

WENDY

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"Wendy will help add diversity to our firefighting team," said Kings Mountain fire chief Frank Burns. "We look forward to having her with us. With her training, and experience from Grover, she'll be an asset."

Besides her action as a volunteer firefighter, Wright is enrolled as nursing student at Gaston College and works part time at Spectrum Dyed Yarns in Kings Mountain.

"Firefighting is not only exciting work, it's also rewarding to help others," Wright said. "I think that my nurse training will also be useful when we have emergency calls."

As far as her role in being the first female firefighter in Kings Mountain goes, Wright has some advice for other members of her gender who think they might like to give the job a try.

"Go for it," Wright said. Sure to be a valuable and versatile addition to the Kings Mountain Fire Department, it's clear Wendy Wright has "the right stuff" to do the job.

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Hager, who has served eight years on Council, retired from the Maintenance department of Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools after 13 years and before that was an educator for 10 years. He is chairman of the trustee board at Bynum Chapel AME Zion Church, first vice president of the Lincolnton District Lay Council and program chairman for the Western North Carolina Lay Council. He serves as videographer for the Connectional Lay Council. He and his wife, Mary, have four children, one of whom is deceased, and four grandchildren.

"I am for continued progress in Kings Mountain," said Hager, who said he would like to see completion to fruition of the many major projects now underway. He said more affordable housing for Kings Mountain citizens is a priority that Council must pursue.

Brackett, of 1012 North Piedmont Avenue, is a former city employee in the public works department. "I have worked in every department but gas at public works and I think I know Kings Mountain pretty good," Brackett said in a filing statement.

"I would like to see our new Senior Citizens building built, a new water line from Moss Lake into town, the old city water lake made into a nice park, and would like to try to save on water, electric, gas and sewer costs and costs of opening and closing graves for low and fixed income and elderly citizens of the community. He and his wife, Margaret, have one son, Al Franklin Brackett Jr. and attend Family Worship Center Church of God.

A retired Environmental Health Specialist with the Gaston County Board of Health, Kelly seeks reelection to his second term on city council. He and his wife, Dorothy, have three children and four grandsons and are active in East Side Baptist Church.

"I would like to see progress continue in Kings Mountain with an eye toward the future," said Kelly.

The candidate list to date: Mayor - Ted Chandler, Rick Murphrey, Kyle Smith. Ward 1 - Phil Hager. Ward 2 - Danny Navy. Ward 3 - Clavon Kelly. Ward 4 - Dean Spears. Ward 5 - Carl DeVane.

At Large - Franklin Brackett. Board of Education, Inside Seats - Shearra Miller and B. S. Peeler.

OBITUARIES



BOYCE WARE
GASTONIA - Boyce Edward Ware, 50, Northwoods Mobile Home Park, Lot 115, died Monday, July 5, 1999 at his residence.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Ralph and Mary Early Ware. He was a graduate of Kings Mountain High School and Gaston College, and was a U.S. Army veteran.

He is survived by his aunts, Eloise Beatty and Minnie Murry, both of Kings Mountain; best friends, Bobby Kirk and Lee Davis; and a number of cousins.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Ricky Ivey at 1 p.m. Saturday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Greene Funeral Service Westside Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

FLONNIE CORRELL
GASTONIA - Flonnie Cash Correll, 78, 904 West Main Street, died July 6, 1999 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Concord, she was the daughter of the late Marion and Minnie Williams Cash. She was also preceded in death by her son, Roy William Correll; brother, Johnny Thomas Cash; sister, Odessa Beheler; and sisters-in-law, Geraldine Hall and Ruby Vernon.

She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her former husband, Frank John Correll of Gastonia; sons and daughter-in-law, Paul Larry Correll, Russell Sidney and Kelly Correll, Tommy Franklin, and Alvin Ray Correll, all of Gastonia; daughters and sons-in-law, Martha Jean and Willard "Pete" Cantrell of Bessemer City, Sally and Ralph T. Quinn, and Rita Stewart, all of Gastonia; brother and sister-in-law, Marion Sidney and Helen Cash of Kings Mountain; sisters-in-law, Virginia England of Cherryville, Mammie Howell of Shelby and Kay Hall of Gastonia; three sisters, Nancy Clark of Gastonia, Alice Mayberry of Kings Mountain, and Betty Rick of Gastonia; good friend, Ida Bell Lackey; 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Paul Rhyne at 4 p.m. Friday at Greene Funeral Service Westside Chapel. Burial was in Westview Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Crowders Mountain Baptist Church, 125 Mayberry Lane, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Greene Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

MARY NIVEN
SHELBY - Mary Lou Hord Davidson Niven, 93, of The Sterling House of Shelby, died Wednesday, July 7, 1999.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late William Gordon and Mary Ann Whitworth. She was a graduate of Waco High School and furthered her education at Limestone and Lenoir-Rhyne colleges. She was a public school teacher in Kings Mountain and Albemarle. She retired from Albemarle Schools in 1972.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Carl Winfred Davidson of Kings Mountain, who was killed in a traffic accident in 1945, and Jesse Franklin Niven of Albemarle, who died in 1964. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Loron and Alvin Hord; sisters, Leslie McBrayer and Zona Clay; stepson, Jesse F. Niven Jr.; and stepdaughter, Virginia Niven Herman.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of

Albemarle, where she taught Sunday School, was a circle leader, and was President of the Women of the Church in 1958-59. She was presented a life membership in the Women of the Church organization. She was also a tireless visitor to the homebound members of her church and others in the community. After her retirement she spent the summer months as hostess in the Assembly Inn at Montreat in Black Mountain.

She was a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and was a charter member of the Dogwood Garden Club. She was active in Delta Kappa Gamma Society, where she served two terms as president, and the Albemarle Woman's Club, where she also served as president.

Among the awards and recognitions she received were Outstanding Elementary Teacher, 1972; Albemarle Junior Woman's Club Woman of the Year, 1958; and Albemarle Woman's Club Woman of the Year, 1980. She was a volunteer at Stanly Memorial Hospital and received a Certificate of Service in 1982. As a member of the National Federation of Business and Professional Woman's Club, she was BPW Woman of Distinction of the Year in 1980.

In recent years she continued to keep her residence in Albemarle but also spent much time with her sister in Falls Church, VA. In the spring of 1998 they moved back to Cleveland County, where she resided at The Sterling House of Shelby.

She is survived by her sister, M. Pat Wotring, and brother, Raymond D. Hord, both of Shelby; several nieces and nephews of Shelby and surrounding counties; stepson-in-law, Ken Herman Jr. of Raleigh; step-grandson, Ken Herman III and wife, Mary Jon, of Harrisburg; and step-granddaughter, Jennifer Herman Heath and husband, Stan, of Raleigh.

A graveside service was held at 5 p.m. Friday at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

A memorial service was held at First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, on Saturday.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1578, Albemarle, NC 28001 or Capernaum Fund, Waco Baptist Church, Waco, NC 28021.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

PAUL DOVER
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Paul Dover, 620 East King Street, died July 10, 1999 at Veterans Administration Hospital, Salisbury.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of the late Lawson Harold and Lela Frances Goforth Dover. He was a retired automobile salesman. He served in the 843rd Air Engineers Squadron and air offensive of Central Europe in World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Louise Harrison Dover of Kings Mountain; sons, Tim Dover and wife, Beth, of Hendersonville and Allen Dover and wife, Laurie, of Charlotte; sisters, Martha Sue Albanese and husband, John, of Providence, RI and Carolyn Reynolds and husband, Jack, of Taylorsville; and grandchildren, Ashley Dover, Timmy Anne Dover, Casoline Harrison Dover and Jonathan Paul Dover.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. R. Allen Jolley at 2 p.m. Monday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

GARY NORRIS
GROVER - Gary S. Norris, 38, 925 Bethlehem Church Road, died July 8, 1999 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Pauline Haynes Norris. He was member of Christian Freedom Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, where he was director of ushers. He was employed by Pittman Construction of Bessemer City.

He is survived by his wife Tammy Barrett Norris of Grover; daughter Destiny Norris of Grover; father Doyle Harris and wife Shirley of Gastonia; and brother Scott Norris of Gastonia.

The funeral was held Saturday at 2 pm at Christian Freedom Baptist Church by the Rev. Mike Chambers. Burial was in Christian Freedom Baptist Church Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain, served the family.

GENE KELLY
FALLSTON - Gene Kelly, 61, 103 Fruitwood Drive, died July 9, 1999 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Claud Martin and Zellie Coretta Robinson Kelly. He was also preceded in death by his aunt, Louise Ramey; and his daughter, Mary Ann Kelly.

He was a member of Work of Lite Baptist Church, Polkville, and was a retired truck driver for Asphalt Paving of Shelby.

He is survived by his wife, Sherry Petty Kelly of the home; daughter, Angela Spurlin of Shelby; sons, Randy Kelly and Joe Kelly of Shelby and Benny Kelly of Gastonia; stepson, Dawayne Ogle of Troy; stepdaughter, Lisa Ogle of Shelby; brothers, Troy Kelly of Kings Mountain and Jimmy Kelly of Cherryville; sisters, Pearl Kelly Head and Gloria Kelly Head, both of Shelby, and Virginia Lail of Grover; five grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and four stepgrandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Calvin Morrison at 1 p.m. Sunday at Clay-Barnette Chapel. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

RICHARD OXENDINE
CLOVER, SC - Richard David Oxendine, 51, 404 Gondola Lane, died July 6, 1999 in Florence, SC.

A native of Roberson County, NC, he was the son of Lily Mae Oxendine of Charlotte and the late Donald Oxendine. He was a member of Free Will House of Glory and was a delivery man for the Salvation Army.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his daughters, Rhonda Oxendine of Clover and Norma Oxendine of Grover, NC; stepdaughter, Candy Miller of Clover; stepson, Jamie Mobley of Clover; brothers, L.B. Oxendine of Charlotte, NC, Bruce Oxendine and Jerry Oxendine of Lumberton, NC, and Carl Lee Oxendine; sisters, Maybelle Oxendine of Charlotte, NC, Brenda Oxendine of Gastonia, NC, Linda Oxendine of Lumberton, NC, and Shirly Oxendine of Charlotte, NC; and eight grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Joe Sharp at 11 a.m. Saturday at Clay-Barnette Chapel in Shelby, NC. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home, Shelby, was in charge of arrangements.

DON HUDSON
SHELBY - Don Hudson, 65, 1100 S. Morgan St., died July 9, 1999 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Avery Eugene Hudson and Evelyn Smith Hudson White. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and was a retired police officer and retired from Shelby Fish Camp.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanette Bigeau Hudson of the home; daughters and sons-in-law, Debbie and Gary Godin of Chimney Rock and Tami and John Ducharme of Lecminster, MA; sons and daughters-in-law, Ronnie and Debra Lee Hudson of Fitchburg, MA, Raymond and Julie Hudson of Mooresboro, and Bobby and Donna Hudson of Shelby; brother, Bob Hudson of Virginia Beach, VA; aunt, Bernice Smith of Shelby; grandchildren, Crystal Schlegel, Corey Godin, Matthew Hudson, Andrew Hudson, Kimberly Hudson, Jason Hudson, Ashley Hudson, Chelsea Ducharme, Jarrod Ducharme, Michelle Edwards, Steven Edwards, Christy Edwards and Nicholas Shaw; and great-grandchildren, Amber Godin, Jessie Schlegel and Brooke Schlegel.

The funeral was conducted by Father Anthony at 3 p.m. Sunday at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

KATHLEEN FLYNN
SHELBY - Mrs. Kathleen Cook Flynn, 71, 614 McSwain Road, died July 2, 1999 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Rev. McOvie Larn and Darlis Poole Cook, and wife of the late Ralph Franklin Flynn. She was a homemaker and attended Victory Baptist Church.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Patricia Flynn and Flay and Michelle Flynn, all of Shelby, Ronald and Hallie Flynn of Columbia, SC, Darrell and Amaka Flynn of Wilson, Roy and Patty Flynn of Charlotte, and Charles Flynn of Shelby; grandsons, Ryan Flynn, Jason Flynn and Flay Flynn Jr.; and granddaughters, Beverly Flynn, Christeen Flynn and Valerie Flynn.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Henry E. Nichols Sr. at 1 p.m. Sunday at Clay-Barnette Chapel. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to the Kidney Association of Cleveland County, 230 N. post Rd., Shelby, NC 28150.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MARY RAMSEY
SHELBY - Mrs. Mary Ramsey, 91, died July 4, 1999 at White Oak Manor.

She was a native of Cleveland County and a member of Mellon Memorial Baptist Church. She was retired from Belmont Spinning.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Fain Morrison at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Clay-Barnette Funeral Home. Burial was in Oak Grove United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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