

## OBITUARIES

**JAMES ANTHONY JR.**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - James E. "Jim" Anthony Jr., 84, 611 Hillside Drive, died May 8, 2000.

He was the son of the late Dr. James Edward and Elizabeth Jane Crawford Anthony. He was a lifelong member of Boyce Memorial ARP Church and was retired from PPG Industries. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Evelyn Goforth Anthony of Kings Mountain; son, Ed Anthony and wife, Penny, of Kings Mountain; daughter, Jane Anthony of Pikeville; and two grandchildren, Lydia Anthony and Rebekah Anthony of Kings Mountain.

A memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Doug Petersen at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Boyce Memorial ARP Church. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

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.

**FRANCES SALDO**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Frances Saldo, 90, White Oak Manor, died Saturday, May 6, 2000 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Adams, MA, she was the daughter of the late Karol Rakofski and Andrica Stakora. She was the wife of the late Theodore Arthur Saldo Sr. She was retired from the textile industry.

She is survived by her sons, Teddy A. Saldo Jr. of Florida, Eddie Saldo of Shelby, and Don Saldo of Grover; daughter, Ms. Virginia Saldo of Fallston; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted by Brad Ellis at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Grover Cemetery. Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**EDNA NELL STACY**  
GASTONIA - Edna Nell Littlejohn Stacy, 71, 2787 Fairview Drive, died May 6, 2000 at her home.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Charles Littlejohn and Nettie Rutledge Littlejohn. She was a member of Temple Baptist Church, Kings Mountain. She was formerly employed with Craftsman Yarns, CDA Industries, and

Coca Cola Vending. Her last employment was with Childs Play Daycare.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Linda S. and James F. Craven of Belmont, Gayla Payne Grigg of Gastonia, and Wanda S. and Charles Creedmore of Gastonia; brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles and Iris Littlejohn of North Myrtle Beach, SC, Johnny G. and Louise Littlejohn of Charlotte, and Robert and Linda Littlejohn of Lake Wylie, SC; and grandsons, Andy Payne Grigg of Gastonia and Matthew Creedmore of Gastonia.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Charlie Littlejohn at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Sisk-Butler Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Westview Gardens.

Sisk-Butler Funeral Home, Bessemer City, was in charge of arrangements.

**RONALD K. CARPENTER**  
BESSEMER CITY - Ronald K. Carpenter, 45, 112 Stinnett Drive, died May 5, 2000 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late Grafton Carpenter.

He is survived by his mother, Virginia Milling Carpenter of Bessemer City; wife, Barbara Dills Carpenter of the home; son, Steven Carpenter of Bessemer City; daughters, Christina Dills of Kings Mountain, Jerrie Carpenter of Bessemer City, and Tracy Costner of Gastonia; brothers, Jerry Carpenter of Stanley, Jimmy Carpenter of Gastonia, Wayne Carpenter of Bessemer City, and Mike Carpenter of Clover, SC; and one grandchild, Christopher Scott Dills.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Larry Laws, Ray England and Paul Rhyne at 3 p.m. Monday at Greene Funeral Service Westside Chapel. Burial was in Westview Gardens.

Pallbearers were Travis Costner, Junior Moses, Scott Tindall, Craig Tractett, Randy Wooten and Rick Wooten. Greene Funeral Service Westside Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

**EUNICE THOMAS**  
CHARLOTTE - Mrs. Eunice Jeanette Dover Thomas, 93, died Friday, May 5, 2000 at Presbyterian Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late William Franklin

Dover and Ida Thornburg Dover. She was a retired nurses aide at the Children's Orthopedic Hospital in Gastonia.

She was a charter member of Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church and had also been active in the Senior Citizens Sunday School class and the Missionary Society.

She is survived by three granddaughters, Debra McGroarty of Sylva, Scarlet Gant of Charlotte and Rebecca Finch of Rock Hill, SC; five great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and a sister, Mrs. Lamby Wentz of Charlotte. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Peggy Sanders, in 1998.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Robert B. Arnold at 10 a.m. Monday at Hankins & Whittington Dilworth Chapel. Interment was in Forest Lawn West Cemetery. Nephews served as pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church, 420 E. 15th St., Charlotte, NC 28206.

Hankins & Whittington Dilworth Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

**JAMES BARNETT**  
SHELBY - James Roosevelt Barnett, 71, 2516 Oak Grove Road, died May 4, 2000 at his home.

A native of Washington County, TN, he was the son of the late Roosevelt Jason Barnett and Mildred Hester Barnett. He was a retired truck driver and owner of Pete and Jim's Garage in Bessemer City. He was a member of the Bessemer City American Legion Post 143.

He is survived by his son, Steve Barnett of Monroe; daughters, Glenda Streicher of Nashville, TN, Jeannie Blakely of Phoenix, AZ, and Anita Shelton of Salisbury; stepchildren, Lisa Conrad and Bryan Robb; brothers, Donald Barnett of Johnson City, TN, and Robert Barnett of Athens, TN; and four step-grandchildren.

Sisk-Butler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**BOBBIE GROTON**  
SHELBY - Bobbie Lou Sides Groton, 532 Forest Ridge Dr, died May 4, 2000 at her home.

A native of Maiden, N.C., she was the daughter of the late Henry T. Sides and Lucille Moon Sides. She was also preceded in death by her son

Michael Curtis Hefner. She was Pastoral Secretary at Solid Rock Tabernacle Assembly of God.

She is survived by her husband Thomas Howard Groton, I, of Carolina House of Forest City; daughter Tracy Hefner Beaver of Shelby; son Thomas Howard Groton II, of Earl; granddaughter Jennifer A. Smith of Shelby; grandsons Joshua A. Smith and Donald L. Strange both of Shelby; great granddaughter Jada A. Smith of Shelby; brothers Henry T. Sides, Jr., of Stockridge, Georgia and Nelson Sides of Goldsboro.

The service was conducted at 5 p.m. Saturday at Solid Rock Tabernacle in Ellenboro by Revs. Teresa Green and William Shuffler, and by Beverly McIntyre. Burial was in Sandy Run Baptist Church Cemetery. Cleveland Funeral Services handled the arrangements.

**MARIA GUZMAN**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Maria Morales Guzman, age nine months, 400 W. Gold Street, died May 3, 2000.

She was a native of Mecklenburg County.

She is survived by her mother Tasha Nicole Hunt and Wedow Castrejon of Lancaster, S.C.; father Mosie Morales Guzman of Lancaster; maternal grandmother Debbie D. Taylor and Andrrers Vaidivia of Kings Mountain; maternal grandfather Cleatious Hunt of Fairmont, N.C.; maternal great-grandmother Betty Jo Cato and Joseph Green of Lancaster; maternal great-grandfather James D. Robinson and wife Etta Mae of Indian Trail, N.C.; uncle Ronald Taylor of Kings Mountain; paternal grandfather Artoro Guzman of Lancaster; paternal grandmother Angela Morales Guzman of Lancaster; aunts and uncles; foster parent Ms. Angellar Wilson of Newton, N.C.

The funeral was conducted Thursday at 7 p.m. at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel by the Rev. Frankie Alexander.

Harris Funeral Home served the family.

**LEWIS IZZI**  
SHELBY - Lewis Baton Izzi, 65, 130 Veticus Drive, died May 3, 2000 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Antonio Izzi and Carmelia Maria Diamo Izzi. He was also preceded in death by his broth-

er Jerry Izzi and sister Angelina Hall. He was owner and operator of Plastic Oddities and a member of Lafayette Street United Methodist Church. He was founder of Wilderness Trail and Honalee Chapel for the purpose of children and youth. He was also the recipient of the Governor's Award for his work with Special Olympics. He held annual Christmas parties for underprivileged children in Shelby and Virginia. Honalee Chapel also sponsored the Shelby Christmas Parade. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany.

He is survived by his wife Loretta B. Izzi of the home; son Lewis Baton Izzi, Jr., of Shelby; daughter and her husband Lynn Izzi Pinkham and Jim of Charlotte; daughter Gwen Izzi of Charlotte; daughter and her husband Diedra Izzi Ridings and Jody of Shelby; grandson Kyle Izzi of Shelby; grandson Phillip Champion, Jr. of Charlotte; grandson Tyler Jones of Danville, Va.; granddaughter Suzannah Izzi Ridings of Shelby; grandson Lujak Ridings of Shelby; brothers Mike Izzi of Myrtle Beach, S.C., Tony Izzi and Joseph Izzi both of Shelby; sister Katherine McArthur and Pauline Glover both of Shelby and Christine Whisnant of Atlanta, Ga.

The service was conducted Friday at Lafayette Street United Methodist Church by the Revs. Gervase Hitch, Rob Blackburn, and David Greene. Entombment was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Wilderness Trail, P.O. Box 1027, Shelby 28151, or Honalee Chapel, P.O. Box 1027 Shelby 28151, or Lafayette Street United Methodist Church, 1420 Lafayette Street, Shelby 28152. Cleveland Funeral Services handled the arrangements.

**RUTH FULTON**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Ruth G. Fulton, 76, 613 Ridge Street, died May 3, 2000 at her home.

A native of Haywood County, she was the daughter of the late Carl and Manilla Ferguson Green. She was also preceded death by her brother Joe Green. She was a former public school teacher in Kings Mountain in third and fourth grades at Central School and secretary for Fulton and Sons, Inc. in Kings Mountain. She was a member of Boyce Memorial A.R.P. Church in Kings Mountain.

She is survived by her husband W.S. "Bill" Fulton, Jr. of Kings Mountain; sons W.S. "Corky" Fulton III and wife Barbara of Kings Mountain, Carl G. Fulton of Hendersonville, and James P. Fulton of Mooresville; grandchildren Sage Fulton, Jennifer Fulton, Charlotte Fulton, Elizabeth Fulton, and Catherine Fulton.

A memorial service was conducted Friday at 2 p.m. at Boyce Memorial A.R.P. Church by the Rev. Doug Petersen. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Boyce Memorial A.R.P. Church, P.O. Box 1145 Kings Mountain, 28086.

Harris Funeral Home served the family.

**LUCILE JUSTUS**  
SHELBY - Lucile Blanton Justus, 87, 808 Lowery Street, died May 5, 2000 at Century Care of Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Drewry Watson and Ida Pearl Byars Blanton. She was a teacher with the Shelby City School System for 40 years and taught at Lafayette School, Marion School, Graham School, and James Love School. She was a member of Lafayette Street United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband Gordon Sanford Justus of the home; daughter Suzanne Justus of Charlotte; brother and sister in law Kennon and Christine Blanton of Shelby; sister and brother in law Lucy Mae and Dorman Washam of Gastonia.

The funeral was conducted Saturday at 3 p.m. at Clay Barnett Chapel by the Rev. Gervase Hitch. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

**BILL BLAIR**  
SHELBY - Dwight "Bill" Blair, 60, 657 Skinner Road, died May 5, 2000 at Hospice of Wendover.

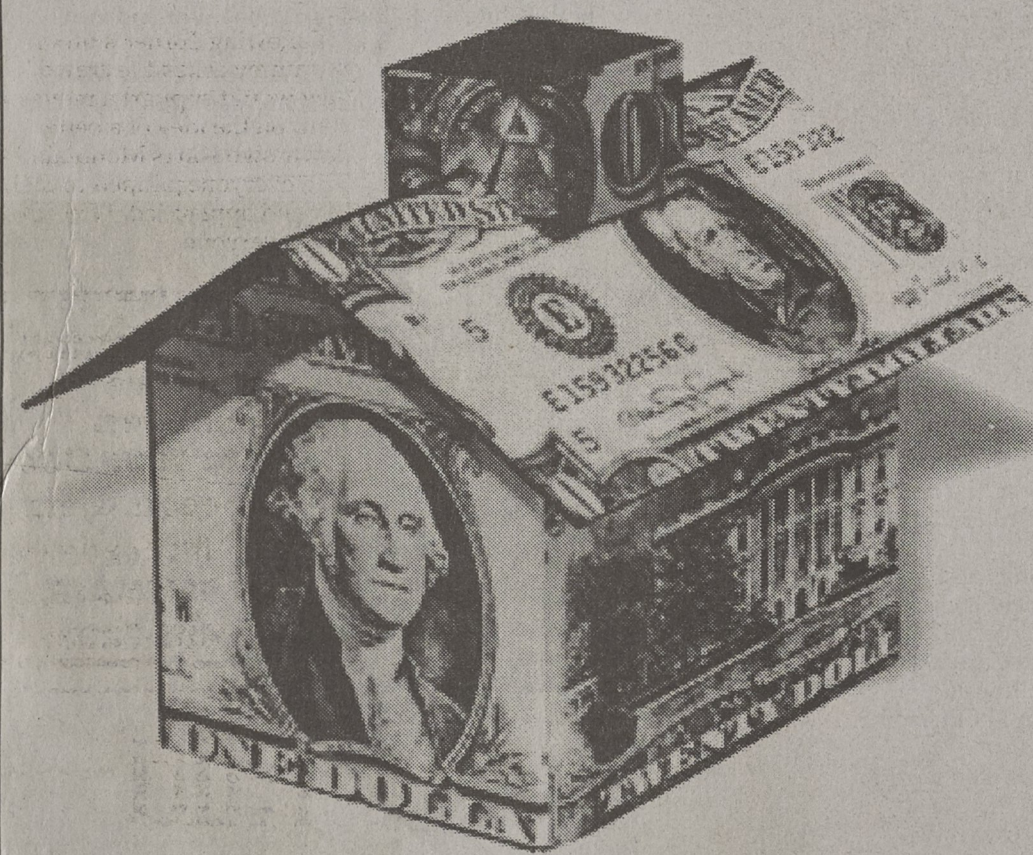
A native of Montgomery County, Maryland, he was the son of the late Dwight Mason Blair and Bessie Alberta Stevens Blair. He was also preceded in death by his son William Dean "Billy" Blair who died in 1982, and brothers Bobby Blair and Roy Blair. He was a member of T.W. Lovelace Memorial Church and a U.S. Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife Carolyn Barteel Blair of the home; daughter Debbie Blair McNamara of Shelby; daughter and her husband Tammy Blair Hawkins and Brian of Lexington, Va.; daughter and her husband Paddi Blair Dover and Kim of Shelby; sisters and their husbands Gladys Koontz Friel and Clarence of Buckeye, West Virginia, Olive Catherine Blair Evans and Woody of Fredrick, Maryland, Patricia Blair Mayne and Joey of Mount Airy, Maryland, Joann Blair Wyatt and Ronnie of Westminster, Maryland, Sandy Blair Willard and Dave of Hamstead, Maryland; brothers and their wives John Richard Blair and Ruby of Ijamsville, Maryland, Jerry Blair and Patty of West Minister, Maryland; brother Larry Blair of Germantown, Maryland; grandsons Jon Marshall of Shelby, Brandon Marshall of Shelby, Bradley Hicks of Lexington Virginia, Jordan Hawkins of Lexington, Jacob Hawkins of Lexington, Aaron Dover of Shelby, Trey Owens of Ellensboro; granddaughter and her husband Randi Marshall Hayes and Mark of Swainsville; granddaughters Nikki Owens of Ellenboro, Alex Dover of Shelby; great granddaughter Taylor Blair Hayes of Swainsville; special friend, Lawrence Conger of Sunnyvale, California.

The service was conducted Sunday at 3 p.m. at T.W. Lovelace Memorial Church by the Revs. Richard Dycus and Scott Caldwell. Burial was in Race Path Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice at Wendover, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby 28150.

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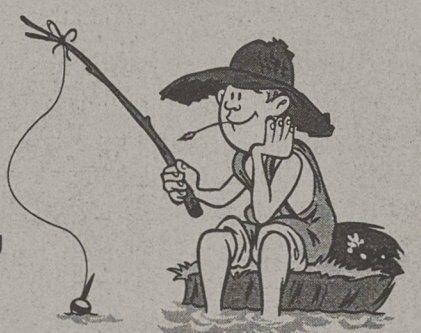
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