

# OBITUARIES

**CARL GOFORTH**  
GROVER, N.C.- Carl Thomas "Goat" Goforth, 41, 105 Freshwater Dr., died November 25, 1999 at his home.

He was a native of Cleveland County and was employed as a logger by Evans Logging Co., Blacksburg, S.C. He was a member of Bethel Baptist Church, Shelby. He was preceded in death by his daughter Carlette Denise Goforth and his grandparents Norma Goforth and Raymond Camp.

He is survived by his wife Cindy Penner Goforth of Grover; father Thomas Howard Goforth and his wife Carolyn of Cherryville; mother Barbara Acuff and husband Billy of Grover; sons Michael Thomas Goforth and John Ryan Goforth both of Grover; grandparents Howard Goforth of Cherryville and Ella Camp of Kings Mountain; brothers Bobby Goforth of Shelby and Steve Goforth of Blacksburg, S.C.; sisters Cindy Birkert of Dallas Texas, Susan Marlow of Earl, and Carol Parker of Shelby; also 13 nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted Sunday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel, at 2:30 pm by the Revs John Evans and Steve Waters. Burial was in Patterson Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home served the family.

**JERRY HARRIS**  
BELMONT- Jerry Donald Harris, 65, 3446 Boat Club Rd., Belmont, N.C., died November 24, 1999 at his residence.

A native of North Belmont, he was the son of the late James Egbert, Sr. and Eulalia Mae Neagle Harris. He was also preceded in death by his son Jerry Donald Harris, Jr., and sister Mary Ida Loftin. He was a long time member of South Point United Methodist Church, a Marine Corps veteran and past president of the Belmont Lion's Club.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy Bowen Harris; daughter in law Angela Hall Harris; grandsons Donny Wayne Harris and Joshua Daniel Harris both of Mount Holly; brother and sister in law "Bud" James E. Jr. and Dell Harris of Kings Mountain; sister Leona H. Hagans of North Belmont; brother in law Thomas F. Bowen; sisters in law Sue B. Strickland and Jessie B. Bowen; mother in law Junie B. Bowen.

The funeral was conducted Saturday at 2 pm at South Point United Methodist Church by the Revs. Kenneth Curtis and Hayward Morrison. Burial was in South Point United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to South Point United Methodist Church, 1700 South Point Road, Belmont, NC 28012, or Hospice of Charlotte, 1420 E. Seventh St., Charlotte, N.C. 28204.



**VIRGIE WRIGHT**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN- Virgie "Mick" Wright, 87, 1513 S. Battleground Avenue, died November 26, 1999 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Charlie A. and Laura Gilbert Baity. She was the widow of Luther W. Wright, Sr. She was a homemaker and attended Rock Fish valley Baptist Church in Nalleys Ford, Va.

She is survived by son Luther W. Wright, Jr., and wife Virginia Dale of Roseland, Va; sisters Nell Flowers and Lois Guyton both of Kings Mountain; grandchildren Trina Cole of Morganton and Chris Wright of Kings Mountain; also five great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Sunday at 4 pm at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel by the Rev. J.R. Robbins. Burial was in Marys Grove Methodist Church Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Harris Funeral Home served the family.

**MARGARET LEDFORD**  
SHELBY- Margaret Watson Ledford, 713 W. Warren Street, died November 27, 1999 at her home.

A native of Anderson County, S.C., she was the daughter of the late I.G. Watson and Georgiana Davis. She was the wife of the late J. Flay Ledford and was also preceded in death by her daughter Libby Watson. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her foster daughter Barbara Bridges of Charlotte, N.C.; grandchildren Tommy Bridges of Charlotte, Baxter Bridges of China Grove, Linda Bridges Floyd of Charlotte and Betsy Bridges Willoughby of Prince George, Virginia; also several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was conducted Sunday at 3:30 pm at Sunset Cemetery by the Rev. Joe Reeves.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Dr., Shelby 28150.

**WILLIAM GLENN SHELBY**- William Boyce Glenn, 78, 417 E. Graham Street, died November 28, 1999 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Jess Glenn and Pearl Moore Glenn. He was also preceded in death by his brothers Henry Palmer Glenn and Jess Baxter Glenn. He was a retired service station owner and a veteran of World War II, VIII Engineer corps in the European Theater. He was of the Baptist faith.

He is survived by his former wife Loreen Wright Glenn of Shelby; daughter and son in law Susan Glenn Beaver and Tony of Polkville, N.C.; grandson Dylan Beaver of Polkville; granddaughter Emily Beaver of Polkville; brother George Harrison Glenn of Shelby; sister and brother in law May Glenn Lynn and Bill of Shelby; sister Lily Glenn Tessener of Shelby; also faithful companion Dolly Dog.

The service was conducted at Cleveland Funeral Services Chapel Tuesday at 2 pm by Dr. Horace DuBose III. Burial was in New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby 28150, or Donor's choice.

Cleveland Funeral Service handled the arrangements.

**ALFRED REEP**  
GASTONIA- Alfred Lester Reep, 65, 3991 Lochview Drive, Myrtle Beach, S.C., died November 26, 1999 at Grand Strand Medical Center, Myrtle Beach.

A native of Mecklenburg County, he was the son of the late Alf and Amanda Taylor Reep. He was formerly of Kings Mountain and was a retired U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sergeant with 23 years of service. He was a member of Love Valley Baptist Church in Kings Mountain.

He is survived by his wife Esther H. Reep of the home; stepson and daughter in law Rocky F. Joy Murray of Myrtle Beach; daughters Nancy Reep of Hickory, N.C., Dorothy Stenner of Raleigh, N.C.; daughter and son in law Debbie and Sutton Rhodes of Myrtle Beach; brothers Thurman Reep of Rutherford College, N.C. and Robert Freeman of Asheville; sisters Frances Manarino of Massachusetts and Margaret Wilson of Tennessee; grandchildren Jackson Stenner of Raleigh, Renee Dameron of Lincolnton, Brandi Murray of Myrtle Beach, Krista Murray of Myrtle Beach, Melissa Murray of Myrtle Beach.

The funeral was conducted Monday at 11 am at Mountain Rest Cemetery by the Rev. John "Chip" Sloan. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery. Pall bearers were Mark Leech, Rocky Murray, Bill Rhodes, Sutton Rhodes, and Zoltan Thornburg.

Greene Funeral Service served the family.

**EULA JACKSON SHELBY**- Eula Willis Jackson, 57, 607 N. Post Road, died November 26, 1999 at her home.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the Verdie Mae Davis Willis and the late Glenn Thomas Willis. She was also preceded in death by her sister Elizabeth Shires. She was breakfast manager of Hardees #2, Grover St., with 18 years of employment. She was a member of Peachtree Street Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband Farris Lee Jackson of the home; son James Michael and wife Patty Crotts of Shelby and Scott Douglas Crotts of Shelby; brothers Thomas and wife Jane Willis of Toluca, N.C. and Charlie Willis of Shelby; sister and husband Sybil and Leon Terry of Shelby; grandchildren Adam Crotts, Allen Crotts, and Michelle Crotts; stepchildren Sharon Jackson and Steven Jackson both of Shelby.

The funeral was conducted Monday at Peachtree Street Baptist Church at 2 pm by the Revs. Marcus Gold and Marvin Powell. Burial was in Rose Hill Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Dr., Shelby 28150.

Clay Barnette Funeral Home served the family.

**DONALD CLINE, SR.**  
BESSEMER CITY- Donald Ray Cline, Sr., 66, 908 Edgewood Rd., Bessemer City, died November 24, 1999 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Dallas, N.C., he was the son of the late John Kelly Cline and Virginia Lane Cline. He was a self employed electrician and former co-owner of Forten-Cline Electrical Contractors. He was a Korean War veteran and fought with the 378th Combat Engineering A Company. He was also a member of the 82nd Airborne, American Legion Post 100 of Cherryville, and VFW Post 11471 of Bessemer City.

He is survived by his wife Ola Mae Huss Cline; sons and daughters in law Bobby and Gail Rhyne Sisk of Gastonia, Donald Ray and Donna Buchanan Cline of Gastonia, Steven Cline of Charlotte; daughters and son in law Sandra Beard of Bessemer City, Denise and Frank Butler of Bessemer City; brother and sister in law Tommy Lee and Clara Faye Toomey Cline of Dallas; sisters and brothers in law Phyllis and Parker Burnham of Dallas, Toni and Stanley Burnham of Dallas; grandchildren Shannon Cline, Crystal Sisk, Nicole Sisk, Jada Butler, Jodi Butler, Brad Beard, Gayla Cully, Eric Revels; great grandchildren Erica Revels and Cayla Cully.

The funeral was conducted at Sisk Butler Funeral Home Chapel Friday at 3 pm by the Rev. Jerry Millwood. The eulogy was given by Charles Lowery. Burial was in Westview Gardens. Pallbearers were members of the 378th Combat Engineering A Company. Honor guard and rifle squad was the Disabled American Veterans of Lincolnton.

**LIZZIE BLANTON**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN- Lizzie Watterson Blanton, 89, 711 Oak Grove Road, died November 24, 1999 at Wendover in Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Monroe and Martha Bell Lovelace. She was also preceded in death by her first husband Will Watterson, stepson Harold Blanton, and son in law Willard Boyles. She was a retired seamstress, a life long member of Oak Grove Baptist Church in Kings Mountain where she was a former choir member.

She is survived by her husband Wiley Blanton of Kings Mountain; son Bill Watterson and wife Hazel of Kings Mountain; daughters Eloise Spigelmyer and husband Glen of Clinton, Ct., Melba Boyles of Kings Mountain, Judy W. Woody and husband John of Durham, N.C.; stepsons Howard Blanton and wife Lois of Durham, Demouth Blanton and wife Bea of Union, S.C.; grandchildren Keith Randall, Janet Suber, Bruce Boyles, Karen Hoyt, Sandi Donnelly, John Woody III, James Woody, Robin Wilson; 15 great grandchildren and six great great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Saturday at 11 am at Oak Grove Baptist Church by the Rev. Ron Caulder. Burial was in Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights, Shelby 28150.

Harris Funeral Home served the family.

**JOE ANN CRAWFORD**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN- Joe Ann Blalock Crawford died Wednesday, December 1, 1999 at her home.

A native of Kings Mountain, she was the daughter of Charles Edward Blalock Sr. and the late Dorothy Mae Miller Blalock.

She was a graduate of Central High School, Class of 1948. In 1968, she became the first woman real estate broker in Kings Mountain and later became a charter member of the Kings Mountain Association of Realtors.

She was a member of Boyce Memorial ARP Church where she served in many capacities and was a member of Flora Halliday Circle. She was a former member of Kings Mountain Woman's Club. She accompanied and complemented her husband during his term as District Governor for International Association of Lions Clubs and also as Wood Badge Deputy Camp Chief for Boy Scouts of America.

In retirement Joe Ann enjoyed visiting shut-ins and spending time with her family, grandchildren, and lifelong friends.

She is survived by her husband of over 50 years, William Donald Crawford; granddaughter, Angela Kay Davis of Kings Mountain; grandson, William Paul Cornwell of Charlotte; great-granddaughter, Kelsie Kay Davis of Kings Mountain; father, Charles Edward Blalock Sr. of Kings Mountain; sisters, Sybil Hamrick and Frieda Grayson of Kings Mountain; and brother, Charles Edward Blalock Jr. of Kings Mountain. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Donna Ann Cornwell.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Douglas Petersen at 7 p.m. Friday at Boyce Memorial ARP Church. Friends will be received in the church fellowship hall following the service until 9 p.m. Interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Boyce Memorial ARP Church, P.O. Box 1145, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**KENNETH LEWIS**  
CHARLOTTE- Kenneth Lee Lewis, 71, of Birch River, West Virginia, died November 28, 1999 at Presbyterian Hospital Interactive Nursing Center, Charlotte, N.C.

A native of White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, he was the son of the late Allen Lewis and Velma Cole Lewis and was an Ashtabula area resident most of his life before moving to Birch River seven years ago. He was also preceded in death by his brothers Jasper, Fraley, Manuel, Melvin, Buzzie, and James, and a sister Cassie Zell. Prior to his retirement he worked as a pipefitter for Conrail for 17 years. He was a member of Harbor Lodge #558, F & AM, El Kadir Grotto, the Scottish Rite, and attended East Side Presbyterian Church. After moving to Birch River, he attended Birch River Baptist Church. He also enjoyed bowling, hunting, and golf.

He is survived by his wife Adeline (Fish) whom he married July 31, 1948; son Ray Lewis of Kings Mountain; daughter Annette Bennett of Kings Mountain; four granddaughters; two great grandchildren; and brothers Charles and David Lewis both of Andover.

A service will be held Thursday at 11 am at the Ducro Funeral Home in Ashtabula by the Rev. David Hines, pastor of Kingsville Baptist Church. Entombment will be in Greenlawn Memory Garden Mausoleum, North Kingsville.

Harris Funeral Home will be in charge of local arrangements.

## Superintendent negotiating price of land

In a special meeting last Tuesday night at Central School, the Kings Mountain Board of Education authorized Supt. Bob McRae to negotiate a purchase price for a new grade 5-6 school.

The Board unanimously settled on the Beam property, a 58-acre tract adjacent to Kings Mountain Middle School.

The property fronts a small portion of Phifer Road, but its main entrance would be on the new Dixon School Road Extension.

The other piece of property considered was the Elam property which adjoins Phifer and Crocker roads.

Some board members noted that the Beam property's proximity to the middle school gives the system long-range potential to share athletic fields and to construct another exit road out of the high school/middle school property.

Some board members added that the new Dixon School Road provides better opportunities for managing traffic and having adequate entrances and exits from the school.

The Board hopes to have the price negotiated by Tuesday so it can take its purchase request to the meeting of the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, which must approve any new school construction in the county.

## Gingerbread class set at Arts Council

Part of the Fall 1999 "Brown Bagging Workshops" hosted by the Cleveland County Arts Council, December 8 from 12 noon until 1 pm will see a special class on making an old time gingerbread house. Instruction will be by Marilyn Beal.

Participants are invited to bring their lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. The event is free. Call 484-ARTS to reserve a seat.


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