

OBITUARIES

MILDRED LEDFORD
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mildred Montgomery Ledford, 79, 312 Maner Road, died July 25, 2000 at Wendover Hospice, Shelby.

A native of Lincoln County, she was the daughter of the late Arthur and Effie McGinnis and wife of the late Boyd Montgomery and the late James Ledford. She was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church, and she was retired from Minette Mills, Grover.

She is survived by her son, Robert Montgomery and wife, Wanda, of Kings Mountain; stepson, Rick Ledford and wife, Patricia, of Kings Mountain; daughters, Linda Clark and Aneita Champion, both of Shelby; stepdaughter, Terry Ledford of Kings Mountain; brother, Carl McGinnis of Raleigh; sisters, Ocie Hoyle and Pat Parker of Dallas; four grandchildren, Robin Carlton, Jimmy Sanders, Shannon Sanders, and Haley Montgomery; and seven great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be conducted by the Rev. David Turner at 11 a.m. Thursday at Mountain Rest Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. Thursday at Harris Funeral Home.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

DEAN NORMAN

DALLAS, N.C. - Dean Webb Norman, 81, 120 Stedman Road, died July 19, 2000 at home.

A native of Cherokee County S.C., he was the son of the late Gill and Nannie Randall Norman. He was retired from Hickory Construction Co., Hickory. He was a member of Hardin Baptist Church and a U.S. Army veteran of WWII with the rank of Staff Sgt. of the 27th Infantry. He served in several campaigns including Central Pacific, Guadalcanal, Northern Solomons, and Luzon. He was awarded the American Defense Service Medal with one bronze star, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one bronze star, Asiatic Pacific Theater Campaign Medal with four bronze stars, Purple Heart and Good Conduct Medal.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years Helen Frye Norman; sons and daughter in law Larry and Lorene Norman of Mount Holly, Brent Norman of Dallas; daughters and son in law Nan and Michael Nicholson of Kings Mountain and Jeff Withers of High Shoals; sister and brother in law Faye and Bud Ruppe of Gaffney, S.C.; nine grandchildren; three great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hardin Baptist Church by the Revs. Fain Farmer and Dan Jones. Burial was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Mike and David Nicholson, Jeff Withers, Robert and Danny Norman and Jesse Hopkins.

Memorials may be made to Hardin Baptist Church, Hardin Road, Dallas 28034.

Carothers Funeral Home served the family.

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RANSOM CARPENTER
LINCOLN - Ransom Arthur Carpenter, 70, 1915 N. Aspen Street, died Saturday, July 22, 2000 from cancer.

A native of Lincoln County, he was the son of the late Arthur Lee Carpenter of Lincoln. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force where he served six years, including active duty as a military police officer for the 1611th Air Police Squadron at McGuire AFB in Trenton, NJ and Tuller AFB in Vienna, Austria. He was honorably discharged in 1954 with two Battle Stars on Korean SV Medal and a National Defense Medal.

He later graduated from Lenoir Rhyne College and worked as a CPA for Mauney Hosier Mills, Inc. in Kings Mountain for 30 years. He also served at Mauney Hosier as Treasurer and Controller, and was a member of the Board of Directors following his retirement in 1995. He was founder and part owner of C&K Gun Sales and Pawn in Lincoln.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Mrs. Margie Carpenter of Lincoln; sons, Todd Carpenter and daughter-in-law Ginger Duckworth Carpenter of Lincoln, and Greg Carpenter and daughter-in-law Melody Roberts Carpenter of Denver; daughter, Mrs. Jill Carpenter Cooper and son-in-law Casey Cooper of Cherokee; mother, Mrs. Katherine Bumgardner Carpenter of Lincoln; sister, Mrs. Mary Carpenter Ramseur and brother-in-law Bob Ramseur of Lincoln; brother, Kenneth Carpenter and sister-in-law Shirley Campbell Carpenter of Dunwoody, GA; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. D.H. Lutz and Larry Little at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Warlick Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Hollybrook Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Lincoln County, 107 North Cedar Street, Lincoln, NC 28092.

JOSHUA FLAKE

GASTONIA - Joshua Wallace Flake, infant son of Angie L. and Buddy Flake of 2131 Wayles Court, died June 4, 2000 at Carolinas Medical Center.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his triplet siblings, Lathan James and Victoria Lauren Flake.

He is also survived by his brother, Jeremy Flake of San Diego, CA; sister, Samantha Flake of Gastonia; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard C. Lathan of Gastonia; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor L. Flake Jr. of Kings Mountain; maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Ellen McGinnis of Gastonia; aunts and uncles, Laurie and Tim Knight of Gastonia, Melanie and James Farlow of Raleigh, Patti and Phil Weathers of Shelby, and Cathy and Ed Barrows of Holly Springs; and a number of nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held Monday, July 24 at 10 a.m. at Gaston Memorial Park. Rev. Tom Latimer officiated.

Memorials may be made to Myers Memorial United Methodist Church Playground Fund, 301 S. New Hope Rd., Gastonia, NC 28054.

BETTY HERNDON
GROVER - Betty Burroughs Herndon, 73, 314 Timberland Drive, died Thursday, July 20, 2000 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center, Shelby.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Jett Thomas and Ada Seagraves Burroughs. She was a member of First Baptist Church since 1946, where she served as Director of the WMU and a member of the Nominating Committee. She was active in the Senior Group Young at Heart. She was a retired nurse at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

She is survived by her husband, Jack Herndon of Grover; son, Bill Herndon and wife, Susan, of Kings Mountain; daughters, Martha Herndon Wright and husband, Charles, of Greer, SC, and Patti Herndon Jolly and husband, Jim, of Kings Mountain; brother, Jack Burroughs of Newton; sisters, Myra Watterson of Shelby and Joan Gore of Kings Mountain; and grandchildren, Chuck Wright and wife, Stephanie, of Greenville, SC, Jason Wright and wife, Brenda, of Greer, SC, and Rhea Herndon, John Herndon, Michael Jolly and Christopher Jolly, all of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by Drs. Tony Fulbright and Bobby Gantt at 2 p.m. Sunday at First Baptist Church. Burial was in Grover Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 237, Grover, NC 28073.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JASPER BRIDGES SR.

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Jasper Fred Bridges Sr., 77, 1369 Lewis Farm Road, died Saturday, July 22, 2000 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Gaston County, he was the son of the late Jasper and Frances Riddle Bridges. He was retired from Hoechst Celanese and was a member of Long Creek Presbyterian Church.

He was also predeceased by his brother, Harry Bridges, and four sisters, Susan Burton, Ruth Bridges, Mae Bridges, and Hope Ratchford.

He is survived by his wife, Nellie Elizabeth Whetstone Bridges; daughters, Mary Jean Bridges Lingerfeldt and husband, Roscoe, Vickie Lee Bridges Carter and husband, James, all of Kings Mountain, and Barbara Annette Bridges of Gastonia; grandchildren, Bobby and Alicia Lingerfeldt, Chris Lingerfeldt, Robin L. and Mike Mower, Sammy and Karen Bridges, Angie B. Sedlak, Dawn B. and Bruce Odle; and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. Richard Holmes and Mitchell Pruitt at 11 a.m. Monday at Long Creek Presbyterian Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150 or Long Creek Presbyterian Church, 701 Long Creek Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

WEBSTER HARDIN
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Joseph Webster Hardin, 79, 1010 Linwood Road, died Thursday, July 20, 2000 at Gaston Memorial Hospital, Gastonia.

A native of Cherokee County, SC, he was the son of the late William Webster and Alsie Jane McSwain Hardin. He was a member of Antioch Baptist Church, Blacksburg, SC and served in the United States Navy during World War II. He was the owner of Hardin's Radiator Shop.

He is survived by his wife, Jane Compton Hardin of Kings Mountain; and a number of nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Wray Barrett at 4 p.m. Sunday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

STELLA PETTUS

CHARLOTTE - Stella Davis Pettus, 88, formerly of 107 Liberty Street, Gastonia, died Friday, July 21, 2000 at Asbury Care Center.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the widow of the late William L. Pettus and daughter of the late Amos and Mary Elizabeth Blanton Davis. She was a retired bookkeeper for Franklin Hardware after 27 years. She was a member of Bradley Memorial United Methodist Church, where she was a member of the United Methodist Women, Sunday School teacher of The Friendly Sunday School Class, and active in various offices and committees.

She was predeceased by five brothers, Roy L., Ben, Grady, Fred and Zay Davis; and one sister, Bessie Davis.

Surviving are six nephews, Harold Davis of Perryville, MO, William Davis of Clemmons, Bob Davis of Charlotte, Ken Davis of Etowah, Gene Davis of Gastonia, Max Davis of Charlottesville, VA; three nieces, Stella Davis Ware of Kings Mountain, Mary Davis Coley of Gastonia, and Susan Davis Ratchford of Black Mountain; 21 great nieces and nephews, 22 great-great nieces and nephews, and one great-great niece.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. Robert Ratchford and the Rev. Harold Schwantes at 11 a.m. Monday at Bradley Memorial United Methodist Church. Interment was at Gaston Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Bradley Memorial United Methodist Church, 1425 West Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, NC 28052.

Carothers Funeral Home, Gastonia, was in charge of arrangements.

MRS. NOVELLA ELLIOTT
AIKEN, SC - Mrs. Novella Peeler Elliott, 68, 925 Monterey Drive, formerly of Blacksburg, died July 21, 2000 at Augusta, GA.

She was the daughter of the late Livie and Lillian Mullinax Peeler, and was a member of Town Creek Baptist Church, Aiken, SC.

She is survived by two sons, Larry D. Elliott and Jackie B. Elliott, both of Blacksburg; two

daughters, Janet E. Painter of Landrum, SC, and Betsy E. Ballard of Aiken, SC; 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by Toby Elliott and the Rev. Chuck Mullinax at 3 p.m. Sunday at Blacksburg Church of God. Burial was in Mountain View Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer Association, P.O. Box 425, Gaffney, SC 29342.

White Columns Funeral Service was in charge of arrangements.

MARY KEETER

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Mary Alston Keeter, 104, 200 Cleveland Avenue, died July 25, 2000 at Kings Mountain Hospital.

A native of Powellsville, N.C. she was the daughter of the late Joseph Jefferson Alston and Mary Eoline Morris Alston. She was the widow of the late John Byron Keeter

and was also preceded in death by son in law D.F. Hord. She was a 1914 graduate of Chowan College where she was Valedictorian of her class. She taught school in Grover and piano at Bethware for several years. She also assisted her husband at Keeter's Department Store, which operated in Kings Mountain from 1926-1963. She was a member of the Study Club for more than 60 years. She was a charter member of the Kings Mountain Garden Club, and a member of the Woman's Club, Kings Mountain Country Club, several bridge clubs, and served as a pink lady and receptionist at Kings Mountain Hospital.

As a member of First Baptist Church, she was Choir Director and played for worship, weddings, and funerals for many years. She taught Intermediate Girls in Sunday School, led Girls Auxiliary, was a Circle Leader and WMU President. She was instrumental in organizing the church library and was its first librarian. As first President of the WMU at Kings Mountain Baptist Church, she attended many activities at Ridgecrest, the Baptist assembly grounds. She also served the WMU in the Associational level, as Associate Superintendent, organizing the new groups in the churches while maintaining her interest in the library. She was the senior member of Kings Mountain Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughters, Eoline K. Hord of Kings Mountain and Jo Keeter Madison and husband Randolph, Jr., of Petersburg, Va.; also seven grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted Thursday at 3 p.m. at Kings Mountain Baptist Church by the Rev. Olin Byrum. Burial will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Kings Mountain Baptist Church "Columns Fund" 101 W. Mountain Street, Kings Mountain 28086.

Harris Funeral Home served the family.

SAMUEL SIEGRIST
COSHOCTON, OH - Samuel G. Siegrist, 78, 1618 Pleasant Valley Drive, died Thursday, July 20, 2000 at his home.

A native of Coshocton, he was the son of the late Raymond A. and Lucile Robinson Siegrist.

He was a 1940 graduate of Coshocton High School and a 1950 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in forestry and lumber merchandising.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 11th Field Artillery Battalion, 24th Division during World War II.

He was formerly employed by V.A. Fries Lumber Company in Huron and the Coshocton Lumber Company. He and his wife owned and operated the Americana Shop and were in the kitchen cabinet business in Coshocton County for several years.

In 1984, he retired from River View School District, where he taught in the high school for 15 years. He was an avid antique collector and woodworker.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, the American Legion Post and the Coshocton Elks Lodge 376.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Jane Nelson Siegrist; son, Steven Siegrist of Coshocton; daughters, Melissa Jacobs and husband, Adam, of Chagrin Falls and Sarah Cole and husband, Christopher, of Kings Mountain; brother, Joseph F. Siegrist and wife, Joellen, of Columbus; grandson, Samuel Siegrist Jacobs; granddaughter, Hannah M. Jacobs; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Robert Millsbaugh at 11 a.m. Monday at Given-Dawson Coshocton Funeral Home. Burial was in South Lawn Cemetery with Coshocton County Veterans Council conducting graveside military services.

Memorials may be made to the Presbyterian Church Abiding Memorial Fund, Coshocton, OH 43812 or Hospice of Coshocton County, Coshocton, OH 43812.

LEONORA LOVELACE
MILILANI, HI - Leonora "Judy" Lovelace, 72, formerly of North Carolina, died July 16, 2000 in Honolulu, HI.

She was a native of Lahaina, Maui, and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald Lovelace of Mililani, HI; daughters, Judy Ann Patacil of Keaau, HI and Melanie Lovelace of Kings Mountain; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; brother, Charles Lizares of Honolulu, HI; sisters, Chris Ramsey of Lompoc, CA, Florence Duarte of Kapaa, Kauai, HI, and Theodora Lagon of Las Vegas, NV.

The funeral service was held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, 2000 at Cornerstone Fellowship Mililani Mauka Church. The committal service was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 26, 2000 at Hawaii State Veteran's Cemetery in Kaneohe, HI.

Ordenstein's Hawaiian Memorial Park Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

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