOT McDONALD
SHELBY - Mrs. Dorothy M. "Dot" McDonald, 75, 950 Hardin Drive (Linville Manor), died February 9, 1999 at Hospice at Wendover.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Richard Bennett and Beuna Grigg Martin, and wife of the late Jack McDonald. She was a member of Landmark Baptist Church, was Miss Linville Manor in 1998, and was active in a number of church functions.

She was also preceded in death by her brother, Jim Martin; sister, Inez Whitaker; and great-grandson, Thomas Roper.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Richard Roper and Martha and Sam Roper of Shelby, Diane and George Proctor of Fallston, Barbara and Daryl Meeks of Grover, and Carol and Roger Davis of Casar; son and daughter-in-law, William and Susie Marlow of Grover; stepsons, Jerry and Terry Marlow of Shelby; sisters, Ruth Scism, Mildred Martin and Shirley McKee of Shelby, Mabel Conder of Charlotte, Irene Mizell of Greensboro, and Joanna Bridges of Orange, FL; 14 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Randy Bridges, Allen Davis and Dan Quorllo at 2 p.m. Friday at Zion Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

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

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

J.C. ELLIS
KINGS MOUNTAIN - J.C. Ellis, 78, of White Oak Manor, formerly of Patterson Springs, died February 8, 1999 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Joe M. and Dora Allen Ellis. He was a retired poultry farmer and textile worker, and a member of Patterson Springs Baptist Church.

He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Clyde, Hugh and Marcus Ellis; and sisters, Ethel Mayes, Laura Mayes, Lorena Peterson and Josie Ellis.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Steve Waters at 3 p.m. Thursday at Patterson Springs Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Patterson Springs Baptist Church, 2107 Cleveland Avenue, Grover, NC 28073.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

H.C. ADKINS
GROVER - H.C. Adkins, 72, 402 M.H. Camp Highway, died February 13, 1999 at Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gastonia.

A native of Rutherford County, he was the son of the late Monroe and Elsie Mae Buckner Adkins and husband of the late Mary Lou Benton Adkins. He was also preceded in death by his son, Phillip Thomas Adkins; and daughter, Judy Annette Adkins.

He was a member of Bethany Baptist Church, and was a retired plumbing contractor. He served in the United States Army during World War II.

He is survived by his son, Gene Atkins and wife, Patricia, of Grover; sister-in-law, Alice Wilkes of Shelby; aunt, Harriet Adkins of Forest City; and granddaughter, Mary Elizabeth Atkins of Forest City.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Doug Ramsey and Scott Carpenter at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Bethany Baptist Church. Burial was in Grover Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Bethany Baptist Church, 723 Cleveland Avenue, Grover, NC 28073.

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

SAMUEL W. WORTHEN
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Samuel W. Worthen, 94, 306 East Parker Street, died February 12, 1999 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Jackson County, Alabama, he was the son of the late William and Ida Worthen. He was also preceded in death by his first wife of 46 years, Pansy Metcalf Worthen; and brothers, Bud, Joe, Richard, Rob, Virgil and Charlie; and sisters, Ida Worthen, Lula Prince, and Libby Durston.

Mr. Wooten was retired from Parkdale Mills and was a member of Dallas Church of God.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ella Worthen of Kings Mountain; son, William W. Worthen and wife, Ruby, of Kings Mountain; stepson, Steve Murphy and wife, Martha, of Kings Mountain; adopted son, Tim Taylor and wife, Peggy, of Kings Mountain; and grandchildren, Steven and Jason Murphy, Roy Kieth Falls, and Lisa Falls Ware; and great-grandchildren, Christina L. Falls, Janie B. Falls, Kayla Murphy, and Brandon L. Ware.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Danny Shortridge at 3 p.m. Monday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

CARRIE AUSTIN
SHELBY - Miss Carrie Anne Austin, 17, 332 Jack Francis Road, died February 10, 1999 at Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte.

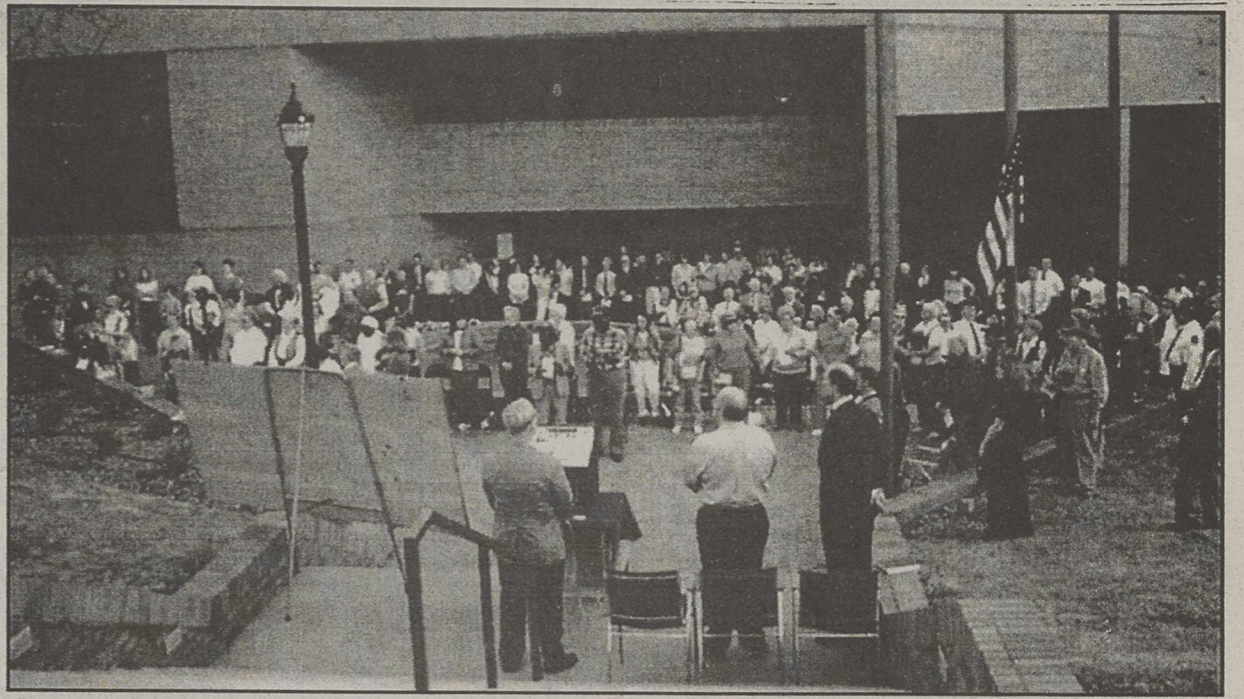
A native of Coudersport, PA, she was the daughter of Jerry and Diane Potocek Austin of the home. She was a senior at Crest High School where she was a member of Future Business Leaders of America. She was employed as a cashier at Kerr Drugs.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her sisters, Jennifer Austin and Stacey Austin of the home; maternal grandparents, Robert and Geraldine Potocek of Summerville, SC; paternal grandmother, Iva Austin of Winter Haven, FL; maternal great-grandmother, Wilma Corey of Coudersport, PA; and nieces, Jessica Austin and Haley Brady of the home.

A memorial service was conducted by Dr. Pat Correll at 2 p.m. Sunday at Bethel Baptist Church.

Memorials may be made to Crest High School F.B.L.A., 800 Old Boiling Springs Road, Shelby, 28152; or Number Three Volunteer Fire Department, 2327 Blacksburg Road, Grover, NC 28073.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



A big crowd attended the 125th anniversary of the chartering of the City of Kings Mountain Thursday at City Hall. Mayor Scott Neisler, new flag designer Reg Alexander, and Rev. Dick Newsome of First Presbyterian Church made remarks.

GARY STEWART / THE HERALD

Mixed reaction locally to Clinton's acquittal

BY ALAN HODGE
Staff Writer

Now that the impeachment trial of President Clinton has come to a conclusion, the nation can draw a collective breath and take stock of what has gone on these past months. Opinions on the acquittal of Clinton are about as strong one way or another as those of whether Jeff Gordon or Dale Earnhardt is the better driver. A sampling of folks in the Kings Mountain area found a diversity of opinions, none of them lukewarm in nature.

Kings Mountain attorney Micky Corry looked at the impeachment from a professional point of view.

"Being a lawyer, I knew that the burden of proof would fall on those seeking an impeachment conviction," said Corry. "I couldn't see how they could find him guilty beyond a reasonable doubt."

An educator at Kings Mountain High School, Betsy Wells, was relieved but troubled by the whole Clinton impeachment episode.

"I'm glad it's over," said Wells. "It's nice to know that the Constitution prevailed and that the way our forefathers wrote it did not overturn the outcome of two popular elections. I never

thought the charges rose to impeachable offenses, but I am bothered by the rancor and bitterness that came about. It is a national catastrophe."

Dean Westmoreland of Grover also praised the founders of our nation.

"The outcome was about what I expected," Westmoreland said. "I never believed the House had a case. The Senate bore that out by not even getting a majority to vote against the President. I'm proud that the system worked as our forefathers planned it so that partisan removal of a president was hard to do."

Kings Mountain City Council member Gene White thought that Clinton's conduct was "crazy" but saw the Constitution as a buffer.

"The founding fathers wrote our Constitution in a way that made impeachment hard to carry out in order to avoid political vendettas," White said. "The process should be carried out only with crimes of the highest kind."

Retired Reverend Edgar Cooper, like many Americans, was concerned about the moral message that the Congress was sending the nation and world.

"I am reminded of George Washington's prayer for the nation which says that a young

nation under God was secure," Cooper said. "President Clinton's reluctant statement that there was 'no easy way to confess sin' shows that we as a nation need to repent of our broken vows to God. A mighty country with God's blessing can be a wonderful instrument of good to the world."

At the Kings Mountain Senior Center, director Monty Thornburg saw the Clinton troubles as a bad signal for children.

"I'm disappointed he was not found guilty," said Thornburg. "Not only did the whole situation waste the taxpayer's money, it showed a double standard which is terrible for the kids."

Rounding out comments on Clinton, Kings Mountain insurance executive Bob Maner let it all hang out in his opinion of Clinton.

"The rascal got away," Maner said. "If he had been tried in a church by Republicans or Democrats, he would have been convicted. I'm proud of the House managers, but the poor devils in the Senate didn't have the courage to do it."

Just because the vote is over, don't think that Clinton is going to find peace any time soon. Like the rest of America, he will have a long time to ponder what the nation has been through before any dust settles.

Open Gate Garden Club has program on recycling

The Open Gate Garden Club met in the dining room at EdenGardens on February 10 with Mrs. Eugene McCarter as hostess. Fifteen members enjoyed the delicious dessert course with a Valentine motif.

Mrs. McCarter, President, welcomed all members and introduced Mrs. John Howze who gave a very interesting and informative program on "The Magic of Recycling." She stated that recycling is an essential step toward solving this country's solid waste problem, but it has much farther ranging effects. Recycling benefits everyone.

Seventeen pulp trees are saved by each ton of paper made from recycled materials, and only half the water is needed to manufacture recycled paper. Producing one aluminum

can from recycled aluminum saves the energy equivalent of one half of the can filled with gasoline. By increasing the levels of steel and paper recycling in this country, we could afford to close down many nuclear power plants.

Curbside collections are the most expensive method of collecting recyclables from residential areas. Drop-off centers are the most common method of recycling in the United States. Two drop-off centers in Kings Mountain are located on Margrace and Oak Grove Roads.

About ten percent of the oil changed from cars gets recycled. It has been estimated that the amount of oil that is dumped in the United States annually equals 10 to 20 times the amount that was spilled

from the Exxon tanker in Alaska in 1989.

Between 25 and 50 percent of waste volume in landfills is from yard waste. Grass that is bagged comprises a large share of the waste. Twenty states have legislation to end the lawn waste. The clippings from the yard should be used in composting, because grass clippings have a high nitrogen content. Another good mulch is newspapers. Use several layers in beds and around trees with pine needles. The paper will keep out weeds and break down in the soil.

The Kings Mountain Public Works Department has free mulch to pick up. Cleveland County sells it by the ton.

The club plans to plant a tree in celebration of Arbor Day. The place will be selected by the Conservation Committee.

CCB promotes Sandra Stone

Central Carolina Bank in Kings Mountain has promoted Sandra M. Stone to assistant branch manager. A Kings Mountain native, Stone is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School, and attends Oak Grove Baptist Church. She is married to William Stone and has two children, Larry and Lyndi.

Stone's banking career started with Home Federal Savings and Loan way back in 1977. In 1979, that institution was acquired by CCB. Over the years Stone has held positions including teller, customer sales and service representative, and loan officer.



SANDRA STONE

"I feel that my experience in coming up through the ranks will be a valuable asset in my new position," Stone said.

Quick with a smile and a laugh, Stone knows the value of developing and maintaining a close relationship with her customer base.

"I like to help people and see that their financial needs are met," said Stone. "Beyond that, we like to think of the people who do business with us as friends, not just customers."

Ready to serve her patrons with knowledge and friendliness, Stone is a credit to her company and community.

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