

OBITUARIES

JAMES CALDWELL

KINGS MOUNTAIN - James H. Caldwell, 57, 106 Seven Hawks Tr., Kings Mountain, died June 4, 2000 at Wendover, Shelby.

A native of Gaston County, he was a member of Patterson Springs Baptist Church. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps in Viet Nam. He was employed as an electrician.

He is survived by his wife Brenda Camp Caldwell of Shelby; mother Pauline Harbin of Kings Mountain; son James T. Caldwell of Shelby; daughters Penny Caldwell of Shelby, Margaret C. Lee and husband Jody of Grover, Kelly C. McDonald and husband Matthew of Gastonia, Tonia Caldwell of Shelby; sister Billie Ann Pardo of Kings Mountain; grandchildren Stacy McDonald, Megan Lee, Kayla Lee, Elizabeth Lee.

The graveside service was conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Patterson Springs Baptist Church Cemetery by the Rev. Steve Waters. Burial was in Patterson Springs Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 952 Wendover Heights Road, Shelby 28150.

Harris Funeral Home served the family.

WADE COCHRAN

GROVER - William Calloway "Wade" Cochran, 73, 220 Beef Street, died June 6, 2000 at Hospice of Cleveland County.

A native of Swain County, he was the son of the late Harrison Cochran and Nancy Higdon Cochran. He was a loom operator.

He was a Baptist and preached at Pine Street Baptist Church in Gastonia. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific theater as an instructor cook and baker.

He is survived by his sons, Johnny and Jimmy Cochran of Gastonia; daughters, April C. Wilson of the home and Thelma Jean Phillips of Gastonia; sister, Willie Belle Goforth of Gastonia; grandchildren, April Michele Nanny of Gastonia and J.R. Cochran and Derek Wilson of Grover; and great-grandchildren, Christina Danielle Nanny and Stephanie Cheyanne Nanny of Gastonia.

A private funeral was held. Lutz-Austell Funeral Home, Shelby, was in charge of arrangements.

SHIRLEY WELLS

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Shirley Randolph Wells, 41, 305 Silver Street, died May 24, 2000 at her home after several years illness.



A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Frank Randolph and Carrie Turner Randolph. She was a member

of Family Worship Center Church of God, and was a former employee of Kemet Electronics, Shelby.

She is survived by her husband of 16 years, Donald G. "Don" Wells of Kings Mountain; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Ethel and Marshall Wells of Kings Mountain; stepmother, Shirley Randolph of Gastonia; step-daughters, Amy McKinney and husband, Michael, of Shelby and Kimberly Wells of Grover; brothers, James Randolph, David Randolph and Danny Randolph, all of Gastonia; sisters, Nancy Clemmer and Linda Hayes of Gastonia; and four grandchildren, Katlyn McKinney, Alexander McKinney, Cori Thrift, and Abbie Moss.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Roger Woodard at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 27 at Family Worship Center. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Family Worship Center Church of God Building Fund, 1818 Shelby Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

BLANCHE EADES

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Blanche Gantt Eades, 73, 240 Wright Road, died June 1, 2000 at White Oak Manor, Kings Mountain.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late Jake Gantt and Lona Wise Gantt. She attended Kings Lighthouse Pentecostal Church and was retired from Colonial Groceries, Hampton Virginia. She is survived by her son Jerry Peterson and wife Jean of Kings Mountain; brothers Clarence Gantt of Hickory and Thurman Gantt of Kings Mountain; sisters Geneva Freeman of Kings Mountain, Louise Whitaker of Kings Mountain, Ruby Tate of Joanna, S.C., Juanita King of Tampa, Florida; grandchild Tammy Chapman; also three great grandchildren.

The graveside service was conducted Sunday at 3 p.m. at Union Baptist Church Cemetery, Polkville by the Revs. Timmy Whitaker and Tim Setzer.

Harris Funeral Home served the family.

JASON BROWN

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Jason McWilliams Brown, 17, 260 Black Stallion Trail, died

Tuesday, May 30, 2000 at Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte.

A native of Washington County, Oregon, he was a member of Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church. He was predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Lonnie and Helen Huffman Sneed.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Dwaine and JoAnne McWilliams King of Kings Mountain; father, Jimmy Wayne Brown of Gastonia; brothers, Joshua Brown, Justin Brown, Brandon King, Chaz King and Clayton King, all of Kings Mountain; maternal grandparents, Stan and JoAnne Johnson McWilliams of Mt. Holly; step paternal grandparents, Roy and Myrle Moore King of Kings Mountain; maternal great-grandmother, Lila Meneuy of Gastonia; and step paternal great-grandmother, Austine Moore of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Mitchell Pruitt at 3 p.m. Friday at Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

CLYDE GANTT

SHELBY - Clyde Wesley Gantt, 84, 522 Gantt's Grove Church Road, Mooresboro, N.C., died June 5, 2000 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late John Clarence Gantt and Ella Jane Walker Gantt. He was also preceded in death by his daughter Louise Wesley Gantt. He was owner and operator of an excavation business and was a member of Sandy Run Baptist Church. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II in the Pacific and European Theaters.

He is survived by his wife Audrey Clarence Gantt of the home; daughter and son in law Norma Jean Gantt Stoerle and Ernest of Rhodhiss, N.C.; daughter Mary Ann Shuler of Salisbury; son and daughter in law Alan Scott Gantt and JoAnn of Spindale; brother and sister in law John P. Gantt and Jean Newland, N.C.; sister Cora Lee Gantt Tate of Mooresboro; also eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Sandy Run Baptist Church by the Revs. Tim Hendrick and Jim Sparks. Burial was in Sandy Run Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Sandy Run Baptist Church Club House Building Fund, PO Box 297, Mooresboro, N.C. 28114.

WILLIAM BALLARD

BESSEMER CITY - William Glenn "Wimpy" Ballard, 80, 509 Third Street, died June 5, 2000 at Rocky Pass Adult Care Center, Marion, N.C.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late Robert Louie and Lonie Correll Ballard and brother of the late Helen Hudspeth, Frances Abernathy, and Ray Ballard. He was formerly employed by Stroupe's Supermarket in North Belmont and Robert's Supermarket in Stanley. He attended First Baptist Church, Stanley.

He is survived by his sister Clara Brown of Kings Mountain; also several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Carothers Funeral Home Chapel, Stanley by the Rev. Joe Small. Burial was in Pineview Cemetery.

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

JAMES CARROLL, SR.

SHELBY - James Roy "Jim" Carroll, Sr., 41, 243 Dekar Dr., died May 13, 2000 at Moss Lake.

A native of Oakland, California, he was the son of Carol Louise Fillipini of Gainesville, Florida and the late James Leroy Carroll. He was a mechanic at Anchor Marine and formerly worked at the Rental Center. He was a member of River of Life Church.

He is survived by his wife Miriam Gail Blount Carroll of the home; daughter Jamie Rebecca Carroll of the home; brother and sister in law Jeffrey and Beverly Carroll of Gainesville, Florida; brother and sister in law Jerry and Kris Carroll of Jacksonville, Florida; sister and brother in law Verna and Cliff Yarborough of Jacksonville.

The private family graveside service was conducted Friday at 4 p.m. at Sunset Cemetery by the Rev. Parris McCurry. Clay Barnette Funeral Home served the family.

JOANIE APPLEMAN

SHELBY - Joanie Appleman, 13, 1208 Ridgmont Avenue, died May 31, 2000.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of Frank James and Annette Smith Appleman. She was a student at Shelby Middle School and a member of Blessed Way Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents of the home, she is survived by sisters Joann Appleman and Melissa Appleman Wease both of the home; grandmother Evelyn Smith of Shelby.

The funeral was conducted Sunday at 2 p.m. at Clay Barnette Chapel by the Rev. Tommy Cook. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

LAURA JANET FALLS

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Laura Janet Falls, 96, 160 Patterson Road, died Monday, June 5, 2000 at White Oak Manor.



A native of Kings Mountain, she was the daughter of the late Alvin Price and Sarah Elizabeth Patterson Falls. She was also preceded

in death by her sisters, Lenora Falls, who died as a child, and Eunice Falls Ware; and brothers, Butler, Wade, Cyrus, Rufus, Coman and Carl Falls.

She was a member of Central United Methodist Church and was a public school teacher for 42 years.

She was President and Best All Around Debater of the Aycock Society at Kings Mountain's Central High School.

She pursued her teaching degree at Winthrop College, and studied during the summers at UNC-Chapel Hill, the University of Tennessee, Asheville Teacher's College, Appalachian State University and The Sorbonne in Paris.

She taught French and History and coached drama, readings and debate at Mooresboro High School for 11 years and at Charlotte for 17 years. After teaching the sixth grade at Kings Mountain for two years, she returned to Kings Mountain to care for her elderly mother and taught sixth grade at North School for 12 years before retiring.

She was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa international honorary teacher's sorority of which she was a member of Shelby's Sigma Chapter for 12 years and Beta Chi Chapter for 18 years. She was a 25-year member of the Thursday Afternoon Book Club, Kings Mountain's oldest social club. She traveled extensively to Europe, Asia, Africa, eight of the ten Canadian provinces, and almost all of the states of America.

NELL RAMSEY

SHELBY - Nell "Susie" Beason Ramsey, 83, 905 Lake Drive, died June 1, 2000 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Joseph Clinton Beason and Mary Tate Beason. She was the wife of the late R.B. Ramsey. She was also preceded in death by brothers Baxter Beason, Roy Beason, James Beason, Karl Beason, and sister Mildred B. Phillips. She was retired first female regional sales representative for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and was also a homemaker. She was formerly a member of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church and Cliffside Baptist Church.

She is survived by son and daughter in law Ron and Merry Lynn Ramsey of Boiling Springs; daughter and son in law Shirley and Gerald Luckadoo of Salisbury, N.C.; grandsons Jonathan and Joseph Luckadoo of Salisbury, Jeffrey Luckadoo of Mount Holly, David Ramsey of Denver, N.C.; granddaughter Alecia Ramsey of Wrightsville Beach, N.C.; great grandsons Luke Luckadoo of Mount Holly, Garrett Luckadoo of Concord, N.C.; great granddaughter Lauren Luckadoo of Mount Holly; sisters Flora Beason Winn of Cliffside, N.C. and Eunice B. Teasley of Shelby.

The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Harrison Hinson at 3 p.m. Thursday at Central United Methodist Church. Burial will be in El Bethel United Methodist Church cemetery.

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

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cleveland Funeral Services handled the arrangements.

JOE W. PARKER SR.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN. - Joe William Parker Sr., 64, died May 31, 2000 at The Connecticut Hospice in Branford.

A native of Hickory Grove, SC, he was the son of the late Robert and Queenie Goode Parker. He was also predeceased by his daughter, Sylvia Annette Parker.

He was a resident of Bridgeport for the past 32 years. During that time, he was employed with Raybestos Company for over 20 years until their relocation, at which time he became employed with Barfield Unique Hygienic Cleaning Service.

He was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

He is survived by his wife, Reelna Crockett Parker; two sons, Kenneth Parker of Stamford and Joe William Parker Jr. of Bridgeport; daughter, Janice Gordon of Winston-Salem, NC; brother, Hazel Parker and wife Yvonne of Kings Mountain, NC; five sisters, Mattie Parker Adams of Gastonia, NC, Dorothy Parker McCleod and husband James of Randallstown, MD, and Queenie Parker Adams and husband Rosco of Owings Mills, MD; two aunts, Jessie Parker Foster and Ola Parker Howell, both of Hickory Grove, SC; five grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Trevor R. Babb at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Interment was in Park Cemetery.

Morton's Mortuary, Inc. was in charge of arrangements.

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