

OBITUARIES

RUBY SISK

CERRYVILLE- Ruby Inez Culberson Sisk, 81, 700 Self Street, formerly of Gastonia, died September 11, 2000 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cramerton, she was the daughter of the late James Alvin and Lula Mullinax Culberson. She was the widow of the late Guy Burgin Sisk. She was a member of Souls Harbor Tabernacle and a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughters and sons in law Linda and Kenneth Payseur of Lincolnton and Dixie and Frank Barr of Macon, Georgia; brother Donnie Culberson of High Shoals sister Ivey Lankford of Kings Mountain; grandchildren Lisa Hefner, Melody Collier, Marty and Matt Payseur; also eight great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted Thursday at 3 p.m. at Souls Harbor Tabernacle by the Rev. James Chambers. Burial was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Carothers Funeral Home in Gastonia served the family.

PASTOR LLOYD EARLY WHITE CLOUD, MI - Pastor Lloyd Early, 66, died Friday, September 15, 2000.

A native of Kings Mountain, he was the son of William G. and Georgia Ross Early. He was a graduate of Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary in 1982 with a Master of Religious Education.

During his ministry, he served at Valcina Baptist Church in Marsellus, MI, Cloverville Baptist Church near Muskegon, MI, Diamond Lake Baptist Church in Cassopolis, MI, South Baptist Church in Bay City, MI, First Baptist Church in Galion, OH, First Baptist Church in Cedar Springs, MI, and then went to the Continental Baptist Mission and served Wall Lake Baptist in Wall Lake, Iowa, and Faith Baptist Church in Benzonia, MI. At the time of his death he was a member of Highland Hills Baptist Church in Grand Rapids, MI.

He played the harmonica and was an avid fisherman.

He is survived by his wife, the former Patricia Moeller whom he married on June 8, 1957; children, Paula and John Dannenberg, missionaries in Central African Republic; Linda and Randy Versen of Walker, MI, Brian and Anne Early of Chester, NY, and Rachel and Kevin Melton of Holland, MI; grandchildren, Kristen, Eric, Ryan, and Megan Versen, August Early, and Grayson Early, Ishmael, Soloman, and Arianna Melton; brothers and sisters, Louise and John Johnson of Hesperia, MI, Edward and Louise Early of Orlando, FL, Raye Bowlin of Bessemer City, Tom and Phyllis Early of Holland, MI, and Joyce and Dave Tucker of N. Adams, MI; sisters-in-law, Mrs. Ruby Early of Statesboro, GA, and Mrs. Mary Lou Early of Van Wert, OH; nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, David Lloyd Early; and brothers, Jim Early, Gene Early, and Gerald Early.

The funeral was conducted by Pastors Dave M. Lamb and Larry McCauley at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 19 at Highland Hills Baptist Church in Grand Rapids.

Memorials may be made to the Mission Fund at Highland Hills Baptist Church, 1415 Northrup, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504.

The Pederson Funeral Home, Rockford, MI was in charge of arrangements.

GEOFFREY WOLFE

CROUSE- Geoffrey Lawrence Wolfe, 58, 4200 Crouse Road, died September 12, 2000 at 723 E. Third Avenue, Gastonia.

A native of Hamdon County, Connecticut, he was the son of the late William Lawrence Wolfe and Mildred B. Cline of Tallahassee, Florida. He was a retired field superintendent with Concrete Concepts of Kings Mountain. He was a member of Episcopal Church of Our Savior in Lincolnton.

He is survived by his wife Julia (Julee) McArthur Wolfe of the home; son William Michael Wolfe of Hinsdale, New Hampshire; daughters Jennifer Wolfe Reichert of Owings, Maryland, and Robin R. Alexander of Black Mountain, N.C.; brother Warren Charles Wolfe of Vero Beach, S.C.; sister Jayne Sue Roddenberry of Crawfordville, Florida; also two grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life service was conducted Saturday at 3:30 p.m. at Episcopal Church of Our Savior by the Rev. Bert Eaton. A private burial was held.

Memorials may be made to Comprehensive Cancer Center, 2525 Court Drive, Gastonia, 28052, or Episcopal Church of Our Savior, Lincolnton, N.C. Stamey-Cherryville Funeral Home served the family.

CATHERINE JACKSON

SHELBY- Catherine Hollifield Jackson, 82, 1141 Bridges Street, died September 14, 2000 at Cleveland Regional Medical Center.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late James Blaine Hollifield and Lizzie McComb Hollifield. She was the wife of the late Howard Glenn Jackson and was also preceded in death by her daughter Patsy Jackson Reeves. She was a waitress at Shelby Fish Camp. She was a member of Lafayette Street United Methodist Church, and the Afternoon Circle there, as well as a member of the Lily Mill Old Timers Club.

She is survived by her sons John Glenn Jackson of the home, Marvin Edward Jackson of Shelby, Farris "Butch" Jackson of Shelby; daughter and son in law Emma Jackson Cooke and Calvin of Inman, S.C.; grandchildren David Jackson of the home, Lori Jackson of Shelby, Valerie Jackson of Kings Mountain, Ronnie Cash of Inman, Clifford Cash of Inman, Sharon Jackson of Shelby, Angela Jackson of Charlotte, Steven Jackson of Shelby, Chuck Reeves of Cherryville; great grandchildren Drew Cash and Nicole Cash both of Inman; sister in law Ina Hollifield of Altavista, Virginia.

The funeral was conducted Sunday at Lafayette Street United Methodist Church by the Rev. Gervase Hitch. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Lafayette Street UMC, 1420 South Lafayette Street, Shelby 28150.

Clay Barnette Funeral Home served the family.

FLORENCE WYATT

SHELBY- Florence W. Wyatt, 76, 1110 S. Morgan Street, died September 15, 2000 at Cleveland Pines Nursing Center.

A native of Rutherford County, she was the daughter of the late Robert W. Whisnant and Della Lane Whisnant. She was also preceded in death by

brothers Britt Whisnant, Dwight Whisnant, Craig Whisnant, Ted Whisnant, and Robert Whisnant, sisters Mamie Beaver and Vergie Duvall. She was retired from Lily Mill and was a member of Lafayette Street United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband Howard Wyatt of the home; son and daughter in law Larry and Lavonda Wyatt of Polkville, N.C.; grandchildren Jeffrey and Janna Wyatt of Polkville; sisters Ruby Ivester of Casar, N.C. and Elizabeth Vess of Shelby; sister and brother in law Thelma Lewis and Woodrow of Fallston, N.C.

The graveside funeral was conducted Monday at 11 a.m. at Cleveland Memorial Park by the Rev. Gervase Hitch. Burial was in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to Lafayette Street UMC, 1420 S. Lafayette Street, Shelby 28152.

MILDRED HUBBARD

KINGS MOUNTAIN- Mildred Weber Hubbard, 87, 133 Quail Hollow Dr., died September 19, 2000 at White Oak Manor.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, she was the daughter of the late Alfred and Lena Weber. She was also preceded in death by her sister Charlotte Barker. She was retired from Fairfield Hospital, Lancaster, Ohio. She attended East Gold Street Wesleyan Church, Kings Mountain and was a member of the Kings Mountain Hospital Auxiliary.

She is survived by her son Richard Hubbard and wife Ginny of Mount Vernon, Ohio; daughters Marie Graham and husband Lester of Kings Mountain and Rebecca Ehnott and husband Deanne of Lancaster, Ohio; brothers Clayton Weber of Appleton, Wisconsin, and Alfred Weber, Jr. of Commercial Point, Ohio; also seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted Friday at Schoedinger Grove City Chapel, 3920 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio. Burial will be in Obetz Lutheran Church Cemetery, Obetz Ohio.

Memorials may be made to Kings Mountain Hospital Auxiliary, Angel Tree, PO Box 339, Kings Mountain 28086.

Harris Funeral Home served the family.

Medicare van coming to Aldersgate UMC

The Mobile Medicare information van will be at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Epworth Center, 1270 W. Dixon Blvd., Shelby, on Monday, October 16 from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

The van will bring Medicare experts who will present new information and answer questions about Medicare options, Social Security and Medicaid. People with Medicare, their families and members of the community are all invited to attend the van tour stop. Attendees can enjoy free refreshments and door prizes. For more information, call 1-800-443-9354. Medicare information and answers are also available at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4337) and www.medicare.gov.

Country Fest set

The annual Stanley County Fest will be held Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

For more information call Judith Johnson at 704-263-4128.



ALAN HODGE/THE HERALD
Kings Mountain Senior Center has two valuable assets in Chapter V workers Bill Adams and Vergie Farris. Adams puts his handyman skills to good use and Farris runs the Whistlestop Boutique as part of the program that gives seniors part time work.

Employment program helps seniors stay active

BY ALAN HODGE
Staff Writer

For many senior citizens, sitting around doing nothing is unthinkable. However, the job market is often geared towards the younger set. Coming to the rectification of that situation is the Senior Community Service Employment Program - also known as Chapter V.

Designed to provide subsidized part-time employment opportunities and a moderate level of supportive services for persons with low incomes who are 55 years old or older, Chapter V also gives work experience and skills that enable participants to secure unsubsidized employment.

Chapter V enrollees are employed in assignments which contribute to the general welfare of the community and which provide services related to publicly owned and operated facilities and projects or projects sponsored by organizations other than political parties, exempt from taxation under the IRS.

One organization that makes good use of the Chapter V program is the Kings Mountain Senior Center. Current Chapter V workers at the Senior Center include Bill

Adams and Vergie Farris. Besides using the Chapter V program to earn some extra money, both Adams and Farris are considered vital to the overall operation of the center. Chapter V pays 85 percent of their wage, Kings Mountain 15 percent.

Anyone who has visited the Kings Mountain Senior Center can't help but notice that there is a railway caboose sitting in the parking lot. More than a relic, this caboose operates under the watchful eye of Farris as the Whistle Stop Boutique. In addition to keeping track of the items available in the consignment shop, Farris helps customers select their purchases from the wide variety of hand-made crafts and other goodies available. A typical workweek for Farris is about 25 hours.

"The job gives me some extra money and helps me buy the medicine I need," Farris said. "Sometimes it's not easy to get up in the morning, but I enjoy it - especially the people I meet in the shop."

A former night watchman and assembly line worker, Adams has drawn on his various talents in his role as the current Senior Center handyman. On the job for about two

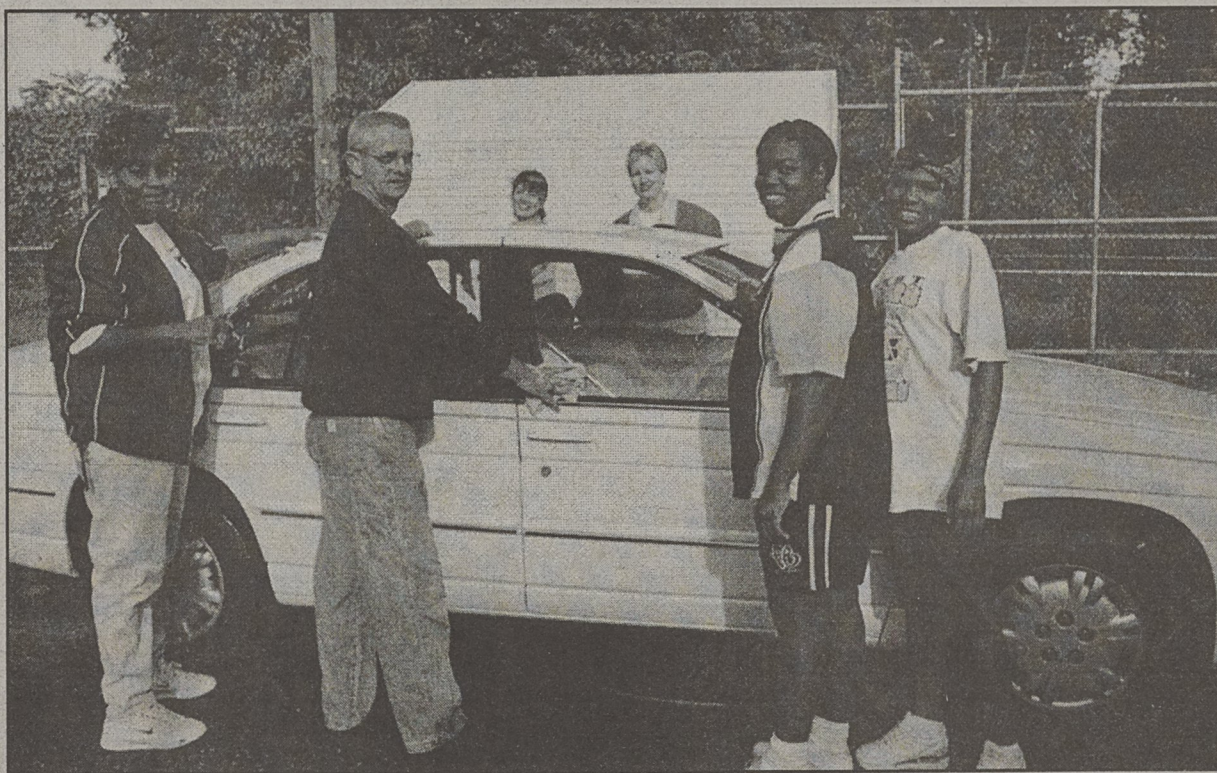
years now, Adams does everything from landscaping to plumbing repairs to helping load the daily lunch truck. Adams works about 20 hour per week and has lived in Kings Mountain most of his life.

"Besides the financial rewards of being part of the Chapter V program at the Senior Center, I also enjoy being around the people here," Adams said, "If it wasn't for the program, I'd be out hunting something to do."

Sharon Eaker at the Senior Center is just one of the staffers that appreciates the good things Adams and Farris do.

"They are good employees and always on time," Eaker said. "They are rarely out sick and will do anything we need. They are a tremendous asset to the center and our community."

Currently, the Kings Mountain Senior Center is looking for a clerical assistant to work for them under the Chapter V program. Applicants must be 55-years-old or older, unemployed, and meet certain income guidelines. Apply at the Senior Center or call 734-0447 for more information.



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Copeland employees volunteered their time Saturday to washing cars at the Kings Mountain Senior Center as part of the United Way Day of Caring. Pictured are, front row, from left; Paula Baxter, Ronnie Blackburn, Aricko Watkins, Skyria Banks. Rear row, from left; Paula Perkins and Sherry Owens.

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