

## Obituaries

**MADLEINE HOUSER** - KINGS MOUNTAIN - Madeline Proctor Houser, 96, 402 Tate Terrace, died March 2, 1999 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cherokee County, SC, she was the daughter of the late George and Nellie Proctor and widow of the late Arthur C. Booth and widow of the late Lawson Lee Houser. She was a member of Camp Creek Baptist Church. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her son, Kenneth Booth and wife, Frances, of Cherryville; stepsons Rev. John Houser and wife of Lerna, Ill., Gene Houser of Joliet, Ill., and Lester Houser, Ervin Houser, and Thomas "Tang" Houser, all of High Point; stepdaughters, Cornelia Buchanan of Kings Mountain and Alma Deaton of Gastonia; sister, Virginia Baber of Kings Mountain; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be conducted by the Rev. Alvin Hoyle at 2 p.m. Thursday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### MAE FLEMING

**KINGS MOUNTAIN** - Mae Hipp Fleming, 78, 104 Vance Street, died March 1, 1999 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Spartanburg County, SC, she was the daughter of the late John Ervin and Lethie Ballew Hipp. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Robert Everett Fleming, and her daughter, Sandra Hinson Peterson.

She was a homemaker and a member of Patterson Grove Baptist Church.

She is survived by her grandson, Mike Hinson and wife, Jill, of Kings Mountain; brother, Alfred Hipp of Greer, SC; sister, Myrtle Hipp Chandler of Spartanburg, SC; and great-grandchildren, John Michael Hinson and Mitchell Hinson of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Terry Bird and Richard Plyler at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Patterson Grove Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Patterson Grove Baptist Church "Challenge to Build" fund, 301 Oak Grove Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### JOSEPH CAUSBY

**SHELBY** - Joseph C. Causby, 67, 303 Davis Road, died February 27, 1999 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Rutherford County, he was the son of the late Otis Causby and Vernie Wright Causby. He was a retired driver from Overnite Trucking Company. He was also a member of Goode's Grove Baptist Church and a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife of the home Dorothy Allen Causby; daughter and son in law Debbie Causby and Michael Byars of Shelby; son and daughter in law Joseph Kevin and Clara Causby of Shelby; brothers and sisters in law Alfred E. and Edith Causby of Bostic, N.C.; Dan L. and Pat Causby of Rutherfordton, N.C.; sister Nancy Ferguson of Shelby; Grandson Joseph Allen Byars of Shelby; granddaughter and her husband Concetta Byars and Robert Edwards of Grover, N.C.; granddaughters Charity June Causby and Chastity Julia Causby both of Shelby; great grandsons Christopher and Dustin Edwards of Grover.

The graveside service was conducted Monday by the Rev. Lawrence Toney at 2 pm at Sandy Run Baptist Church Cemetery.

Cleveland Funeral Services handled the arrangements.

**HUBERT DAVIDSON** - GREENSBORO - Hubert Neal Davidson, 88, 4512 Lawndale Drive, died March 1, 1999 at Moses Cone Hospital.

A native of Bethany, SC, he was the son of the late John T. and Martha Bolin Davidson. He was a member of Boyce Memorial ARP Church and was retired from Margrace Mills, Kings Mountain. He was also a former member of the Lions Club.

He is survived by his wife, Vivienne Whaley Davidson of Greensboro; daughter Delores Chambers and husband, Ervin, of Summerfield; and grandchildren, Karen Ross and husband, Steve, of Greensboro, and Diane Chambers of Summerfield.

A graveside service will be conducted by the Rev. Doug Petersen at 10 a.m. Thursday at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Memorials may be made to Camp Tekoa, P.O. Box 160, Hendersonville, NC 28793 and Association for Retarded Citizens, 826 N. Elm St., Greensboro, NC 27401.

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

### L.J. BLACK

**KINGS MOUNTAIN** - L.J. Black, 76, 2064 Bethlehem Road, died February 28, 1999 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center, Shelby.

A native of Cherokee County, SC, he was the son of the late Real and Alice Fulton Black. He was a member of Love Valley Baptist Church and was retired from Grover Industries.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred Wylie Black of Kings Mountain; brother-in-law, Dwight Hipps of Blacksburg, SC; and a number of nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was conducted by the Revs. Barry Philbeck and Bobby Herndon at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Antioch Baptist Church cemetery, Blacksburg, SC.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### LAWRENCE C. PRUITT

**KINGS MOUNTAIN** - Lawrence Chalmers Pruitt, 75, 711 Groves Street, died February 25, 1999 at Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gastonia.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Isaiah and Mary Mullinax Pruitt. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Odell "Ike" Pruitt, and sister, Bertha Huffstetler.

He was a member of Second Baptist Church, American Legion Otis D. Green Post 155, and the N.C. Realtors Association. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corp during World War II. He was a former employee at Alexander Machine Co. in Gastonia for 25 years, and Chavis Machine Co., Gastonia, and Hoover Machine Co., Gastonia.

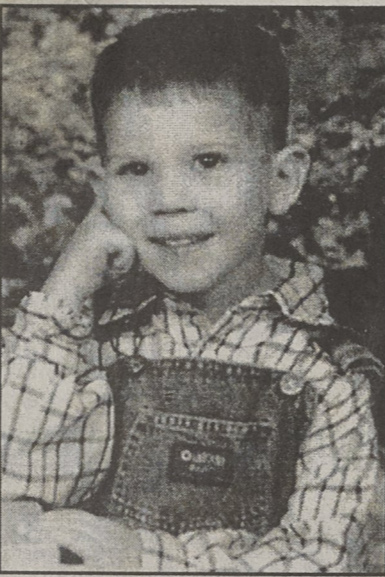
He is survived by his wife, Katie Lou Jones Pruitt of Kings Mountain; sons, Darryl S. Pruitt of Charlotte and Dennis M. Pruitt and wife, Patricia, of Gastonia; brother, Opal Pruitt of Lakeland, FL; sister, Vada Abernathy of Kings Mountain; and two grandchildren, Tiffany Diane Pruitt and Michael Lee Pruitt.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Mike Dixon and Eugene Land at 2 p.m. Sunday at Second Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Second Baptist Church Memorial Fund, 120 Linwood Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086, and Paralyzed Veterans of America, 7 Mill Brook Road, Wilton, NH 03086-0913.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Birthdays



COLBY BAILEY

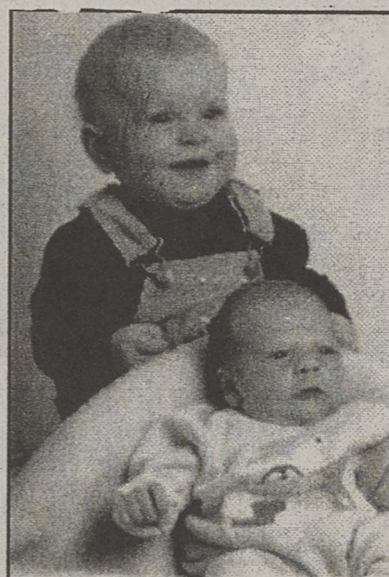
### Colby Bailey

Colby Shawn Bailey, son of Scott and Missy Herndon Bailey, turned four years old on February 17, 1999. A Superman birthday party was shared with his friends at Bolin's Day Care.

On Saturday, Feb. 13, a Batman and Robin birthday party was held at his grandparents' home. Guests enjoyed hot dogs with all the trimmings, a Batman and Robin cake, ice cream and a hayride.

Colby is the grandson of Ed and Gail Herndon of Kings Mountain and Phil Bailey of Belmont. He is the great-grandson of S.E. Heavner and Harold Herndon of Kings Mountain, Gertrude Bailey of Belmont, and Joyce Holler of South Carolina.

Colby has a younger brother, Bryson Bailey.



DYLAN STARNES  
LANDON STARNES

### Dylan Starnes

Dylan Starnes, son of Todd and Ginger Baity Starnes of Kings Mountain, was one year old January 22.

He celebrated January 23 with a party at his home. A balloon theme was held. His cake was in the shape of a ball.

Family and friends attended.

He has a brother, Landon Starnes, age 7 weeks.

Grandparents are Dennis and Terry Putnam, Bobby and Jane Starnes, and Mike Baity. Great-grandparents are Winona Echols, Ruth Baity, Ruth Putnam, and Estelle Sanders.

### Landon Starnes

Landon Lee Starnes was born January 8, 1999 at Gaston Memorial Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, three ounces and was 22 inches long.

Parents are Todd and Ginger Baity Starnes of Kings Mountain.

Maternal grandparents are Dennis and Terry Putnam, and Mike Baity. Paternal grandparents are Bobby and Jane Starnes.

Great-grandparents are Winona Echols, Ruth Baity, Ruth Putnam, and Estelle Sanders.

Landon has an older brother, Dylan Starnes.



LA KENDRA ROBERTS

### La Kendra Roberts

La Kendra Bionca Roberts, daughter of Silvester Roberts and Nicole Roberts, was six years old March 1. She celebrated February 27 at Pizza Hut.

Fifteen children enjoyed pizza, cake and ice cream. Cousins, friends, her grandmothers Barbara Roberts and Ann Barnes, and her mother and father attended.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Amos B. Roberts, Ann Barnes, and Paul Brown.

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### ARRESTS

Ricky Reavis, 25, 222 Thornburg Dr., larceny, \$1000 bond, unsecured.

Lori Goins, 21, 821 Second St., worthless check.

Robert Allen Crotts, 19, 204 S. Oriental Ave., larceny, \$1000 bond, unsecured.

Tina Smith, 24, 410 Hill St., worthless check.

Jarrid Lynn Prather, 21, 407 York Rd., possession of marijuana, fictitious plate and fictitious inspection sticker, \$600 bond, secured.

Antonio R. Thombs, 17, 210 Orr Terrace, felonious breaking and entering a motor vehicle, misdemeanor second degree trespass and misdemeanor resisting and delaying officer, \$2000 bond.

Leslie Felicia Burris, 29, 303 Court Dr., Bessemer City, simple assault, \$500 bond, secured.

Timothy David Ross, 33, 505 W. Gold St., worthless checks, criminal summons.

Leroy Noble McCleary, 53, 917 Sparrow Springs Rd., DWI, driving while license revoked, expired plate, and fictitious tag, \$600 bond, secured.

Donald Eugene Allen, 31, 210 Morris St., two counts worthless checks, \$400 bond, secured.

### CITATIONS

Christopher Scott Pervine, 25, 109 Keith Ave., driving after revocation.

Carol Lynne Burton, 25, 801 W. Mountain St., obstructed windshield with non-transparent material.

Melissa Stroupe Hadeed, 27, 757 Chestnut Ridge Rd., seat belt violation and no insurance, no operator's license and fictitious tag.

Jack Parrot Jr., 38, 575 Chestnut Ridge Rd., no seat belt.

### INCIDENTS

Maggie Ford, 301 Fairview St., reported damage to her 1993 Pontiac.

Hardees, Cleveland Ave., reported theft of currency.

Robert Johnson, 411 York Rd., reported theft from his vehicle by suspects breaking out the Hatchback windshield and doing \$2100 damage.

### BY ALAN HODGE Staff Writer

Kings Mountain High School Teacher of the Month Mary Ann Lattimore is one of those rare people who knew what their career would be from an early age. Ever since she can remember, Lattimore realized that she wanted to teach math.

A native of Cleveland County who now resides near Polkville, Lattimore attended North Carolina State University and Western Carolina University before beginning her teaching odyssey.

"When I was in college, I was one of the few people who didn't change their major," Lattimore said. "I had just al-

# Neither rain, sleet nor Y2K will stop mail

Neither rain nor sleet nor the year 2000 shall keep the United States Postal Service from delivering the mail. At least that's what the USPS has in mind. Part of the plan includes what the Post Office calls its "Year 2000 Readiness Survey" to communicate Year 2000 status to customers, suppliers, and business partners.

Covering eight areas Year 2000 concern, the Readiness Survey focuses on general information, methodology, testing and certification, contingency planning, suppliers, reporting, systems and infrastructure, and contact information.

As far as general information is concerned, the USPS wants everyone to know that it has a clear definition of what it means to be Year 2000 compliant. The Post Office also has a dedicated program management office to oversee the Year 2000 initiative.

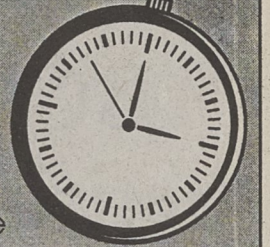
Methodology employed by the USPS for the accurate and effective completion of its Year 2000 remediation efforts include a six-step series that addresses areas such as solution design and release testing.

Testing of all USPS mission-critical systems will take place before the Year 2000 hits. A master testing schedule has been established and all critical systems will go through a process to verify their readiness. One drawback is the fact that USPS suppliers and external customers cannot conduct tests against specific USPS owned systems.

Should the unthinkable happen, the USPS has a Year 2000 contingency program in place. Contingency plans are expected to be written 3-6 months prior to the earliest known failure date.

Working with suppliers, the Postal Service has established the USPS Supplier Management

## Countdown to 2000



By Alan Hodge

Office to determine if they can provide uninterrupted service to the Postal Service and its customers. Because the Postal Service has so many vendors worldwide, it will not be possible to adopt a global certification process. However, they will use a structured evaluation process to access Year 2000 of critical vendors.

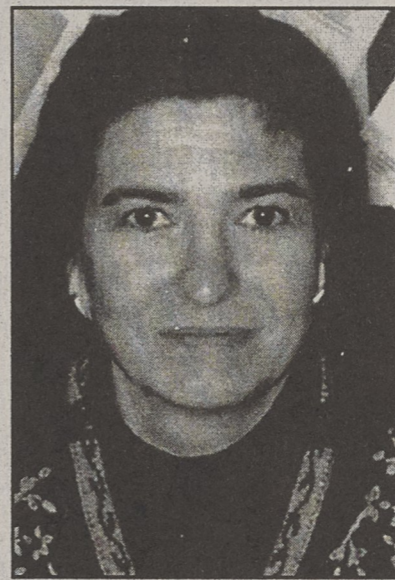
Reports on the Postal Service and its Year 2000 progress are made quarterly to the Office of Management and Budget. This information is also available on the USPS website at [www.usps.gov/year2000](http://www.usps.gov/year2000).

In addition to this site, the USPS has a team dedicated to answering Year 2000 questions. This team may be contacted at USPS Year 2000 Initiative Office, Attn: Clearinghouse, 4301 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1003, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1816. The fax number to the Clearinghouse is 703-526-2844. E-mail to the office can be sent [year2000@email.usps.gov](mailto:year2000@email.usps.gov).

Postal patrons in Kings Mountain can rest assured that their mail will go as usual.

"We are ready for the year 2000," said Postmaster Bob Howard. "Even if something like the power going off should occur, we have a stand-by generator ready to go. In our lobby we have a clock marking the time left until the end of the year and anyone can come in and watch it count down."

## Lattimore Teacher of the Month



MARY ANN LATTIMORE

ways known what I wanted to do."

Prior to coming to Kings Mountain High School in 1985, Lattimore spent some time teaching near Houston, Texas.

At Kings Mountain High School, Lattimore focuses on teaching algebra II and calculus.

"I especially like working with juniors and seniors," said Lattimore. "It's interesting to help them make career decisions with things like career choices that will affect them for the rest of their lives."

Following her philosophy of helping students get ready for the future, Lattimore's advanced placement calculus class can count as college-level work

See Lattimore, 5A

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Is Fifty!



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St., reported theft of jewelry, currency, Game Boy, assorted CDs, a cassette player and computer from his residence;

### WRECKS FEB. 22

Winford Thompson, 111 Stroup Rd., Waco, was cited for running a red light after his 1990 Pontiac struck a 1991 Lincoln operated by Barbara London, 615 Meadowbrook Road. Both drivers complained of injuries. The accident happened at York Road and Gold Street. Damages were estimated at \$19,000.

FEB. 23

Rita Owens, 214 Fairview St., was driving into her driveway and her car struck a parked 1997 Chevrolet truck owned by Clifford Owens, 214 Fairview St. Damages were estimated at \$1200.

A 1998 Jeep operated by Amy Self, Shelby, struck a 1992 Ford truck operated by Carolyn Dilling, 202 Victoria Circle, at the West King Street-Country Club intersection doing \$3000 damage.

FEB. 26

An unknown driver left the scene of an accident after his vehicle struck a 1998 Chevrolet truck operated by Johnnie Allison, 107 Stowe Acres, on West King Street. The Allison vehicle was damaged \$400.