

# OBITUARIES

**ERNEST COLLINS SHELBY** - Ernest Eugene Collins, 62, 819 Cleveland Avenue, Grover, died April 18, 1999.

He was the husband of Nancy Collins and son of the late William Frederick and Ora Gellinger Collins. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was employed with Dixie Lawn in Gastonia.

He is survived by two sons Ernest Collins Jr. and Earl Matthew Collins, and one daughter, Donna Ruth Collins, all of Spotsylvania County, VA; two step-children, Jerry Adams of Kings Mountain and Linda Christopher of Lincolnton; two brothers, Clyde Collins of Chantilly, VA, and Robert Collins of Kings Mountain; one sister, Mary Lovelace of Kings Mountain; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Mitchell Pruitt at 3 p.m. Wednesday at White Columns Chapel, Blacksburg, SC. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Pallbearers were Fred Collins,

Billy Collins, Richard Adams, Dwayne Christopher, Bryant Christopher and Keith Christopher.

White Columns Funeral Service, Blacksburg, SC, is in charge of arrangements.

**REV. JOE TERRY JR. SHELBY** - Rev. Joe Terry Jr., 67, 1808 Sulphur Springs Road, died April 20, 1999 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Joe and Cora Parker Terry SR. He was retired as a truck driver for Dedmon Concrete and was former pastor of Calvary Hill Baptist Church. He attended Ledford's Grove Baptist Church and was a member of the Chaplain's Office at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by his wife, Louise Philbeck Terry of the home; son, Tommy J. Terry of Shelby; daughters and sons-in-law, Teri and Ronald Ellison and Margie and Jerry Bowen of Shelby; sisters, Virginia Hamrick of Stanley, Corine Carswell of Morganton, Oree

Beatty of Kings Mountain, and Beulah Ray "Boots" Osborne of Shelby; grandsons, Jerry Bowen and Dakota Terry of Shelby; and granddaughters, Hillary and Heather Ellison of Shelby, and Kelsey Bowen.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. Doug Jones and Rufus Daves at 2 p.m. Thursday at Clay-Barnette Chapel. Burial will be in Sunset Cemetery.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**CLAUDE HAMBRIGHT KINGS MOUNTAIN** - Claude Hoyte Hambright, 95, 406 West Mountain Street, died April 18, 1999 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Gilbert Dixon and Nettie Patterson Hambright. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Annie Love.

He was a member of Boyce Memorial ARP Church, and was the retired owner of Kings Mountain Cotton Oil Company.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Pursley Hambright of Kings Mountain; son, Fred D. Hambright and wife, Kay Mullinax Hambright of Kings Mountain; daughter, Jane Hambright Branton and husband, Robert E. of Shelby; sisters, Corinne Stowe and Mary Helen Patrick of Kings Mountain, and Sarah Rhyne of Graham; and grandchild, Charles Lowery Hambright and wife, Ansley, of Kings Mountain.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Doug Petersen at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**C.D. "RED" WARE KINGS MOUNTAIN** - C.D. "Red" Ware, 91, 601 West Mountain Street, died April 6, 1999 at his residence.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Charles Page and Martha Lou Carroll Ware and husband of the late Estelle Hord Ware. He was also preceded in death by his son, Charles E. "Bud" Ware.

He was retired from Kings Mountain Fire Department after 45 years of service. He was one of the original four full-time firefighters in Kings Mountain. He was a member of Kings Mountain Baptist Church where he served as a former Deacon.

He was a member of the Cleveland County Fire Association, Clover Deer Hunting Club, N.C. Fire Chief's Association, former member of the Kings Mountain Lions Club, and a charter member of Kings Mountain Rescue Squad.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Phyllis W. and Gene Austin of Kings Mountain; brothers, Robert Ware and Howard Ware of Kings Mountain; grandchildren, Chuck Austin, Brad Austin, Charles Witherspoon, Rick Witherspoon, Karen "Doodle" Melton, Susan Rhoades, and Terri King; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Olin Byrum at 2 p.m. Monday at Kings Mountain Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Kings Mountain Baptist Church "Columns Fund," 101 West Mountain Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**SARAH PENDLETON KINGS MOUNTAIN** - Sarah Coon Littlejohn Pendleton, 77, 509 West Gold Street, died April 18, 1999 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late John and Elizabeth Stroupe Coon and wife of the late Cecil Arthur Pendleton and the late James Edward Littlejohn. She was retired from Southern Bell and was a member of Kings Mountain Baptist Church. She was an avid gardener and a member of Pioneer Club/BellSouth, Gastonia.

She is survived by her sons, Jimmy Littlejohn of Kings Mountain, Arthur Pendleton of Manchester, CT, and Ralph Pendleton of Shrewsbury, Mass.; daughters, Susan Littlejohn Gibson and husband Barry of Kings Mountain and Ann Pendleton of Danvers, Mass; brother, Hunter Coon of Bessemer City; two grandchildren, Mary Elizabeth Gibson and Jennifer Gibson Conner; and one great-grandchild, Gibson Conner.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Olin Byrum and Terry Byrd at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Kings Mountain Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Kings Mountain Baptist Church, 101 West Mountain Street, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**DRIANNA LEE DINGMON KINGS MOUNTAIN** - Drianna Lee Dingmon, infant daughter of Melissa Francine Bolin and Gene Dingmon of 106 Cenco Drive, died April 15, 1999 at Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte.

She is also survived by a sister, Chelsy Marie Dingmon of the home; maternal grandparents, Sandra Francine Bolin and Marvin Dean Bolin of Blacksburg, SC; maternal great-grandmother, Elizabeth Gorski of Gaffney, SC; paternal grandparents, Emmanuel Darnell Pruitt and Cheri Ann Pruitt of Kings Mountain; paternal great-grandmothers, Mary Elizabeth Pruitt of Gastonia and Marjorie Lightsey of Dallas.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Wayne Reese at 4 p.m. Monday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**MARY MCKELVIE KINGS MOUNTAIN** - Mary Duke McKelvie, 67, 12006 McIntosh Road, Thonorossa, FL, died April 19, 1999 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Tampa, FL.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Henry MullHolland and Ruth May Campbell McKelvie. She was a retired social worker for Mecklenburg County, and a graduate of Duke University.

She is survived by her brothers, Henry McKelvie and wife, Alice, of Kings Mountain, Gilbert McKelvie of Brooklyn, NY, and Milton McKelvie and wife Nell of Taft, TN; sisters, Ruth Markel of West Covina, CA, and Annie McKelvie Murphy and husband Fred of Lincolnton.

A graveside service will be conducted by the Rev. Fred Murphy at 11 a.m. Friday at Mountain Rest Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Friday at Harris Funeral Home.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**ELIZABETH HIGGINBOTHAM GROVER** - Elizabeth James Higginbotham, 87, White Oak Manor, Shelby, died April 17, 1999 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center, Shelby.

A native of Wadley, GA, she was the daughter of the late John and Mary Spears James. She was retired from Mercer University in Macon, GA, and was a member of Southside Methodist Church in Macon, GA.

She is survived by her son, John Higginbotham and wife Punkin of Grover; brother, Gene Roberts of Atlanta, GA; sisters, Helen Salvatore and Joyce Phillips of Macon, GA; and grandchildren, Marlowe Higginbotham of Grover and Phillip Higginbotham of Boone.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Shellie H. Inzer Jr. at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Riverside Cemetery, Macon, GA.

Memorials may be made to Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry, c/o First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1188, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or to the Arnette-Cranford Scholarship Fund, c/o First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1188, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**ADAMS TWINS SHELBY** - DeAsia and DaShun Adams, infant daughter and son of Victor and Tracy Ross Adams, 212 Southfork Drive, died Monday, April 19, and Tuesday, April 20, at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

In addition to their parents, they are survived by their paternal grandparents, Kenneth and Carrie Benjamin Adams of Kings Mountain; maternal grandparents, Derrick and Mary Hopper of Shelby; great-grandparents, Ozena Adams of Kings Mountain, Annie Benjamin of Shelby, and Dorcus Ross of Lawndale.

A graveside service will be conducted by the Rev. Albert Benjamin at 11 a.m. Thursday at Philadelphia United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Enloe Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

**BB&T Insurance to buy Givens & Williams Inc.**

BB&T Insurance Services Inc., a subsidiary of BB&T Corporation, said today it will buy Givens & Williams Inc., an independent insurance agency in Fairfax, VA.

The 16-year-old agency will operate as BB&T-Givens & Williams.

**Revival April 25-28 at Oak View Baptist**

Revival will be held April 25-28 at Oak View Baptist Church, 1511 York Road, Kings Mountain.

Special music will be provided by the church choir and other groups. A nursery will be provided for preschool children.

Evangelist will be Rev. Marvin Greenway of York, SC.

**Apple City to sing at KM Foursquare**

Apple City will be in concert Sunday, April 25 at 7 p.m. at Kings Mountain Foursquare Gospel Church, 1128 York Road.

Pastors Bill and Millie Maze invite the public. A love offering will be taken.

## Boy Scouts to celebrate anniversary

Kings Mountain Scouts will celebrate their 91st anniversary tonight at 7 p.m. with the Dr. Charles Bell Award Banquet at First Baptist Church.

Larry hamrick, local realtor and community leader, will receive the second annual Dr. Charles Bell Award for his many years of service to the Scouting program.

First Baptist Church will be recognized with a special award for its service as a troop sponsor for many years.

Troop 6 (now 92) was organized at the church in 1935. The late Glee A. Bridges, former Kings Mountain mayor, was the first Scoutmaster and during his tenure his two sons, J.C. and Glee, were in the troop. J.C. Bridges is believed to be the troop's first Eagle Scout.

Bridges served as Scoutmaster until 1941 and was succeeded by Sherman Perry, and the late Red Ware succeeded him in 1949.

The troop ceased to exist for a brief period in the 1950s, but was reorganized as Troop 92 in 1963. Ken Pruitt was the Scoutmaster from 1963-71, and Jim Yarbro served from 1971-77, when it ceased to exist again.

In the fall of 1984 the troop was again reorganized with Jim Ferebee serving as Scoutmaster, and he served until 1996 when present Scoutmaster Ed Ormsby took over.

At least 20 Scouts have earned their Eagle Scout Award through Troop 92, and it is estimated that three to four hundred have participated in the program.

The membership has varied over the years, with as many as 45 members at one time, and since 1984 Troop 92 has been one of the larger and stronger troops in the Battleground District. The troop has not had less than 20 active members during that time. Troop 92 was District Troop of the Year in 1995.

Cut Scout Pack 92 has been associated with Troop 92, and also sponsored by First Baptist, at least since 1985 and possibly earlier.

## ABC Board appointment on KM agenda

The appointment of a fifth member on the state-operated Kings Mountain ABC board is on the agenda again at Tuesday's 7:30 p.m. City Council meeting.

Kings Mountain lawyer Andy Neisler's term on the board is up and Council appears to be split on whether to reappoint the 12-year veteran who has chaired the board since its inception and drop term limits which it approved last April when the membership on the Alcohol Beverage Control Board was expanded to five members and lawyer Tim Moore and Teri Cook appointed to three year terms.


The controversial appointment surfaced again at a recent meeting and action was tabled after a lengthy debate.

Ward IV Councilman Gene White said he will nominate Dorothy Hayes, who resubmitted her application prior to the opening of the recent council meeting. White says it's likely that the board will reverse its decision on term limits.

Applications of Dan Bagwell and Lou Ballew also remain on file at city hall. No new applications were filed at city hall after council advertised recently.

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