

# OBITUARIES

**MURRAY KING, JR.**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN- Murray A. "Ray" King, Jr., 65, 1514 N. Piedmont Avenue, died June 18, 2000 at Carolinas Medical Center.

A native of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, he was the son of the late Murray Alton and Levina O'Brien King, Sr. He was an employee of Bridges Hardware, Kings Mountain and a member of Putnam Memorial Baptist Church, Shelby. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife Evelyn Huffstetler King of Kings Mountain; sons Kenneth E. Moss and wife Tammy of Charlotte; Keith D. Moss and wife Tammy of Kings Mountain; Scott Moss and wife Sharon of Bessemer City; daughters Elaine Rath and husband Joseph of New Jersey, Barbara Harris of Bayonne, New Jersey, Dorothy Tercianuterciano and husband Gregory of Bayonne, Carol Bell and husband David of Virginia, Sheila Kearny and husband Thomas of Freehold, New Jersey; brother Bernard King of Northwood, New Hampshire; sister Charlotte Donnavan of Massachusetts; also 17 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Wednesday at Putnam Memorial Baptist Church at 11 a.m. by the Rev. Mark Canipe. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Putnam Memorial Baptist Church Timothy Project, 1146 County Home Road, Shelby 28152.

Harris Funeral Home served the family.

**JAMES SUTTLES**  
SHELBY- James Abraham Suttles, 72, 816 Grace Street, Kings Mountain, died June 15, 2000 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Waynesville, N.C., he was the son of the late Frank Suttles and Faye Ruff Suttles. He was the husband of the late Edna Mandy Medford Suttles. He was a supervisor for Rauch Industries and a member of the Seventh Day Adventists.

He is survived by his daughters Sheila Suttles of McAdenville, N.C., and Janice Martin of Kings Mountain; son James Suttles of Kings Mountain; brother Joe Ray Suttles of Waynesville; sister Frances Mills Greene of Kings Mountain; grandson William E. Martin, Jr. and James David Suttles both of Kings Mountain; granddaughter April Dawn Martin of Kings Mountain; great granddaughter Hidi Edna Greene of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted Monday at 11 a.m. at Cleveland Funeral Services Chapel by the Rev. David Chapman. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Waynesville on Monday.

Cleveland Funeral Services handled the arrangements.

**EDITH WALKER**  
BLACKSBURG, S.C. - Edith Elva Walker, 73, 306 Gross Gin Drive, Forest City, N.C., formerly of East Cherokee Street, Blacksburg, died June 18, 2000 at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cherokee County, she was the wife of the late Jack Walker and the daughter of Maude Poteat McDaniel, Blacksburg, and the late Clarence McDaniel. She was a member of Hopewell Baptist Church, Blacksburg.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by daughters Barbara W. Smith of Forest City, and Rhonda W. Mack of Mount Pleasant, S.C.; brother Jessie McDaniel of Blacksburg; sisters Mary Lee Tessner of Blacksburg and Thelma M. Lanier of Smyrna, S.C.; also four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

A celebration of life service was held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Hopewell Baptist Church by Dr. Charlie Barnard and Chaplain Pat Gosnell. Burial was in Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery.

White Columns Blacksburg served the family.

**LOIS ETTERS**  
KINGS MOUNTAIN- Lois A. Eppers, 87, 501 S. Battleground Avenue, died June 20, 2000 at White Oak Manor, Kings Mountain.

A native of Gaston County, she was the daughter of the late William Max and Zora Elizabeth McGee Abernathy and wife of the late Lester Lee Eppers. She was a member of Kings Mountain Baptist Church and was retired from the textile industry.

She is survived by her brother Leonard Abernathy and wife Naomi of Gastonia; sister Hazel Pitman of Edgemoor, S.C.

The graveside service will be conducted at Mountain Rest Cemetery at 11 a.m. Thursday by the Rev. Olin Byrum.

Harris Funeral Home served the family.

**NOAH LONG**  
SHELBY- Noah H. "Jack Lovelace" Long, 72, 7128 Fairfax Avenue Spartanburg, S.C., died June 15, 2000 at his home.

A native of Rutherford County, he was the son of the late Zeb and Essie Lovelace Long. He was reared by the late John and Addie Lovelace. He was a construction company heavy equipment operator. He was of the Baptist faith and was a former deacon. He served in the U.S. Army in WWII.

He is survived by his wife Patricia Davis Long of the home; daughters Myra Hines of Chesnee, S.C. and Gay Greer of Boiling Springs; sisters Mary Baugham of Newton, N.C., Mae

Rudisill of Morganton, N.C., Ethel Gillespie of Boiling Springs, Dot Condrey of Ellenboro, N.C., and Mary Hawks of Springfield, Illinois; grandchildren Curtis Clavenna of Boiling Springs, Patrick Evatt of Spartanburg, and Johnathan Evatt of Baltimore, Maryland; also four great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Saturday at 2 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church by the Revs. Stan Parris and Rodney Howard. Burial was in Trinity Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Regional Hospice Service, 120 Heyward Avenue, Spartanburg, S.C. 29302, and Mobile Meals, PO Box 461, Spartanburg, S.C. 29302.

**RUTH BROOKS**  
SHELBY- Ruth Mode Brooks, 803 Cherryville Road, died June 14, 2000 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Spake. She was a homemaker and a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church where she was also a registered Brownie Scout leader.

She is survived by her husband Dan E. Brooks of the home; daughter and son in law Nell Brooks Shrum and Rick of Shelby; daughter Gail Brooks Davis of Monroe, Georgia; also four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

The service was conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sunset Cemetery by Dr. Joseph Reeves. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

**JAMES LANNING**  
SHELBY- James Edward Lanning, 3461 Gin Road, died June 19, 2000 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

A native of Cherokee County, S.C., he was the son of the late Clyde and Ruth Moore Lanning. He was a self-employed painter and a member of Sandy Plains Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife Betty Deaton Lanning of the home; sons Calvin Lanning of Louisiana, and Mark Lanning of California; daughters Joy Daniel, Debra Conner and Denise Dickerson all of California; brothers Grady Lanning of Pittsboro, N.C., Harry Lanning, Doyle Lanning, Earl Dean Lanning all of Blacksburg, S.C.; sisters Bertie Dover, Sondra Anderson, and Betty Floyd all of Blacksburg; special nephew Chad Deaton of Mooresboro, N.C.; also six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted Thursday at Sandy Plains Baptist Church at 11 a.m. by the Rev. Don McSwain. Burial will be in Sandy Plains Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wenderover Heights Dr., Shelby 28150.



The 1950 graduating class of Bethware High School recently held its 50th year reunion. There were 28 graduates and six are deceased. Sixteen of the 22 living graduates attending the reunion. After a lunch they enjoyed fellowship and a tour of the school. Attending were, front row, left to right, Betty Stone DeBruier, Geraldine Moore Carpenter, Corrine Reynolds Swofford, Martha Jo Randall Nance, Lillian Lovelace Harmon, and Dean Spearman. Back row, Johnny McKinney, Alton Dover, J.B. Lang, Harold Hord, Charles Herndon, Carol Ledford, Marshall Jones, John Phifer, Carol Dean Costner, Joe Vernon Ware. In the lower photo are the class members in 1950. Front row, Lillian Lovelace, Martha Jo Randall, Betty Stone, Wilhelmina Sprouse, Florine Chapman, Betty Lou Philbeck, Coleen Brooks, Corrine Reynolds, Peggy Dixon, Barbara Allen. Second row, Mary Kidd, teacher; Charles Herndon, Joe Vernon Ware, Joan McSwain, Rose Nell Moore, Margaret Pridmore, Ruth Babb, Geraldine Moore, Carol Ledford, John Phifer, John Rudisill Jr., principal. Back row, Alton Dover, Johnny McKinney, J.B. Long, Burnie Allen, Dean Spearman, Harold Hord, Marshall Jones, Carol Dean Costner, Eugene Ware.

## City Council approves plan to self-insure worker's comp

By GARY STEWART  
Editor of The Herald

In a special meeting Monday, at City Hall, Kings Mountain City Council approved a self-insuring plan for worker's compensation and property liability which Ray Wilson, Risk Manager, predicted would save the city money over its current plan with the NC League of Municipalities.

Over the past five years, he pointed out, the city has spent \$522,669.08 for worker's comp coverage. The new self-insured policy, which goes into effect July 1, allows the city to put funds into a risk management pool. \$107,000 will go into the pool during the 2000-01 fiscal

year, and \$150,000 each in the next four years. Over the five-year period, Wilson projected a savings of \$92,317.42 over the NCLM plan.

Wilson and City Manager Jimmy Maney noted that worker's comp and health insurance continues to go up and many cities are going to self-insuring plans.

Councilman Bob Hayes suggested, and Council agreed, that the policy must provide "full pay" for employees who are out of work for extended periods of time. Hayes, who once lost more than six months of work when he was on the Police Force, said he received only 60 percent of his regular pay and it also lost some of his retirement

benefits. Councilman Gene White, who cast the lone vote against the plan, said Council should have had longer to consider such an important matter.

"This is something the staff has spent hundreds of hours on, and they're asking us to do something we don't understand in 15 minutes," he said. "I suggest in the future that we not be subjected with an extreme presentation and be expected to vote on it at that moment."

In another matter, Council approved Maney's recommendation to change its employee health insurance plan to a new company effective July 1.

Maney pointed out that the current plan would have gone up 26 percent and some of the current coverage would have been discontinued.

The cost of the new plan would be \$58,000 more than the current insurance premium of \$555,000 a year, but Maney said the old plan would have increased slightly more.

The \$58,000 is not budgeted, but Maney said he is confident it can be made up through attrition.

The city may consider a medical self-insurance plan in the future after seeing how the worker's comp plan goes.

In another matter Monday, Council approved the purchase of a new bucket truck for the electrical department at a cost of \$66,900.

### CORRECTION

The names of Randy and Cheryl Butler were inadvertently listed as Barrett in last week's Herald story about the birthday party of their nephew three-year-old Morgan Barrett.

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**Monday, July 3**

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1 - 4 PM.....	Michael McLendon, Walk-A-Round Magician
2 PM.....	Wagon Wheelers Square Dancers on Center Stage
3 PM.....	Michael McLendon Magic Show on Center Stage
4 - 9PM.....	Diana Owens Face Painting, near Chick-fil-A
4 PM.....	Majestic Praise Southern Gospel Band on Center Stage
6:30 PM.....	Ocean Boulevard Band on Center Stage
3 - 8 pm.....	Kids Karaoke with Jad Mahaley at Goody's end of the Mall
After the fireworks until 11 PM.....	Moonlight Madness Sale—Mall Shops

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