

OBITUARIES

ELLA CLARK CAMP
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Ella Clark Camp, 88, White Oak Manor, died Wednesday, January 5, 2000 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Harvey and Fannie Ethridge Clark and wife of the late Raymond Oscar Camp. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Geraldine Stewart. She was a member of Bethany Baptist Church, Grover, and was owner and operator of Grover Florist, Grover.

She is survived by her son, R.O. "Hoppy" Camp of Kings Mountain; daughters, Barbara Acuff and Ginger Davis of Grover, Doris Short of Kings Mountain, Shirley Sisk of Long Beach, and Toby Owens of Liberty, SC; 30 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Odis Shelton and Richard Horney at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 8 at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Grover Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

LINDA McNEELY
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Linda Ann Hullender McNeely, 44, 944-7 Bethlehem Church Road, died January 4, 2000 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center, Shelby.

She was a member of East Gold Street Wesleyan Church and was a former employee of Chicago Rawhide, Gastonia, and Copeland Corporation, Shelby.

She is survived by her mother and father Bob and Evelyn Hullender of Kings Mountain; daughter, Michelle McNeely of Kings Mountain; sister, Pam Champion of Kings Mountain; and grandsons, Bradley McNeely and Ridge McNeely of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Eddie Gray and Leroy Cox at 3 p.m. Friday, January 7, 2000 at East Gold Street Wesleyan Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to East Gold Street Wesleyan Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 875, Kings Mountain, NC 28086 or the Kidney Foundation, 7315 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD 21401.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

AILEEN BLACK GIBSON
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Aileen Black Gibson, 78, 910 North Piedmont Avenue, died Wednesday, January 5, 2000 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Harley Black and Annie Ware Black Self and wife of the late Eugene William Gibson. She was an avid hometown baseball supporter and was retired as a designer for Baxter Corporation, Shelby.

She is survived by her sons, Gene Gibson and wife, Mary Anne; Barry Gibson and wife, Susan; and Shane Gibson, and wife, Karen, all of Kings Mountain; six grandchildren, Mary Elizabeth Gibson, Jennifer Ann Gibson and husband, Shane Conner, Alan Gibson, Drew Gibson, Chase Gibson and McKenzie Gibson; and one great-grandchild, Gibson Conner.

A graveside service was conducted by the Revs. Terry Bird and Don Williams at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Patterson Grove Baptist Church Challenge to Build, 301 Oak Grove Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086; First Wesleyan Church Building Fund, 505 North Piedmont Avenue, Kings Mountain, NC 28086; and Resurrection Lutheran Church Garden Fund, 600 Crescent Circle, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JAMES FLETCHER
KINGS MOUNTAIN - James Fletcher, 80, 1005 Ramseur Street, died Sunday, January 9, 2000 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Haywood County, he was the son of the late Dever Rubin and Daisy Mae Taylor Fletcher and husband of the late Mary Lee Kimble Fletcher. He attended Missionary Methodist Church and was retired from Burlington Industries.

He is survived by his son, Lamar Fletcher and wife, Nannie, of Kings Mountain; brother, Howard Fletcher of Leicester; sister, Birdie Burns of Waller, TN; three grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

VIRGINIA SISK
RUTHERFORDTON - Mrs. Virginia James Sisk, 80, died January 7, 2000 at White Oak Manor after a long illness.

A native of Rutherford County, she was the daughter of the late William and Ollie Ingle James and widow of the late Archie Sisk. She was a retired textile employee.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Peggy Walker and Ms. Frances Sisk, both of Forest City; sister, Mrs. Demaris Lane of Caroleen; seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Kenneth Kanipe and Jack Upton at 11 a.m. Monday at Harrelson Funeral Home. A graveside service was held at 1 p.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Harrelson Funeral Home, Caroleen, was in charge of arrangements.

CLAUDE MOORE
BLACKSBURG, SC - Claude Willard "Wig" Moore, 68, 116 Willard Road, died Monday, January 10, 2000 at his home.

He was the son of the late Sam and Etta Jane Childers Moore, and husband of Mary Anne Isler Moore. He was a member of Eastside Baptist Church and was a U.S. Army veteran with service in the Korean War. He was retired from Eaton Corporation, Grover, NC.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, Scotty Ladson Moore of Blacksburg; daughter, Annette Cheryl Manley of Blacksburg; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Claude Ricky Moore; two brothers, Walter and Wesley Moore; and three sisters, Lois Bolin, Francis Moore and Gertrude Moore.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. M.P. Hampton, Sherry Moss and Danny Marshburn at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Eastside Baptist Church. Interment was in Clingman Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers were Roger Moore, Eddie Bolin, Lamar Batchelor, Scotty Bell, Mike Hawkins and Johnny Ledford.

White Columns was in charge of arrangements.

MYRTLE LINDERMAN
YORK, SC - Mrs. Myrtle Few Linderman, 89, 1569 N. Highway 321, died Monday, January 10, 2000 at Piedmont Medical Center.

A native of Greenville, she was the daughter of the late Robert B. Few and Cora Lee DeShields Few, and widow of the late Charles Dee Linderman. She was also preceded in death by her son, Jerald Leroy Linderman.

She was a homemaker and a member of Union Baptist Church.

She is survived by her son, John Linderman Sr. of Kings Mountain, NC; three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. Alan Price and John Linderman Jr. at 2 p.m. Thursday at Union Baptist Church. Burial will be in Lakeview Memory Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Union Baptist Church, P.O. Box 976, York, SC 29745 and Oak View Baptist Church, Highway 161, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Bratton Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

SELMA HAWKINS
SHELBY - Selma Williams Harmon Hawkins, 92, White Oak Manor, died January 10, 2000 at White Oak Manor.

She was a native of Cleveland County and daughter of the late William Martin and Effie Queen Williams. She was also preceded in death by her husbands, Robert Alexander Hawkins and Jay Dee Harmon; a sister, Mildred Williams Harmon; and a brother, John Martin Williams.

She was a homemaker and a member of David Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

She is survived by her son, William Brunson Harmon and wife, Lillian, of Kings Mountain; granddaughter, Kimberly Harmon Franks and husband, Terry G. Franks; great-grandchildren, Melissa Franks and Will Franks; sisters, Beatrice Allen of Shelby and Delores Patterson of Kings Mountain; sisters-in-law, Julia P. Williams of Kings Mountain and Gladys Harmon Sherer of Erwin, TN, and Alice Brackett Harmon of Spindale.

A graveside service will be conducted by the Rev. Jody Griffin at 2 p.m. Thursday at Cleveland Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to David Baptist Church, 2300 David Baptist Church Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain, is in charge of arrangements.

ALBERT BLACKWELL
BLACKSBURG, SC - Albert Blackwell, 85, 141 Ruby Road, died Tuesday, January 11, 2000 at Beverly Healthcare, Rock Hill.

A native of Blacksburg, he was the son of the late John and Molly Carroll Blackwell. He was the husband of Myrtle Parris Blackwell and was a member of Christian Fellowship Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four sons, Russell Blackwell of Cowpens, Gene Blackwell of Rock Hill, and Winfred Blackwell and Jerry Blackwell of Blacksburg; three brothers, Victor Blackwell of Kings Mountain, NC, Jimmy Blackwell of Blacksburg and John Blackwell of Pacolet; four sisters, Rosa Mae Peterson, Viola Oliver, and Louise Oliver, all of Kings Mountain, NC, and Anna Mae Denton of Pacolet; 15 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. Calvin Hall, M.P. Hampton, Lucky Earls and Willie Lanier at 2 p.m. Thursday at Christian Fellowship Church. Entombment will follow at Clingman Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Christian Fellowship Church Building Fund, 516 Peeler Road, Blacksburg, SC 29702.

White Columns Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

JACK MARTIN
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Jack Vee "Jay" Martin, 78, 128 Street, died January 11, 2000 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center, Shelby.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late Otis and Sallie Gantt Martin. He was a member of Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church and was retired from Parkdale Mill. He was a member of the American Legion Otis D. Green Post 155, and served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Doyce Stewart Martin of Kings Mountain; sons, Dennis Ray Martin of Kings Mountain and Jack Dennis Martin of Gastonia; daughters, Joyce Martin Burns and husband, James, of Hickory, Vicky Martin Lane and husband, Joseph, of Crouse, and Linda Martin Moses of Kings Mountain; brothers, Elmer C. Martin of Kings Mountain, Gene Martin of Hickory and Jesse Willard "Wild" Martin of Daytona Beach, FL; sister, Ivey M. Smith of Kings Mountain; special friend, Bobby Lee Ramsey; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Mitchell Pruitt at 2 p.m. Friday at Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 12:30-2 p.m. at the church fellowship hall.

Memorials may be made to Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church, 618 Chestnut Ridge Church Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

ANNIE MAE ALEXANDER
LINCOLNTON - Annie Mae Sellers Alexander, 76, Brian Center, formerly of Kings Mountain, died Wednesday, January 11, 2000 at Brian Center.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late William "Buddy" and Florence Hayes Sellers. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Nancy Smith, and brother, George Sellers.

She was retired from Glen Raven Mills, Kings Mountain, and was a member of Dixon Presbyterian Church, Kings Mountain.

She is survived by her brother, Lee A. Sellers of Kings Mountain; and two sisters, Lillie Jackson and Elizabeth Sellers of Kings Mountain.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Allan Sinclair at 2 p.m. Saturday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Burial will be in the Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 1-2 p.m. Saturday at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel.

Harris Funeral Home, Kings Mountain, is in charge of arrangements.

Merger Meeting January 25 in Shelby

By GARY STEWART
Editor of The Herald

The Kings Mountain Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. at Central School and one of the topics of discussion will be an upcoming meeting with the Board of Commissioners to discuss merging of the county's three school systems.

The commissioners have called a meeting of the county board and three school boards for Tuesday, Jan. 25 from 6-8 p.m. at Cleveland Community College to discuss the issue. The meeting is open to the public but will be a dialogue for members of the four boards and will not include questions from the audience.

Superintendents of the county's three school systems met with County Manager Lane Alexander Wednesday morning to form an agenda for the meeting. Richard Schwartz, an attorney from Raleigh who was hired by Kings Mountain Schools to represent them in an attempt to head off a merger, also attended the meeting.

Schwartz met with the Kings Mountain School Board in a special session Wednesday afternoon and told board members that he had been assured by Cleveland County officials and their lawyer that merger is not a "done deal."

Kings Mountain school officials say they hope the January meeting will be more organized than a meeting they held with commissioners in December. In that meeting there was no formal agenda, and after setting the date for another meeting in January the county commissioners voted to hire a lawyer to represent them in their merger assessment. That prompted the Kings Mountain School Board to hire an attorney, also.

The county commissioner's lawyer, Gil Middlebrooks, has been gathering information from all three school systems since that time. He will review that information at the January 25 meeting. The commissioners will discuss why they are considering merger, and the school systems will be allowed to have staff available to answer any questions the commissioners have.

Kings Mountain School Board member Ronnie Hawkins, who has been a vocal opponent of merger and who recently filed for this year's county commissioners' race, said he hopes the meeting will be positive and will be a first

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Disaster Pastors

There will be a meeting of the Disaster Pastors on Thursday, January 13, at 1 am until noon at 100 Justice Place, Room 104D located in the basement of the Law Enforcement Center.



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