

OBIUTARIES



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Jim Guyton
Ward 2
Councilman

Paid for by Jim Guyton, candidate for Ward 2

BENJAMIN THOMPSON
Benjamin J. Thompson, 63, formerly of Kings Mountain, died October 22, 1999 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

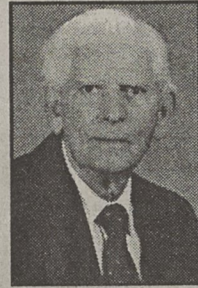
A native of Gaffney, SC, he was the son of the late William H. and Willie Thompson. He was a member of Love Temple Missionary Church.

He is survived by his wife, Rosa L. Thompson; two sons, Benjamin and Terry Thompson of Hickory; three daughters, Barbara Wilson of Hickory, Blanche Thompson of Cherryville and Annette Thompson of Winston-Salem; 16 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held October 26 at Links Chapel AME Zion

Church. Eulogy was given by Pastor Randolph Wray of Love Temple Ministry.

CURTIS V. GAFFNEY
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Curtis V. Gaffney, 77, 305 Waco Road, died October 25, 1999 at his home.



GAFFNEY Hardin Gaffney.

He was also preceded in death by his sister, Irene Medlin.

He was a member of First Baptist Church, Senior Golf Association of Cleveland County, former two-term Kings Mountain City Council member, a Mason, member of the American Legion, and former member of the Kiwanis Club. He served in the U.S. Marine Corp during World War II and participated in action at Guadalcanal, Rendova, New Georgia, and Guam. He was the retired owner of Gaffney Barber Shop.

He is survived by his sons, Paul Gaffney and wife, Ellen, of Kings Mountain and Mike Gaffney and wife, Roxanna, of Kings Mountain; daughters, Susan Hicks and husband, Steve, of Kings Mountain and Pattie Capps of Kings Mountain; sisters, Beatrice Liscandro of James Town, NY and Kathleen Peters of Bethlehem, PA; and seven grandchildren, Sabra and husband, Jeff Nantkes; Lindsey, Hunter, Lauren and Laura Ashley Gaffney, Deshon Hicks, and Lisa Pace.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. Terry Bird and Michael Peters at 2 p.m. Thursday at Patterson Grove Baptist Church. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Mauney Memorial Library "Children's Wing," 100 South Piedmont Avenue, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

CAMPBELL ESKRIDGE
SANFORD - Campbell Davis Eskridge, 67, 204 Henley Road, died October 19, 1999 at Central Carolina Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was a retired school teacher, having taught at WB Wicker, East Lee Middle School and West Lee Middle School. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and attended Campbell University and was a graduate of NC State where he earned a degree in forestry. He was a district forester in Chapel Hill and retired as a forester.

He is survived by his wife Mary Ann Johnson Eskridge; sons Campbell Davis Eskridge, Jr. of Apex, N.C. and Toye Conan Eskridge of Sanford, N.C.; daughter Maricam Eskridge Kaleel of Sanford;

brother Brewster Eskridge of Asheville.

A memorial service was held Thursday at 4 pm at the Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church by the Revs. Kevin Meadows and Gilbert McDowell.

Memorials may be made to the Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church Library or Building Fund, 316 W. Main Street, Sanford, N.C. 27330, or to the National Kidney Foundation of North Carolina, 5950 Fairview Road, Suite 708, Charlotte, N.C. 28210.

Bridges Cameron Funeral Home in Sanford served the family.

JACK BENNETT
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Jack Donald Bennett, 66, 915 Brookwood Drive, died October 22, 1999 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Henry Wilson and Birdie Lynn Bennett. He was also preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, Henry W. Bennett Jr., T. Luther Bennett, Lois Bennett Rikard, and Louise Bennett Elgin.

He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church and American Legion Otis D. Green Post 155. He attended Belmont Abbey College. He served in the United States Security Agency during the Korean War and was retired from the City of Kings Mountain.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Baity Bennett of Kings Mountain; brother, Lawrence "Tib" Bennett and wife, Colene, of Kings Mountain; sister-in-law, Dorothy B. Bennett of Kings Mountain; eight nieces and five nephews.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Dale Swafford at 4 p.m. Sunday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Road, Shelby, NC 28150 or Grace United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1356, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

NELL MCSWAIN
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Nell Wells McSwain, 79, 101 Tara Terrace, died October 22, 1999 at her home.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Whitney and Sallie Blalock Wells. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Woodrow McSwain of Kings Mountain; sons, James Woodrow McSwain of Essen, Germany, Dr. Donald Wells McSwain and wife, Rachael, of Shelby, and Larry Joe McSwain of Goose Creek, SC; daughter, Nancy Jane Rearick and husband, Chip, of South Bend, IN; sisters, Lollie McDaniel and Sybil Sanders of Kings Mountain; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. Eugene Poston at 2 p.m. Monday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JANIE AMOS
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Janie B. Amos, 71, 612 Charles Street, Apt. 70, died October 19, 1999 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cherokee County, S.C., she was the daughter of the late Travis and Bertha Harris Bright, and the wife of the late Billy Ray Amos. She was also preceded in death by son William Lamar Harris. She was a former deli manager at Ingles in Bessemer City, and a carrier with the Gaston Gazette for 15 years. She was a member of Sparrow Springs Baptist Church where she was a former Sunday School teacher.

She is survived by her son Steven Ray Harris of Glennville, Georgia; daughters Linda Pressley of Brevard, N.C., and Rebecca June Clark of Kings Mountain; sisters Mildred Bumgardner of Bessemer City, and Doris Turner of Gaffney, S.C.; also seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Saturday at Greene Funeral Service Westside Chapel at 11 am by the Rev. Roy Clark. Burial was in Bessemer City Memorial Cemetery. Pallbearers were Gene Bates, Scott Chastain, James Clark, Bobby Green, Danny Jordan and Dean Sawyer.

SHANE BOLLINGER
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Shane Huffstickler Bollinger, 22, 203 Parkdale Circle, died October 23, 1999 in Kings Mountain.

A native of Gaston County, he was an employee of Eaton Corp. in Grover, and a member of Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church. He was a graduate of Kings Mountain High School.

He is survived by his mother Kim J. Queen of Raleigh; father and step-mother Phillip G. and Jama Bollinger of Kings Mountain; brother Benjamin Bollinger of Kings Mountain; step-brother Brent Roof of Kings Mountain; half brother Jason Huffstickler of Belmont, N.C.; step-sister Elena Arrowood of Kings Mountain; paternal grandparents Grayton and Hazel Bollinger of Kings Mountain; maternal grandparents Bob and Dorothy Maddox of Gastonia; fiancée April D. Wallen of Kings Mountain.

A graveside service was held Wednesday at 2 pm at Mountain Rest Cemetery by the Rev. Mitchell Pruitt.

Harris Funeral Home served the family.

Little Spooks parade Friday

Kindergarten and preschool age children will participate in King Mountain's first Little Spooks parade Friday at 9:45.

Children should dress in costume and meet at City Hall. The group will parade up Battleground Avenue to Mountain Street, to Piedmont an then to Mauney Memorial Library where they will hear stories and receive treat bags. For more information call Tripp Hord at 734-0333.



VOTE
Stella Putnam
Kings Mountain
School Board

I have lived in Kings Mountain all of my life. I have been married to Gerald Putnam for 22 years. My daughter graduated from Kings Mountain High School, and my son is a student at Kings Mountain Middle School. I have been involved with my own children's education, and I have also spent time as a volunteer working with other children in our schools.

I worked for First Union National Bank from 1977 until 1988. Since 1988, I have been employed as a credit specialist for Oakland Plantation Turf Farm, Inc. and as bookkeeper for Neisler Brothers, Inc. I have been actively involved with projects in our community such as the Mauney Memorial Library Children's Wing, and the Kings Mountain Senior Life Center that I believe will make Kings Mountain and Grover better places in which to live and work. My decision to run for Kings Mountain School Board was not one that I made lightly. I spent many hours thinking and praying about it. I believe that by focusing on issues that affect our school system at the present time I will be able to serve more effectively.

I would appreciate your support on November 2nd. Thank you.

Paid for by Stella Putnam, Candidate for School Board.



ELECT
RICK MURPHREY
MAYOR

First of all, I would like to express my gratitude to the citizens of Kings Mountain for granting me the privilege to serve on the Kings Mountain City Council for the past six years.

These past few years have been exciting times for Kings Mountain. I feel proud to have served with the Mayor, other council members, the City Manager, and our city employees to ensure progress, prosperity, and a better quality of life for our fine citizens.

All of the people of Kings Mountain should take pride in the progressive strides we have made in the past few years. In the interest of brevity, I would like to list just a few:

- Construction of 1.7 million dollar police department building
- Continued to expand natural gas system
- Improvements in parks and grounds at Deal Street and Davidson including Kings Mountain swimming pool, paving of walking track, construction of new ball field and new soccer complex
- Designed plans and purchased property for new Senior Center (received \$100,000 grant for building and appropriated \$500,000 within the 1999-2000 budget, accomplishing approximately 50% of the building program)
- Began construction on new children's wing for Mauney Memorial Library
- Strengthened financial position of the city resulting in the bond rating being upgraded
- Named one of the "Top 50 Cities in America for Corporate Facilities" by *Site Selection Magazine*

For those of you who are not familiar with me, I am Vice-President of Sales for Spectrum Dyed Yarns. I have worked for this company and lived in Kings Mountain for the past 26 years. I am a graduate of Atlantic Christian College with a B.S. in business administration. My wife Sandra and I live on Garrison Drive and we have one daughter, Tracy, who resides in Hickory. We are all members of First Baptist Church in Kings Mountain.

As an active businessman with 30 years experience in sales, I am excited about the potential to "sell" Kings Mountain. I would love to have the opportunity to work with local and state leaders in bringing new businesses into our area. This would provide more and better jobs as well as reducing the tax burden on our citizens.

During my career in sales I have discovered an old timeworn adage, "The more you have to offer, the easier the sale". When it comes to positives to offer, Kings Mountain brings a lot to the economic development table. I would like to list just a few:

- Unlimited water supply in Moss Lake and treatment facility (in a time when many communities are urging water conservation)
- Excellent water and gas systems (I would like to see us continue to expand our gas system)
- Complete the study of the new water line into town and the feasibility of the existing line
- Opening of Kings Mountain Industrial Park
- Opening of Cleveland County Industrial Park (Sara Lee Intimate Apparel Corp. will be the first to locate in the new park providing 800 jobs. The facility will be 370,000 square feet in size and an investment of over \$12 million)
- Close proximity to 4 major routes of transportation: I-85, 74 Business & 74 Bypass, Southern Railroad, and Charlotte International Airport
- A staff of city employees second to none (working with them during the recent ice storms and many other projects, I experienced the teamwork, dedication, and pride they have in getting the job done)

I am extremely proud of the accomplishments our city has made during this period of transition and renewed prosperity, which would not have been possible without the backing and support of the people of Kings Mountain.

In city government, like any other successful business entity, you must have a strong team of visionaries working closely together to build a better future for the community and its citizens.

The city is at a crossroads on the road to progress. I know with your help and support I can provide the leadership as mayor to move down the right road to accomplish our goals and visions. Let's continue the progress. I would appreciate your vote and support on Nov. 2nd for Mayor of Kings Mountain. This is my hope in my heart. Thank you and God bless you all.

Let's Continue the Progress.

Paid for by Rick Murphrey, candidate for Mayor

HEALTH FAIR

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Bone Densitometry can detect osteoporosis early, in order to prevent the serious consequences of leaving the disease untreated.

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Pam Shergill, M.D.
Internal Medicine
Board Certified