

# OBITUARIES

**RAYMOND BARBER**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN- Raymond Keith Barber, 48, 614 Ross Road, died October 27, 1999 at Carolina Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Lawrence Davis Barber and Marie Wilson Barber of Gastonia. He was a sheet metal worker.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by son Jason Barber

of the home; daughters Melissa Barber of the home and Jeanine Barber of Florida; brothers Reginald, David, and Michael Barber of Kings Mountain, and Charles Barber of Lawndale; sisters Kay Williams of Gastonia and Nancy Dunn of S.C.; also four grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted at Westview Gardens, Bessemer City, at 3 pm Friday by the Rev. Roy Dean Clark. Pallbearers were Ronnie Bailey,

Richard Christopher, Richard Christopher, Jr., Todd Gilreath, Jerry Oliver, and Mark Towell. Greene Funeral Service served the family.

**PHILLIP HUGHES, JR.**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN- Phillip Daniel Hughes, Jr., infant, died October 28, 1999 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by his parents Phillip Daniel Hughes, Sr. and Sherry Marie Bridges of Kings Mountain; brothers Daniel Houston Kale and David Brandon Darnell; paternal grandparents Diane Hughes of Kings Mountain and the late Claude Daniel Hughes; paternal great grandparent Bernice Hughes of Cramerton, N.C.; maternal grandparents Randy and Elaine Morrison of Kings Mountain; maternal grandparents Harold Flowers and Virginia Morrison both of Kings Mountain.

A graveside service was conducted Sunday at Mountain Rest Cemetery at 3 pm with the Rev. Mike Chambers officiating. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home served the family.

**THOMAS GANTT**  
SHELBY- Thomas Steve Gantt, 45, 601 Wilson Cornwell Road, died October 29, 1999 at home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of Bobby Gene and Elizabeth Howard Gantt of the home.

He is survived by brothers and sisters in law Louis and Barbara Gantt of Kings Mountain, Ricky and Marilyn Gantt of Shelby, and Larry and Teresa Gantt of Lawndale; sister and brother in law Teresa and Bill Thrift of Lawndale; nieces Katie and Kency Gantt of Lawndale; nephew Jason Gantt of Belwood.

The funeral was conducted Monday at 11 am at Zion Baptist Church by Dr. Randy Bridges. Burial was in Zion Baptist Church Cemetery.

**RODNEY BLACK**  
LINCOLNTON, N.C.- Rodney Darrell Black, 27, Long Shoals Road, died October 29, 1999.

A native of Cleveland County, he was a member of Christian Freedom Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, and an employee of Plastic Products, Inc.

He is survived by his wife Susan Poole of Lincolnton; father Darrell Black and wife Frances Bolin Black of Kings Mountain; mother Cheryl Harris of Cherryville; sons Darrell Black and Wyatt Black of the home; brother Tommy Black of Cherryville; sister Lynn Black of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted Monday at 1 pm at Love Valley Baptist Church by the Rev. Barry Philbeck. Burial was in Christian Freedom Baptist.

Pallbearers were Chad Caldwell, Josh Caldwell, David Myers, Chris Clemmer, Freddy Gladden, and Ronnie Poole.

Harris Funeral Home served the family.

**EARL MARR**  
GASTONIA- Earl Doyle Marr, 70, 1508 Linwood Road, died October 27, 1999 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late Ervin and Lula Picklesimer Marr. He was a retiree of Cape Fear Trucking Co. with 19 years of service and attended Christian Freedom Baptist Church in Kings Mountain.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy Conwell Marr of the home; sons and daughters in law Ricky and Frieda Marr of Kings Mountain and Larry and Rita Marr of Gastonia; daughters and sons in law Cathy and Donald Ramey of Clover, S.C. Sherry Rucker, Angie and Richard Cogdill of Kings Mountain, Melody and David White of Cherryville, Terry and Scott Sherill of Clover; sister Betty Jean Myers; 15 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The funeral was conducted Saturday at 1 pm at Christian Freedom Baptist Church by the Rev. Michael Chambers. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery. Pallbearers were Mike Bolch, Robert Brooks, William Cogdill, Dale Holland, Marty Lockridge, and David Lovelace.

**FRED HAMRICK**  
SHELBY- Fred Monroe Hamrick, 78, 852 Springmont Drive, died October 27, 1999 at White Oak Manor, Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Deck Hamrick and Lillie Hamrick. He was the husband of the late Kathaleen Huffman Hamrick. He was also preceded in death by his son Bobby Hamrick and grandson Jason Hamrick. He was a retired painter.

He is survived by sons and daughters in law Joe and Betty Hamrick of Cherryville, Loyd and Candy Hamrick of Shelby, John Ray and Christine Hamrick of Belwood, Scott and Sheila Hamrick of Lawndale, Boyd and Carolyn Hamrick of Shelby, Ronnie and Barbara Hamrick of Shelby, Reggie and Robin Hamrick of Shelby; daughter and son in law Barbara and James Camp of Shelby; daughter Evelyn Mellon of Shelby; sister Ethel McGinnis of Kings Mountain; also 17 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Saturday at Stamey Funeral Home Chapel at noon by the Rev. Mark Canipe. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Stamey Funeral Home served the family.



Holly Evans and Snappy Syl

## KM's Holly Evans wins State Fair Horse Show

Holly Evans of Kings Mountain was a big winner in the North Carolina State Youth Day Horse Show at the NC State Fair.

Holly and her horse, Snappy Syl, won first place in Trail, first place in English Showmanship, and second place in Western Showmanship. She was reserve champion in the Western Pony division.

She tied for the championship for overall Western Division.

Holly also came away a winner in the recent Cleveland County Fair Horse Show.

She and her horse, Way to the Top, won first place in English Showmanship, first in Western Showmanship, and won the championship in Overall Showmanship.

Holly is in the ninth grade at Kings Mountain High School. She is the daughter of Donna and David Evans of Kings Mountain.

## Relay for Life being planned

It's never too soon to start thinking about the Relay For Life cancer walkathon. Even though the projected date for the event is not until September 2000, Mike Nealy and his Relay associates are already hard at work getting the word out.

"We decided to move the event from spring to September," Nealy says. "We felt the weather might be warmer and bring out even more people than last year. The exact date is still to be decided."

So far, the Relay for Life committee has had one organizational meeting. Plans are for a Relay float in the upcoming Kings Mountain Christmas parade. The committee will set other goals after Christmas at its January meeting.

"People interested in volunteering for next year's Relay for Life Teams or committees can call me at 937-3423," said Nealy. "It's not too soon to think about it."

Even though the Relay for Life hasn't officially lined up corporate sponsors yet, several have been contacted and are expected to be on board by next June.

Last year's Relay for Life was smashing success. At the North Carolina state Relay For Life convention put on by the American Cancer Society, Cleveland County and Shelby went away with kudos for their efforts in raising money for cancer research. The region was recognized for raising the 12th largest amount of money in the entire nation based on its population size.

## Deuces Wild, Duck Heads win

Deuces Wild dropped six of eight games to Thursday's Heroes in Mixed Duckpin Bowling League action Thursday night, but still claimed the first quarter title with a 42-22 record.

Allen Myers led the Heroes (36-28) with a 145 line and 391 set, and Ed Philbeck had a 113-316. Greg Evans led Deuces Wild with a 144-377.

Zeke's Zingers (26-38) swept

Barrett's Bombers (24-40) 8-0 in a battle for third place. Greg Mocu led he winners with a 127-358, and Zeke Rybczyk had a 123-343. Colleen Philbeck led the Bombers with a 109-298.

In Tuesday night action, the Duck Heads (44-20) wrapped up the first quarter title with a 4-4 tie with the Old Timers (30-340).

Zeke Rybczyk led the Duck

Heads with a 129-335, and John Dilling led the Old Timers with a 115-327. Colleen Philbeck had a 107-308.

Tyrene's Ducks (28-36) held onto third place with a 4-4 split with Ducks Unlimited (26-38). Ed Philbeck led Tyrene's Ducks with a 131 line and 337 set. Robbie Hullender had a 134-372 and Mike Murphy added a 143-352 for Ducks Unlimited.

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