

OBITUARIES

HILLIARD BLACK
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Hilliard Black, 88, 517 Rhodes Avenue, died Tuesday, December 14, 1999 at White Oak Manor.



A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Harley Black and the late Annie Ware Black Self. He was a former employee of Margrace Mill and was retired from Foote Mineral Company.

He was a lifetime member of Central United Methodist Church. He was a charter member and former president of the Methodist Men, former Assistant Treasurer of Central United Methodist Church, ushered for over 50 years, and led singing at White Oak Manor for approximately 20 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mary McCaslin Black of Kings Mountain; son, Tommy Black and wife, Pat, of Lexington; daughter, Peggy Jackson and husband, Harold, of Spartanburg, SC; sister, Aileen Gibson of Kings Mountain; five grandchildren, Alicia King and husband, Stefan, of Woodstock, GA, Ashlie Mazurowski and husband, Pete, of Spartanburg, SC, Alison Jackson of Spartanburg, SC, Stephanie Black of Lexington, and Trey Black of Lexington; and one great-grandchild, Lauren King.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. Harrison Hinson and Robert Little at 11 a.m. Friday at Central United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. Thursday at Harris Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Central United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 37, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

MAJEL ALLEN

SHELBY - Mrs. Majel Stewart Allen, 81, formerly of Sheriff Allen Road, died Saturday, December 11, 1999 at Crawley Memorial Hospital.

A homemaker, she was the wife of the late Sheriff J. Haywood Allen, and daughter of the late Edward Jason and Carrie Angela McDaniel Stewart. She was also preceded in death by her sisters, Vivian Biltcliff and Bertie Thompson.

She was a member of First Baptist Church where she was a former teacher in the nursery department.

She is survived by her son, Haywood Allen Jr. and wife, Rhonda, of Shelby; daughters, Kathryn Allen Monroe and Jonanna Allen Robbs and husband, James, all of Shelby; sister, Mrs. Willie Sue Palmer of Kings Mountain; and grandchildren, Keely Monroe Londre and husband, Dr. Brad Londre, Holly Robbs and Jennifer Allen, all of Shelby.

A graveside service was conducted by Dr. Robert Canoy at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Cleveland Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JUNIOR SMITH
BLACKSBURG, S.C. - Junior Smith, 66, 136 Shell Rd.,



Blacksburg, S.C., died November 30, 1999 at Upstate Carolina Medical Center, Gaffney, S.C.

A native of Cleveland County, he

was the son of the late Eueal Elijah Smith. He was retired from Parkdale Mills in Kings Mountain.

He is survived by his wife Jean Smith of Blacksburg; sons Jamey Smith and wife Kim of Blacksburg; Keith Smith and wife Pam of Charlotte, Michael Hartsoe of Kings Mountain; daughters Kelly Watts of Grover, Lisa Kirby and husband Steve of Kings Mountain, Kim Kornelak and husband Mario of Blacksburg; mother Ivey Martin Smith of Kings Mountain; brothers Johnny Smith and Ed Goforth, both of Kings Mountain; sisters Judy Goins, Penny Weaver, Pat Welch, all of Kings Mountain; also 15 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Friday at 2 pm at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel by the Revs. Brady Jackson and George Moore. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home served the family.

ALFRED "DUCK" PHILLIPS
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Alfred "Duck" Phillips, 56, 405 Stoney Point Road, died Tuesday, December 7, 1999 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Pearly Bryson and Arrie Bell Short Phillips. He was a member of the Kings Mountain High School Boosters Club and was retired from Blackstone Electric of Shelby. He was preceded in death by a brother, Carl Phillips.

He is survived by his wife, Anita Phillips of Kings Mountain; sons, Timothy Phillips of Kings Mountain, Brent Phillips of Union, SC, and Trey Loftin of Shelby; daughter, Stacy Duren of Lincoln; brothers, Roy Phillips of Gastonia and Coy Phillips of Kings Mountain; sisters, Joann Phillips Dellinger of Kings Mountain and Dorothy Phillips Dellinger of Clover, SC; grandchildren, Houston Phillips, Kaylah Loftin and Olivia Duren; niece and family, Kathy, Dairs and Michael Whitson; and 16 nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Mitchell Pruitt at 2 p.m. Friday at Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Kings Mountain High School Boosters Club, c/o Dale Hollifield, Treasurer, 807 Hillside Drive, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

L.S. STROUPE JR.

CHARLOTTE - L.S. Stroupe Jr., 80, of Southminster Retirement Community, formerly of Cherryville, died Thursday, December 9, 1999.

A native of Fort Lauderdale, FL, he was the son of the late L.S. "Doc Stroupe" Sr. and Mary Essie Bridges Stroupe. One of eight children, he grew up in Cherryville and was a 1936 graduate of Cherryville High School.

Following military service with the Army Medical Corps in Alaska during World War II, he worked as a cryptanalyst with the Armed Forces Security Agency in Arlington, VA. He attended George Washington University in Washington, DC, graduating in 1952 with a degree from the School of Pharmacy. He was employed by People's Drug Company in the Washington, DC area as a pharmacist before returning to North Carolina.

During the 1950s and early 1960s he co-owned and operated Stroupe Drug Company in Kings Mountain. In 1965, he and the late Dr. Richard Maybin of Cleveland County formed Piedmont Clinic of Lawndale and enjoyed a successful professional and personal partnership for over 25 years.

He was an active member and Elder Emeritus of the First Presbyterian Church in Cherryville.

For the last five years, he enjoyed his retirement as a resident of Southminster Community in Charlotte.

Surviving are his four children, Mary Ellen Stroupe of Washington, DC, Barbara Anne Stroupe Stegall of Matthews, L.S. "Sid" Stroupe III of Durham, and Virginia Caroline "Carole" Stroupe of Lilburn, GA; son-in-law, Robert Arthur "Art" Stegall of Matthews; two grandchildren, John Arthur Stegall, a freshman at N.C. State University, and Mary Catherine Stegall, a freshman at Meredith College; and sister, Vida Stroupe Blackwelder of Winston-Salem. His wife, Barbara Hill Stroupe, whom he married in 1941, died in 1995.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Billy Lowe and Jack H. Cooke at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at First Presbyterian Church, Cherryville. Burial was in the family plot at City Memorial Cemetery, Cherryville.

Memorials may be made to Southminster Foundation, 8919 Park Road, Charlotte, NC 28210.

ESTHER BRADSHAW

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Esther Bradshaw, 57, 317 Chestnut Street, died Tuesday, December 14, 1999 at Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem.

A native of Mecklenburg County, she was the daughter of the late Tom Lee Case and Mary Benjamin Case and wife of the late Mack Bradshaw. She attended First Wesleyan Church, and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughters, Mollie Paysour and husband Glenn, of Kings Mountain and Connie Louise Bradshaw of Shelby; brothers, Johnny Case and Paul Case; sisters, Frances Elizabeth Mote of Shelby, Sarah Louise Case of Fallston, and Martha Case; and two grandchildren, Christopher Glenn Paysour II and Esther Julie Paysour.

A memorial service was conducted by Bradley Ellis at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JOHN SIMS PUTNAM
GROVER - John Sims Putnam, 63, 1050 Cleveland Avenue, died December 14, 1999 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Arville Sims Putnam and the late Jane Anthony Putnam. He was retired from Shoco Distributors, Putnam Distributors and Foote Mineral Co.

He was a member of Second Baptist Church, and was a graduate of Limestone College with a degree in Business Administration. He was retired from the U.S. Navy.

He is survived by his wife, Susie Setsuko Putnam of the home; sons and daughters-in-law, Tony and Annette Putnam of North Augusta, SC and Thomas and Terri Putnam of Grover; grandsons, Bryce Putnam, Blake Putnam and Clayton Taylor; and sister and brother-in-law, Diana and John Halyak of Charleston, SC.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Reginald Dawkins at 11 a.m. Thursday at Second Baptist Church. Interment will be in Sunset Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Second Baptist Church, 1114 S. Lafayette St., Shelby, NC 28150; and Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150.

Clay-Barnette Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

JUNE RHYNE HERNDON

KINGS MOUNTAIN - June Rhyme Herndon died Monday, December 13, 1999 at Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gastonia.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Miles Hoffman and the late Rubye Dent Rhyme. She was a graduate of Gastonia High School and Belmont Abbey College. She did post graduate studies at UNC Chapel Hill and the University of California/Los Angeles and Oxford University. She received her Masters Degree at UNC. She was formerly a faculty member in the English Department at Sacred Heart College.

She was an active member for many years at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, Gastonia. She was a drum major in high school, an accomplished pianist, and an ardent tennis fan and player.

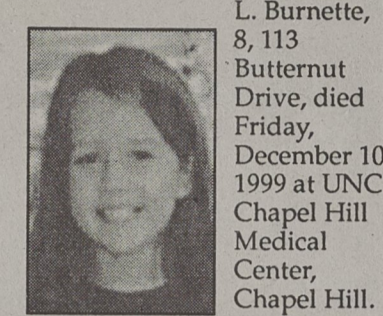
She is survived by her husband, William M. Herndon of Kings Mountain; son, H. Spears Mullen Jr. and wife Alyce and their children Catharine and Peter of Raleigh; daughter, Julia Hart and husband Lewis Hart Jr. and their son, Lewis Hart III of Chappaqua, NY; son, Patrick M. Mullen and wife Deborah, and their son McKay, of Gastonia; step-son, Dr. William M. Herndon Jr. and wife Bobbie and their sons, Alexander and Andrew, of Charlotte; step-daughter, Virginia Herndon-Baker and husband Charles R. Baker and their children, Garth and Charlotte, of Portland, OR; step-sons, Robert Herndon of Kings Mountain and David Herndon of Atlanta, GA; sister, Patricia Thomas of Chapel Hill; and brother-in-law, J.E. Herndon Jr. and wife Patricia of Kings Mountain.

A memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Michael C.D. McDaniel, Retired Bishop of the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, and the Rev. Norman Hull-Ryde, Deacon, at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, Gastonia. Interment was at Lutheran Chapel Church, Gastonia.

Memorials may be made to Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, 258 W. Franklin Ave., Gastonia, NC 28052; Lutheran Chapel Church, 702 N. New Hope Rd., Gastonia, NC 28054; and Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church, 201 N. Piedmont Ave., Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

CASEY L. BURNETTE
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Casey L. Burnette, 8, 113



Butternut Drive, died Friday, December 10, 1999 at UNC Chapel Hill Medical Center, Chapel Hill.

A native of Mt. Pleasant, SC, she attended First Baptist Church and was a student at North Elementary School. She was the granddaughter of the late Robert E. Burnette.

She is survived by her parents, David and Nikki Carroll Burnette of Kings Mountain; paternal grandmother, Lorena Poole Burnette of Oxford; maternal grandparents, Jim and Chrystine Carroll of Kings Mountain; twin sister, Jordan Burnette of Kings Mountain; uncle and aunts, Glenn and Katrina Carroll of Kings Mountain, Ronnie and Patricia Burnette of Oxford, and Philip and Sandra Kearney of Raleigh; cousins, Ron Burnette of Oxford and Bob and Anna Kearney of Raleigh.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. John Sloan at 3:30 p.m. Monday at First Baptist Church. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Leukemia Society of America, 5624 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100, Charlotte, NC 28212; and Ronald McDonald House, 419 Hawthorne Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27103.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

B.F. DARNELL, JR.

SHELBY - B.F. Darnell, Jr., 74, 2213 Van Aken Circle, died December 7, 1999 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Toccoa, Georgia, he was the son of the late Rev. B.F. Darnell, Sr., and Gracie Missouri Lloyd Darnell. He was also preceded in death by his brother Otis Darnell. He was retired from Dover Textiles, and owner of Darnell's Pottery and Crafts. He was a member of Royster Avenue Church of God. He also served in WWII in the U.S. Navy on the USS Barron.

He is survived by his wife Jessie Mozelle Bost Darnell of the home; son and his wife Ted Darnell and Peggy of Kings Mountain; son and his wife Joe Darnell and Sandy of Shelby; brother and his wife Jackie Darnell and Sherry of Belmont; sister and her husband Kathryn Lankford and Rev. S.A. Lankford of Belmont; sister and her husband Shirley Wrap and Jim of Charlotte; also five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Friday at 2 pm at Royster Avenue Church of God by the Revs. N.C. Jones, Ben Black, and Rick Brackett. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Royster Avenue Church of God, 504 Royster Avenue, Shelby 28150.

Cleveland Funeral Services served the family.

MARGARET SHIELDS
BESSEMER CITY - Margaret Emily "Babe" Stiwalt Shields, 70, 619 Costner School Road, died December 12, 1999 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Epherom and Regina Strout Stiwalt. She was the wife of Zeb Willard Shields, Sr. She was retired from Garlock Chicago Rawhide.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her son Zeb W. "Doodle" Shields of Bessemer City; granddaughters Andrea Hook of Gastonia and Jenny Gibson of Stanley; great grandchildren Courtney Shields and Nathan Hook both of Gastonia.

The funeral was conducted Wednesday at 2 pm at Sisk-Butler Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. Don Capell. Burial was in Bessemer City Memorial.

Sisk Butler Funeral Home served the family.

Bad Moon Rising!

Largest moon since 1866 to shine on December 22

Old Man Winter will be making his brightest entrance in 133 years on the evening of December 22. Ushering in the winter solstice that night will be the largest full moon to shine since the year 1866.

The reason the moon will be bright enough to make night seem like day takes a little bit of astronomical explaining. What will happen is that the full moon of the 22nd will occur in conjunction with the lunar perigee - the point where the moon is also closest to the earth in its orbit. This phenomenon will make an already full moon appear 14 percent larger than it normally would if it was in apogee - or at its farthest point from earth.

Another factor that will come into play to make the moon's show even more spectacular is that the earth is several million miles closer to the sun during this time of year and light reflected from the sun to the earth and then on to the moon will be seven percent stronger than normal.

A combination of close perigee and above normal reflected light will make the evening of December 22 one to remember. This will be a once in a lifetime event for everyone living now, because it won't happen again for 100 years. Some scientists predict that if skies are clear, motorists will be able to drive without headlights. If all goes right weather-wise, there might even be enough light left a few days later to light the way for Santa Claus.

CARD OF THANKS

To the Kings Mountain High School Booster Club, my family and I would like to thank all of you from our heart for the prayers, the love, the food and support you gave to us during the loss of our brother, Alfred Phillips. Our lives have been touched by how much you cared for him. Thank you to everyone else who showed their love in many ways. God bless you all.

From his brothers and sisters

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