

OBITUARIES

BRUNSON HARMON
KINGS MOUNTAIN-
Brunson Harmon, 67, 124 Williams Road, died June 12, 2000 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.
A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Jay Dee Harmon and the late Selma Williams Harmon Hawkins. He was co-owner and founder and vice president of Harmon Oil Co. of Shelby. He was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church and was a Thirty Second Degree Mason and a member of Fairview Masonic Lodge in Kings Mountain. He was also retired from Carolina Freight. He served in the U.S. Army in the 8th Army Quartermaster Div. French Zone of Occupation, in the European Theater during the Korean Conflict.
He is survived by his wife Lillian Lovelace Harmon of Kings Mountain; daughter Kimberly Harmon Franks and husband Terry G., Kings Mountain; grandchildren Melissa Franks and William Franks.
A graveside service was conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church by the Rev. Ron Caulder.
Memorials may be made to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, c/o Oak Grove Baptist Church, 1022 Oak Grove Road, Kings Mountain 28086.
Harris Funeral Home served the family.

THOMAS MOSS
BLACKSBURG, S.C.- Thomas "Junior" Moss, 71, 627 Hopewell Road, died June 8, 2000 at Upstate Carolina Medical Center.
A native of Cherokee County, he was the husband of Mildred Peeler Moss and the son of the late Thomas Franklin and Estie Self Moss. He was of the Baptist faith and served in the U.S. Navy in WWII.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by sons Wayne Moss and Thomas Moss both of Blacksburg; daughter Anita Kay Hawkins of Rutherfordton; sister Betty Hardin of Blacksburg; also two grandsons.

A celebration of life service was conducted crypt side Saturday at 11 a.m. at Clingman Memorial Gardens by Dr. Charlie Barnard. Pallbearers were Marvin Wray, Ronnie Upchurch, Charlie Moss, Bill Moss, Hubert Mauney, Darrell Batchler and Timmy Pinson.

Memorials may be made to CKC Volunteer Fire Department, 809 Old Chester Road, Blacksburg, S.C. 29702
White Columns Blacksburg served the family.

M. EUGENE WHITE
FUQUAY-VARINA, N.C.- M. Eugene "Gene" White, 75, 907 Old Wyck Drive, died June 8, 2000 at Western Wake Hospital.
He was a retired state employee with the Department of Transportation and the Department of Administration with more than 30 years of service. He was also employed at on time with the Department of Revenue in Tallahassee, Florida for seven years. He was a real estate appraiser MIA. He was currently on the board of directors of the State employees Credit Union in Fuquay-Varina. He was a charter member of St. Andrew's UMC and a past member of St. Matthew's

Lutheran Church in Kings Mountain and a current member of Fuquay-Varina UMC. He was a past master of James B. Green Lodge and a member of the Shriner Oasis Temple.
He is survived by his wife Jewel C. White; daughter and son in law Snow and David Watson of Fuquay-Varina; grandchildren Parker White Watson and Kinsey Palmer Watson; brother Richard White of Taylorsville; sister Frances Whitley of Kings Mountain.
A memorial service was held Sunday, June 11 at 3 p.m. at Montlawn Funeral Chapel.
In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Fuquay-Varina United Methodist Church, 1100 Judd Road, Fuquay-Varina, N.C. 27565 or to the Oxford Orphanage, 600 College Street, Oxford, N.C. 27565, or to your favorite charity in memory of M. Gene White.

WILLIAM GRIGG
SHELBY- William Lee "Bill" Grigg, 54, 512 Gorman Street, died June 10, 2000 at Kings Mountain Hospital.
A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Fred and Lilly Allen Grigg. He was also preceded in death by brothers Hal Grigg and Maynard Grigg. He was a computer operator with Doran Computer Center. He was a member of Putnam Memorial Baptist Church and Amvets. He was a U.S. Navy veteran from 1963-1967.

He is survived by his wife S. Jean Smith Grigg of the home; daughter and son in law Christine and Tim Boyd of Vale, N.C.; daughter and son in law Kimberly and Toney Reeves of Shelby; brother Millard Grigg of Shelby; sisters Marjorie Boysworth of Pickens, S.C. and Joyce Mellon of Vale, N.C.; grandsons John-Michael Maganess, Brandon Maganess, William Boyd.
The funeral was conducted Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Putnam Memorial Baptist Church by the Revs. Bryan Glisson and Larry Morris. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Park.
Memorials may be made to Putnam Memorial Baptist Church Building Fund, 1146 Country Home Road, Shelby 28152.
Clay Barnette Funeral Home serve the family.

CAROLINE WADDELL
GASTONIA - Caroline Waddell, infant daughter of Christopher Lee Waddell and Mary Caroline Little, died June 6, 2000 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.
She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, David H. Little.
In addition to her parents, she is survived by her step-maternal grandmother, Jo Little of Clover, SC; maternal grandmother and step-maternal grandfather, Nellie and Don Caughey of Lincolnton; maternal great-grandfather Roland Brown of Gastonia; paternal grandmother and step-grandfather, Rhonda and Wayne Hager of Cherryville; paternal great-grandparents, Earl and Earline Matheson of Kings Mountain; paternal grandfather, William Ricky Waddell of Kings Mountain; paternal great-grandparents, William and Bobby Waddell of Kings Mountain; aunt and uncle,

Jennifer and Mark Little of Gastonia; sisters, Christina Lee Waddell and Tiffany Dawn Waddell of Kings Mountain; and two cousins.
The graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Mitchell Pruitt at 11 a.m. Friday at Evergreen Cemetery in Belmont.
Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 1229 Greenwood Cliff, Suite 109, Charlotte, NC 28204 and National Kidney Foundation, 5950 Fairview Road, Suite 708, Charlotte, NC 28210.
McLean Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

RONNIE HORN
GAFFNEY, S.C.- Ronnie Lee Horn, 52, 2654 Cherokee Avenue, died June 7, 2000 at home.
A native of Cherokee County, he was the husband of Hazel Reynolds Horn and the son of Robert Lee Horn of Macon, Georgia and the late Mary Willine Haulbrooks Horn Owensby. He was an electrician and was of the Baptist faith. He served in the U.S. Army during the Viet Nam conflict.
In addition to his wife and father, he is survived by his daughters Angela Horn and Monica Faye Horn both of Gaffney; brothers Floyd Owensby of Shelby, Bobby Wayne Owensby and Sandy Gene Owensby both of Gaffney; sister Alvenia O. Murphy of Gaffney; also three grandchildren.

A celebration of life service was held Friday at 11 a.m. at Frederick Memorial Gardens with Rev. Gene Phillips officiating.
Pallbearers were Floyd Owensby, Sandy Owensby, Allen Reynolds, Casey Owens, Shannon Robertson, Bobby Owens, and Charles Owens.
White Columns-Gaffney served the family.

JACKIE CLAYTON
SHELBY- Jackie Charles Clayton, 66, died June 12, 2000 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Greenville County, S.C., he was the son of the late James Moody and Gladys Reid Clayton. He was also preceded in death by his brothers Allen and Jerry Clayton. He was a member of the Grover Church of God. He was a Mason in the Kings Mountain Lodge. He was retired from the Hertz-Celanesese chemical plant. He was involved in the Nursing Home Ministry at his church.
He is survived by his wife Zolia Buchanan Clayton of the home; son and daughter in law Arnold and Dorrie Clayton of Grover; daughters and sons in law Jackie Renee Burke of Kings Mountain, Angela and Dennis Fiore of Florida, Stella and Kenneth Bush of Kings Mountain; brothers Paul and Bobby Clayton of Blacksburg, Larry Clayton of Grier, S.C.; also nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.
The graveside service will be conducted Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Armstrong Cemetery buy the Revs. Larry Wells and Jerry Helms.
Memorials may be made to Shriner's Organization, 950 W. Faris Road, Greenville, S.C. 29605.
Greene Funeral Home served the family.

HAROLD BUMGARDNER
KINGS MOUNTAIN- Harold Bumgardner, 58, 204 Fairdel St., died June 8, 2000 at his home.
A native of Rutherford County, he was the son of the late Joe and Della Fortenberry Bumgardner. He worked in the textiles industry and as a carpenter.
He is survived by sons Joe Bumgardner of Newberry, S.C., Tommy Bumgardner of Blacksburg, S.C., Mark Bumgardner of Kings Mountain; daughter Julie Bumgardner of Kings Mountain; brother Hazel Bumgardner of Forest City; sister Vangie Bumgardner of Sandy Mush, N.C. grandchild Joshua Bumgardner.
A graveside service was conducted Sunday at Mountain Rest Cemetery at 3 p.m. by the Rev. Bill Bowen.
Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 952 Wendover Heights Road, Shelby 28150.
Harris Funeral Home served the family.

ROY TEDDY, JR.
SHELBY- Roy F. Teddy, Jr., 78, 408 Charles Street, died June 10, 2000 at his home.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late Roy F. and Lucille Auten Teddy, Sr. He was retired from O.E. Ford Co. as a salesman. He was a member of John Knox Presbyterian Church as a Deacon, Elder and Treasurer, and was a former Eagle Scout. He was a WWII U.S. Army veteran of the European Theater.
He is survived by his wife Margaret Caldwell Teddy of the home; son Michael E. Teddy of Shelby; daughter and son in law Julia and Tom Price of Shelby; brother Junius Teddy of Shelby; sister Barbara Elliot of Fallston; sister Betty Moore of Raleigh; grandson Garrett Price; granddaughters Bonney Price and Lea Price; special friend Mae Reynolds, caregiver.
The funeral was conducted Monday at 11 a.m. at John Knox Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Bill Troutman. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Park.
Memorials may be made to John Knox Presbyterian Church Kitchen Fund, 610 Charles Road, Shelby 28152.

WILBURN FITZGERALD
BLACKSBURG, S.C.- Wilburn "Bill" Fitzgerald, 60, 137 Pinegrove Road, died June 6, 2000 at home.
A native of Cherokee County, he was the husband of Sandra Grigg Fitzgerald of the home and son of Ethel Pearson Fitzgerald and the late Vernon Fitzgerald. In addition to his father he was also preceded in death by a brother Barry Fitzgerald. He was affiliated with Warco Construction Co. He was a member of Rock Springs Baptist Church.
In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by sons James Kelly Fitzgerald of Gaffney; Jeffery Keith Fitzgerald, Joel Kenneth Fitzgerald and John Kerry Fitzgerald, all of Blacksburg; brothers James Fitzgerald and Edward Fitzgerald both of Gaffney; sister Peggy Scruggs of Gaffney; also four granddaughters and one grandson.
A graveside celebration of life service was held Friday at 2 p.m. at Rock Springs Baptist Church by the Revs. James Price and Brian Harris.

Pallbearers were Bennie Jackson, Darren Culbreth, Doug Fitzgerald, Don Blanton, Scott Byers, and Brian Chandler.
Memorials may be made to Hospice of South Carolina, 407 N. Limestone Street, Gaffney, S.C. 29340.

ALEXANDER GARCIA
KINGS MOUNTAIN- Alexander Vicente Garcia, age 3 months 2 weeks, 6 days, 214 Mountain Terrace lane, died June 11, 2000 at his home. A native

of Gaston County, he was the son of Vicente and Michelle Hicks Garcia. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather Polocaripio E. Garcia, maternal great grandparents Johnny Mark and Etta Eaton.
In addition to his parents, he is survived by his sisters Miranda and Alisha Garcia of the home; paternal grandparent Gricilia Loyota Gonzalez of Carthage, Texas; maternal grandparents Randy Gene Hicks and stepmother Janie Pope of Taswell, Virginia, Evelyn J. Hicks and Danny Lee Morgan, Jr., both of Gastonia; paternal great grandparents Luis R. and Petra Loyota Acuirre of Laredo, Texas.
The graveside service will be conducted Thursday at 4 p.m. at Mountain Rest Cemetery by the Rev. Wayne Reese.
Harris Funeral Home served the family.

GRACE HAMRICK
SHELBY- Grace Rutledge Hamrick, for many years active as a journalist and civic participant in Shelby, died June 13, 2000 at her home, 308 Tremont Place.

She was the wife of C. Rush Hamrick, Jr., Chairman of Kendall Drug Company from which he retired in 1986.

She graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1941 with a degree in Journalism. She was elected first female president of the General Alumni Association (1976-77) and received the Alumni Distinguished Service Award in 1983. She served two terms on the Board of Visitors, was a board member of Friends of the Library (Wilson and Davis), served two terms on the UNC Center for Public Television and later on the Public TV Foundation boards, and many years on local and district committees of the John Motley Morehead Scholarship Foundation.

As a journalist, Mrs. Hamrick was editor of "The Cleveland Times" when the male force was called to World War II (1942-46), and again from 1960-65. She was a columnist for "The Shelby Star" during the 1980s. In 1991, her husband published in book form a random selection of her columns entitled "She's My Amazing Grace!" which he gave as gifts and, after persuasion, offered for sale with the proceeds contributed to research for Parkinson's disease, an ailment from which she suffered.

On many occasions, she wrote for and edited the "Kings Mountain Herald"

when Martin Harmon was editor and publisher.
She was co-author and editor of "The First Ladies of North Carolina" and also wrote "Miss Fay," a biography of Mrs. O. Max Gardner, and "Miss Bess," a biography of Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey, both wives of Shelby's two governors. She also co-authored the history of the First Baptist Church of Shelby, of which she was a member, and edited 50-year histories of the Shelby Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, Shelby Junior Charity League, Shelby Woman's Club, and Cleveland Federal Savings and Loan Association.

She was the first female awarded a Paul Harris Fellow by the Shelby Rotary Club, and was Shelby's Woman of the Year in 1963. She was Cleveland County project chairman for celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the English landing on Roanoke Island, chairing the committee to landscape grounds at the Cleveland Historical Museum, of which she was a charter member. She aided in the design of the cubicles in the Hall of Fame and wrote biographies of all 25 that have been named to the Hall.

She served on the board of Cleveland Memorial Hospital, Gardner-Webb Board of Advisors, trustee of Cleveland Community College, was appointed by Gov. Robert Scott to the Governor's Advisory Committee, honoring her with a "Footprint in Time" at the N.C. Museum of History in Raleigh in "recognition and appreciation of her outstanding contributions to the N.C. Museum of History, the Museum of History Associates and to Cleveland County."

She was twice president of Shelby Junior Charity League and twice chairman of the League's Debutante Ball. She was a member of Historic Shelby Foundation, the Literario Book Club, Triple Deck and Round Dozen Bridge Clubs. For many years her professional hobby was buying and restoring old houses which she put back on the market for resale.

A native of Yadkinville, she was preceded in death by her parents, William Edwards and Lola Shore Rutledge, and one brother, Bill Rutledge.
She is survived by her husband, C. Rush Hamrick, Jr., of Shelby; sons C. Rush (Rusty) Hamrick III of Isle of Palms, S.C., and Dr. Dale Rutledge Hamrick and wife Cherrie of Spartanburg, S.C.; grandsons C. Rush (Charley) Hamrick IV and George Blanton Hamrick; step daughter Allison Roof Rhodes and her husband Billy, and their son, Kenai River Rhodes; also, one brother, John Rutledge of Winston-Salem; sister Mrs. R.J. (Nelle) McCauley of Greenville, S.C.; sister in law Mrs. Bill Rutledge of Yadkinville; brother in law Gordon G. Hamrick of Shelby.

Funeral rites will held at First Baptist Church in Shelby at 11 a.m. Thursday with Dr. Robert Canoy officiating. Internment will follow in Sunset Cemetery at the gravesite marked by the monument she selected many years ago and shared it purchase with columnist readers.

In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Dr. Shelby, 28150, or the donor's choice.

Palmer Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

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